CHAUNTRY MILLS – EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES

Daniel Maynard Gurteen, (V), 1872 - 1952

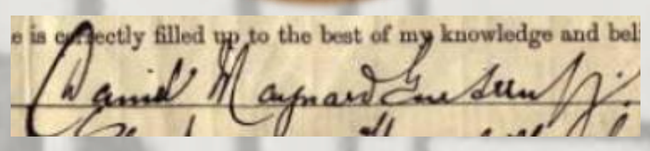
Daniel Maynard Gurteen (V) was born on 14th April 1872. On 16th February 1898 he married Catharine Boardman in Norwich. They made The Mount in Hamlet Road their home and had 5 children.



Their first born was a son, Daniel William. Sadly, he died aged 9 months on 6th March 1901. Daughter Catharine Grace was born in December of the same year. Another son Daniel Robert was born in 1903 with Harold Boardman (1905) and Frank Maynard (1908) completing the family.
Daniel Robert was killed in a motorbike accident in 1929.



On his coming of age in 1893, Daniel (V) was presented with a 'handsome travelling bag with silver mounted and ivory fittings accompanied by an illuminated address on behalf of the employees.



To DANIEL MAYNARD GURTEEN, ESQ., on his coming of age, 14th April, 1893.

Dear Sir,—We, the undersigned, on behalf of those engaged in the linen and cotton, hair and fibre, rug and mat manufacturing departments of the firm of Messrs. D. Gurteen and Sons (of which your honoured father is the head), desire to express the sentiment of our deepest esteem and regard, tendering to you our most sincere congratulations, and asking your acceptance of the accompanying dressing bag, on the auspicious occasion of attaining your majority.

We trust that in the future you will emulate the noble example of your beloved parents, and be as highly respected by all with whom you may come in contact, not only in the social intercourse of life, but in all your commercial relations.

It is our fervent hope that the Almighty in his infinite goodness may grant you many years of health, usefulness, and prosperity, to enjoy the affection of your respected family, and the kindly wishes of your friends :—

LINEN AND COTTON.	HAIR AND FIBRE.	RUGS AND MATS.
J. Rowlingson,	W. Poulson,	H. Byham,
S. Scott,	E. Gowers,	C. Parmenter,
R. Wiseman,	E. Farrant,	F. Perry.
W. Basham,	H. Gowers,	G. Smith,
W. Poole,	W. Clayden,	T. Phillips,
W. Skilton,	R. Skilton,	A. Watkinson,
C. Clayden.	T. Gladman.	R. Freeman,

F. D. UNWIN, Chairman.
W. ASHPLANT, Treasurer.
ED. HEPHER } Hon.
D. GOWERS } Secs.

Occasionally labour disputes were recorded, the most serious occurring in 1905. On 24th February a number of females walked out over the price of making garments for a government contract. They returned to work on 1st March after agreeing an increase of 6d per dozen garments.

The 1896 Kelly's Directory described how this family business had grown since it was first established.

Gurteen & Sons, manufacturers by steam power of various textile fabrics, including drabbets, cheese cloths, huckabacks, crash towels, scrims & various other cotton & linen fabrics, horse hair & crinoline, rugs & mats, also manufacturers of clothing for wholesale home trade & export

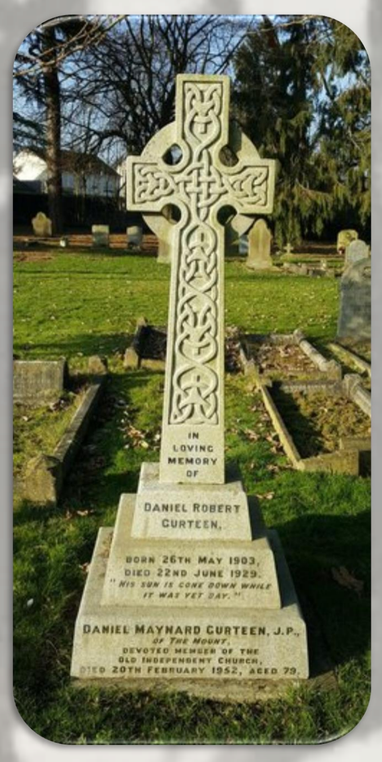
Excursion 8 Aug 1885

EXCURSIONS.—On Tuesday over 300 of the employés of Messrs. Gurteen and Son, Chauntry Mills, took their annual excursion. The place chosen was London, which was reached about 10 a.m., the start having taken place from the G. E. R. Station viâ Colne Valley line at 6.30 a.m. The majority visited the popular Inventions Exhibition. The return journey was commenced at 11 p.m , and Haverhill reached about 2 a.m. Thanks are due to the hon. sec. of the excursion (Mr. J. Callan) and to the collector (Mr. J. Moss) for the admirable way in which the affairs were managed. The Shepherds, as usual, played through the streets to the Station in the morning.

Excursion 7 Aug 1886

WORKPEOPLE'S EXCURSION.—On Tuesday last the annual excursion of the employés of Messrs. Gurteen and Sons, Chauntry Mills, and their friends, to the number of over 460, was held. The place selected was, as last year, London. Satisfactory arrangements were made by Mr. John Callon, hon. sec. to the Excursion Club, with the Colne Valley Railway Company to run the train at a very cheap fare. A most enjoyable day was spent at the Colonial and other chief centres of attraction. The return journey was commenced at 10.30 p.m. from Liverpool-street Station, and arrived at Haverhill about 2 a.m.

Daniel Maynard Gurteen died on 20th February 1952 (aged 79) and was buried with his son Daniel Robert who died in 1929. The inscription reads:
DANIEL MAYNARD GURTEEN, J.P. OF THE MOUNT
DEVOTED MEMBER OF THE OLD INDEPENDENT CHURCH
In his will he made a number of bequests including one of £350 to the Old Independent Church.



In the 1890s, Daniel Maynard's cousins, Frank William, known as Will, the oldest of the three sons of Jabez entered the cotton clothing unit, and Arthur Smart, son of Celia Gurteen, joined the woollen clothing operation.

Soon after the turn of the century Will's younger brothers, Horace and Conrad joined the firm. There were now seven members of the family working together, each with their own responsibility. Horace ran the cord department and Conrad became the financial manager.

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