

William Henry Brownfield

6. VIII. WILLIAM HENRY BROWNFIELD was born on 12th March 1832 at Ballast Quay and christened on April 18, 1832 at St. Alphege's Church.¹ In the 1861 and 1871 censuses he was recorded at home with his parents. In 1881, he was also recorded as unmarried and living with his sister at Alma Villas, Meopham.² An additional note in the 1881 census records that he was "paralysed from birth". However, when his father William died in 1865 an H. Brownfield reported the death to the registrar.³ It is likely that this was William Henry who must have been known as Henry (his parents had already had one son called William Arbuthnot) and was not so disabled that he was not able to go to the Registrar's and report the death. A special bequest was made to William, presumably for his support, in the wills of both his father and mother. He died on May 6, 1885 and is buried with his parents in Meopham churchyard.⁴

Sources

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1. St Alphege Baptismal register entry for William Henry Brownfield 18 April 1832. Transcript in Greenwich Local History Library.
2. 1881 British Census PRO ref RG11 piece 0878 folio11 page 16 hse 72
3. Death certificate No 476. 31 October 1862. North Aylesford, Kent.
4. Memorial Inscription St John's Churchyard, Meopham