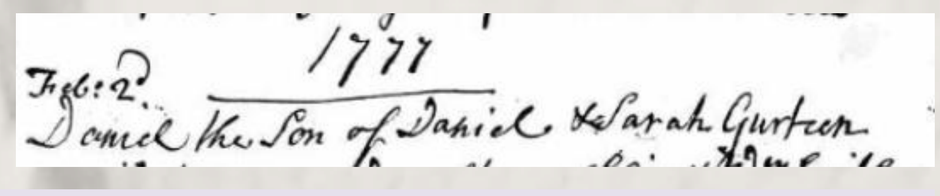
CHAUNTRY MILLS – EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES

Daniel Gurteen, (II) 1777 - 1856


1777
Feb: 2. Daniel the Son of Daniel & Sarah Gurteen

Daniel (II) was born on 19th January 1777, the son of Daniel (I) and his wife Sarah Watson. He was baptised on 12th February 1777.

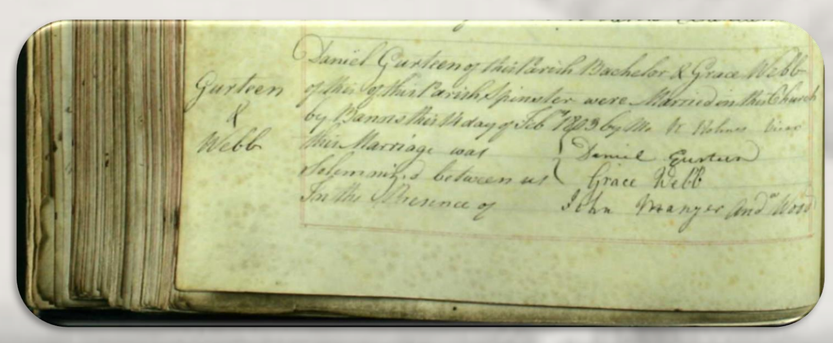
Daniel (II) and Grace lived in this house in the High Street which later became the front office for the firm. (It is the site of the Post Office today).

They had seven children:
Elizabeth (1804 – 1826)
Stephen (1808 – 1857)
Daniel (III) (1809 – 1893)
Sarah(1806 – 1860)
Clarissa (1812 – 1890)
Celia (1814 – 1838)
Emma Hills (1819)
Their grandson Daniel (IV) was also born here in 1834.

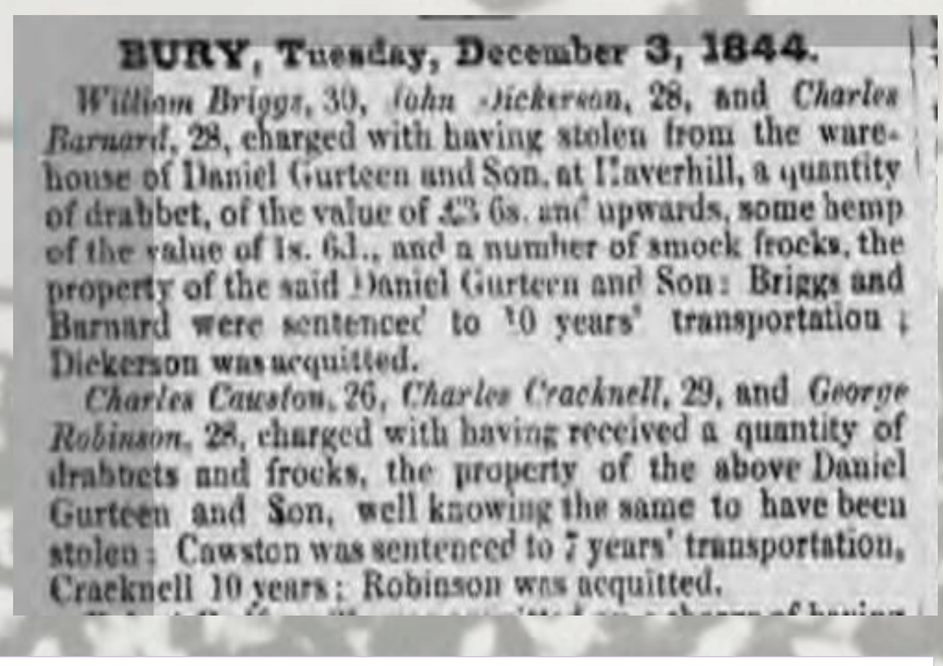


The photo above, taken in 1893, shows employees, L – R: Rowlinson, Bridge, Mann, Bullock, Deeks & Backler outside the former home of Daniel (II) which was converted into the front office.

On 14th February, 1803 Daniel (II) married Grace Webb at St Giles without Cripplegate. She was from a prominent Haverhill family being the sister of weaving manufacturers, Barnabus Webb, a diarist and John Webb who was also a poet.


Gurteen & Webb
Daniel Gurteen of this Parish Bachelor & Grace Webb of the Aforesaid Parish Spinster were Married in this Church by Banns this 14th day of Feb 1803 by Mr. Nelson Vicar
This Marriage was Solemnized between us Daniel Gurteen, Grace Webb
In the Presence of John Webb and Mary

drabbet – A VALUABLE COMMODITY


BURY, Tuesday, December 3, 1844.

William Briggs, 30, *John Dickerson*, 28, and *Charles Barnard*, 28, charged with having stolen from the warehouse of Daniel Gurteen and Son, at Haverhill, a quantity of drabbet, of the value of £3 6s. and upwards, some hemp of the value of 1s. 6d., and a number of smock frocks, the property of the said Daniel Gurteen and Son: Briggs and Barnard were sentenced to 10 years' transportation; Dickerson was acquitted.

Charles Cawston, 26, *Charles Cracknell*, 29, and *George Robinson*, 28, charged with having received a quantity of drabbets and frocks, the property of the above Daniel Gurteen and Son, well knowing the same to have been stolen: Cawston was sentenced to 7 years' transportation, Cracknell 10 years; Robinson was acquitted.

The price paid for weaving a chain varied from six to eight shillings according to the fineness, but out of this the weaver had to find his own loom and harness and also defray the cost of winding and candles and find dressing for the warp, so that the net earnings were not more than six shillings. A loom and harness were worth £4/4/0. A loom would last a lifetime, but the cords of the harness required constant mending and renewing, which involved an expense of about eight shillings a year.

Prior to the building of Chauntry Mills the business of Daniel Gurteen & Son operated out of a warehouse. In 1844 a quantity of drabbet, some hemp and a number of smock frocks were stolen. Three men were charged with having stolen these. Two were sentenced to 10 years transportation, one was acquitted. Two men who received the stolen property were sentenced to 7 years transportation, whilst a third was acquitted.

In the photo we can see three generations of men who bore the name Daniel Gurteen.
Seated is Daniel Gurteen (III), 1809 – 1893.
Standing left is his son Daniel Gurteen (IV), 1834 – 1894.
Standing right is Daniel Maynard Gurteen (V), 1872 – 1952.



In 1856 Daniel Gurteen (II) died leaving the business to his son Daniel (III) and grandsons, Daniel (IV) & William Basham Gurteen. Their brothers Jabez and Frank would join the firm when they were older.

Daniel (VI), the last son to bear the name and a brother of the fondly remembered Grace Gurteen, was killed in a motorcycle accident in 1929.



This portrait of Celia Gurteen is thought to have been painted by her cousin Conrade Webb, the son of John Webb.

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