Mercy DRAKE (1823-1905)

Baptisms St Giles Camberwell Parish Register
No.1901 Mercy Drake, baptised 05 Oct 1823, dau of John & Elizabeth Drake, Camberwell, Mariner

1841 Census Selwood Terrace, Brompton, Kensington, Middlesex

William NICHOLSON	40yrs	Silversmith	born in the county
Ann NICHOLSON	40yrs		not born in the county
Mercy DRAKE	17yrs	Independent	not born in the county
Emma DRAKE	??yrs	Independent	not born in the county
Sarah TURNER	18yrs	Female servant	born in the county

London Evening Standard 04 Jun 1850
Manufacturing Silversmiths and Electro-Platers, 12, Duke-street, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields. The public is respectfully informed, that this manufactury, established by Mr Benjamin Smith in 1822, will for the future be carried on by his Son, Mr Stephen Smith and Mr William Nicholson, who, for many years, has taken the entire management, under the firm of Smith, Nicholson, and Co. The Show Rooms, which adjoin the manufactury, will be found to contain, as formerly, a very extensive assortment of ornamental plate in the highest style of art, adapted for presentation, &c., as well as of the choicest patterns of the mere useful articles in silver and electro-plate.

1851 Census 4 Loudoun Villas, Bridge Road, St John, St Marylebone, Middlesex

William NICHOLSON	Head	53yrs	Manufacturer in Silver	b Shoreditch
Ann NICHOLSON	Wife	54yrs		b Selbourne, Hants
Mercy DRAKE	Under care of 27yrs		Annuitant [unmarried]	b Peckham, Surrey
Frederic HOPKINS	Visitor	21yrs	Student at New College St Johns Wood [unmarried]	b St George's Boro
Josiah MILLER	Visitor	19yrs	Student at New College St Johns Wood [unmarried]	b Putney, Surrey
Charlotte CARRELL	Servt	22yrs	General servant [unmarried]	b Hornesham, Wilts

1861 Census 20 Marlborough Hill, St John, St Marylebone, Middlesex

William J. NICHOLSON	Head	62yrs	Silver Manufacturer	b Shoreditch, Middlesex
Ann NICHOLSON	Wife	64yrs		b Selbourne, Hants
Mercy DRAKE	Visitor	34yrs	[unmarried]	b Peckham, Surrey
Emma HOPKINS	Visitor	36yrs	[unmarried]	b Peckham, Surrey
Emma KNIGHT	Servt	24yrs	[unmarried]	b Pimlico, Middlesex

Hertford Mercury and Reformer 04 Jan 1868 Death
On the 23rd ult., William Nicholson, Esq., late of Aston Clinton, Bucks

National Probate Calendar 1868
15 January. The Will of William Nicholson formerly of Duke-street Lincoln's Inn in the County of Middlesex Manufacturing Silversmith but late of Aston Clinton in the County of Buckingham Esquired deceased who died 23 December 1867 at Aston Clinton aforesaid was proved at the Principal Registry by the oaths of Charles Latham of 110 Englefield-road Islington in the County of Middlesex Gentleman, Mercy Drake of Aston Clinton aforesaid Spinster and Henry Holland the Younger of Jewin-crescent in the County of Middlesex aforesaid Silversmith the Executors. Effects under £30,000. Resworn at the Stamp Office July 1872 under £35,000.

Hampshire Advertiser 08 Feb 1868
The will of William Nicholson, formerly of Duke's-street, Lincoln's-inn, manufacturing silversmith, late of Aston Clinton, Bucks, who died December 23 last, was proved in London, on the 15th ult., under £30,000. After the death of his wife he bequeaths the following charitable bequests:- To the Silver Trade Pension Society and the Asylum for Fatherless Children, Reedham, each £1,000; St. Ann's School, London Missionary Society, City Mission, and London Congregational Building Society, each £500; Colonial Missionary Society, Home Bible Society, Hackney College, Asylum for Incurables, Aged Pilgrim's Friend, Pastors' Retiring Fund, Goldsmiths' Benefit Society, Infirmary at Aylesbury, Refuge in Great Queen-street, Marylebone Almshouses, St. John's-wood, each £300; Gray's-inn Hospital, Asylum for Idiots, Earlswood, Deaf and Dumb Asylum, Home Teaching Society for the Blind, Blind Asylum, Cripples' Home and Landry, Hospital for Sick Children, Christian Union Almshouses, Orphan Working School at Haverstock-hill, Infant Orphan Asylum at Wanstead, Commercial Travellers' School at Pinner, Warehousemen and Clerks' School, School for the Daughters of Missionaries, Walthamstow, London Congregational Association for the Evangelisation of the Metropolis, St. George's, Bloomsbury, and St. Giles's Charity Schools, each £200; to the trustees of Whitfield's Chapel, £300; and a further sum of £100 to be distributed amongst the poorer members assembling there.

Bucks Herald 09 May 1868 Bucks Infirmary
The Treasurer begs to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from the executors, announcing a legacy of £300, from the late William Nicholson, Esq., of Aston Clinton, payable after the decease of his widow.

1871 Census 3 Norfolk Square, The Palace, Brighton, Sussex

Ann PICKNELL	Head	53yrs	[unmarried]	b Brighton, Sussex
Elizabeth PICKNELL	Sister	62yrs	[unmarried]	b Brighton, Sussex
Mary PATRICK	Servt	18yrs	General servant [unmarried]	b Brighton, Sussex
Ann NICHOLSON	Visitor	74yrs	[widow]	b Selbourne, Hants
Emma HOPKINS	Visitor	46yrs	[widow]	b Peckham, Surrey
Mercy DRAKE	Visitor	47yrs	[unmarried]	b Peckham, Surrey

1881 Census Broseash House, Streatham, London

Ann NICHOLSON	Head 85yrs	Independent means	b Selbourne, Hants
Mary DRAKE	Adopted dau 57yrs	Independent means [unmarried]	b Peckham Rye, Surrey
Emma HOPKINS	Adopted dau 56yrs	Independent means [unmarried]	b Peckham Rye, Surrey
Frederick BULLER	Servt 39yrs	Gardener [married]	b Chertsey, Surrey
Mary BULLER	Servt 41yrs	Servant [married]	b Chobham, Surrey
Mary Ann WARREN	Servt 21yrs	Servant [unmarried]	b Poplar, Middlesex

Bucks Herald 24 Dec 1881 Death

At Broxash, Upper Tooting, on the 19th inst., Ann, widow of William Nicholson, Esq., of Aston Clinton, aged 86 years.

National Probate Calendar 1882

31 March. The Will with a Codicil of Ann Nicholson formerly of Aston Lodge Balham Hill but late of Broxash Lodge Balham-road both in the County of Surrey Widow who died 19 December 1881 at Broxash Lodge was proved at the Principal Registry by Mercy Drake of Broxash Lodge Spinster the sole Executrix. Personal Estate £849 16s 10d. Resworn February 1883 £2,439 12s 4d.

1891 Census 3 Camp View, Wimbledon Common, Surrey

Mercy DRAKE	Head 67yrs	Living on own means	b Peckham Rye, Surrey
Emma HOPKINS	Sister 66yrs	Living on own means [widow]	b Peckham Rye, Surrey
Kate FREEMAN	Servt 20yrs	Cook [single]	b Wallingford, Berkshire
Mary A. MILSOM	Servt 27yrs	Housemaid [single]	b Wandsworth, Surrey

1901 Census 3 Camp View Road, Wimbledon, Kingston, Surrey

Mercy DRAKE	Head 76yrs	Living on own means [single]	b Peckham Rye, Surrey
Frances VIBRANT	Visitor 75yrs	Living on own means [widow]	b Willon, Devon
Elizabeth Ann AUGUST	Visitor 67yrs	Living on own means [single]	b Camberwell, Surrey
Edith Mary CARBOOT	Servt 26yrs	Cook [single]	b Bishop Thorp, York
Ella Emily LIGHT	Servt 23yrs	Housemaid [single]	b Redbridge, Hants
Elizabeth PARKER	Servt 30yrs	Cook [single]	b Harleston, Norfolk
Selina STEGGLES	Servt 21yrs	Cook [single]	b Frinstead, Kent
Ethel ADAMS	Servt 16yrs	Nurse [single]	b Warkworth, Surrey

Will of Mercy Drake dated 03 Feb 1905

This is the last will and testament of me Mercy Drake of 3 Camp View Wimbledon Common in the County of Surrey Spinster I appoint **my friends Edward August** of Preston Villa Alexandra Road Upper Norwood in the County of Surrey Gentleman **and Edward James August** of the National Provincial Bank of England 123 Fenchurch Street in the City of London Bank Manager hereinafter called "my trustees" to be the Executors and Trustees of this my will. I bequeath the following legacies videlict to the said Edward August the sum of fifty pounds To the said Edward James August the sum of fifty pounds **To Elineta Mercy Drake daughter of my (late) nephew Francis Drake** the sum of fifty pounds and **to Delilah Potter spinster now housemaid in my employ** the sum of twenty five pounds all such legacies to be paid free of legacy duty. I bequeath my half share and interest in the leasehold premises 73 and 75 Finchley Road St Johns Wood London N W and 1 Boundary Road St Johns Wood aforesaid And I devise and bequeath all other (if any) my real and leasehold estate **to Millicent Eliza Harris and Harriet Mercy Harris the daughters of my (late) sister Eliza Harris** in equal shares as tenants in common. I bequeath all my household furniture pictures plate plated articles jewellery linen china glass wearing apparel wines consumable stores and provisions and all other my household effects to the said Edward August for his own use and benefit but in case he shall not be living at the date of my death then I bequeath the same to the said Edward James August for his own use and benefit. I bequeath the residue of the personal estate to which I shall be entitled at the time of my decease to my trustees Upon trust to sell call in and convert into money the same or such part thereof as shall not consist of money and with and out of the moneys produced by such sale calling in and conversion and with and out of my ready money to pay my funeral and testamentary expenses and debts and the legacies bequeathed by this my will and to pay the balance of all such moneys **to Alice Howell (widow) and Fanny Drake spinster daughters of my (late) brother Francis Drake**; **Mercy Jenkins Amelia Drake spinster and Elizabeth Jenkins daughters of my brother Thomas John Drake of Johnsonville Parrirna [sic] Road New Zealand** or such of them as shall be living at my decease and if more than one in equal shares Provided always that if any of my said nieces shall predecease me leaving a husband living at the time of my decease her said husband shall take the share of his deceased wife and if any of my said nieces shall predecease me without leaving a husband who shall be living at my decease but leaving a child or children who shall be living at my decease such child or children shall take the share of his or her deceased mother and if there is more than one such child then they shall take their parents share equally between them And hereby revoking all former wills and testamentary writings at any time heretofore made by me I declare this to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have to this my last will and testament contained in this and the preceding sheet of paper set my hand this third day of February One thousand nine hundred and five -- Mercy Drake -- Signed by the said testatrix Mercy Drake as and for her last will and testament in the presence of us both being present at the same time who at her request in her presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses -- E J Moran 2 Camp View Wimbledon Common Widow -- Clarence G Moran 2 Camp View Wimbledon Common Barrister at Law. On the 10th day of March 1905 Probate of this Will was granted to Edward August and Edward James August the Executors.

National Probate Calendar 1905

Mercy Drake of 3 Camp-view Wimbledon Common Surrey spinster died 11 February 1905 Probate London 10 March to Edward August gentleman and Edward James August bank-manager Effects £3,647 8s.

The Times 13 Feb 1905 Death

On the 11th inst., at 3 Camp View, Wimbledon, Mercy, the only surviving child of the late Captn. Drake, aged 81.

Eltham Argus April 8 1905
Death. Drake--on the 11 Feb 1905 at 3 Campview Wimbledon, Surrey. MERSEY, the only surviving child of the late Captain Drake, East India Company's Service. Aged 81 years. Wellington papers please copy.

London Gazette 14 Apr 1905 p33
Re Miss Mercy Drake, Deceased. Pursuant to the Act of Parliament, 22nd and 23rd Victoria, chapter 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 claims or demands against the estate of Mercy Drake, late of No. 3, Camp-view, Wimbledon Common, in the county of Surrey, Spinster, deceased (who died on the 11th day of February, 1905, and whose will was proved in the Principal Registry of the Probate Division of His Majesty's High Court of Justice, on the 10th day of March, 1905, by Edward August and Edward James August, the executors therein named), are hereby required to send the particulars, in writing, of their claims or demands to me, the undersigned, George James Vanderpump, on or before the twenty-ninth day of May, 1905, after which date the said executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall have had notice; and they will not be liable for the assets of the testator, or any part thereof, so distributed, to any person or persons of whose claims they shall not then have had notice - Dated this 10th day of April, 1905.