

## Edward Charles BAXTER (1850-1895)

### 1851 Census 12 Singleton St, Swansea, Glamorgan, Wales

George BAXTER	Head	31yrs	Bookseller	b Minchinhampton, Gloucestershire
Emma BAXTER	Wife	23yrs		b Cardiff, Glamorgan, Wales
Olive F. BAXTER	Dau	2yrs		b City of Bristol
Edward BAXTER	Son	3 months		b Swansea, Glamorgan, Wales
George BOWYER	Visitor	41yrs	Bookman	b Westbury, Gloucestershire

### 1861 Census Swansea, Glamorgan, Wales

George BAXTER	Head	41yrs	Bookseller	b Minchinhampton, Gloucestershire
Emma BAXTER	Wife	33yrs		b Cardiff, Glamorgan, Wales
Ollwer BAXTER	Dau	12yrs	Scholar	b Bristol
Charles BAXTER	Son	10yrs	Scholar	b Swansea, Glamorgan, Wales
Laura BAXTER	Dau	3yrs		b Northampton
Emma BAXTER	Dau	1yr		b Southampton
Marshall L. BAXTER	Son	1 month		b Swansea, Glamorgan, Wales
Mary Ann PROWSE	Visitor	58yrs	[married]	b Horsley, Gloucestershire
Edward BAXTER	Lodger	36yrs	Bookseller [widower]	

### 1871 Census 46 Oxford St, Swansea, Glamorgan, Wales

George BAXTER	Head	49yrs	Bookseller	b Minchinhampton, Gloucestershire
Emma BAXTER	Wife	43yrs		b Cardiff, Wales
Ed. C. BAXTER	Son	20yrs	Bookbinder [unmarried]	b Swansea, Wales
George BAXTER	Son	15yrs	Bookbinder assisting	b Northampton
Laura S. BAXTER	Dau	13yrs	School	b Northampton
Emma B. BAXTER	Dau	11yrs	School	b Southampton
Marshall L. BAXTER	Son	10yrs	School	b Swansea, Wales
Florence M. BAXTER	Dau	8yrs	School	b Swansea, Wales
Nellie A. BAXTER	Dau	5yrs	School	b Swansea, Wales
Daniel BAXTER	Son	1yr	School	b Swansea, Wales

*South Wales Daily News 24 Jan 1879 Tenders and Contracts*

The Committee of the Swansea Public Library solicits Tenders for binding the books, from the 21<sup>st</sup> prox to the 31<sup>st</sup> day of October next. Full information as to terms of contract will be supplied by the Chief Librarian. Sealed Tenders marked "Tenders for Binding" must be forwarded to the Hon. Secretary on or before the 25<sup>th</sup> inst. The Committee do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any Tender. James Strick, Hon. Secretary. Secretary's Department, Swansea. January 18<sup>th</sup>, 1879.

*South Wales Daily News 24 Feb 1880 Swansea Free Library – The Chief Librarian to be re-employed*

... Since June the "patents" were twice removed, and the library had been very much disarranged for the convenience of workmen. Mr Lean's time had been greatly taken up, owing to Mr Baxter being employed nearly the whole of one day every week in connection with the lectures; and also by the extra work accruing upon the reception of the Jones library...

*South Wales Daily News 15 Mar 1880 Swansea Public Library – Resignation of the Whole Staff*

On Saturday afternoon a special meeting of the Swansea Public Library Committee was held at Goat-street, there being about 16 members present. Mr Edward Bath presided. The Chairman read a letter from Mr James Strick, which stated:- "In accordance with notice given by me at your last meeting, I beg to place my resignation in your hands. I shall be glad to be relieved of the duties belonging to the hon. secretaryship at as early a date as possible. I am prepared to hand over all books and papers in my possession to any successor, to whom I shall be glad to give every information and assistance." Mr Strick also enclosed the written resignations of **Charles Baxter** and John Roberts, the assistants. Mr Rogers moved that the resignation of the hon. sec. be accepted, and that the thanks of the committee be given to Mr Strick for the work he had done. He could have wished Mr Strick could have seen it convenient with his pleasure and duty and his other engagements to have retained office, at any rate until the end of the year, but as Mr Strick was also joint secretary of the... Association local committee, probably he thought this would be a convenient time to lessen his work. The speaker regretted it on the part of the institution, because to lose their **chief librarian, hon. secretary, and the attendants, who had been there from the commencement**, would be a great inconvenience, and might necessitate the closing of the library for a while, to get all the books in and properly audited, so that the new chief librarian might have everything to his hand. The Chairman waited for some moments for a seconder to the proposition.

Alderman Phillips: Could any pressure be brought to bear upon Mr Strick which would be likely to induce him, under the present circumstances, to alter his determination? Is his determination final? Mr Tulloch: It is very desirable, if only until his successor is appointed. Several members said Mr Strick had told them nothing would make him alter his purpose in this matter.

Dr Rogers: speaking of the successor to the hon. secretaryship, said the town clerk was the most fit and proper person to be the secretary. Mr Thomas had really been joint secretary once, but his name had dropped out by mistake. The library represented a great deal of valuable public property, for the administration of which the Corporation was responsible, therefore the town clerk most the most fit person to be secretary. Mr Brock thought it was due to Mr Strick to pay him the compliment of asking him to continue his valuable services to the library. (Hear, hear.) They knew very well it was not stress of work that led to the resignation of Mr Strick in the first place, and it was the action of the committee in re-employing Lean. Mr D. Jones: It was a vote of censure. Dr

Rodgers said it was not a vote of censure on Mr Strick. It was necessary to appoint the town clerk, because the finance committee now often had difficult questions to deal with. If the town clerk's opinion had been taken before the last report was printed, it would not have been so misleading as it is.

Mr Brock said they did not blink the fact that it was not because of overwork Mr Strick resigned. He moved:- "That this committee exceedingly regret Mr Strick's intimation that he desires to leave office, and earnestly begs him to reconsider the matter, and to consent to retain office, the committee suggesting that Mr John Thomas, town clerk, should be appointed co-secretary with him, and so take from him some of the labour of the office. Mr D. Jones: That is practically superseding him. The speaker also raised the questions whether the town clerk had time to attend the library, and whether he would work harmoniously with the other hon. sec. Dr Rogers had come prepared with the fact that Mr Thomas could and would act as secretary. Mr Brock's proposition took the place of Dr Rogers' original motion, and was carried unanimously.

The committee then considered the resignations of **Baxter** and Roberts, who asked to be allowed to leave as soon as convenient. Mr Bath said there must be someone in charge, or they must close the library. Dr Rogers said the town clerk would see to that. Mr Jenkins asked, in common with the public, what reason these young men had for resigning. There must be something wrong somewhere in the internal management. Mr E. Bath: Most of us can guess the reason very well. Several Members: I don't know. Mr Bath: I imagine it to be the bringing back of Lean here.

Dr Rogers proposed that Roberts' resignation be accepted, and that he be allowed to leave as soon as he had posted up his issues; also that Baxter's resignation be accepted, and that he be requested to hand over all the property of the institution to the hon. secs. Several members claimed that these two attendants should be called in to give their reasons for leaving before their resignations were accepted. Alderman Phillips: That would be paying these young men a higher compliment than you have paid the hon. sec. I think it would be a bad course to pay such a compliment to young men who have not manifested any superior ability in the discharge of the duties of their office. Mr D. Jones remembered Mr James Strick giving Roberts an excellent character for the way he did his duties, and he remembered the ex-chief librarian speaking in the highest terms of **Baxter**.

On the motion of Mr Brock, seconded by Mr Hartland, the two attendants were asked into the room. Roberts came in first. The Chairman: Before dealing with your resignation, the committee wish to know, if you choose to tell, the reasons of your sending in the resignation. Roberts: In one case, because Mr Lean is coming back here. Mr Jenkins: Is that the only reason? Roberts: That is the only reason. I shall not feel comfortable if he comes back again. Alderman Phillips: He is only coming back for three months. **Baxter** was then called in and asked his reason for resigning. **He said**: Because I don't think it would be so conducive to the interests of the institution, my own personal feelings, or Mr Lean's feelings, that I should stop here with him. Mr Jenkins: Is that the only reason? **Mr Baxter**: Three reasons combined, sir. Mr D. Jones: I suppose you are aware Mr Lean's return is only temporary? **Mr Baxter**: I am aware it is for three months, but those three months would not be very comfortable for any of us. I may say that I have been blamed by Mr Lean for what I had nothing to do with.

Dr Rogers then moved that the two resignations be accepted. The impression left upon his mind was that Roberts had not been so candid in giving such information as he possessed when these difficulties first cropped up. It would not be conducive to the interests of the institution that he should remain. But **Baxter** was a useful man at repairing books, and he was very sorry he had to leave. Mr Bath said this proposition would necessitate closing the library. Dr Rogers: You are bound to close the Library. Mr Tulloch: Who is to receive the books that are in circulation? Dr Rogers: The boy Tom is there. Mr Tulloch: You would not leave the whole of the property in the hands of a boy? Dr Rogers: Certainly not.

Mr D. Jones: There is nothing for us but to rescind the resolution passed at the last meeting re-engaging Lean. Then we shall have our secretary back, and all things right. That is our only remedy. Dr Rogers: I had a hint that the idea expressed by Mr Jones was to be urged to-day – that that was to be the policy, and the resignations of these parties were just simply to give force to the idea. But there is no notice on the agenda; it can't be rescinded. Mr Glascodine said that as the committee had got into this “hobble,” they should each give a day's supervision, so as to keep the place open. It was arranged that Roberts and **Baxter** would stay until it was convenient they should leave. Some remarks having been made by Mr Glascodine and others as to the “impertinence” of these two employees resigning “for the purpose of putting the committee into a hole”. Mr Brock was sorry these young men had been so harshly spoke of. Their time was their own, and they were at perfect liberty to take what steps they thought best in life. It was not for the committee to judge them harshly, as if they knew all the motives which actuated them. Mr Lean had certain charges made against him, and in order to exonerate himself, he threw the blame upon these men. If he (Mr Brock) had been charged at their age with what he had not done, he would very likely have taken the same course. It must be remembered that they were giving up the bread they lived upon in this case. Mr Glascodine: In the matter of the 10s, the inquiry showed that Roberts was right and Lean was wrong.

Upon being recalled into the room, **Baxter** and Roberts said they would stay a fortnight, but no longer. Their resignations were then formally accepted. A sub-committee, consisting of Messrs E. Bath, S. Hartland, G. B. Brock, Dr Rogers, Rev J. Young, J. Buse, J. Lewis, and G. Clare, was appointed to read the testimonials of the applicants for the chief librarianship, and select five of the most suitable for recommendation to the next meeting; to appoint subordinate attendants &c. The next monthly meeting was fixed for Saturday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

*Western Mail 01 Jun 1880 Swansea Public Library Committee*

An ordinary monthly meeting of the Swansea Public Library Committee was held on Monday afternoon. Mr Edward Bath presided... The new librarian (Mr Thompson) presented a report of the doings of the institution since his appointment... The lending stock was stated to be in a very unsatisfactory condition, no less than 800 volumes having been withdrawn for binding and repairs. By employing **Mr Baxter** 250 volumes had been repaired and again placed in circulation. He strongly recommended that a bookbinder should be appointed... Mr Smith moved the appointment of Mr Baxter as binder at 27s per week.

*The Cambrian 04 Mar 1881 The Swansea Free Library*

The monthly meeting of the Committee of the Swansea Free Library was held at the Central Institution on Tuesday... Mr Francis drew the attention of the committee to an occurrence in reference to a rare and valuable book. "The Swansea Guide," published in 1802. He first asked that Mr Thompson, the librarian, should state what had taken place. Mr Thompson stated that a fortnight last Thursday, on his coming back from tea, Mr Roberts the assistant informed him that Mr Thomas Rees, accompanied by Mr James Jones, both members of the Council, had come to the library and asked to be shewn the copy of the Swansea Guide for 1802. On the book being produced Mr Rees said "this book is mine," and was going to take it, when the sub-librarian said "No, sir, it is not yours." Mr Rees, however, insisted it was his book, and he (Mr Thompson) believed that Mr Roberts was obliged to put himself before the door to prevent Mr Rees not to take away the book – if he thought it was his, he had better make a claim to the committee for it. Mr Francis said that the committee having now heard the statement of the librarian, he (Mr Francis) should like to make a few remarks in reference to this book. The *gravamen* of the case was this. In the year 1877 Mr Mansel of *The Cambrian* office, put into his hand a Swansea Guide. On examining the book he found that it was an unbound one, and that it had no frontispiece. He asked Mr Mansel if the book was for sale – would a five pound note buy it. He said he could not sell it as it was not his property, and he thereupon handed it back to Mr Mansel. Now he (Mr Francis) had book agents in different parts of the country who were kind enough to send him their catalogues of libraries or rare books which were for sale, and two or more years ago, he received a catalogue from an Edinburgh bookseller, wherein was "The Swansea Guide, 1802." He at once telegraphed to his agent to buy it for him at any price, and on its receipt he was delighted to find it was thoroughly intact – with a full book plate, bearing the armorial coat and the name of Lord Omathwaite. When he had the book he took it down to *The Cambrian* office and shewed it to Mr Mansel and others in that office. He also took the book down to the Royal Institution and shewed it there, and in fact to a great number of other persons. The book as he had before stated contained a book-plate, and on presenting it to the Free Library he told the then librarian, Mr Lean, that on no account was he to remove the book-plate. Mr Lean had however ordered the book-plate to be taken out and pasted on the fly-leaf, which leaf is now gone. But herein comes the strange part of this affair. Sometime after its presentation, Mr Mansel and Mr Thomas Rees had come to the library and getting the book shewn to them, Mr Mansel stated that in his opinion it was Mr Rees's book; but Mr Rees declared that it had been rebound, for he was of course perfectly well aware that his was an unbound book. **Mr Baxter at once said "Oh! no this book has never been re-bound."** How do you know that, asked Mr Rees, **because, replied Baxter, "I am a practical book-binder, having worked at it all my life and I am sure this book has never been re-bound."** If the committee would examine the book they would see that an attempt had been made to eradicate his (Mr Francis's) name, either by the use of an acid of some kind or by the tongue. He mentioned this to shew the necessity of care being taken to have every book which came into the library so stamped and marked that no mistake could in future be made.

*1881 Census 17 Portia Terrace, Swansea Town, Glamorgan, Wales*

Charles BAXTER	Head	30yrs	Assistant Librarian	b Swansea, Glamorgan, Wales
Emma BAXTER	Wife	29yrs		b Barnet, Hertfordshire
Olive BAXTER	Dau	7yrs	Scholar	b Barnet, Hertfordshire
Emma BAXTER	Dau	6yrs	Scholar	b Barnet, Hertfordshire
Florin BAXTER	Dau	4yrs		b London
Chas. H. BAXTER	Son	9 months		b Swansea, Glamorgan, Wales

*Butcher's Swansea District Directory 1881-1882 Swansea Street Directory page 104*  
Clarence terrace (from William Street to Wellington Street) No.16 Charles Baxter, (j) bookbinder

*The Cambrian 06 May 1881 Swansea Public Library*  
At the meeting of this committee held on Tuesday... The Librarian read his monthly report, which was of the usual tenor. It was stated that Mr Baxter, the bookbinder, had been chosen sub-librarian at Newcastle-on-Tyne, at a salary of £80 per annum. Instead of replacing this officer, the librarian suggested that in future the book-binding should be let by tender, and that a junior assistant should be appointed to assist in the routine work.

*Morning Post 20 Dec 1881 Kingston-on-Thames Free Public Library*  
Mrs J. Shrubsole, a resident of Kingston, has given a donation of £500 towards the funds of the above institution, about to be established.

*The Monthly Notes of the Library Association of the United Kingdom 1882 p73*  
Kingston-on-Thames. The Rev J. M. Gordon writes:- "Out of the gentlemen who applied to us for the post of Librarian, we selected Mr Charles Baxter, formerly of Newcastle and Swansea libraries, and he came to reside here in January last..."

*Surrey Mirror 29 Apr 1882 Political and Personal*  
The Duke of Cambridge is to open the free library at Kingston, and on the same day will unveil the Shrubsole memorial. Mr Shrubsole was a draper and banker of Kingston, and twice Mayor.

*Surrey Mirror 06 May 1882 The Duke of Cambridge at Kingston*  
The ancient Borough of Kingston-on-Thames was *en fete* on Monday in honour of the visit of his Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, who performed two important ceremonies, viz., the unveiling of the Shrubsole Memorial, which had been erected to the memory of the late Mayor, one of Kingston's greatest benefactors; and the opening of the Industrial and Fine Art Exhibition, which is on an extensive scale. The town was gaily decorated for the occasion. His Royal Highness was met at Kingston-hill shortly after 12 o'clock by the Mayor and Corporation, and escorted to the Shrubsole Memorial, in the Market-place, where a report was read by the hon. secretary, after which the Duke dedicated the memorial to public use. His Royal Highness subsequently proceeded with the corporate body to the Industrial Exhibition at the Drill Hall, which was crowded. The Mayor presided, and a report was read of the circumstances which had led to the promotion of the Exhibition. At the conclusion of the ceremony his Royal Highness was conducted over the hall and inspected the various exhibits, many of which evidenced the possession of great creative and manipulative skill on the part of persons resident in the town and neighbourhood. The Duke was afterwards entertained at luncheon at the Town Hall, several distinguished noblemen and gentlemen having been invited to meet him there, including Lord Midleton, Lord Lovelace, the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of London, and the members for Mid-Surrey.

*Western Morning News 16 Sep 1885*  
The eighth annual meeting of the Library Association of the United Kingdom commenced at Plymouth yesterday... The members of the Association present included... Charles Baxter, librarian, Free Library, Kingston-on-Thames...

*Kingston-on-Thames All Saints Parish Registers – Surrey History Centre reference P33/1/21*

No.1085 Edward Sydney Baxter born 30 Apr 1882	baptized 04 Jun 1882 son of Charles & Emma Baxter of Thirfield Road, Kingston, Librarian
No.1599 George Marshall Baxter born 25 Mar 1885	baptized 17 May 1885 son of Charles & Emma Baxter of 2 Downhall Terrace, Kingston, Librarian
No.3074 Florence Baxter of Downhall Villas, Kingston	buried 19 Dec 1885 aged 9 years
No.1983 Henry Rigby Baxter born 04 Nov 1887	baptized 04 Dec 1887 son of Charles and Emma Baxter of Downhall Villas, Kingston, Librarian
No.874 Henry Rigby Baxter of Downhall Villas, Kingston	buried 21 Dec 1887 aged 1 month
No.2252 Harrie Ward Baxter born 04 Dec 1889	baptized 05 Jan 1890 son of Charles & Emma Baxter of Downhall Villas, Kingston, Librarian

*Kingston Cemetery Burial Records - [https://www.kingston.gov.uk/directory/20/burial\\_records](https://www.kingston.gov.uk/directory/20/burial_records)*

No.11861 Florence Baxter died 16 Dec 1885. Address: Lower Ham Road. Undertaker: Bartlett. Buried 19 Dec 1885 at 3.30 p.m. by Rev H. Nixon. Grave: Class C No.1294

No.13106 Harry Rigby Baxter died 19 Dec 1887 aged 6 weeks. Address: Down Hall Villas, Lower Ham Road. Undertaker: Bartlett. Buried 21 Dec 1887 at 3.30 pm by Rev H. Nixon. Grave: C Class No.1294

*The Scotsman 04 Jun 1887 Edinburgh Public Library – The Librarianship*

The following is the list of candidates for the appointment of principal librarian, the salary attached to which is £300. There are in all fifty-two applicants:-

**Charles Baxter, librarian, Kingston-upon-Thames**; Emily Beyer, London; Edward M. Borrajo, librarian, London; J. Potter Briscoe, librarian, Nottingham; George Caddell, Lausanne, Switzerland; William Carfrae, librarian, Edinburgh; Henry J. Clark, London; W. R. Crealand, librarian, Manchester; Robert Dunlop, London; William Elgin, Edinburgh; R. S. Faber, London; Major George Grahame, Edinburgh; John Greig, Edinburgh; W. J. Haggerston, librarian, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Gavin Hamilton, Edinburgh; Walter M. Hardie, printer, Edinburgh; J. W. Hay, librarian, Brighton; John Ingram, librarian, Glasgow; William Kerr, teacher, Blackford, Perthshire; James Lunn, bookseller, Edinburgh; John M. Maccalum, Greenock; George McWhea, librarian, Edinburgh; William May, librarian, Sheffield; Hew Morrison, teacher, Brechin; Frank Pacey, librarian, Richmond; W. D. Pink, Manchester; H. M. Prideaux, solicitor's clerk, Clifton, Bristol; C. S. D. Rabbitt, librarian, Salford; J. F. G. S. Redmayne, Newcastle-on-Tyne; William Robinson, bookseller, Great Driffield, York; Lloyd C. Saunders, London; Alex C. Shaw, librarian, Birmingham; John Scott, teacher, Berwick-on-Tweed; William W. Stephens, Edinburgh; Arthur Smith, librarian, Liverpool; George Scott Smith, Edinburgh; Samuel Smith, librarian, Worcester; A. P. Snodgrass, Grantham; William A. Sothern, librarian, London; Robert Sutherland, teacher, Edinburgh; Carl A. Thinun, London; John E. Tinkler, librarian, Manchester; John Thomson, Worcester; W. Robertson Turnbull, Gladsmuir, Macmerry; John Vaughan, Bournemouth; H. W. Wallace, Cambridge; James T. Watt, librarian, Southampton; Arthur Williams, teacher, Saffron Waldon; Robert Wilson, librarian, Dundee; J. B. Wood, librarian, Bradford; James Yates, librarian, Leeds.

*1891 Census 4 Downhall Terrace, Kingston, Surrey*

Charles BAXTER	Head	40yrs	Public Librarian	b Swansea, Glamorgan, Wales
Emma BAXTER	Wife	39yrs		b Barnet, Hertfordshire
Olive BAXTER	Dau	17yrs	Assistant Librarian [unmarried]	b Barnet, Hertfordshire
Emma BAXTER	Dau	16yrs		b Barnet, Hertfordshire
Charles H. BAXTER	Son	10yrs	Scholar	b Kingston, Surrey
Edward S. BAXTER	Son	8yrs	Scholar	b Kingston, Surrey
George M. BAXTER	Son	6yrs	Scholar	b Kingston, Surrey
Harrie W. BAXTER	Son	1yr		b Kingston, Surrey

*The Directory of Second-hand Booksellers and List of Public Libraries edited by James Clegg (1891) page 116*

Kingston-upon-Thames Public Library: Charles Baxter, Librarian. Established 1881. Number of volumes in Lending Department, 5,500; Reference Department 2,500; annual circulation 44,278. Annual income from penny rate £460, about £100 of this being expended in books. *Desiderata*:- Local Books and Prints. Open on week-days from 9 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.

*Kelly's Directory of Kent, Surrey & Sussex 1891 – Part 3 Surrey – Kingston-on-Thames*

Free Public Library, St James' road, George Porter, hon. sec.; Charles Baxter, librarian  
Charles Baxter, 4 Down Hall terrace, Lower Ham road

The Free Public Library, temporarily situated in St James' road, was opened in 1882; the library was increased by a donation of £500 from Mrs John Shrubsole, in memory of John and Henry Shrubsole, Esqs and during the year 1883 was further augmented by a benefaction of £1000, from Alfred Rowlls Rowlls Esq.; it now contains over 8,000 volumes, classified as lending and reference libraries, with a good news room.

<i>Surrey Electoral Register – Parish of Kingston-upon-Thames – Occupation Voters – Division 2 – Persons entitled to Vote as Parliamentary Voters</i>		
1885 Voter No.1512	Charles Baxter, 2 Down Hall terrace, Ham Road, Kingston-upon-Thames	Qualification: Dwelling House (successive)
1885 Voter No.1513	Charles Baxter, 11 St James' Road, Kingston-upon-Thames	Qualification: Free public library
1886 Voter No.A1107	Charles Baxter, 2 Down Hall terrace, Ham Road, Kingston-upon-Thames	Qualification: Dwelling House
1887 Voter No.A1107	Charles Baxter, 2 Down Hall terrace, Ham Road, Kingston-upon-Thames	Qualification: Dwelling House
1888 Voter No.A1118	Charles Baxter, 2 Down Hall terrace, Ham Road, Kingston-upon-Thames	Qualification: Dwelling House
1889 Voter No.A1031	Charles Baxter, 2 Down Hall terrace, Ham Road, Kingston-upon-Thames	Qualification: Dwelling House
1890 Voter No.C249	Charles Baxter, 2 Down Hall terrace, Ham Road, Kingston-upon-Thames	Qualification: Dwelling House
1891 Voter No.C780	Charles Baxter, Down Hall villas, Ham Road, Kingston-upon-Thames	Qualification: Dwelling House
1892 Voter No.C823	Charles Baxter, 4 Down Hall villas, Ham Road, Kingston-upon-Thames	Qualification: Dwelling House
1893 Voter No.C5126	Charles Baxter, Free Library, High Street, Kingston-upon-Thames	Qualification: Service
1894 Voter No.C5213	Charles Baxter, Clattern house, Kingston	Qualification: Dwelling House, Service
1895 Voter No.C5267	Charles Baxter, Clattern house, High Street, Kingston-upon-Thames	Qualification: Dwelling House, Service
1896 Voter No.C5490	Charles <b>BAKER</b> , Clattern house, High Street, Kingston-upon-Thames Also 1 Piper road 1901 Census: Caretaker at Free Library; aged 62yrs, born Marylebone; wife Annie, 60yrs, born Paddington; residing 5 High Street	Qualification: Dwelling house, service, successive

*Surrey Mirror 24 Nov 1894*

Shall Kingston Free Public Library be opened on Sundays? That was the question which the members of the Kingston Ratepayers' Association were asked to answer on Tuesday evening last, at the request of Mr Nancarrow. But they declined to answer it in a definitive manner. The pros and cons were fully discussed, but this was not sufficient, and it was eventually decided that the further consideration of the subject should stand over for six months. As the majority who voted in favour of this decision comprised almost all the members present, probably the gentlemen who propounded the question will feel that it has been sufficiently answered.

*North West Kent Family History Society Burials – Gravesend Municipal Cemetery*

Edward Charles Baxter of Parrock Street was buried 23 Aug 1895 aged 44yrs.

*1901 Census 32 Chapel Place St John the Evangelist and St Margaret, London*

Elizabeth FORTY	Head	51yrs	Living on own means [single]	b Chelsea, London
Emma BAXTER	Lodger	49yrs	Matron Instit [widow]	b Barnet, Herts

*1901 Census 36 Chapel Place St John the Evangelist and St Margaret, London*

Elizabeth TODD	Head	31yrs	Dyers Presser [widow]	b Surrey
William TODD	Dau	12yrs	Scholar	b Norfolk
Dorothy TODD	Dau	8yrs	Scholar	b Brixton, London
Robert GRAVES	Head	85yrs	Joiner Carpenter	b Strand, London
Emma GRAVES	Wife	68yrs		b Caufield, Essex
Emma BAXTER	Lodger	25yrs	[single]	b Barnet, Hertfordshire

*1901 Census 35 Ashdown Road, Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey*

Henry T. RIGBY	Head	62yrs	Living on own means	b Richmond, Surrey
Charlotte RIGBY	Wife	61yrs		b Richmond, Surrey
Marshall BAXTER	Visitor	16yrs	Clerk (newspaper office)	b Kingston, Surrey

*1911 Census 4 Hester Terrace, Dover Road, East Northfleet, Kent*

Emma BAXTER*	Head	59yrs	Sick Nurse on own account [widow]	b Barnet, Middlesex
Emma BAXTER	Dau	36yrs	[single]	b Barnet, Middlesex

\* Emma had a total of 9 children, 6 living and 3 deceased

*1911 Census 72 Hopkinston Road, Pontypridd (4 rooms)*

Charles BAXTER	Head	30yrs	Coal Miner (Repairer) Belno Ground	b Swansea, Glamorgan
Elizabeth BAXTER	Wife	26yrs	Married 3 year; 2 children	b Ogmore, Glamorgan
Charles Haydn BAXTER	Son	4 months		b Pontypridd, Glamorgan
Gwladys Elizabeth BAXTER	Dau	2 years		b Pontypridd, Glamorgan

*1911 Census 52 Campbell Road, Gravesend (5 rooms)*

Edward Sydney BAXTER	Head	29yrs	Compositor, Printing works	b Kingston, Surrey
Rosalie BAXTER	Wife	26yrs	Married 8 years; 5 children	b Redhill, Surrey
Laura BAXTER	Dau	7yrs		b Billingshurst, Sussex
Edward Sydney BAXTER	Son	6yrs		b Leytonstone, Essex
Marshall Frederick BAXTER	Son	4yrs		b Forest Gate, Essex
Ruby Doris BAXTER	Dau	3yrs		b Seven Kings, Essex
Stanley Ward BAXTER	Son	1yr		b Gravesend, Kent

*1911 Census 32 Tunley Road, Harlesden, Middlesex (4 rooms)*

George Marshall BAXTER	Head	29yrs	Assistant Superintendent, Refuse Assurance Co.	b Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey
Mabel Gertrude BAXTER	Wife	21yrs	Married 2 years; 2 children	b Kingston, Surrey
Gertrude Mabel Dorothy BAXTER	Dau	1yr	Infant	b Kingston, Surrey
Ellen Florence Jane BAXTER	Dau	9 months	Infant	b Harlesden, Middlesex

*National Probate Calendar 1961*

Edward Sydney Baxter of 39 The Fairway Bickley Bromley Kent died 23 February 1961 at Orpington Hospital Kent. Probate London 10 May to Stanley Ward Baxter printer and Thomas Edmund Higerty accountant. Effects £4304 10s 9d.