

Thomas FREAK (c1751-1838)

Wokeing and Town of Guildford – First day's Poll, Wednesday 14 June 1775
John Harding, Guildford, freehold, abode: Guildford – Owner/occupier: Thomas Freakes

Marriage Register St Mary Rotherhithe
Thomas Freak, the younger, batchelor and Elizabeth Walters, Spinster, both of this parish were married in this church by Licence on the thirtyfirst day of December 1789 by me John Sherman, Curate. This marriage was solemnized between us [signed] Thos. Freak Junr and Elizth Walters in the presence of G. Walters and Richard Hawes.

Dockland Ancestors – Baptism Register St George in the East, Cannon Street Road, Stepney – Entry 8643 – Reference NX 97/277
Thomas Freak, baptised 17 Jul 1793 (21 days old), son of Thomas and Elizabeth Freak of Broad Street, Stepney; Thomas Snr was a Ship Broker.

Baptism Register St Mary, Rotherhithe, Surrey
Elizabeth Freak, baptised 21 Oct 1795, dau of Thos and Elizabeth Freak

Records of Sun Fire Office MS 11936/399/632695 dated 6 Oct 1794 – Documents held at the Guildhall Library
Insured: Thomas Freak, 3 Broad Street, Ratcliff, ship breaker. Other property or occupiers: 2 near the turnpike New Road Back Lane (Hindley)

Records of Sun Fire Office MS 11936/399/639733 dated 7 Apr 1795 – Documents held at the Guildhall Library
Insured: Thomas Freak, near the church Rotherhithe, dealer in ships stores

Baptism Register St Mary, Rotherhithe, Southwark, Surrey
George Walters Freak, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Freak baptised 29 Sep 1798

Burial Register St Margaret Lee, Lewisham 1810
September 10th – Thomas Freak from South End

Kent Archaeological Society Monumental Inscriptions: Lee Churchyard
<http://www.kentarchaeology.org.uk/Research/Libr/MIs/MIsLee/MIsLee.htm>
60. On a headstone. In memory of John George Freake who departed this life January 2nd 1782 aged 78 years. Also John Thomas Freake son of the above who departed this life February 24th 1784 aged 32 years.

73. On a tablet in the church. In a / vault near / this tablet / are deposited the remains of / Samuel Freak / son of Thomas and Elizabeth Freak / late of this place / He departed this life 2nd December 1805 aged 5 years / Also the remains of their eldest son / Thomas Freak / who departed this life 5th September 1810 aged 17 years.

Lincolnshire Archives: Redbourne Hall 1810 - Reference RED 4/2/7

Memorandum of letter to -- Freake Esq. Blackheath 25 May 1810, of an order to Messrs Goodall and Turner signed by Mr Freake for delivery of the anchor, 25 May 1810. Storekeeper of H.M.Y.D. to deliver an anchor to Robertson and Stein, 16 Butcher Row, East Smithfield

The London Gazette 23 Jun 1812 p19

The Creditors who have proved their Debts under a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued against Thomas Paty, of Lime-street, in the City of London, Merchant, Dealer and Chapman, are desired to meet the Assignees of the estate and effects of the said Bankrupt, on Friday the 3d day of July next, at One o'Clock in the Afternoon precisely, at the George and Vulture Tavern, Saint Michael's-Alley, Cornhill, London, in order to assent to or dissent from the said Assignees agreeing to join and concur with Thomas Freak, of Lee, in the County of Kent, Ship-Broker, in the sale of certain leasehold premises, situate at or near to a place called Saint Thomas-a-Watering, in the Parishes of Camberwell and Newington, in the County of Surrey, conveyed by the said Bankrupt to the said Thomas Freak, by way of mortgage, for securing the sum of 2500l. and interest; and also to assent to or dissent from the said Assignees agreeing with the said Thomas Freak, upon the division and application of the monies which shall arise and be produced by such sale; and on other special affairs.

The Times 1 Jun 1815 p3 Sales by Auction

Residence, Blackheath - by Mr ELLIS, at Garrawy's on Tuesday, June 13, at 12 An excellent FAMILY HOUSE, with garden, lawn, and shrubbery, most delightfully situate in the Grove, Blackheath, the residence of Thomas Freake, Esq., removing to Bromley; the house contains spacious drawing and eating rooms, boudoir tastefully papered opening to conservatory, library, numerous bed chambers, entrance hall, and suitable domestic offices; held on lease for 25 years, at a low ground rent. Apply to Mr Ellis, 36, Fenchurch-street. Also advertised again 12 & 13 Jun 1815.

National Archives Reference C13/223/27 [W1818 F4] - Pleadings, Six Clerks Office, Court of Chancery

Freak v Walters. Bill and two answers. Plaintiffs: Thomas Freak and wife and others. Defendants: George Walters, Robert Walters and James Kenning. Covering date: 1818

Marriage Register Wapping, Tower Hamlets, London

No.170 George Walters Freak, bachelor of this parish and Mary Dean, spinster of this parish were married in this Church by Licence this eleventh day of april 1818 by me J. Parsons, D. D. Rector. This marriage was solemnised between us [signed] George Walters Freak and Mary Deane in the presence of Samuel Pound? And Edward Spon.

National Archives Catalogue Reference C 13/252/3 - Pleadings, Six Clerks Office, Court of Chancery

Date: 1820 Freak v Kenning. Answers. Plaintiffs: Thomas Freak and wife and others. Defendants: George Walters, Robert Walters and James Kenning

PCC Will dated 14 Aug 1822

I Thomas Freak of Dartmouth Row Blackheath being of sound mind and sound understanding do declare this to be my last will and testament dated this fourteenth day August 1822 that is to say I give to my lawful wife Elizabeth Freak the whole of my property consisting of consuls eleven thousand seven hundred pounds & reduced stock forty one thousand now standing in my name at the Bank of England also all my freeholds & leasehold the house I now live in Dartmouth Row Blackheath furniture plate all bonds note of hands due or becoming due all ready money that may be in the house at my decease & all wearing apparel and in fact of true intent and meaning of this is for her the said Elizabeth Freak my wife to have the whole of the aforesaid my property at her discretion to divide it according to her mind to her seven children one son and six daughters before or at her decease I declare this before God this to be my wish and will Witness this 29 Jan 1826 Thomas Freak.

On the 17th day of May 1839 admon (with the will annexed) of all and singular the goods chattels and credits of Thomas Freak late of Dartmouth Row, Blackheath in the County of Kent Ship Breaker deceased was granted to Elizabeth Freak the widow the relict the universal legatee for life and Rose Pratt (wife of James Pratt) one of her seven natural and lawful children and as such one of the universal legatees substituted in the said Will having been first sworn by Commission duly to administer and interlocutory order having been first made and interposed for the force and validity of the said Will (as by Act of Court appears)

The London Gazette 31 May 1823 p12

Pursuant to an Order of the high Court of Chancery, made in a Cause of Freak against Walters, the Creditors of George Walters, late of Blackheath, in the County of Kent, Ship-Chandler (who died in the year 1815), are, on or before the 12th day of July next, to come in and prove their debts before John Springett Harvey, Esq., one of the Masters of the said Court, at his Chambers, in Southampton-buildings, Chancery-Lane, London, or in default thereof they will be peremptorily excluded the benefit of the said Decree.

The Times 15 Mar 1824 p4 Sales by Auction

Dartmouth-row, Blackheath - By Mr Charles Wright, at the Green Man Inn, Blackheath, on Thursday, March 18, at 4am the afternoon, by order of the Proprietor, Thomas Freake, esq., who is removing from thence, and will give immediate possession. A Substantial and very compact Leasehold Residence, pleasantly situate, in the preferable part of Dartmouth-row, fronting the avenue leading to the Heath, and contains 5 good bedrooms, a drawing room with a balcony, having a fine view of the surrounding country, dining room, entrance hall, store room, kitchen, scullery, large coal vault, very dry wine and beer cellars, and other conveniences, and a vast veranda or covered way from the front leading to the entrance hall: held of the Right Honourable Earl Dartmouth, for a term of ten years and a half, at Christmas last, at the low ground rent of 10/- per annum. May be viewed, from 11 till 4 o'clock, the three days preceding the sale, and particulars had on the premises; at the place of sale; Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford: at Garraway's coffeehouse; and of Mr Wright, surveyor and auctioneer, Blue Stile, Greenwich.

Marriage Register Newington St Mary, Southwark, Surrey

No.719 John Cutler of this parish, bachelor and Louisa Freak of the parish of Greenwich in the County of Kent, spinster, a minor, were married in this church by Licence with consent of her father this thwentyfourth day of December 1824 by me Arthur Cyril Onslow, Rector. This marriage was solemnized between us [signed] John Cutler and Louisa Freak in the presence of Thomas Freak and Mary Freak.

The Times 30 Dec 1824 p3 Marriages

On the 24th inst., at St. Mary's, Newington, John Cutler, Esq., of the Ordnance Department, Tower, to Louisa, daughter of Thomas Freak, Esq., of Blackheath.

Marriage Register Greenwich St Alphege, Kent

No.166 Joseph Cammilleri Esquire of this parish a bachelor and Mary Freak of this parish a spinster were married in this Church by Licence this twentyfourth day of 1826 by me T. J. Dallin, Curate. This marriage was solemnized between us [signed] J. Cammilleri and Mary Freak in the presence of G. Hillier, Geo. Parker, Mr F.Parker, Mary Ann Lamb, Rose Freak.

The Morning Post 26 Jun 1826 Marriage

On Saturday, the 24th inst., at Greenwich, Jos. Cammilleri Esq., R.N., to Miss Freak, daughter of Thomas Freak, Esq., of that place.

National Archives Reference C211/9/F83 Chancery: Petty Bag Office

Thomas Freak, gent of Norway Cottage, Thames Street, Greenwich, Kent: commission and inquisition of lunacy, into his state of mind and his property. Date: 12 July 1827

The Times 12 Aug 1828 p4 Sales by Auction

Chain Cables, Chain Anchors, Ships, Boats, Pleasure Boats, Fir Spars, Masts, Sails, and Ship's Stores, near Deptford Creek-bridge - By Mr John Henfree, on the Premises of Thomas Freake, Esq., between Deptford Creek-bridge and the Horse-Ferry at Greenwich, Tomorrow, August 13, at 11 for 12 precisely. Two capital one-inch Chain Cables, about 180 fathoms in length, 2 new chain anchors, several well-built boats, copper fastened, ..., cutters, and jolly boats; also one very capital Customhouse boarding boat, a superior built shallop by Roberts, handsomely fitted up for pleasure : several prime masts, yards and spars, very large copper ship kettles, muskets, warps, towlines, old rope, sails, canvas, rags, paper, stuff, redge anchors, and numerous stores. May be viewed, and catalogues had at the White Hart, Horse-ferry road, Millbank, Westminster: on the premises: and of the auntioneer, 172, Shadwell.

National Archives Reference C112/169 – Chancery: Master Rose's Exhibits

Re Thomas Freak, Lunatic (1829): Three deeds, court order and schedule of all the documents originally exhibited.

Marriage Register Kennington St Mark, Lambeth, London

No.698 James Pratt of the parish of Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire, bachelor and Rose Freak, spinster, of this District were married in this Church by Banns this fifteenth day of May 1830 by me William Otter Minister. This marriage was solemnized between us James Pratt and Rose Freak in the presence of John Cutler of the Camberwell New Road, Blazard? Stanley New Broad St, City and Louisa Cutler.

The Times 15 May 1830 Marriage

This morning at Kennington Church, James Pratt, of Wootton Bassett, Wilts, solicitor, to Rose, daughter of Thomas Freak, Esq., of Greenwich.

The Times 24 Mar 1831

Pursuant to an Order of the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, made in the matter of Thomas Freak, a lunatic, who resides at Greenwich, in the county of Kent, the Creditors of the said Thomas Freak are, on or before the 16th day of April 1831 to come in and prove their debts before the Right Honourable Robert Lord Henley, one of the Masters of the said Court, at his chambers, in Southampton-buildings, Chancery-lane, London; or, in default thereof, they will be peremptorily excluded the benefit of the said decree. Hutchison and Imeson, Solicitors, Crown-court, Threadneedle-street.

Marriage Register Greenwich St Alphege, Greenwich, Kent

George Dean of this parish, widower and Jane Freak of this parish, spinster were married in this church by banns this sixteenth day of July 1832 by me Thomas Arn., Curate. This marriage was solemnized between us G. Dean and Jane Freak in the presence of ... Brandon..., Louisa? Walters and Francis Drake.

The Gentleman's Magazine 1838 p217 Deaths: London and its vicinity

Dec 26. At Greenwich, aged 87, Thomas Freake, esq.

Death duty register summary for Thomas Freak: Provided by Alan Bainbridge - PRO ref: IR26/1513 (Death Duty Register 1839)

Personal Estate of Thomas Freak of Dartmouth Row, Blackheath died 27 Dec 1837. Date of Will: 14 Aug 1822 / 29 Jan 1826. Proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury 17 May 1839. 'Sum sworn under £50,000'. Executor: Elizabeth Freak, relict. Executor: Rose, wife of Jas Pratt both of Wootton Bassett, Wilts. "to the wife to decide according to her mind before or after decease [to] her 7 children". Legatees: Grandchildren: F Drake, Elizth Drake, Thos J Drake; Children: Geoa Freake, Mary Camilleri, Geo W Freake, Louisa Cutler, Rose Pratt. (Paid Aug-Sept 1839: divided into 6 equal parts, 5 to children; 6th to (the Drake) grandchildren, subdivided: 1/5 to F Drake, 1/5 to Thos J Drake, 3/5 to Elizth Drake) - (1 part = £4130 18s 2d) - (Later entry: paid to the ex(ecut)ors of Elizth Freak the widow £5427 8s 2d Aug 1842)

The London Gazette 11 and 21 Jun 1839

Pursuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, made in a cause Freak against Freak, the creditors of Thomas Freak, formerly of Rotherhithe, in the county of Surrey, afterwards of Widmore-lane, Bromley, in the county of Kent, subsequently of Dartmouth-row, Blackheath, and late of Greenwich, in the said county of Kent, Ship-Breaker deceased (who died on or about the 27th day of December 1837), are, on or before the 20th day of July 1839, to come in and prove their debts before the Right Honourable Robert Lord Henley, one of the Masters of the said Court, at his chambers, in Southampton-buildings, Chancery-lane, London, or, in default thereof they will be peremptorily excluded the benefit of the said Decree.

PCC Will of Elizabeth FREAK dated 28 Jul 1839

The last will and testament of Elizabeth Freak late of Greenwich in the county of Kent but now of Wootton Bassett in the County of Wilts widow first I desire that all my just debts funeral and testamentary charges and expenses may be fully paid and satisfied by my executor hereinafter named. I give and bequeath all my household goods and furniture plate linen wearing apparel monies and all other the personal estate and effects of or to which I am possessed or entitled or over which I have any power of appointment or disposition unto my daughter Rose Pratt the wife of James Pratt of Wootton Bassett aforesaid Gentleman her executors administrators and assigns for her and their own use and benefit absolutely. And I appoint the said James Pratt sole executor of this my will In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this twenty eight day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine. Signed by the said Elizabeth Ffreak in the presence of us present at the same time who in her presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses. A. J. Crowdy, Solr Swindon. C. J. F. Axford, Surgeon Swindon. Proved at London 15th September 1842 before the Judge by the oath of James Pratt the sole executor to whom Administration was granted having just been sworn by Commission duly to administer.

Wiltshire Memorial Inscription Index – Wootton Bassett

Thomas Freak formerly of Dartmouth Row, Greenwich, Kent, gentleman and husband of Elizabeth	Reference 39369
Elizabeth Freak buried 22 Apr 1841 aged 72yrs, widow of Thomas Freak	Reference 39360
James Freak Gentleman of Dartmouth Row, Greenwich, Kent, husband of Elizabeth	Reference 39371
Elizabeth Freak buried 22 Apr 1841 aged 72yrs, widow of James Freak	Reference 39371

The Times 17 Mar 1843 p8 Death

On the 16th inst, in the Camberwell New-road, John Cutler, Esq., of Eton, late of the Ordnance-office.

The Times 25 Jul 1846

Mr George Walters Freak, Deceased. - All persons having any Claims on the Estate of Mr George Walters Freak, late of Brighton, in the county of Sussex, (who died on the 27th of May last), are requested forthwith to send the particulars of their claims addressed to me, solicitor for the administratrix of his estate, in order that the same may be examined, and if found correct discharged; and all persons indebted to his estate are requested forthwith to pay the amount of their respective debts to me on behalf of the administratrix. Robert Rogers, 16. Union-court, Old Broad-street.

<i>1851 Census West End, Esher, Kent</i>				
Louisa CUTLER	Head	45yrs	Independent [Widow]	b Eltham, Kent
Mary CUTLER	Dau	14yrs	At home	b Surrey
Edward CUTLER	Son	8yrs	At home	b Surrey
Jane HOLDER	Servt	19yrs	General servant [unmarried]	b Cobham, Kent

<i>1861 Census "Bridge Cottage" Remenham, Berkshire</i>				
Louisa CUTLER	Head	54yrs	Fundholder	b Eltham, Kent
Edward M. CUTLER	Son	13yrs		b Esher, Surrey
Frederick PAULIN	Boarder	29yrs	Brewer's clerk	b Henley on Thames, Oxfordshire
Mary PAULIN	Dau	24yrs		b Kew, Surrey
Jane BROAD	Servt	22yrs	[unmarried]	b Newbury, Berkshire

<i>1871 Census Duke Street, Henley on Thames, Oxfordshire</i>				
Frederick PAULIN	Head	39yrs	Brewer	b Henley on Thames, Oxon
Mary PAULIN	Wife	33yrs		b Kew, Middlesex
Louise M. PAULIN	Dau	10yrs		b London
Frederick A. PAULIN	Son	9yrs	Scholar	b Henley on Thames, Oxon
Geo. PAULIN	Son	7yrs	Scholar	b Henley on Thames, Oxon
Ernest PAULIN	Son	6yrs	Scholar	b Henley on Thames, Oxon
Herbert W. PAULIN	Son	4yrs		b Henley on Thames, Oxon
Bessie PAULIN	Dau	2yrs		b Henley on Thames, Oxon
Amy PAULIN	Dau	2yrs		b Henley on Thames, Oxon
Florence PAULIN	Dau	2 months		b Henley on Thames, Oxon
Emma GREEN	Servt	23yrs	General servant [unmarried]	b Henley on Thames, Oxon
Rose BEARD	Servt	13yrs	General servant	b Shipcake?, Oxon
Louisa CUTLER	Mother-in-law	66yrs	Annuitant [widow]	b Eltham, Kent

UK National Probate Calendar 1874
 9 October. The Will of Louisa Cutler late of Bridge Cottage Remenham near Henley-on-Thames in the County of Oxford Widow who died 17 June 1874 at 13 Camden-grove Peckham in the County of Surrey was proved at the Principal Registry by George Paulin of New-street Henley-on-Thames Gentleman one of the Executors. Effects under £1,000. Resworn December 1874 under £1,500.

UK National Probate Calendar 1875

March 8. The Will with a Codicil of Mary Cammilleri formerly of Cheltenham in the County of Gloucester afterwards of Wootton Bassett in the County of Wilts but late of Brighton in the County of Sussex Widow who died 18 February 1875 at Lewisham in the County of Kent was proved at the Principal Registry by George Brown Collison of 37 Fleet-street in the City of London Gentleman the sole Executor.