

## Josiah Wise RACKSTRAW (1790-1839)

### *Baptism Register Gravesend St George*

1790 Oct 10 Josiah son of George and Mary Rackstraw  
1790 Nov 17 Elizabeth daughter of John and Elizabeth Starbuck

### *Marriage Register St Leonard Shoreditch, London*

No.446 Josiah Rackstraw, of this parish, bachelor and Elizabeth Mary Starbuck of this parish, spinster, were married by Banns 01 Jun 1818. Witnesses: John Starbuck and Jane Rackstraw.

### *Burial Register Gravesend St George*

No. 1556 John Starbuck Rackstraw, of West Street, was buried 10 May 1830 aged 6 years

### *1837 Electoral Register - Gravesend District*

Benjamin Rackstraw, West-street, Gravesend; George Rackstraw, Upper Thames-st. London; **Josiah Wise Rackstraw, West-street, Gravesend**

### *Some Monumental Inscriptions of St George's Church, Gravesend Noted by T.C. Colyer-Fergusson (1913)*

63. [51]. Head and body stone: Sacred to the Memory of Gaynam, son of George & Mary RACKSTRAW of who died the 12th of January 1800 Aged 17 Years. Also Mary Bumstead WOOLLEY, daughter of the above & Wife of George Woolley (of London) died the 27th of January 1801 Aged 24 Years. Near this place lieth 2 sons & 2 daughrs of the above George & Mary Rackstraw. Also Mary Ann, daughter of the above died Jany the 7th 1802 Aged 14 Months. Likewise the above George Rackstraw who died the 22nd of June 1804 Aged 50 Years. Also Mr. Philip BUMSTEAD who died the 24th of November 1806 Aged 82 Years. Likewise Mrs Bennett Bumstead, wife of the above Mr Philip Bumstead died May the 28th in the Year 1813 Aged 92 Years. On the other side of stone: Sacred to the Memory of Philip Jeremiah Rackstraw who died the 10th of September 1812 Aged 2 Years. Mary Wilson RACKSTRAW, Wife of the late George Rackstraw died March 25th 1823 Aged 68 Years. Also **Josiah Wise Rackstraw, Son of the above Mary Wilson and Geoe Rackstraw who died January 1st 1839 Aged 48 Years.** Ann Rackstraw, Wife of Benj Geoe Rackstraw died September 19th 1847 Aged 62 Years. Benj Geoe Rackstraw died October 19th 1847 Aged 59 Years.

<i>1841 Census West Street, Gravesend</i>				
Elizabeth RACKSTRAW		50yrs	Independent	born in the county
Josiah RACKSTRAW		20yrs	Salt merchant	born in the county
George RACKSTRAW		14yrs		born in the county
Henry RACKSTRAW		12yrs		born in the county
John RACKSTRAW		7yrs		born in the county
Mary WILLIS		20yrs	Female servant	not born in the county

<i>1851 Census 23 West Street, Gravesend</i>				
Elizabeth RACKSTRAW	Head	58yrs	Retired Tailor	b Gravesend, Kent
Elizabeth RACKSTRAW	Dau	27yrs	[unmarried]	b Gravesend, Kent
George RACKSTRAW	Son	23yrs	Carpenter [unmarried]	b Gravesend, Kent
Henry RACKSTRAW	Son	21yrs	Painter [unmarried]	b Gravesend, Kent
Sarah A. YOUNGS	Servt	21yrs	Housemaid [unmarried]	b Holbrook, Suffolk

<i>1861 Census 23 West Street, Gravesend</i>				
Elizabeth M. RACKSTRAW	Head	69yrs	Fundholder and House holder [widow]	b Gravesend, Kent
Janet LINKLATER	Servt	53yrs	General servant [unmarried]	b Scotland

*National Probate Calendar 1862*  
 17 December. Letters of Administration of the Personal estate and effects of Elizabeth Mary Rackstraw late of Gravesend in the County of Kent Widow deceased who died 03 November 1862 at Gravesend aforesaid were granted at the Principal Registry to George Rackstraw of Gravesend aforesaid Salt Merchant the Son and one of the Next of Kin of the said Deceased he having first sworn. Effects under £200.

*Transcript from a page in a family bible*

A list of the Children of Josiah and Elizabeth Mary Rackstraw when born &c

Josiah	March 7 <sup>th</sup> , 1819	
Elizabeth Jane	June 30 <sup>th</sup> , 1821	Died June 16 <sup>th</sup> , 1886
George	Sept 21 <sup>st</sup> , 1826	Died Sept 5 <sup>th</sup> , 1882
Henry	April 8 <sup>th</sup> , 1829	Died Jany 25 <sup>th</sup> , 1888
John Starbuck Rackstraw	June 28 <sup>th</sup> , 1833	

Elizabeth Mary Rackstraw died Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> 1862 aged 72yrs

*National Probate Calendar 1886*

28 September. Administration of the Personal Estate of Elizabeth Jane Rackstraw late of Leigh in the County of Essex Spinster who died 16 June 1886 at Leigh was granted at the Principal Registry to Josiah Rackstraw of West-street Gravesend in the County of Kent House Decorator and Painter the Brother and one of the Next of Kin. Personal Estate £4,118 4s 1d.

*National Probate Calendar 1906*

[1] Josiah Rackstraw of 2 Clifton Marine-parade Gravesend Kent died 29 Dec 1896 Administration London 17 July to George Rackstraw farmer. Effects £170.  
[2] John Starbuck Rackstraw of 143 Shrewsbury-road East Ham Essex died 17 Mar 1906 Probate London 26 April to Esther Rackstraw widow.  
Effects £2002 3s 2d.

*Marriage Register All Saints East Finchley, Middlesex*

No.29 William Basantas Frasmonte Bayly Longman, aged 51yrs, widower, artist of 43 Hillfield Park, Muswell Hill, son of William Holmes Longman, Captain RN and Kate Rackstraw, aged 44yrs, spinster of 103 Hertford Road East Finchley daughter of Henry Rackstraw (deceased) Gent married after Banns 29 Apr 1909. Witnesses: Charlotte Rackstraw and Charles Dunch.

*National Probate Calendar 1951*

Kate Longman of Bayley 21 Meadow-road Gravesend Kent widow died 09 January 1951 Probate London 15 March to William Trevor Jones and Keith Mountfort solicitors. Effects £945 4s 3d.