

# **The Dyer Family Littlehampton 1700 – 1900**

## **Ship Owners and Merchants**

The Dyer family lived in Littlehampton and were a family of merchant seamen, ship owners and traders. They were originally based in Littlehampton and expanded their enterprise to London and Liverpool. They exported and imported goods from all over the world.

It is uncertain if they were originally from Littlehampton. Certainly there were Dyers in the area, who worked in agriculture and it may be that like other families whose sons joined the merchant navy, they also joined as a career rather than working on the land.

### **Daniel Dyer (dates unknown)**

Daniel Dyer married Mary who died in 1823

**Daniel and Mary had the following children who were all born and christened in Littlehampton:**

William baptised 1770

Daniel baptised 1776

Jane baptised 1776

Jane baptised 1781

Elizabeth baptised 1781

In Eva Robinsons' book Reminiscences of Littlehampton it quotes passages from Henry Lock, the following may refer to Daniel Dyer:

*'In the old Hampton Court the road is how it was in past years but that continued up the back of the houses of old Captain Daniel Dyer and came out at a gateway leading to Arundel Road. We passed through farmer Marshall's field and the so called Lemon field. The houses above were the residences of one Luke an officer, Spencer Jupp a farmer and Captain Daniel Dyer.(Arundel Road beginning with the Old George)'*

### **William Dyer (1770 - 1838)**

William Dyer was born in 1770 in Littlehampton to Daniel and Mary

William married Ann Short - 5 August 1798

Ann Short was born in Littlehampton in 1772 and died in 1853

William died 30 April 1838 in Littlehampton

He is buried in St Marys Church yard ref: 260121417 (ADC)

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1 On Sunday morning, the 29th ultimo, Harriet, second daughter of John Tribe, Esq, of Fittleworth.  
At Littlehampton, on Monday, the 30th of April, at his residence, Sea View, Mr William Dyer, aged 68, a respectable inhabitant of that town.  
On the 3rd instant, at Horringer, a few days after giving birth to a

Brighton Patriot 8 May 1838 (FMPast)

William was a master mariner and ship owner

In his will William was described as a gentleman of Littlehampton Sussex.  
He left the following to his wife Ann for all her natural life on the understanding she kept the premises in good tenantable repair, insured for fire and in the case of fire using the insurance to pay for repairs:

*a property in Tooley Street, London*

*All that my freehold messuage\* and premises with the appurtenances\* being number 77 Tooley Street in the borough of Southwark in the ----- or occupation of ----Wrothall*

Property in Littlehampton:

*All that my leasehold messuage and premises with the appurtenances situate in Littlehampton aforesaid in the occupation of my son William also all that my freehold messuages and premises with the appurtenances situate in Littlehampton aforesaid in my own occupation and also all that my leasehold cottage and premises situate in Littlehampton aforesaid in the occupation of ----- Snook*

*And several pews in the Church of Littlehampton. Namely Number 42 in the Gallery Number 37 in the Gallery and number 14 in the middle aisle*

\*Messuage – a dwelling house with the adjacent buildings and curtilage and other adjoining lands used in connection with the household

\*Appurtenance – a right or privilege that belongs to a property

Ann Dyer (Short) died in 1853

**William and Ann had the following children:**

George baptised 1799

William born 1801 baptised 15 December 1801

Ann baptised 1804

Kate baptised 1808

The following is taken from 'History of Littlehampton – 1802' - D5537

### *The Ferry*

*There was one memorable occasion when the chain parted and the barge was swung off its course by the strong current. In this instance the parson from Ford was abroad with his pony and trap and he appears to have been somewhat unnerved by the experience. However the redoubtable William Dyer was at hand and although not a young man, he contrived to get the barge to the west bank where the parson scrambled his outfit ashore.*

### **Ann Dyer (Short) 1772 – 1853**

Ann Short was the daughter of Thomas and Eliza Short of Littlehampton  
She married William Dyer 5 August 1798

Ann Dyer died 24 December 1853 at Sea View House Littlehampton  
She was buried in St Marys Church yard Littlehampton Grave id: 260122543  
ADC)

In the 1841 Census Ann was living in River Road with Kate her daughter.  
She was described as being born in Sussex and of Independent means as was Kate

In the 1851 Census she was living in River Road- possibly Sea view House  
Ann was noted as a widow born in 1772, she described herself as a House and Land Proprietor. Living with her was Kate Dyer born in 1808 unmarried; she also described herself as a House and Land Proprietor

In her will, Ann left a considerable fortune for the time. She also left numerous pieces of land, houses, leasehold houses, pews at the church, many bank shares and a share in the Ferry to her children and grandchild.

### **George Dyer**

George Dyer was born to William and Ann in 1799  
He died in 1828 and was buried in Littlehampton

He married Ann Gray 31 May 1827 - born in Weymouth in 1807- the daughter of a master mariner. They married in St Johns Church Horsleydown, Southwark (From 1813-37 Slip Index) Find My Past)

Horsleydown was an area by Tower Bridge and by the River Thames. It is also where other members of the Dyer family resided- and where the Dyer ships were moored.

George and Ann had one daughter, Ann born in 1828  
Ann may have married a William Baker

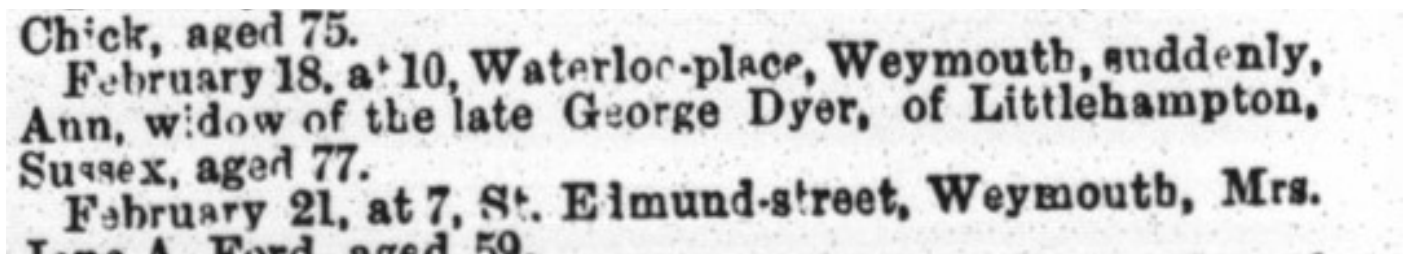
### **Ann Dyer (Grey)**

Ann (Gray) Dyer was described as a schoolmistress in 1851 living at Horsleydown Lane, Southwark.

In 1871 Ann Dyer and her widowed daughter Ann Baker were to be found living at Waterloo Place, Melcombe Regis, Dorset. Ann Dyer was a lodging house keeper along with her mother Eliza Gray.

In 1881 she was still living at 10 Waterloo Place, Weymouth with her daughter Ann Baker.

She died in 1883.



Chick, aged 75.  
February 18, at 10, Waterloo-place, Weymouth, suddenly,  
Ann, widow of the late George Dyer, of Littlehampton,  
Sussex, aged 77.  
February 21, at 7, St. Edmund-street, Weymouth, Mrs.  
Ford, aged 59.

Southern Times and Dorset County Herald 1883 (FMPast)

### **William Dyer 1801 -1887**

William Dyer was born to William and Ann in 1801 and baptised 15 December 1801 in Littlehampton.

He died in 1881 in Littlehampton

He is buried in Littlehampton Cemetery Plot B788

He married Elizabeth Taylor Spencer 7 February 1838

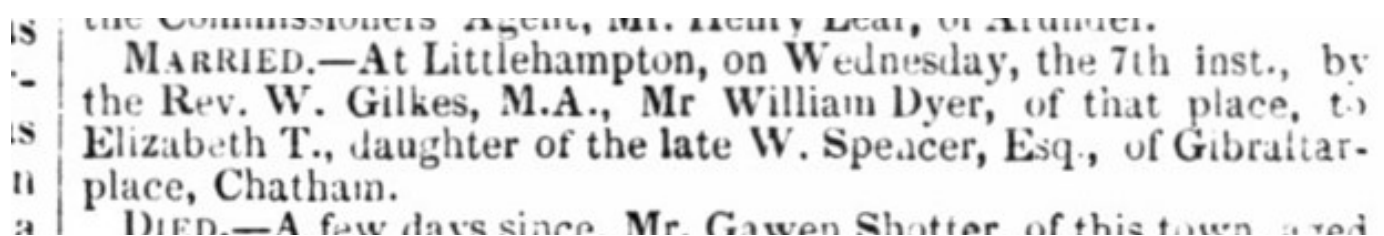
He was aged 36 and described as a Tailor

Elizabeth was aged 29

On the marriage certificate his father was William Dyer Mariner

Elizabeth's father was William Spencer deceased, a Gentleman

Elizabeth was from Gibraltar Place Chatham



the Commissioners Agent, Mr. Henry Leach, of Alton.  
MARRIED.—At Littlehampton, on Wednesday, the 7th inst., by  
the Rev. W. Gilkes, M.A., Mr William Dyer, of that place, to  
Elizabeth T., daughter of the late W. Speacer, Esq., of Gibraltar-  
place, Chatham.  
DIED.—A few days since Mr. Gawen Shotton, of this town, aged

Brighton Gazette 8 February 1838 (FMPast)

William and Elizabeth had the following children:

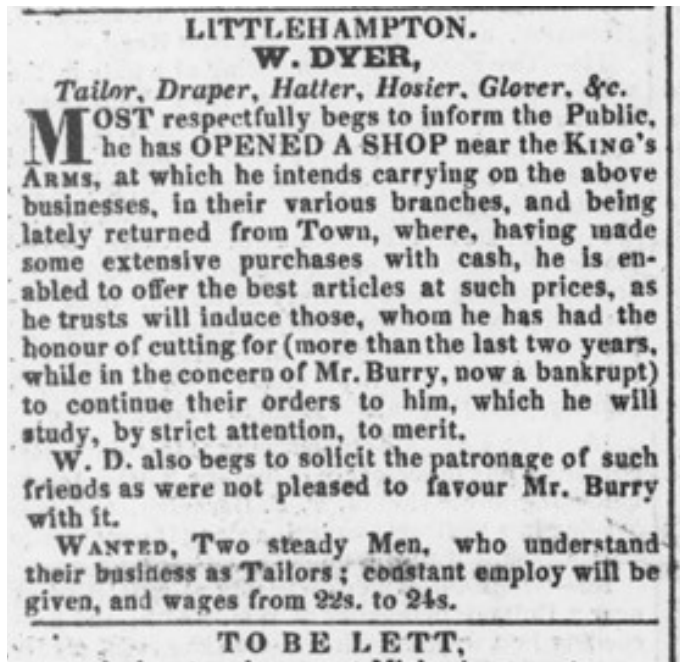
William Spencer Dyer born 1839 christened 21 April 1839

Spencer Dyer born 1840 died 1840

Elizabeth Jane born 1842 baptised 6 March 1842

William worked as a Tailor between 1821 and 1865

He appears to have started work working for a Mr Burry



**LITTLEHAMPTON.**  
**W. DYER,**  
*Tailor, Draper, Hatter, Hosier, Glover, &c.*  
**M**OST respectfully begs to inform the Public, he has **OPENED A SHOP** near the **KING'S ARMS**, at which he intends carrying on the above businesses, in their various branches, and being lately returned from Town, where, having made some extensive purchases with cash, he is enabled to offer the best articles at such prices, as he trusts will induce those, whom he has had the honour of cutting for (more than the last two years, while in the concern of Mr. Burry, now a bankrupt) to continue their orders to him, which he will study, by strict attention, to merit.  
W. D. also begs to solicit the patronage of such friends as were not pleased to favour Mr. Burry with it.  
**WANTED, Two steady Men,** who understand their business as Tailors; constant employ will be given, and wages from 22s. to 24s.  
**TO BE LETT.**

Sussex Advertiser 23 June 1823 (FMPast)

In the 1841 Census he was living in Surrey Street and described as a Tailor

In the 1851 Census he was living in Surrey Street he described himself as a master tailor

Living with him, his wife Elizabeth (Taylor) and a daughter Elizabeth Jane born in 1842



**LITTLEHAMPTON.**  
**THE WINTER FASHIONS** being now set, **W. DYER** begs to announce that he has got in his large supply of Goods for the season, and that at no period of the past 32 years could he supply **GARMENTS** on more moderate terms.  
Littlehampton, Oct. 1st.  
**Littlehampton Drapery and Millinery**

Eastbourne Gazette 1 January  
1887 (FMPast)

West Sussex Gazette 1 October 1853 (FMPast)

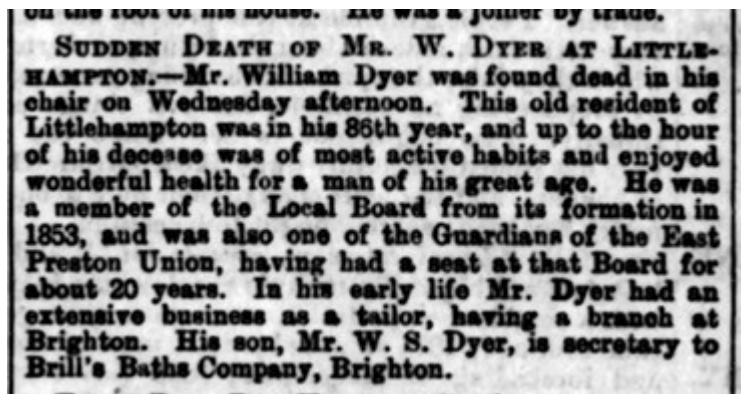


In the 1861 Census the family were still living in Surrey Street  
William was now described as a Draper and Tailor

In the 1871 Census William was living in Middle Street and described as a retired draper

In the 1881 Census he moved to 23 Norfolk Road and is described as a Retired Woollen draper

William died in 1887 aged 85. He left an estate of £499.14.3  
Probate was granted to his son William Spencer Dyer



Eastbourne Gazette 1 January 1887 (FMPast)

William was a tailor between 1861 to 1865 and employed 20 to 30 men. When he retired he sold the shop to Mr Edney a grocer.

William also had a branch of his tailors shop in Brighton according to above article.

William appeared to own a considerable amount of property in Littlehampton Warehouses, Baltic Wharf, Seaview House in River Road, Fishing rights. 3 cottages near the church and sold land in Ferry Road for the development of the railway. He also owned a property in Norfolk Terrace occupied by John Swann, a plumber. He had a Storehouse and Yard in 1833 which he leased from the then bankrupt Thomas Tupper Isemonger for £1.00 a year.

In December 1868 a long line of buildings he owned in Surrey Street which had thatched roofs burnt down. Twenty one people were rendered homeless although fortunately Mr Dyer had insured them!

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## LITTLEHAMPTON.

A company of gentlemen, including Messrs. W. Read, S. D'Olliver, J. Lawson, W. Dyer, J. Butt and others, have rented of the Duke of Norfolk the exclusive right of the river fishery from the Castle to the pier. It is believed that a much better supply of river fish may be obtained than has hitherto been had.

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Brighton Gazette 16 Jan 1845 (Find MP)

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## LITTLEHAMPTON.

The youthful family of the Earl and Countess of Arundel and Surrey will this season occupy Surrey Cottage.

The South Terrace residence, No. 23, is engaged for a long period for Mr Andre and family.

Mr R. Bethell, Chancery barrister, has purchased 25, South Terrace, and Mr Dimes, solicitor, of Bread Street, Cheapside, has bought Mr Keywood's recently-built house, in Surrey Street.

Littlehampton is undergoing great improvements by the construction, under a subscription aided by the Duke of Norfolk, of the long-needed main sewer in High Street; and by the erection of detached and sister houses by Mr P. Bushby, in Duke Street, the entrance to the town from the railway. It has also been recently improved by the erection of three pretty cottages by Mr Dyer, near the church; and by sister houses by Mr Butt and Mr Blackaller, near the sea.

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Brighton Gazette 22 June 1848 (FMPast)

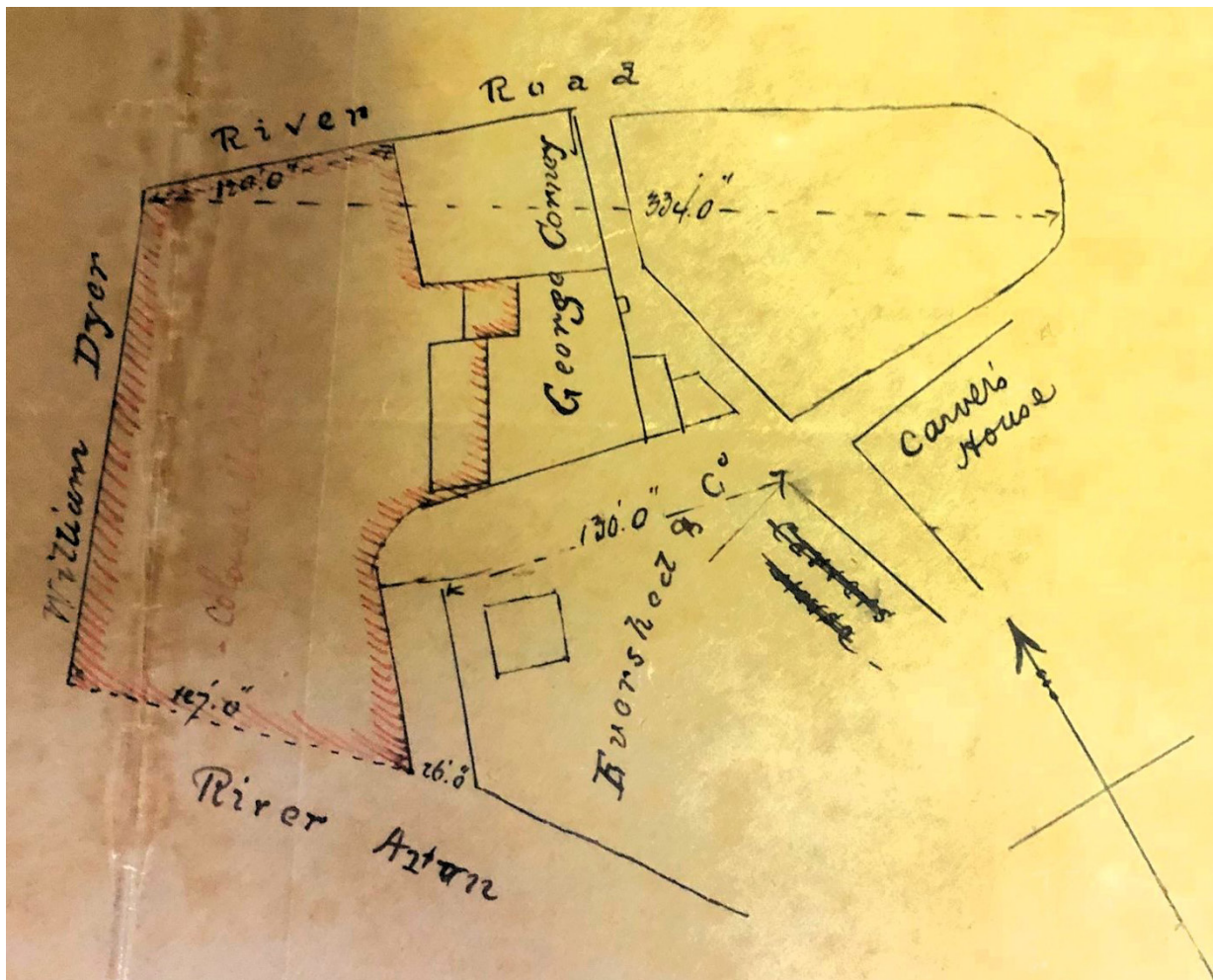
## LITTLEHAMPTON.

**THE RAILWAY EXTENSION.**—The parish plans for the branch into Littlehampton, in connection with the Mid-Sussex Railway, have been duly deposited. The branch will commence at or near the George Hotel, on land belonging to Mr Dyer; it will pass through six other pieces of land belonging to Mr Dyer, in the Ferry Road, on to the low brook land, by which it will reach the intended new bridge over the Adur, at which point the junction with the "South Coast" and "Mid-Sussex" lines will be.

The Brighton Railway Company have with good taste, caused to be placed from 30 to 40 lime and evergreen trees

Sussex Advertiser 13 December 1859 (FMPast)

In a newspaper article in the West Sussex Gazette 29 April 1858 William writes that he had twenty pews in the Church and was the owner of 30 houses. Below is a map in the museum archives of a plan of some of the land he owned.



The following comes from Reminiscences of Littlehampton by Eva Robinson:

*"An especially prominent figure of the '60s and '70s was Mr William Dyer, sometime tailor carrying on business in Surrey Street next door to the Norfolk Hotel, where he displayed the Royal Arms on a narrow veranda over his shop window by virtue of having executed some repairs to Queen Victoria's riding habit, which was accidentally torn while riding with the Prince Consort. Mr Dyer might daily be seen in the town wearing a tall silk hat, loose overcoat and with a monocle eye glass suspended from his neck usually fluttering out behind him; he hurried along as though he had not a moment to spare. A prominent member of the Local Board of Health, also of East Preston Board of Guardians, his ability as a public speaker was conspicuous by its absence, and his efforts in that direction were copiously interlarded with irrelevant ejaculations, so much so that his hearers were genuinely delighted when he sat down. He was for many years the local correspondent to the West Sussex Gazette."*

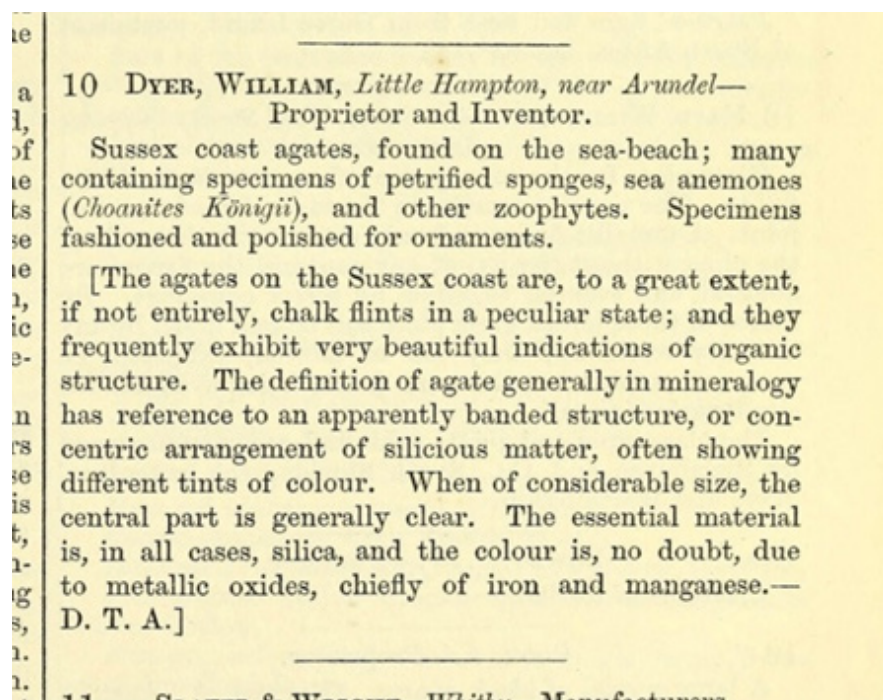


*A tailor, he was one of the biggest local employers of labour. He was a remarkable man and quite a go getter. Over the entrance to his shop he displayed a Royal Coat of Arms, modelled in plaster, suggesting to all the world that he held a Royal Warrant.*

*In 1846 Queen Victoria and Albert, during a visit to Arundel Castle came down to Littlehampton for a gallop on the Common studded with gorse bushes one of which tore her riding habit. Dyer made a quick repair to the royal satisfaction on the strength of this he awarded himself the right to display the Royal Arms. Dyer's building was demolished in 1959.*

William was a prominent member of the Board of Health from 1853 and wrote several letters to Members of Parliament regarding health matters in Littlehampton. He was on the East Preston Board of Guardian, and was also a churchwarden of St Marys Church where he organised a Sacred Musical Festival for the organ improvement fund. It was attended by between one and two thousand people and included 'Mount of Olives' by Beethoven.

A most remarkable achievement was that in 1851 he contributed to the Great Exhibition in London. He exhibited a fine collection of Agates from Littlehampton, (Class 1 Page 18 of the Official Catalogue) and also a contrivance for ventilating public buildings (no records found).



y an impression that she is a fine Lucette, who won golden when performing here with Mr. he village beauty at the same in, a Swiss Gardens heroine, npany. At the Standard, "lead" of some seasons since, supports Mr Henry Marston (as Glyn, are "starring" it here. riends and great favor when eu," "Sir Giles," and the like, our boards have afforded. Miss led among the corps. At the Mr George Yates, the "heavy" hose "McClosky" won universal reason, is prominently engaged: t his engagement here equal to nd a field for which he is suited. ll, opposite Sadler's Wells, the soey, of last season, is delighting brief engagement we feel sure, t of the stage than concert plat- out" in the *Flying Scud*, and when the latter was here, hardly in the field she promised to ripen Piccadilly, we find the wonder, presents one of the best enter- s: author, composer ("Early in ing horse," and very many other his repertoire), balladist, carica- other "ists" without parallel in ssion, what wonder then that he nine of mirth, melody, wit, and chaustible supply of the super- holiday seekers should patronise d Tom," whose pianistic skill ces at the Pavilion, is as mar- es at the present time, being Harry Lemon, whose tales at d so entertaining to our readers, ither direction, the Haymarket arce of *A Co-operative Movement*, Press pronounce a clever trifler. ss Dudley, in very lady-like ough the past season, has taken port of the aspiring efforts of the any,—no mean capacity for her- ape of amateurs. Mr Frank Hall Frank Hall,—is "doing the effectively at the Philharmonic. here as Miss Mortimer, during the ore), has been supporting some eum Theatre. This lady, with re "fixtures," the London market ing players to spare them. To the ewart still belongs, his "Daddy rn talk as his "Captain Crosstree." T. Mead, whose lead here left is conspicuous by his good acting. r talented company are singing in to large and delighted audiences. t the Adelphi, and in one of Harry ibly droll, the audience being full rsonation. At the same house we Leclercq,—who with her brothers as since, as devotees of terpsichore, ug the lead conjointly with Mr s, is Mr Billington, who, ore, appeared at our Theatre, in en Mr George Vining impersonated he Polytechnic visitors to London d by an old Brighton favourite, whose musical lectures during ton Athenaeum were so attractive, leasing mode of "killing time." Mandelbert has been performing: "leetle boy" to George Vining's

whose acting in comedy or drama is as famed as in burlesque,—and in boy" character pre-eminent—to wit her "Lemuel."

#### ENGLISH AGATES AT LITTLEHAMPTON.

It is known to comparatively few that the agates found along this part of the south coast—extending eastward to Shoreham, and westward to Chichester harbour—surpass in beauty and variety those of any other part of the world, not excepting even the far-famed Oriental or Mocha Moss agates. They are also far superior to the Cairngorm stones and the ribbon stone agates of Scotland, the agates of the Brazils, and those of Egypt, and of Germany, which latter constitute an important article of export-commerce from it, for the purposes of ornament and utility, to many parts of Europe. These local productions, which were first discovered, about 40 years ago, at Bognor, are superior in the following respects:—For their rich contrast of colouring, due, it is believed, to the oxides of iron and manganese, which metals abound on this coast; for the remarkable indications which they contain of organic structure—as silicified sponges, sea-anemones (Choanites Konig), and other zoophytes, generally in chalcedony, exhibiting, when cut into slices, much of prismatic colouring; while other varieties include, what are called, landscape and moss agates, as well as silicified woods of various kinds, and silicious conglomerates of the pebbles and earthy matter of our coast. We recollect when, about 35 years ago, these productions were sought on the sea beach with so much avidity at Bognor, that instances frequently occurred of a single stone realizing from twenty shillings to several pounds; and in one case of a stone, when cut into slices, having sold for twenty pounds, the then Countess of Guildford being the purchaser of a single slice at ten pounds. At about the same time, her Royal Highness the Princess Augusta, while on a visit at Bersted Lodge, Bognor, became the possessor of a very beautiful necklace of these agates, of the value of £20. It will also be in the recollection of many, that the best collection ever made of these agates, silicified woods, and conglomerates, the property of Mr. W. Dyer, of Littlehampton, were shown in class 1, in a case containing 400 specimens, at the Great Exhibition of 1851, close to the large emerald, of inestimable value, the property of his Grace the Duke of Devonshire, and that they were honoured with a special notice in Mr. Robert Hunt's popular "Synopsis of the contents of the Great Exhibition," and in the "Illustrated and Descriptive Catalogue," by an elucidatory note by Professor D. Arated, who presided over the department in which they were exhibited. It will also be recollected by some, that in a notice in this *Journal* of a *conversation*, held at the Mantellian Museum, so long ago as on the 26th July, 1836, we stated "a beautiful collection of agates, the property of Mr Dyer, of Littlehampton, was also exhibited, and some remarks on them by Mr Mantell closed the entertainment." For the information of the curious in these matters, it may be added, that this collection has been lent by Mr. Dyer to the Crystal Palace Company, and may be seen in the gallery on the garden side, near to the tropical end of the building. Mr. Dyer has also lately added to his collection, at Littlehampton, some thirty specimens of these stones of extraordinary beauty. Our visitors find an agreeable pastime in seeking these productions, while inhaling the health-giving breezes of our coast.

Brighton Gazette 10 April 1851 (FMPast)

### Elizabeth Taylor Dyer (Spencer)

Elizabeth was born in 1808 to William and Sarah Spencer in Chatham Kent. In 1841 she was living with her parents in Saunders Street Chatham. She married William Dyer in Littlehampton in 1838. In the 1881 Census she was staying with her daughter Anne in Kings Lynn.

### Ann Dyer (Ree)

Ann Dyer was born to William and Ann in 1804 and christened 1 July 1804. She died in 1865 and was buried in Littlehampton 25 October 1865. She married Thomas Hinson Ree 30 August 1839 in Littlehampton. He died in 1872

### Ann and Thomas had three children.

Sarah Ann born 1841.  
William born in 1844.  
George born in 1846.

They were all born in Hertfordshire – which is where Thomas was born.

Thomas was Coal Weigher or Coal Meter. A coal meter was a dockside official who measured the unloaded coal on arrival at the docks. Without a coal meter present the coal could not be unloaded. They kept a record of how much coal was transported and certified what the Master owed; this was usually a London based occupation.

The family lived at various addresses in London: 13 Beaumont Square Mile End: 2 Friendly Place, White Horse Lane, Stepney.

Thomas was declared bankrupt in 1855 and as an insolvent debtor applied for discharge in 1861 the family were then living at 18 New Henry Street, Cottons Estate Lime house.

### **Kate Dyer (Lear)**

Kate was born in 1808 and baptised in Littlehampton 10 January 1808

Kate died in 1890 aged 82 and was buried in Southwick

Kate married Henry Lear an Auctioneer from Arundel on 19 December 1855

(He was an executor of Ann Dyer's Will)

They lived at Beach Terrace in 1861 and 23 South Terrace.

Henry Lear was the Mayor of Arundel in 1853 and 1858

Henry Lear died 27 August 1868

In the 1851 Census Kate was unmarried and living at River Road with her mother  
She described herself as House and Land Proprietor.

In the 1871 Census Kate was living at South Terrace. Henry had died and she was described as a an Annuitant

In 1889 she was living at 15 River Road

### **The children of William and Elizabeth Dyer**

#### **William Spencer Dyer**

William Spencer Dyer was born in 1839 and christened 21 April 1839

He died 23 November 1891

He married Helen Rice

In 1861 William was a private tutor living at 7 Augusta Place Broadwater Worthing  
By 1871 William had married Helen and had three children

William A born 1862

Adeline born 1864

Charles L born 1866

Linda born 1870

He was now the manager of Brills Baths in Brighton  
In 1891 the family were living at South Villa Southwick

William was now manager of a company and living with him were:  
Helen

Linda now a book keeper

Percy born in 1872 a provision merchant apprentice

Arabella born in 1874

And Cecil born in 1888 his grandson

William died 23 November 1891 at 5 Buckingham Place Shoreham



### **Elizabeth Jane Dyer (Malpas)**

Elizabeth Jane Dyer was born in 1842 and baptised 6 March 1842

She married William Malpas in Brighton in 1861

She may have met William in Littlehampton as in 1861 William was a lodger with Edwin Marshall in Surrey Street.

William was a Wesleyan Minister.

Elizabeth Jane died in 1909 in Wiltshire

In 1871 they were living in Brand Street Hitchin Hertfordshire and had three children:

Elizabeth Mary born 1863

Alice born 1864

William Arthur Spencer born 1867

By 1881 the family had moved to Kings Lynn in Norfolk

In 1891 they were living in Rugby Northamptonshire

In 1901 they were living in Milford Within, Salisbury Wiltshire



## Daniel Dyer 1776 -1864

Daniel Dyer was born in Lyminster in 1716 to Daniel and Mary

He died 14 January 1864 in Liverpool aged 88

He married Mary

### Daniel had the following children:

Anne born 1803

Mary born 1802 died 1802

Sarah born 1804 died 1807

Louisa born 1806

William born 1808

Mary Anne born 1812

In the 1841 Census Daniel was living in Gainsford Street, Horsleydown – Gainsford Street was near Horsleydown Old Stairs – this as the location of many wharves where no doubt the Dyer's ships loaded and discharged their cargoes. Living with him was Mary Anne.

In the 1861 Census Daniel was widowed.

The family had moved to Liverpool and were living at 14 Nelson Street.

Liverpool a street not far from Liverpool docks. Liverpool at this time was a growing city where shipping fortunes could be made.

Daniel described himself as a Ship Owner as did his son William.

Daniel died in 1864 aged 88 at 64 Bridge Street Birkenhead, Liverpool.

He was described as a ship owner and was buried in St James Cemetery Liverpool.

DYER—Jan. 10, at his residence, Birkenhead, in his 88th year, Mr. Daniel Dyer, shipowner.

Liverpool Daily Post 19 January 1865



GRAVE - TIER Back No. 62.Vault.

SACRED to the Memory of  
ANNE, Beloved wife of JAMES BAKER  
of this Town, Shipowner, who died  
1st July 1863.  
Aged 60 Years.

ALSO. The above named JAMES BAKER  
who died 16th August 1893. Aged 79  
Years.

ALSO. WILLIAM JAMES, Eldest Son of  
the above, who died 4th August 1893.  
Aged 53 Years.

ALSO. DANIEL DYER BAKER, their fourth  
Son, who died 14th April 1918.  
Aged 79 years.

GRAVE - TIER Back No. 63 Vault.

SACRED to the Memory of  
DANIEL DYER, Shipowner, who died  
January 14th 1864. Aged 88 Years.

ALSO. of WILLIAM, only Son of the above  
who died January 23rd 1871. Aged 62  
Years.

When Daniel died he had made a will – he left his house and all his possessions to William his son, along with his gold watch and all his shipping interests. His money was divided between Anne, Louisa and Mary Anne.

### **Anne Dyer (Baker) 1803- 1863**

Ann was born in 1803 in Littlehampton to Daniel and Mary. In 1829 she married James Baker in Littlehampton.

They had 6 children:

William James, who became a mariner

Alfred George, who became a ships broker

Frederick,

Duke,

Frances Ann married Richard Knight in 1865

Daniel Dyer Baker who was a book keeper to his brother William

James Baker was also a Master Mariner and ship owner.

In 1851 they were living in Nile Street Liverpool

Two ships James owned were:

City Of Sultan (1842) and Florist (1850) built in Littlehampton

(see above for burial in St James' Graveyard )

He was also in partnership with Daniel – and ships were registered as being owned by Dyer and Baker.

### **Louisa Dyer (Whidborne) 1808 - 1880**

Louise was born in 1808 in Littlehampton and died in 1880

She married Thomas Gotham Whidborne October 17 1848. Thomas died in 1850 in Liverpool aged 58. His marriage to Louisa was his second marriage.

In Liverpool he ran a Ship Chamdlers business and the firm were rope and sail makers.

By 1851 Louisa was a widow living with her father and sister Mary Ann Knowles and John Knowles in Nelson Street Liverpool

In 1871 she was living in Bridge Street Birkenhead with her sister Mary Ann Knowles, John Knowles. Louisa moved to West Street, Brighton and died in 1880.

**Notorum, Cressida.**  
**Oct. 13, at Trinity Church, borough, London, by the**  
**Rev. William Curling, Mr. Thomas G. Whidborne, of**  
**this town, to Louisa, second daughter of Mr. Daniel**  
**Dyer, shipowner, late of Gainford-street, Hensleydown.**  
**Oct. 13, at St. Philip's Church. Mr. Edward Parle to**

## **William Dyer 1808 - 1871**

William was born in 1808 in Littlehampton, he never married.

**DYER—Jan. 23, at 64, Bridge-street, Birkenhead, in his 62d year,  
William, only son of the late Mr. Daniel Dyer.**

Liverpool Albion 30 January 1871

He died in 1871 and is buried with his father in St James Cemetery Liverpool

## **Mary Anne Dyer (Knowles) 1810-1879**

Mary Anne was born in Littlehampton in 1810 and died in 1879 in Littlehampton. She married John Knowles of Littlehampton, a Master Mariner in Horsleydown in 1847. John's father was Stephen Knowles a farmer.

In 1851 she was living in Nelson Street Liverpool with her sister Louisa. Sometime after 1871 the Knowles moved back to Littlehampton.

In 1891/1901 John Knowles was living at the Boat House, Lyminster.

He died in 1905.

## **Ships owned/part owned by the Dyer family**

### **The Lady Franklin**

Launched 29/08/1852. Owners in 1852 - James Baker, William and Daniel Dyer, John Knowles. Wrecked in 1862 Key Largo Florida – travelling from Jamaica to Liverpool carrying sugar, rum and general cargo.

### **Anna Baker**

1854 sank in the Magellan Straits

### **The Two Elizas**

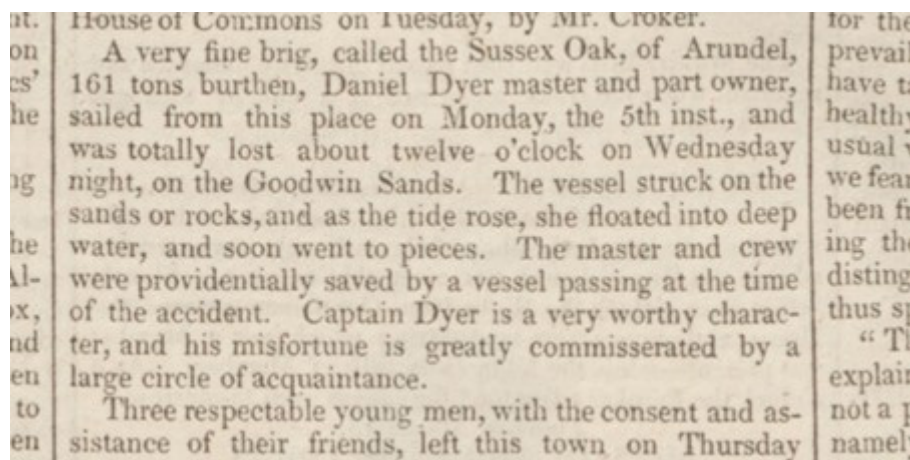
A Brig

1809 Captured by the enemy later recaptured and returned to the original owners on payment of salvage. Owned by Joseph Williams Ship agent and William Dyer of Littlehampton, Sussex. Mariner London

### ***The Elizabeth***

Built 1811 Sailed between Liverpool and Brazil

### **The Sussex Oak**



Sussex Advertiser 19 March 1832

### **The Dispatch 1824/172**

A 2 mast square rig. Scroll head. Built Yarmouth ex LO1817/196  
25/10/1828 Joseph Richard Nesbitt sold 16/64 to Daniel Dyer 16/64's to William Dyer the younger both of Littlehampton 1830/10



**The Daniel Dyer** built 1839 by J B Bailey  
Said to be one of the fastest Clipper Brigs in the kingdom

**I foddio 'r etifeddawl.—B. M.**

**SHOREHAM, June 29.**—A beautiful schooner, called the **Daniel Dyer**, of London, commanded by Capt. William Dyer, burthen 216 tons per register, Messrs. Daniel and William Dyer, owners, intended for the Cape of Good Hope trade, &c., was launched this day from the building yard of James Briton Balley, of this place. She is considered a fine modelled vessel.

**LAUNCH.—INVERNESS, June 29.**—On Wednesday last

Shipping & Mercantile Gazette 3 July 1839

**LAUNCH AT SHOREHAM.**—On Saturday, at noon, this interesting ceremony took place in the presence of a large assemblage of people. The vessel was built by Mr. Balley, and is 100 feet in length, 24 feet in the beam, and of 350 tons burden. All the preparations having been made, Mr. Balley ascended the temporary platform, and addressing Miss Dyer, the sister of the Captain, said, "Madam I am desired by Captain Dyer to request you to hold this ribbon, and when the bottle, which is slung to a string attached to this ribbon, shall fall against the bow, that you will be pleased to name the vessel the 'Daniel Dyer.'" In an instant the beautiful vessel glided off in majestic style, but before she reached her native element the bottle broke against her bow, Miss Dyer emphatically calling out "Success to the Daniel Dyer," while all the people joined in a loud huzza. On the platform with Miss Dyer were a number of ladies and gentlemen, who were invited by Captain Dyer, in common with many others present, to quaff in prime sherry "success to the Daniel Dyer."

Up to the 25th of June, the Postage Petitions, pray-

Brighton Patriot 2 July 1839

## SHOREHAM.

The ship *Daniel Dyer*, lately launched from the yard of Mr Balley, will sail in about ten days for Liverpool,—there, we believe, to load for the Mediterranean. The *Daniel Dyer* is built on Mr Balley's principle (in which he has, for many years past, proved so eminently successful) of combining fast sailing with the capability of carrying a large cargo, and is finished with equal, if not greater, regard to the strength, compactness, convenience, and elegance which have characterised most of his former vessels. This ship's admeasure-ment is 215 tons, and burden about 350. Length upon deck, 100 feet, breadth of beam, 23ft. 6in., depth of hold, 14ft. 6in.; is copper fastened, copper bottomed, and has two cabins. She will be commanded, and partly owned, by a persevering master, Mr W. Dyer, son of Mr Daniel Dyer, whose name the ship bears.

The influence which ship-building must have on the trade of a neighbourhood may be inferred from the fact that the above vessel will cost, before ready for sea, about £4,000.

One hundred and fifty-two persons visited the Swiss Cottage and

Brighton Gazette 18 July 1839

GEO. BOOKER and CO., 22, Chaper-street.

### South America.

#### LINE OF PACKETS FOR RIO DE JANEIRO.

Sailing on the 1st, 11th, and 21st of every month.

*To sail on the 11th instant.*

The beautiful A 1 Sussex-built clipper Brig  
**DANIEL DYER,**

**WILLIAM DYER, Commander;**

Copper fastened and coppered, and one of the fastest sailing vessels in the kingdom: loading in George's Dock.—Apply to  
**IMRIE and TOMLINSON, or  
COTESWORTH and WYNNE.**



Liverpool Standard and Commercial Advertiser  
12 February 1841

#### FOR SALE,

The substantial British-built Brig

#### **DANIEL DYER,**

196 tons register. Built at Shoreham in 1839, and classed 12 years A 1, restored in 1857 for eight years, and continued in 1866 for three years A 1 from 1865; partly copper-fastened and sheathed with yellow metal; carries 320 tons dead weight on a moderate draft of water, and is well found in stores; has just discharged a cargo of hides from the River Plate entirely free from damage. Length, 89.2 feet; breadth, 20.9 feet; depth, 14.3 feet. Lying in King's Dock.—For further particulars apply to Baker and Turner, Derby-buildings; or to

**TONGE and CO., Brokers,**  
Commercial-court, 17, Water-street. 92967



Liverpool Daily Post 10 August 1869

# ANNUAL SURVEYS.

8021

No. 29 Survey held at London Date 5<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1841  
 on the Sh. David Dyer Master Dyer  
 Tonnage 215 Built at Thouham When built 1834  
 By whom built - Owners Dyer & Co  
 Port belonging to London Destined Voyage Constantinople  
 If Surveyed Afloat or in Dry Dock Afloat

Original Survey, No. 59 Port of Thouham Classed 12 A 1

Surveyor is required to state the present Condition of the

Breasthooks	Capstan
Transoms	Pumps
Timbers of the Frame	Masts, Yards, &c.
Top-sides	Sails
Wales	Cables
Plank and Treennails (Outside to the Water's Edge.)	Anchors No. of
Rudder	Standing & Running Rigging
Windlass	Copper

Deck Beams & Fastenings  
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 Shears  
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General Observations and Opinion,

as required by the Instructions, Is in good and efficient condition  
and may remain as ordered

Committee Minute 12<sup>th</sup> October 1841

Character assigned 12 A 1

No. 111 Survey held at London Date 5<sup>th</sup> October 1841  
 on the Sh. "Muresa" Master Young  
 Tonnage 477 Built at Calcutta When built 1834  
 By whom built - Owners Young & Co  
 Port belonging to London Destined Voyage -  
 If Surveyed Afloat or in Dry Dock Afloat

Original Survey, No. 2240 Port of London Classed 12 A 1



# ANNUAL SURVEYS.

12146

No. 26 Survey held at London Date 9<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1845  
 on the Brig "Samuel Dyer" Master Mr. Dyer  
 Tonnage 210 Built at Shepperton When built 1839  
 By whom built Bally Owners Dyer  
 Port belonging to London Destined Voyage Matta  
 If Surveyed Afloat or in Dry Dock on what service the vessel

Last Survey, No. 10517 Port of London Classed 12 A 1

The present Condition of the

Decks  
 Waterways  
 Coverings  
 Upper Deck Beams & Fastenings  
 Lower Deck Beams & Fastenings  
 Plankbeams  
 Sheerstrakes  
 Topides  
 Walls  
 Plank (Bottom) and Counter

Treenails  
 Breasthooks and Stems  
 Transoms, Painters, and Crutches  
 Timbers of the Frame  
 Keelsons  
 Clamps and Shells  
 Ceiling  
 Rudder  
 Copper

Windlass and Capstan  
 Pumps  
 Boats  
 Masts, Yards, &c.  
 Sails  
 Anchors No. of  
 Cables  
 Hawsers and Warps  
 Standing & Running Rigging

This Vessel has been opened for your present Survey and timbers exposed all good - It is in most efficient Condition and may continue as

Committee Minute 9<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1845  
 Character assigned 12 A 1

Certificate (if required)

No. 72 Survey held at London Date 9<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1845  
 on the Schooner "Caleb Row" Master Lord  
 Tonnage 90 Built at Worcester When built 1839  
 By whom built Worcester Owners Nelson  
 Port belonging to London Destined Voyage  
 If Surveyed Afloat or in Dry Dock on Williams Slip

Last Survey, No. 11977 Port of London Classed 11 A 1

The present Condition of the

Decks  
 Waterways  
 Coverings  
 Upper Deck Beams & Fastenings  
 Lower Deck Beams & Fastenings  
 Plankbeams  
 Sheerstrakes  
 Topides  
 Walls  
 Plank (Bottom) and Counter

Treenails  
 Breasthooks and Stems  
 Transoms, Painters, and Crutches  
 Timbers of the Frame  
 Keelsons  
 Clamps and Shells  
 Ceiling  
 Rudder  
 Copper

Windlass and Capstan  
 Pumps  
 Boats  
 Masts, Yards, &c.  
 Sails  
 Anchors No. of  
 Cables  
 Hawsers and Warps  
 Standing & Running Rigging

at present a new 4 1/2 fathoms fitted and is generally in most efficient Condition and may continue as Classed

Committee Minute 9<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1845  
 Character assigned 11 A 1

Certificate (if required)

1810-02967



## The Florist

Possibly owned by Dyer & Baker Liverpool



**FOR SALE.**  
The well known Substantia' built Brig  
**F L O R I S T,**  
229 tons register; Built at Littlehampton in 1850, and then classed A 1, 12 years, was continued in 1862 for four years; is copper fastened and sheathed with yellow metal. Dimensions—length 92 x 9, breadth 21 x 9, depth 13 x 9. Has a break deck, sails without ballast, carries a large cargo, has Cunningham's Patent Topsails, patent anchors, and a double suit of sails, has been well kept up, and is now well found, requiring stores only to send her to sea. Now lying in the Queen's Dock.—For particulars apply to  
tt J. BAKER & SONS. 22, Queen's street.

The Liverpool Shipping Telegraph August 1865

## The William Dyer

Left Littlehampton August 1914 and disappeared without trace. Presumed to have hit a mine. Possibly owned by the Dyers.





