

## Mary Ann Brownfield

6. III. MARY ANN BROWNFIELD was born on June 26, 1821 at Ballast Quay and christened on July 22, 1821 at St. Alphege's Church.<sup>1</sup> Mary Ann was the eldest daughter of William Brownfield and Mary Ann Munyard; she was married on August 26, 1847<sup>2</sup> to JAMES HALL a prosperous farmer who had 365 acres and employed 13 labourers. In 1851, they were living at 6, Darnley Terrace, Gravesend. James Hall had been born in Calcutta and was two years older than Mary Ann. At that time, they had three children John aged 3, Emily 1 year and James 4 months. There were also a housekeeper and two servants in the house.<sup>3</sup>

By 1861 the census shows they had moved to "Mussenden Farm" in Mussenden Road, Horton Kirby, Kent, with their younger children Mary Ann (9), Harry Augustus(6) and Thomas Baylis (4). Emily (11) and James Charles (10) who had been born in Horton Kirby, were in Gravesend in the St James Ecclesiastical District, at 76 New Road. This appears to be a private school with just twelve pupils, unless this address was merely the boarding establishment for the school's staff and children from out of the area. Charles Munyard who had been born in Meopham was also there. The house was run by an Edinburgh-born schoolmistress, widow Ellen Brownley aged 39 and her 18 year old daughter Elizabeth, a school assistant, who had been born in Meopham.<sup>4</sup> Emily Brownfield the unmarried sister of Mary Ann was a visitor at Mussenden Farm on the night of the census.



In 1871 Mary Ann was at 38 Elgin Crescent, Kensington the home of her younger sister Caroline and her husband George Tolhurst. She is entered as "wife's sister" but column for her married status was not completed which suggests that she may have been widowed by this time.

**A photograph from 'Joan Brownfield's Baby Book' captioned "Joan's Great Grandmother."**

**(Mary Ann Brownfield was Joan's Great Grandmother on her Mother's side. Joan's Great Grandmother on her Father's side was Mary Ann Munyard, who died in 1878 and the dress in this picture suggests a later date.)**

By the time the census was taken in April 1881 Mary Ann had been widowed and was living with her married daughter Emily and her husband Jonathan Jones at 87 the Grove, Camberwell, Surrey.<sup>5</sup>

A memorial on the grave of their grandparents William and Mary Ann Brownfield at Meopham records that all three of the Hall boys died tragic deaths: JAMES CHARLES HALL was drowned at sea on December 19, 1872 aged 22 years. THOMAS BAYLIS HALL died of typhoid fever at sea on January 19, 1878 aged 16 years and HARRY AUGUSTUS HALL died in California on June 27, 1890 in his 35<sup>th</sup> year.<sup>6</sup> Ten years later Mary Ann was living at 6 Reede Road, Sevenoaks, Kent<sup>7</sup> now with her unmarried sister Emily Brownfield. In 1901, Mary Ann was still living with her sister Emily at Vinehurst, Dartford Road, Sevenoaks, Kent<sup>8</sup> where she died aged 92, on December 18, 1912. A death notice in The Times states she was the widow of Captain James Hall of Horton Kirby and eldest daughter of the late William Brownfield of Trinity House.<sup>9</sup>



**A photograph from ‘Joan Brownfield’s Baby Book’ captioned “Joan’s Grandmother.”  
(Emily Ann Hall was Joan’s Grandmother on her Mother’s side – Joan’s other Grandmother was Ann Deane and by comparison with the photo on page 200 this is not her)**

(ii) EMILY ANN HALL, the second child of James Hall and Mary Ann Brownfield, was born in 1849 at Horton Kirby, Kent,<sup>10</sup> and baptised on 6 December 1849 at Horton Kirby.<sup>11</sup> She married Jonathon Jones in 1875 in Islington, London<sup>12</sup>. Jonathon had been born in 1830 in Northumberland. In 1881 they were living 87 The Grove, Camberwell, Surrey with their children Frank (4), Ethel (3) and Maud (1) Emily was aged 29 and her husband aged 50 was a wine merchant. Also residing in the house were Jonathan’s children by a previous marriage, Walter (21), Herbert (18) and Ada (13). Emily’s mother Mary Ann Brownfield, her sister Mary Ann Hall with a nurse, cook and two servants were also recorded.<sup>13</sup>

Jonathan died between October and December 1881 in Camberwell<sup>14</sup> and in the 1891 census, Emily was shown living with her three children, a governess and servant at “The Lawns” St John Road, Sevenoaks, Kent.<sup>15</sup> By 1901 Emily was still living at “The Lawns”<sup>16</sup> with her son Frank, a solicitor, daughter Maud and a servant.

After the death of her husband, Emily Ann was referred to as Mrs Evelyn-Jones, and her daughters used the surname of Evelyn-Jones on their marriage certificates although they remained simple Jones for the census. No record of a Mr Evelyn has been found.

**Frank (Evelyn-) Jones**, the first child of Jonathan Jones and Emily Ann Hall, was born in 1876 in Camberwell, Surrey.<sup>17</sup> He was a solicitor. Frank married Lavinia Walthew at St Clements Church, Chorlton-Cum-Hanly, Lancashire on 10 February, 1904.<sup>18</sup> Lavinia was the daughter of George Walthew, J.P. of Churchfield, Chorlton-Cum-Hardy.<sup>19</sup> In 1933 Frank and Lavinia were living at Pantiles, Frinton-on-Sea, Essex. Frank and Lavinia had two children.

*Helen Evelyn-Jones* is the daughter of Frank Evelyn-Jones and Lavinia Walthew. In 1934 Helen married Paul Gilbert, the younger son of Mr and Mrs B Gilbert of Slough, Buckinghamshire.<sup>20</sup> Helen and Paul had two sons Peter and John. Paul died in May 1960 and an obituary in the newspaper read:-

#### *MR PAUL GILBERT*

*Mr Paul Gilbert died suddenly on Sunday at the age of 61. Gilbert had recently become chairman of Bovis Holdings Limited, of which he had been for some years managing director. He was also chairman and managing director of Gilbert-Ash Limited. He had filled many high offices in the constructional industry. During the war he served for a period as Director of Labour in the*

*Ministry of Works. He was chairman of the council of the Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors in 1955. When the National Contractors Group of the London Master Builders Association was formed in 1959 he served as its first chairman.*

*He married in 1934 Helen Evelyn Jones who survives him with two sons.*

Sir Keith Joseph writes:-

*Paul Gilbert had great strength of character and soundness of judgment. He was a man of integrity and loyalty. Both in his firm - which he did much to enlarge - and in his industry he was highly valued as a leader and as a colleague. Many men now successful in construction fields owe their grasp of detail and of principle to his training. He had himself run vast building projects, like the Mulberry Harbour and could communicate to others his own high standards of purpose and quality. His friendship was warm and he will be mourned by a wide circle.*"<sup>21</sup>

His death notice read:-

*A memorial service for Mr Paul Gilbert was held yesterday at Holy Trinity, Brompton. Prebendary P N Gilliat officiated, an address was given by Sir Keith Joseph, M.P. (Parliamentary Secretary, Minister of Housing and Local Government). The large congregation included:- Mrs Paul Gilbert (widow), Mr Peter Gilbert and Mr John Gilbert (sons), Mr G B Gilbert (brother), Mr Frank Evelyn Jones (father-in-law), Mr J Bromfield"*<sup>22</sup> - several others listed

*Lorence Jones is the son of Frank Evelyn-Jones and Lavinia Walthew. In April 1936 he announced his engagement to Lois Phillips, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Phillips of Strathyre, Lenzie, Scotland.*<sup>23</sup> Lorence had a son Colin.<sup>24</sup>

**Authors note: Due to Ethel and Maud marrying Brownfield cousins, more information is in the chapter on the children of Samuel, Mary Ann's brother.**



**Ethel Beatrice Jones**, the second child of Jonathan Jones and Emily Ann Hall, was born in 1878 in Camberwell, Surrey.<sup>25</sup> She married Sidney Brownfield her cousin, on 7 September 1899 at the Parish Church, Sevenoaks, Kent<sup>26</sup>. Sidney was born on 8 July 1864 in Rotherhithe,<sup>27</sup> London, son of Samuel Brownfield and Anne Deane. Sidney had previously been married to Grace Marie Agnes Marillier<sup>28</sup> who had died in 1896.<sup>29</sup>

In 1901 Sidney was the Deputy Assistant Superintendent of the Surrey Commercial Docks. Ethel and Sidney were living at Rotherhithe<sup>30</sup> with their son Oscar (8 months) and Claude (14), Sidney's son. Sidney's other two children by his first marriage Florence and Hilda were at boarding school. Sidney died in Poplar in 1928<sup>31</sup>. There is no record of his will in the Probate Index. Ethel died on 7 May 1956 at Meadow Road, Ashted, Surrey and was cremated on 11 May at South London Crematorium, Streatham Vale, SW16.<sup>32</sup> They had 2 children:



(i) OSCAR DEANE BROWNFIELD who was born on July 16, 1900 and died, possibly abroad, on November 13, 1925.



(ii) JOAN LILLA BROWNFIELD was the second child of Sidney Brownfield and Ethel Beatrice Evelyn-Jones. She qualified as a nurse and during the blitz in London she looked after a Jane Carswell Andrews (Cassie) Allan who was suffering with cancer.<sup>33</sup> After Mrs Allan died<sup>34</sup> Joan married her husband Thomas Thorpe Kerr Allan, of the National Bank of India, on 5 August 1944 at Holy Trinity Church, Brompton Road, London.<sup>35</sup> They lived first at 114 Gloucester Road, London SW7 and then at "Woodville" Meadow Road, Surrey. Joan contracted Scarlet Fever at the age of twelve which resulted in Mitral Valve disease. She had one successful mitral valve operation but died during a second operation in the Charing Cross Hospital in 1982.

TK as he was known had been born on December 23, 1883 at Ayr in Scotland. On February 1, 1946 he was appointed the General Manager of the National Bank of India, in the city of London,. He retired on March 31, 1953 at the age of 69. He was then appointed a Director of the Bank, which by then had merged with Grindley's Bank.<sup>36</sup> He retired as a director on April 3, 1962 and died in 1965 in Ashted, Surrey.

They had two children:

*Ian Michael Allan*, who was born on 20 June 1945<sup>37</sup>. Ian joined Grindley's Bank (The National Bank of India had been taken over by Grindley's Bank) and died in 1968 in an accident in Turkey, while on a promotional tour for the bank.

*Melody Ann Lysbeth Allan*, who was born on 25 February 1947.<sup>38</sup> Melody became a teacher and married Norman Eddie PICKETT. She now lives in Wiltshire. Melody and Norman do not have any children.

MAUD ISABEL JONES, the third child of Jonathan Jones and Emily Ann Hall, was born on 17 December 1879 in Camberwell Surrey.<sup>39</sup> She married Percy Brownfield her cousin, on 25 July 1901 in Greenwich, Kent.<sup>40</sup> Percy was the son of Samuel Brownfield and Anne Deane. Maud and Percy had a son Jack<sup>41</sup> and a daughter Beatrice.<sup>42</sup> Percy died in 1945<sup>43</sup> and Maud died in 1970 at Southwark.<sup>44</sup>

*John Hall Brownfield* known as Jack, the first child of Percy Brownfield and Maud Isabel Evelyn-Jones, was born on 30 April 1903<sup>45</sup> at 46 Halesworth Road, Lewisham. He did not marry and was a producer for the BBC. He died on the 7 December 1967 of Multiple Myelomatosis at 3 Westbourne Park Road, Paddington, London.<sup>46</sup>

*Ena Beatrice Brownfield* known as Jill, was born in Lewisham between April and June 1909<sup>47</sup>. She was working as a supervisor with a wireless company when she died in Lee near Lewisham at the age of 22 on January 4, 1932 from 'influenzal brocho-pneumonia'.<sup>48</sup>

(iii) JAMES CHARLES HALL, the third child of James Hall and Mary Ann Brownfield, was born in 1851.<sup>49</sup> He was drowned at sea at the age of 22 on 19 December 1872 and is remembered on the gravestone of his grandparents William and Mary Ann Brownfield.<sup>50</sup>

(iv) MARY ANN ISABELLA HALL, the fourth child of James Hall and Mary Ann Brownfield, was born in 1852 in Horton Kirby, Kent.<sup>51</sup> She was baptised on 2 July 1852 in Horton Kirby.<sup>52</sup> In 1881 she was unmarried and living with her married sister Emily's family and her mother at 87 The Grove, Camberwell, Surrey.<sup>53</sup>

(v) HARRY AUGUSTUS HALL, the fifth child of James Hall and Mary Ann Brownfield, was born about 1855 in Horton Kirby, Kent.<sup>54</sup> Harry died on 27 June 1890 in California, USA and is remembered on the gravestone of his grandparents William and Mary Ann Brownfield.<sup>55</sup>

(vi) THOMAS BAYLIS HALL, the sixth child of James Hall and Mary Ann Brownfield, was born in 1857. He died of typhoid fever at sea on 19 January 1878 and is remembered on the gravestone of his grandparents William and Mary Ann Brownfield.<sup>56</sup>

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