

John Walter BIGGS (1829-1881)

| <i>1841 Census Nelson St, City Road, St Luke, Middlesex, England</i> | | | | |
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| John BIGGS | | 40yrs | Teacher | born in the county |
| Ann BIGGS | | 35yrs | | born in the county |
| John BIGGS | | 12yrs | | born in the county |
| James BIGGS | | 10yrs | | born in the county |
| Thomas BIGGS | | 3yrs | | born in the county |
| Henry BIGGS | | 2yrs | | born in the county |
| Jane GREY | | 15yrs | Female servant | born in the county |
| James ANDERSON | | 30yrs | Clerk | born Scotland |
| John ANDERSON | | 35yrs | Clerk | born Scotland |

| <i>1851 Census 100 Haberdasher Walk, St John Hoxton, Shoreditch</i> | | | | |
|---|-------|----------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| John Walter BIGGS | Head | 23yrs | Journeyman bookseller | b St Lukes, Middlesex |
| Elizabeth Sarah BIGGS | Wife | 23yrs | | b St Lukes, Middlesex |
| John Charles BIGGS | Son | 2yrs | | b Cripplegate City |
| James Walter BIGGS | Son | 3 months | | b Shoreditch, Middlesex |
| Allen JAYNSON? | Servt | 14yrs | House servant | b High Wycombe, Berkshire |

| <i>1861 Census Pring... Uxbridge, Middlesex</i> | | | | |
|---|-------|----------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| John W. BIGGS | Head | 32yrs | Cabinet maker employing 4 men | b St Lukes, Middlesex |
| Elizabeth BIGGS | Wife | 33yrs | | b St Lukes, Middlesex |
| John C. BIGGS | Son | 12yrs | Scholar | b Cripplegate, Middlesex |
| Elizabeth A. BIGGS | Dau | 5yrs | Scholar | b Hoxton, Middlesex |
| Ruth M. BIGGS | Dau | 5yrs | Scholar | b Uxbridge, Middlesex |
| Henry W. BIGGS | Son | 3yrs | | b Uxbridge, Middlesex |
| Alice E. BIGGS | Dau | 6 months | | b Uxbridge, Middlesex |
| Susannah GRIMSHAW | Servt | 21yrs | [unmarried] | b Uxbridge, Middlesex |

London Gazette 20 Feb 1863 p35

Notice is hereby given, that the following is a copy of an entry made in the book kept by the Chief Registrar of the Court of Bankruptcy for the Registration of Trust Deeds for the benefit of creditors, Composition and Inspectorship Deeds executed by a debtor, as required by the Bankruptcy Act 1861 secs 187,192,194, 196 and 198

Number: 3601

Title of Deed, whether Deed of Assignment, Composition, or Inspectorship: Assignment for the benefit of Creditors

Date of Deed: 28th January, 1863 Date of execution by Debtor: 28th January, 1863

Name and description of the Debtor, as in the Deed: John Walter Biggs, of Uxbridge, Middlesex, Upholsterer and Cabinet Maker

The names and descriptions of the Trustees or other parties to the deed, not including the creditors: Malcolm Stewart Riach, of Gresham-street West, in the city of London, Carpet Warehouseman, trustee for himself and the rest of the creditors of the said John Walter Biggs.

A short statement of the nature of the Deed: Assignment of the said John Walter Biggs of all his real and personal estate whatsoever and wheresoever unto the said Malcolm Stewart Reach, upon trust, for the benefit of all the creditors of the said John Walter Biggs.

When left for Registrations: 19th February, 1863, at 3 o'clock, afternoon - C. H. Keene, Registrar

Windsor and Eton Express 16 Sep 1865 Uxbridge

Mr J. W. Biggs will sell by auction, on the Premises, High Street, Uxbridge (next door to the London and County Bank), on Tuesday, September 19th, at 12 for 1, the household furniture, iron bedsteads, fenders and fire-irons, floor-cloths, mats, engravings, glass, Royal Arms large size in oak, crane, work benches, stamps for marking sacks, gas burners, piping, and numerous effects. May be viewed the day prior and morning of sale; and catalogues had at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge; and of the Auctioneers, 8 West Street, Gravesend.

Hall's Gravesend, Milton and Northfleet Directory and Advertiser 1865

Jno. Walter Biggs, 8 West St, Oil & Colorman – and Window GLS. WHS – and Insurance Agent for Scottish Union 8 & 9 West Street

Gravesend Reporter, North Kent and South Esses Advertiser 07 Oct 1865 Advertisement

Quality not Quantity is the true test of Cheapness! John W. Biggs, (Successor to A. Macdonell, late J. Hill,) Oil, Paint, Pitch, Tar, Varnish, Paper Hanging and Glass Warehouse, 8 West Street, Gravesend. Shipping supplied with Engine, Lamp and other Oils, Cotton Wiping, Oakum, Tallow, Paints of every colour, Brushes, Mops, &c. House Painters' Materials of all descriptions, Sashes, Greenhouses and Garden Lights glazed, Paraffin lamps and non-explosive Oil. N.B. – Shippers and the Trade supplied at Wholesale Prices.

Maidstone Journal and Kentish Advertiser 05 Mar 1866 Serious Fire

On Friday night, shortly before ten o'clock, information was given at the police-station that a fire had broken out in West-street. Supt. White, the police clerk, Mr W. F. White, and a body of the fire police with No.1 engine, hose, reel, and fire annihilators, at once proceeded to the scene of the conflagration, and found that the shop, No.9, West-street, in the occupation of Mr J. C. Steer, draper, &c., was entirely enveloped in flames. The door was burst open and the only annihilator in condition was used with great effect, but in consequence of the great current of air, and the delay in getting a supply of water, the flames again got a strong hold in front and rear. Water having at length being obtained, the fire was subdued, but not until the premises had been thoroughly gutted, and some damage done to the back-part of No.8, occupied by Mr J. W. Biggs, as an oil and colour warehouse. No.10, occupied by Mr Rackstraw, and the houses immediately adjoining were slightly damaged by fire and water. The fire is supposed to have been caused by a boy going into the shop with a lighted candle, for the purpose of extinguishing the gas. His Worship the mayor (J. Gould, Esq.), Thomas Troughton, Esq., and J. Quaife, Esq. were early on the spot, and great assistance was rendered to the police by a body of coast guards under Mr Hoare, and a detachment of soldiers from Milton barracks, under Provost Sergeant Morain, and Corporal Grimston. The house is insured in the Scottish Union Fire Office, and the contents in the Phoenix Fire Office.

Gravesend Reporter, North Kent and South Essex Advertiser 10 Mar 1866 Fire in West Street

Another house has been destroyed by fire. On the night of Friday (yesterday) week, at about twenty minutes to ten, the premises of Mr J. C. Steer, linen draper, West-street, were discovered to be on fire, and information was at once sent to the police-station, and Mr Superintendent White, with Mr F. W. White, were, with one of the engines and a fire annihilator, soon on the spot. The fire annihilator was discharged, and produced a decided effect in checking the fire, but we understand it could not be repeated through the stock of charges being exhausted, and the company being broken up a further supply cannot be obtained. The fire gained strength rapidly, the flames coming out fearfully into the street, and scorching Mr Botting's house opposite. The adjoining house was that of Mr Biggs, oil and colourman, and where a quantity of oil, turpentine, and other inflammable materials are stored. Every effort was made to prevent this igniting, and these efforts proved successful, as, although Mr Steer's house was completely gutted and the roof destroyed, neither of the adjoining houses took fire. The Mayor, with several other gentlemen were present, and great service was rendered by Mr Hore, of the coast-guard service, and some men under him, with some soldiers from the barracks. Much delay took place in getting water. The house and stock were insured.

Maidstone Journal and Kentish Advertiser 14 Mar 1870

The weekly meeting of the Board of Guardians, Gravesend and Milton Union, was held on Thursday. Present, Messrs M. Troughton (Chairman), G. Taylor, T. Troughton, G. Sams, C. Spencer, G. Carter, F. Leith, and E. Gregory... "This meeting therefore calls upon the Guardians, not to take a step which will impose an additional and unnecessary burden upon the ratepayers, as well as tax many in support of teaching to which they conscientiously object (Signed by) J. H. Hatten, John Savage, Charles M. Elkin, J. T. Cooper, George Tulk, John Gipps, John Baker, Pascoe Fenwick, Richard Frost, John R. Wallis, L. J. Essenhigh, Alfred Spain, E. Savage, John R. May, William Badman, Samuel Giles, John A. Stirton, John Gould, Samuel Purcell, W. G. Penman, E. M. Penman, Edwin Richards, Tom Smith, John Brightman, Benjamin Martin, H. A. Fisher, H. G. Armstrong, Robert Knel, William Woodray, William Box, Frederick Carpenter, Joseph Grocock, William Carpenter, Edwin Willoughby, John Emery, T. Down, A. E. Cranfield, **J. W. Biggs**, George S. Bennett, Edmund Coomer, Mark Martin, Theophilus Smith, Edward C. Paine, Edward M. Martin, William Boulger, A. Whibley.

Gravesend Reporter, North Kent and South Essex Advertiser 17 Sep 1870

The remaining portion of the stock and utensils in trade of Mr W. Ashbee, grocer, who has removed from Gravesend, will be sold by Auction, by J. W. Biggs on the premises, 5 West-street, Gravesend, on Wednesday, Sept. 21st, 1870, at two for three o'clock. May be viewed the morning of Sale, and Catalogues to be obtained of the Auctioneer, 8 and 9, West-street, Gravesend.

Maidstone Journal and Kentish Advertiser 27 Mar 1871

A vestry meeting for Gravesend Parish was held on Thursday evening, in the parish church. The meeting was called for the purpose of nominating householders to be returned to the Justices, for their appointment of overseers; of electing Surveyors of Highways for the ensuing year; passing the Surveyors' accounts; and appointing auditors of the watch rate. The Chairman proposed the following gentlemen for the overseers' list:- Messrs Elliott, Fletcher, John Boorman, and Walter Richards. Mr Davies proposed the following gentlemen:- Messrs **J. W. Biggs**, Charles Lockey, Thomas Eversfield, Edward Copeland, Joseph Strickland, George Muller, Lewis Chandler, John Tidby, George Smoker, and Alfred Barker. Mr Mitchell said that a vestry meeting held in that part of the church was not legal. The Clerk and Mr Jewell asked why it was not legal? Mr Mitchell replying to Mr Jewell said that he had had too much of him before. Mr Jewell hoped that Mr Mitchell would avoid being personal. The Chairman remarked that it had been customary when the vestry was not large enough for the number attending the meeting to adjourn to the body of the church. Mr Mitchell then went on to say that Mr Jewell was neither a ratepayer nor a parishioner. Mr Jewell replied that Mr Mitchell had made a statement which was untrue. After some further remarks from Mr Mitchell the ordinary business was resumed. The Clerk remarked that the usual number of names sent to the justices was ten. Mr Patience proposed Mr W. Carpenter. Mr Bates proposed Mr Wright. Mr Fulljames proposed Messrs Wright, Fulljames and Mitchell. Mr Carter suggested that all the names of those present should be forwarded to the magistrates. **Mr Biggs** proposed Mr Stevens. Mr Jewell proposed Mr Letton. Mr Letton said he should want to be paid. Messrs Jones, Smith, and Patience were afterwards proposed. The next business was that of electing surveyor or surveyors of highways for the ensuing year. Mr Jewell proposed and Mr Carter seconded, that Mr James French be re-elected. Carried. The Chairman proposed, and **Mr Biggs** seconded, that Mr John Wood be also appointed surveyor. Resolved. It was then proposed that the following be re-elected auditors; Messrs George Carter, James Davies, J. Elkin, E. C. Paine, S. White, A. Whibley and J. Steel. Mr Fulljames proposed that Messrs Eastmure and C. Relph be added. Mr Penman suggested the desirability of having the accounts audited at a public vestry instead of in private. This was done in Milton parish. The Clerk remarked that often only three or four persons attended a vestry. If the accounts were audited by the auditors there would be eight or nine persons to overlook them. Mr Jewell said that if it was practicable he should like to see it done at a public vestry. People would then be able to understand a little about it, and would not wish to impute things that had recently been imputed. Mr Carter asked how the accounts could be audited at a public vestry? Some of the books would take a professional man a couple of days to do. Mr Penman remarked that for this purpose they had an examiner of rates in Milton parish. **Mr Biggs** objected to having rates publicly audited; he was quite sure that the auditors would be hampered by persons present. Mr Jewell suggested that Mr Biggs' name should be added to the list of auditors. Mr Nettleingham thought that two auditors would do as well as seven. He would propose Messrs Carter and **Biggs**. The Clerk said that a part of the auditors' work was to check and cast up about two or three hundred columns of figures. The proposition that the seven gentlemen first named be the auditors for the ensuing year was then put, and carried by majority, their being 17 for and 10 against. Mr Carter then moved that the number be limited to seven. This was seconded by Mr Davies, and also carried by majority. It was next resolved to adjourn the audit of the surveyors' accounts till the next vestry meeting. The meeting then terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

| <i>1871 Census 8 West St, Gravesend, Kent</i> | | | | | |
|---|------|-------|------------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| John W. BIGGS | Head | 42yrs | Oil & Colour Dealer | | b St Lukes, Middlesex |
| Elizth Sarah BIGGS | Wife | 43yrs | | | b St Lukes, Middlesex |
| John Chas. BIGGS | Son | 22yrs | Oilman's shopman [unmarried] | | b Cripplegate, Middlesex |
| Elizabeth A. BIGGS | Dau | 19yrs | [unmarried] | | b Hoxton, Middlesex |
| Ruth Mary BIGGS | Dau | 15yrs | | | b Uxbridge, Middlesex |
| Alice Emma BIGGS | Dau | 10yrs | Scholar | | b Uxbridge, Middlesex |
| Albert Thos. BIGGS | Son | 9yrs | Scholar | | b Uxbridge, Middlesex |
| Joseph E. BIGGS | Son | 6yrs | Scholar | | b Uxbridge, Middlesex |
| Mary A. S. BIGGS | Dau | 2yrs | | | b Gravesend, Kent |

Hall's Gravesend, Milton and Northfleet Directory 1871
 John Walter Biggs, Oilman, 8 West Street & under the heading Oil & Colourman – 8 & 9 West Street

Maidstone Journal and Kentish Advertiser 15 Jan 1872 Coroner's Inquests
 An inquest was held at the Town Hall, on Monday afternoon, before E. A. Hilder, Esq., coroner, on the body of a woman, named Caroline Heath, aged 51, who was picked up in the canal, on Friday morning. Mr John Walter Biggs was chosen foreman of the jury...

Maidstone Journal and Kentish Advertiser 25 Mar 1872 Vestry Meetings
 A vestry meeting for the parish of Gravesend was held in the vestry of St. George's Church, on Thursday evening, Mr Churchwarden Paine in the chair, for the purpose of nominating persons eligible to be submitted to the Bench of Magistrates for the selection of officers for the ensuing year, and the passing the accounts of the Surveyor of Highways. Contrary to the usual custom, there was a considerable attendance of parishioners, including Mr Jewell, Churchwarden, Mr W. Newman, Vestry Clerk, and Messrs. Carpenter, Relph, Mitchell, Tucker, Littlewood, Pain, White, Dean, French, Bell, Terry &c. After some preliminary proceedings, it was agreed that the following names should be nominated:- Messrs E. Fletcher, W. Bates, J. P. Strickland, Charles Relph, R. French, **J. W. Biggs**, T. Mitchell, W. Venn, W. Richards, E. Copland, C. Lockey, and Thomas Eversfield. The accounts of the Surveyor of Highways having been duly examined and passed, Mr James French was re-elected to the office, repudiating any notion of being paid for his services.

Maidstone Journal and Kentish Advertiser 06 Apr 1872 Appointment of Overseers
 Mr J. W. Biggs, of West-street, and Mr C. Relph (surveyor), New-road, were selected by the Bench as overseers for the parish of Gravesend; and Mr Thomas Busby, of Windmill-street, and Mr William Boorman of Milton-road, as overseers of Milton Parish.

Maidstone Journal and Kentish Advertiser 29 Jul 1872 Gravesend Petty Sessions

Wednesday – before the Mayor (T. Troughton, Esq.), and G. Sams, Esq. ... Several poor rate summonses for Gravesend parish, were afterwards dealt with; Mr Biggs, one of the overseers, attending with Mr Turner, the collector.

Maidstone Journal and Kentish Advertiser 02 Dec 1872 Assessment Court Meeting

A meeting of the Assessment Committee of the Gravesend and Milton Union was held on Thursday, for the purpose of hearing objections to assessments on the general and supplemental lists for the parishes of Gravesend and Milton; present Messrs Sams (chairman), Spencer, T. Troughton, Gregory, Jeffrey, Garrad, Spain, and Dr Armstrong. The following parish officers were present:- Messrs **Biggs** and Relph, jun., overseers, and Mr Turner, for the Gravesend parish; and Mr Boorman, overseer, and Mr Winnett, collector, for Milton parish. The following is the list of the objections dealt with at this meeting:- Parish of Gravesend – George Milledge, 4 Gladstone-place, gross rental £14, rateable value £11 5, reduced to £12, and £9 10s; Hugh C. Wilson, 2 Portland-road, gross rental £55, rateable value £47 10s., reduced to £50 and £43 15s; John Walls, 1 Portland-road, gross rental £55, rateable value £47 10s., reduced to £50 and £43 15s; John Goldfinch, 1-3 and 5-6 Gladstone-place, gross rental £11 10s, rateable value £9 5s each, altered to £12 and £9 10s each; Ellen Ray, 41 West-street, gross rental £20, rateable value £15, reduced to £15 and £12; James Jewess, 43 West-street, gross rental £20, rateable value £15, reduced to £17 and £13 10s; William Shuttlewood, 42 West-street, gross rental £19, rateable value £15, no alteration. Parish of Milton...

Maidstone Journal and Kentish Advertiser 07 Dec 1872 Gravesend Parish Vestry Meeting

A vestry meeting for the parish of Gravesend was held on Thursday evening, for the purpose of making a poor rate; the following were present:- Mr **Biggs** (overseer), in the chair, and Messrs G. Mandy, E. C. Paine, G. Carter, and Crundall; Mr W. Newman (Vestry Clerk), and Mr Turner (collector). It appeared that the 10d rate would be insufficient, and that it was necessary to make a 1s rate. This, it was stated, was caused by a large increase in the demand from the Borough, and the members of the vestry seemed to be unanimous in the opinion that some explanation should have been offered, as to the increase in the Borough requirements. It appeared that it had been proposed to append the following note to the receipts for the new rate:- "N.B. The Borough rate this year is for £1,509; the average for the previous three years was only £1,096." This proposal, the Chairman said, appeared to have caused some annoyance out of doors; but he thought some explanation of the fact of a shilling rate being required was necessary. It was then moved by Mr Mandy, seconded by Mr Carter, and resolved *nem dis*, "That a foot-note be appended to the receipts to be given for the rate now about to be made, explaining the reason for the increase of the rate from 10d to 1s." It was then resolved, on the motion of Mr Mandy, seconded by Mr Carter, that a poor rate of 1s in the £ be made. This concluded the business.

London Gazette 17 Jun 1873 p2916 The Bankruptcy Act, 1869

In the County Court of Kent, holden at Rochester. In the Matter of a Special Resolution for Liquidation by Arrangement of the affairs of Edward Francis Hutchins, of Portland-road, Gravesend, in the county of Kent, Builder, and late of 9, Sheppey-place, Gravesend, aforesaid, Builder.

The Creditors of the above-named Edward Francis Hutchins who have not already proved their debts, are required, on or before the 26th day of June 1873, to send their names and addresses, and the particulars of their debts or claims, to the undersigned, Jonathan Elkin, of Gravesend, Kent, Timber Merchant, and John Walter Biggs, of Gravesend aforesaid, Oil and Colour Merchant, the Trustees under the liquidation, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of the Dividend proposed to be declared. Dated this 13th day of June 1873. John Elkin, John Walter Biggs, Trustees.

The London Gazette 15 Jul 1873 p33 The Bankruptcy Act 1869

In the County Court of Kent, holden at Rochester. A first and final dividend of 1s 5d in the pound has been declared in the matter of a special resolution for liquidation by arrangement of the affairs of Edward Frances Hutchins of Portland-road, Gravesend, in the county of Kent, Builder, and late of 9, Sheppy-place, Gravesend, aforesaid, Builder, and will be paid at Mr J. W. Biggs, 8, West-street, Gravesend, on and after the 17th day of July, 1873, between the hours of nine A.M and 1 P.M. - dated this 10th day of July, 1873. J. W. Elkin, John Walter Biggs, Trustees

Illustrated London News 14 Mar 1874 The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh reception at Gravesend

Their Royal Highnesses the newly-married pair, Prince Alfred of Great Britain, Duke of Edinburgh, and his bride, her Imperial Highness the Grand Duchess Marie Alexandrovna of Russia, came to their home in England on Saturday last. It was March 7, the same day of the same month that witnessed, eleven years ago, the arrival of Princess Alexandra of Denmark to be wedded to the Prince of Wales. As upon that memorable occasion in 1863, the landing-place was the loyal town of Gravesend... The hour fixed for the landing was eleven o'clock. By half-past ten the Terrace Pier, the steps and landing-stage (decorated by Messrs Defries for the occasion), were lined with privileged spectators. Among these were the Earl and Countess of Darnley, the Bishop of Rochester, Admiral Hastings, the officers of the 10th Regiment from Chatham, and several members of the Russian Embassy, who were in full uniform. Owing to the illness of the Countess de Brunnow, his Excellency the Russian Minister could not attend, but General A. Gorloff, Military Agent, Vice-Admiral J. Likhatchof, Captain N. Kopitoff, Naval Attache, M. Davydow, First Secretary and M. Bartholomei, of the Embassy, were in attendance; also **Mr J. W. Biggs, the Consular Agent for Russia**, and the Rev. Eugenie Popoff, of the Russian Chapel, Welbeck-street. Soon after Prince Arthur, attended by Major Pickard and Lieutenant Buchanan, arrived from London, and, driving down to the pier with Earl Sydney, Lord Lieutenant of the county of Kent, was received by the Mayor of Gravesend, Mr W. Lake. His Royal Highnesses wore the uniform of the Rifle Brigade, with the ribbons of the Garter. Lord Alfred Paget and Colonel Lynedoth Gardiner had also come down, and were rowed to the Victoria and Albert. Immediately on his arrival Prince Arthur, with his suite, was taken to the Royal yacht in one of her boats...

Hall's Gravesend, Milton and Northfleet Directory 1875

John Walter Biggs, Oilman, 8-9 West Street & 122 Windmill Street

National Probate Calendar 1880

27 January. The Will of George Carter late of High-street Gravesend in the County of Kent China and Earthenware Dealer who died 17 January 1880 at 46 High-street was proved at the Principal Registry by John Walter Biggs of West-street Gravesend Oil and Colourman, Frederick William Crowhurst of High-street Tallow Chandler and Alfred Tolhurst of Gravesend Solicitor the Executors. Personal Estate under £7,000.

1881 Census 122 Windmill St, Gravesend, Kent

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|-------------------|-------|-------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| John Walter BIGGS | Head | 52yrs | Oil Merchant | b St Lukes, Middlesex |
| Elizabeth BIGGS | Wife | 53yrs | | b Blackfriars, Surrey |
| Elizabeth BIGGS | Dau | 29yrs | [unmarried] | b Hoxton, Middlesex |
| Ruth M. BIGGS | Dau | 25yrs | [unmarried] | b Uxbridge, Middlesex |
| Alice Emma BIGGS | Dau | 20yrs | [unmarried] | b Uxbridge, Middlesex |
| Alfred H... BIGGS | Son | 19yrs | Oilman's assistant [unmarried] | b Uxbridge, Middlesex |
| Joseph R. BIGGS | Son | 16yrs | Oilman's assistant | b Uxbridge, Middlesex |
| Mary Ann BIGGS | Dau | 12yrs | Scholar | b Gravesend, Kent |
| Eliza BEATRIX | Servt | 19yrs | General servant [unmarried] | b Greenhithe, Kent |

Hackney Archives Department – Small Collections - Lease, three assignments and mortgage M11 1838-1882

Former reference: BRA 1289 Contents: WINDSOR STREET, Nos. 9-11.

Thomas Sowter to Joseph Jay to Charles Harman; Harman and John Charles Biggs to Pierre Stephen Poley; Poley to Patrick Joseph Doherty; and Doherty to The Consolidated Permanent Benefit Building Society. Also mentioned: - Cooper; - Howling; - Clark; Keith Barnes; Sarah Edwards Vaughan; James Wittit Lyon; Alexander Milne; Nash Vaughan Edwards Vaughan; Frederic Matthews; Fanny Elizabeth Harman; John Walter Biggs; Albert Thomas Biggs; Richard Cook.

1882 Kelly's Directory

Biggs & Son, oil & color merchants, 8 & 9 West street

North West Kent Burial Transcription – findmypast

John Walter Biggs of Windmill Street was buried 28 Nov 1881 at the Gravesend Municipal Cemetery – aged 53 years

UK National Probate Calendar 1882

17 January. Administration of the Personal Estate of John Walter Biggs late of 122 Windmill-street Gravesend in the County of Kent Oilman who died 23 November 1881 at 122 Windmill-street was granted at the Principal Registry to Elizabeth Sarah Biggs of 122 Windmill-street Widow the Relict. Personal Estate £2,124. Resworn August 1882 £2,408 8s. 6d.

London Gazette 24 Jan 1882 p294 John Walter Biggs, deceased

Pursuant to Act of Parliament of the 22nd and 23rd Vic. cap. 35, intituled "An Act to further amend the Law of Property, and to relieve Trustees."

Notice is hereby given, that all creditors and other persons having any debts, claims or demands against the estate of John Walter Biggs, late of No. 122, Windmill street, and 8 and 9, West-street, Gravesend, in the county of Kent, Oilman (who died on the 23rd day of November, 1881, and of whose estate letters of administration were granted by Her Majesty's High Court of Justice at the Principal Registry of the Probate Division thereof on the 17th day of January, 1882, to Elizabeth Biggs, the lawful Widow and relict, the administratrix), are hereby required to send in the particulars of their debts, claims, and demands to the said administratrix, at the office of her Solicitor, Mr Charles Parker Drawbridge, at Wood Villa House, Wrotham-road, Gravesend, in the county of Kent, on or before the 1st day of March, 1882, after the expiration of which time the said administratrix will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims and demands of which the said administratrix shall then have had notice, and that the said administratrix will not be liable for the assets, or any part thereof, so distributed to any person of whose debt, claim, or demand she shall not have had such notice as aforesaid - dated this 20th day of January, 1882. Chas. P. Drawbridge, Gravesend, Solicitor for the said administratrix.

The Law Times 28 Jan 1882 page 224 Creditors under 22 & 23 Vict. c.35

Last day of claim and to whom Particulars to be sent – Biggs, (John W.), 122 Windmill-street and 8 and 9 West-street, Gravesend, Kent, oilman, March 1; C. P. Drawbridge, solicitor, Wood Villa House, Wrotham-road, Gravesend.

1891 Census 122 Windmill St, Gravesend, Kent

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| Elizabeth S. BIGGS | Head | 63yrs | Italian warehouse – (Master) [widow] | b Blackfriars, Middlesex |
| Elizabeth A. BIGGS | Dau | 39yrs | Clerk in warehouse – C C Grocer [single] | b Hoxton, Middlesex |
| Ruth M. BIGGS | Dau | 35yrs | [single] | b Uxbridge, Middlesex |
| Alice E. BIGGS | Dau | 30yrs | [single] | b Uxbridge, Middlesex |
| Mary A. S. BIGGS | Dau | 22yrs | Art needlework Assistant Trim? [single] | b Gravesend, Kent |
| Agnes WINN | Servt | 16yrs | General domestic servant [single] | b Kensing, Kent |

Kelly's Directory 1895

Biggs & Son, oil & color merchants, 8 & 9 West Street; John Charles Biggs, Russian consular agent, 8 West Street
Mrs Biggs, 122 Windmill Street, Gravesend

1901 Census 30 Stradella Rd, Dulwich, Camberwell, London

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|--------------------|---------|-------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Elizabeth S. BIGGS | Head | 73yrs | Boarding house keeper [widow] | b Blackfriars, London |
| Elizabeth A. BIGGS | Dau | 49yrs | [single] | b Hoxton, London |
| Ruth M. BIGGS | Dau | 46yrs | [single] | b Uxbridge, Middlesex |
| Alice E. BIGGS | Dau | 40yrs | [single] | b Uxbridge, Middlesex |
| Max WEARKIND | Boarder | 28yrs | Merchants clerk [single] | b Germany |
| Edith ANDERSON | Servt | 20yrs | General servant [single] | b Strood, Kent |

1901 Census near of 18 High Street, Gravesend

Ten draper's assistants listed as boarders – including Mary A. S. Biggs, aged 30yrs, born Gravesend

North West Kent Burial Transcription – findmypast

Elizabeth Sarah Biggs of Beckwith Road, Herne Hill was buried 23 Mar 1911 at the Gravesend Municipal Cemetery – aged 83 years

UK Probate Calendar 1911

Elizabeth Sarah Biggs of 46 Beckwith-road Herne Hill Surrey widow died 20 March 1911 Probate London 16 May to Albert Thomas Biggs oil and colourman. Effects £624 1s 8d.

1911 Census 46 Beckwith Road, Herne Hill, Camberwell (9 rooms)

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|----------------------|---------|-------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Elizabeth A. BIGGS | Head | 58yrs | Boarding House Keeper [single] | b Hoxton, London |
| Alice E. BIGGS | Sister | 50yrs | [single] | b Uxbridge, Middlesex |
| Gerald F. RAHN | Boarder | 30yrs | Boot & Shoe agent [single] | b Brixton, London |
| Gertrude L. HOLDAWAY | Visitor | 35yrs | Draper's assistant [single] | b Gravesend, Kent |

1911 Census 60-61-62 High Street, Gravesend – Messrs Penlerick & Hunwick, Drapers

Premises had 12 rooms – 10 females and 1 male – including Mary Biggs, housekeeper, drapery warehouse, 39yrs, single, born Gravesend

North West Kent Burial Transcription – findmypast

Elizabeth Ann Biggs of 37 Kent Road was buried 11 Jul 1924 at the Gravesend Municipal Cemetery – aged 72 years

National Probate Calendar 1924

Elizabeth Ann Biggs of 37 Kent-road Gravesend Kent spinster died 8 July 1924 Administration London 31 December to Albert Thomas Biggs colourman. Effects £238 12s 4d.

North West Kent Burial Transcription – findmypast

Mary Ann Sarah Biggs of 25 Hall Road, Hull, Yorkshire was buried 10 Apr 1951 at the Gravesend Municipal Cemetery – aged 82 years

National Probate Calendar 1951

Mary Ann Sarah Biggs of 25 Hall-road Kingston-upon-Hull spinster died 5 April 1951 Probate London 22 June to Albert Walter Biggs shipping manager. Effects £840 9s 5d.