Family Research Thesis

The Squelch Family of Shottesbrooke & Clewer

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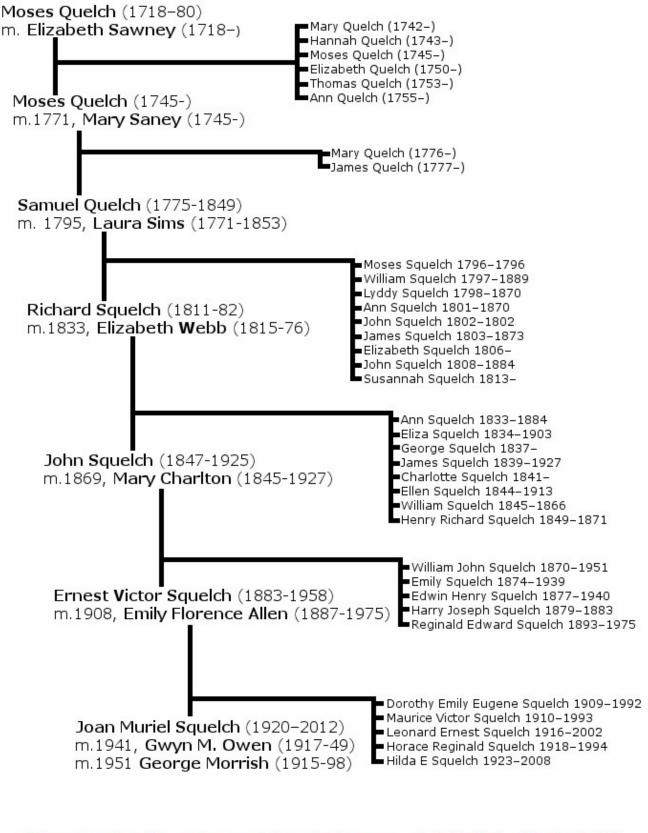
Washerwoman, antique print courtesy of victorianpicturelibrary.com

Introduction

This is a genealogical investigation into the origins of the author's paternal ancestors along his maternal grandmother's line. All information has been gathered by careful extensive research over 15 years in record offices or online databases. No data has been entered unless there is supporting physical evidence and cross matching elimination of alternatives. Information may be subject to change.

Quelch was a very uncommon surname in the UK with a low occurrence around Berkshire and Oxfordshire prior to 1841. Many early surnames originate from the needs of masters' recorders to keep track of their workers for tax purposes, thus they tend to refer to the occupation when considering men of manual labour *(nominative determinism)*. Thus *'quelch'* may phonetically in the modern sense conjure up images of water. Thus jobs such as clay digging, manure shifting, cesspit cleaning at the low end to *'quelching'* of hot metal for blacksmiths, the manual pummelling of fruit, softening of leather or even laundry. An Old English dictionary even refers to it colloquially as a *"gent with a prominent belly"*. A more plausible entry from a local dialect dictionary says that quelch was the name of the sound that horses make when cantering, thus referring to a trainer of horses, which this family evidently engaged in.

However many experts state that Quelch is of foreign origins; Germany or south of it or a derivation of Welsh, i.e. of Wales or habitational - referring to a 'squelchy' moor. **Samuel Quelch's** landlord, at least in 1844 was a **Lord Arthur Vansittart**, who's family settled in Shottesbrooke, Berkshire from Danzig (now Poland) in the restoration of Charles II (c.1660), with wide European connections. If they wished to bring in their own trusted workers over, I am sure they would have been compensated for. The surname mutated to Squelch around 1800.



Squelch Family Tree 1775-2012

Compiled & Researched by James M Burton 2009-17

Samuel Quelch (1775-1849)

(7th Gen. Grandfather to the Author)

Samuel was born in 1774, my research places his origins in Nettlebed, Oxfordshire (*see notes below*). He is evidenced working as a general farm labourer on the estates of powerful land magnate **Arthur Vansittart** for at least 60 years in the 'idyllic' parish of Shottesbrooke, only an hour from London but completely rural, as so to this day, where he marries local girl **Laura** daughter of **Robert Sims**.

The 1841 census has them living at *'Hill House'* which was actually a mansion in Waltham St. Lawrence parish nearby, *(where one of their children was baptised)* therefore one assumes this means cottages appurtenant to it, as the 1844 tithe states they lived in a small cottage off the Broadmoor Road in Shottesbrooke amongst woodland, now demolished *(not present on 1812 or 1870 OS maps only 1844 tithe)*.

His work would have been hard with long hours and little pay involving anything from ploughing, harvesting, animal care, hedging and shifting dirt & manure. 6 shillings a week would be the average wage at that time. Suggestions of a tumbledown cottage with little or amenities and sparse furniture seem an appropriate aphorism. But of course working directly for Lord Vansittart may have had its perks, no estate records have been released to check.

It is possible that Sam after his usefulness as a labourer was sent to the Oxford asylum where he died. His wife **Laura** ends up in Cookham workhouse after his demise. The surname mutates from Quelch to Squelch at this time, some say unfortunately.

Of his children **William, John** & **James** persisted as agricultural workers. His 4 daughters presumably married off locally.

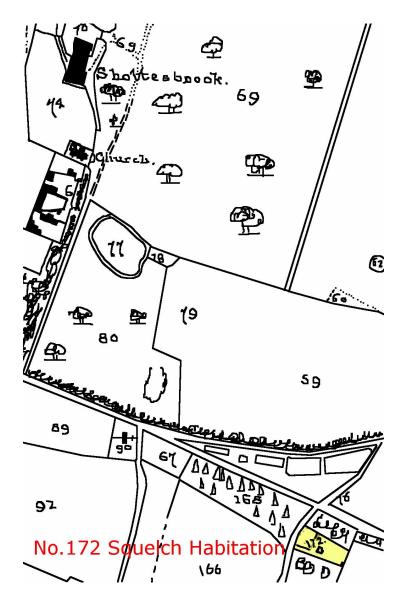
Notes on Samuel Quelch Research

Samuel Quelch in the 1841 census states he was born outside of Berkshire. The only record that matches his death (*he does not appear in the 1851 census*) is in the Oxford Asylum, (*I have not been to that record office to check*). This ties in with the only suitable baptism in the whole UK, which is for Nettlebed, same county, in 1774, therein his father is noted as **Moses Quelch**. This argument is further strengthened by the fact that Sam's first born son is named Moses in his honour. Because of the sparsity of records for the Quelch name, for me, these 4 facts, in conjunction with the proximity of Nettlebed to Shottesbrooke (*but 10 miles away*) points to the correct lineage, with no other entries to cross match with. We can tell you but little of Moses, because of the lack of records, but we would assume he is a farmer of sorts and local to the area, and no doubt a Christian.

There is a small chance of course he might even have been born Ireland or S. Europe, maybe even a workhouse. We know his wife **Laura Sims** was born and baptised in Shottesbrooke, and died in the Cookham workhouse and was buried by the Union in her birth town in 1853. The registry of the Union however states that a **Laura Quelch** was admitted in 1848 and appurtenant to Ireland which makes little sense. Having TWO Laura Quelch's in the same workhouse at the same time seems like abominably low odds. Therefore... between 1844 and 1848 did they both migrate to Ireland for some reason, Sam dying there and then she coming back? Maybe this is why many of the children cannot be found in later Census? It may not be so complicated as this.



A1. St John, Shottesbrooke parish church, 2005



A2. Tithe map 1844, Shottesbrooke, copy, extract

Landowner	Occupiers	Number Ref to plan	Name & Description of Lands & Premises
Vansittart, Arthur	Squelch, Samuel and others	172	Two Cottages & Gardens

A2. Tithe apportionment 1844, Shottesbrooke, transcript, extract

Richard Squelch (1811-1882)

(Son of Samuel Quelch ; 6th Gen. Grandfather to the Author)

Sam's 9 children are scattered to the four winds but **Richard Squelch** born 1811 ends up in Clewer, west of Windsor, where other relatives settled. He labours in agriculture mostly as a groom to horses, also carting goods for 50 years, marrying **Elizabeth**, daughter of **Jacob Webb**, farm labourer.

Of his 9 children, they take low skill jobs in the immediate area. **Ann** married **James Wheeler** a labourer. **Eliza** married **James Chandler** a blacksmith. **George** married a **Mary Ann Nash** and ran a pub for a while in Middlesex. **James** married an **Elizabeth Jackson** and stayed as a farm labourer. The others died young or cannot be traced.

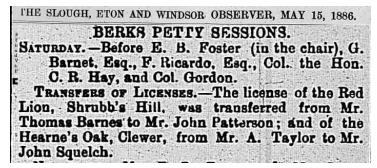
Of note is **Ellen**, who ends up in Windsor workhouse from around 1881 aged 40 for 30 years working as a laundress, intriguingly at the same time as **Robert Allen jnr** (5th gen. great grandfather to author), who would have become his aunt by marriage had he lived long enough. They may have know each other but male and female were strictly separated. She is described in the 1881 census as an 'idiot' which inferred her "mental faculties were arrested in infancy or childhood". It also declared she suffered 'fits'. No other census gives any mention of her disabilities, she may even have recovered. The wording might hint at epilepsy, but with no further authority. Whatever she was suffering from Victorian attitudes regarded this as a degeneracy to be hidden away.

John Squelch 1847-1925

(Son of Richard Squelch ; 5th Gen. Grandfather to the Author)

Richard's son John passes his time as a plasterer in Clewer marrying **Mary**, a laundress, daughter of **Benjamin Thomas Charlton** a brass worker. Again his children take low skilled work, **William John** & **Edward Henry** being railway workers. **Emily** married a **John Shuttle**, gardener. **Reginald Edward** was slightly ahead of the brood, he signed up the machine gun corps in WWI, a newly formed squadron that took on the fittest most intelligent sharp shooters, he served in Egypt and France on the WW1 front lines. Indeed in 1912 aged 18 he appeared as 'Chalk' an innkeeper in a Jacobite themed play in Windsor.

John like his working class peers was a frequent visitor to alehouses and is witness in a trial involving a girl accused of throwing water over her former mistress, and he defending her and the landlord of the Duke of Edinburgh in Windsor. This suggests he may have known **Robert Allen jnr** (5th gen. great grandfather to author) who also frequented the pubs in this area at the same period. It is quite possible also that considering his habits ran the license of the Hearnes Oak pub in Clewer in 1886.



A3. Slough Observer ftr. John Squelch 15 May 1886

Slough, Eton & Windsor Observer, 28/06/1884, page 4. Berks Petty Sessions

John Squelch, plasterer, Clewer gave evidence in support of Emily Whaling, 14 charged with throwing water over former mistress Frances Elizabeth Fleury when passing the Duke of Edinburgh inn at 10pm. Said it was dark and she throwing dirty water out did not see her. Fleury complained to the landlady Mrs Easten who called her husband James Easten who grabbed her by the arm and marched her to her house, next door, shook her and asked to fight her husband who was ill in bed with gout. Said slops were often tipped into her garden from the inn window. **John Squelch** & Henry Coon, tailor said that James had not touched her and only felt her clothing after she said she had been wetted, and that she remarked on seeing him, *"Do not strike me or I'll break your neck with my stick"*. The magistrates were unimpressed by both parties accounts and fined everyone 1s, and bound them over to keep the peace, adding that these trifling matters should not have been brought before the courts. Mrs Fleury complained that her court costs were £1, and defendants 6s so she was worse punished even through the court found in her favour. *Extracted and abbreviated*.

THE SLOUGH, ETON AND WINDSOR

OBSERVER, JUNE 28, 1884.

BERKS PETTY SESSIONS. SATURDAY. - Before E. B. Foster, Esq. (in the chair), C. G. Barnett, Esq., F. Ricardo, Esq., and Major-General Thornhill.

Assault Case .- Emily Whaling, 14, was charged with having assaulted Frances Elizabeth Fleury .-Defendant, for whom Mr. Brummell Smith appeared. pleaded not guilty .- Mr. Edridge appeared for the complainant .- Mrs. Fleury said that she is the wife of George Henry Fleury, and lives at Clewer. On the night of the 9th June, about a quarter to 10 o'clock, she was returning home from Clewer Village, and as she passed the Duke of Edinburgh beerhouse the defendant, who was standing on the doorstep, threw some water over her. She did not give defendant any provocation, and did not know why the water was thrown. She believed defendant had a spite against her, because she had discharged her from her service at Christmas. Defendant did not say anything when she threw the water, which was in a pewter measure, and was about a pint in quantity. - In cross-examination by Mr. Brummell Smith, complainant denied that she had gone into. the Duke of Edinburgh and said to the landlady, Mrs. Easten, "You nasty dirty cat, why did you allow that girl to throw that dirty water over me." What she did say was, "What right have you to allow her to throw water over me." She (complainant) lived next door to Mrs. Easten, and was not either friendly or unfriendly with her. The wate was thrown right in her face when she was about two yards away, and went over her hat and jacket, also wetting a little boy that was with her, who is about twelve years of age .- Thomas Alfred Cooper, the little boy mentioned by complainant, corroborated her evidence.-For the defence it was stated that the defendant is in service at the Duke of Edinburgh, and that she had merely gone to the door to throw some water out that had been used in washing up pots and glasses. It being dark she did not see Mrs. Fleury, and if the water went over her it was by accident. -John Squelch, a plasterer, gave evidence in support of this statement. - Before giving a decision, the magistrates decided to hear the next case.

James Easten, landlord of the Duke of Edinburgh beerhouse, was charged with assaulting Frances Elizabeth Fleury. — The defendant pleaded not guilty: —The same solicitors were employed as in

the last case.-Mrs. Fleury said that after the water had been thrown on her as previously stated, she asked Mrs. Easten why she allowed the girl to throw water over her, and sail it was very hard she could not walk along without being insulted. Mrs. Easten then called her husband, who came out and took her (complainant) violently by the arm, and shoved and pushed her violently along to her own gate. He also shook her. Defendant then challenged her husbanl, who was lying ill in bed with the gout, to come out and fight. She lives next door to the Duke of Edinburgh, and a window of that house overlooks her garden, from which dirty slops are emptied into the garden to annoy her and her husband.-In cross-examination by Mr. Brummell Smith, complainant said Mr. Easten had challenged her husband to fight before, but he had always donthis when a long distance from him, being "too much of a coward" to do so when he was near. She did not go inside the Duke of Edinburgh, and did not call her the names that had been stated .---Thomas Alfred Cooper, the boy who gave evidence in the last case, corroborated complainant's evidence.-For the defence, John Squelch was called. who said that after Mrs. Easten had called him the defendant went to complainant, when she said, "Don't strike me, or I will break your neck with this stick." Defendant said, "No, I will not strike you. I thought it was your husband." When Mrs. Fleury said she was wet from the water being thrown on her, the defendant merely put his hand on her to feel, but did not shove or push her or shake her .---Evidence to a similar effect was given by Henry Coon, a tailor, and the girl Emily Whaling. The Chairman said there was so much discrepancy between the evidence for the complainant and for

between the evidence for the complainant and for the defence, that the magistrates had felt much difficulty in arriving at a decision. They considered the assaults of a very trifling character, but still assaults had been committed, and the defendants would each have to pay a fine of 1s. The complainant and the defendants would each have to pay their own costs.—It was pointed out that as Mrs. Fleury would have to pay £1 1s. costs, while the defendants' fines and costs only amounted to 6s., she would be really the most soverely punished, although the cases had been decided in her favour.—The Chairman said the cases were of such a trifling character they ought not to have been brought before the Bench. The parties were bound over to keep the peace, Mr. Easten being surety for the girl Whaling.

A4. Slough Observer, extract 28 Jun 1884, ftr. John Squelch

Ernest Victor Squelch 1883-1957

(Son of John Squelch ; 4th Gen. Grandfather to the Author)

Born in 1883 at the aptly named family home, 'Squelch Cottage' in Clewer, Ernest starts out as a telegraph messenger boy. He would have worn a uniform and be paid by the mile to deliver written notes received at the telegraphy office throughout Berkshire if need be, on a discounted bicycle. I can imagine he started early in this line of work and thus was on a part time basis with his school. He then embarks on the unassuming, but respected position of postman in the Windsor area, having past his civil service exam in 1903, later promoted to overseeing postal communicational operations in some capacity, noted that he is a 'GPO official' prior to the war. We have him playing on the post office cricket team in 1912:

Slough Chronicle, 17/05/1912, p 12. Windsor Post Office vs Bishop's Farm at Bishop's Farm, Windsor Cricket Match. **E. Squelch,** not out for 4. 98 to 51, Bishop's win.

There were no numbers as such on properties in the Victorian era, only a name and street would be given, so he would have been very familiar with the peoples and properties, and the 'goings on' in Windsor. It is on one of his rounds that he would have met **Emily Allen**, daughter of **Robert Allen**, boatbuilder. She working as a young poor laundress in terrible housing with a recently dead father, he may have been smitten by her beauty and empathetic to her predicament and swept her away to a better place. They married in 1908.

Little may he have been aware of the looming dark years ahead, but his work & play certainly kept him fit enough to survive his call up and volunteered short service in the Royal Field Artillery from the army reserves, aged 33 in WWI. His rank is listed as gunner, so we may suggest that he was behind the lines, shelling the German enemy with large 18lb field guns. This job title could have entailed loading shells, cleaning guns, fetching ammunition, targeting enemy positions. From his singed service record (60% of WWI soldiers records were destroyed in WW2 bombing) we can ascertain that he was posted to France in Oct 1916, with the British Expeditionary Force, to replace the regular army that had been wiped out halting the advance of the Germans.

The date of his posting coincides with the great slaughter, '*The Battle of the Somme*' which raged between July and Nov 1916, seeing severe losses of life, with only 7 miles of advance and the first use of the tank. According to notes in his records he MAY have been part of the XXVIII (28th) brigade of the 5th Division which by 6th October (*the date of his posting*) had left the Somme and was holding the

line near Festubert and was described as tranquil in comparison with the

major front lines. He served up to the demobilisation of the army in

A7. Ernest's route from Clewer to the Somme

December 1918 without injury so he may have seen action in Flanders, Italy and the 2nd battle of the Somme. *Although please note his record still needs deciphering, and as he was a volunteer soldier in the reserves and may not have seen that much action at all.* The scenes of muddy trenches, barbed wire, mass graces and the continuous pounding of bomb and gun would have been a familiar sight to Ernest, and he did well to survive this adventure, for which he was awarded the Victory and British Medals.

He returns to civilian life a much changed man, but with a familiar job in the general post office. He is evidenced as loading mail at Windsor train station in 1928, from a trial in the police courts where he identified two wanted robbers boarding a train. He is remembered as ending his years selling postcards probably in the Windsor post office, as he received his Imperial Service Medal on his retirement (*for 25 years unblemished career as a postman*) in 1943.







1891



Robbery at Slough, Eton & Windsor Observer, 16/03/1928, page 6 Burnham Police Courts: Christopher Dunsby & Rob Williams charged with burglary from 15-17 Messr Boots, Thames Street, Windsor a camera, silver and leather items value £122. Burglary of shop of Reginald Thomas Davison, Sussex Place Slough and warehouse of Alfred James Desmond Annersley, Lansdown Avenue, Slough stealing 100 Turkish towels, satin, basket and cigarettes. Defendants handed themselves in. Amongst other witnesses, **Mr Ernest Victor Squelch** postman at Windsor said that on the 21st February he was taking mail to the 9:48pm Windsor to Paddington. Whilst on the platform he saw two men sitting in a compartment. One was examining a camera, o ne of them approached the guard who was on the platform and made some remark to him, "*I saw the train pull out and the two men were still in the compartment, the prisoners are the two men*". Defendants question his recount of events, he replies, "*I saw you both, I can identify you better than Dunsby as you wearing a dark suit and Oxford bags*".

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A8. British Postal Service Appointment Books, 1903



A9. Postman 1900

THE EDINBURGH GAZETTE. A10. 960 SEPTEMBER 15, 1903.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, September 11, 1903.

The following Candidates have been certified by the Civil Service Commissioners as qualified for the appointments set against their respective names :--

September 8, 1903.

WITHOUT COMPETITION. Postmen-John Farquharson (Aberdeen), Alexauder Hamilton (Belfast), Ernest Victor Squelch (Windsor).

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FRIDAY, 10 DECEMBER, 1943 CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS

OF KNIGHTHOOD. St. James's Palace, S.W.I. 10th December, 1943. The KING was graciously pleased to award the Imperial Service Medal to the following

SQUELCH, Ernest Victor, Postman, Windsor.



A12. Imperial Service Medal

Transcript of Army Service Record

Name: Ernest Victor Squelch Rank: Gunner. Regimental number: 150248 Unit: HG 54. Battery 21st (Reserve) also 13th (Reserve) Battalion: 266. Brigade: XXVIII Division: 5th Corps: Royal Field Artillery Posted: in France 06:10:1916 to 24:03:1919 Medal: Victory & British 1920

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Leave:	20:07:1917	7 days? Leave with rations
Leave:	23:02:1918	14 days leave UK via Boulogne
Posted:	06:11:1918	HQ 59 th Brigade
Demob:	25:03:1919	Dispersal Centre
Discharge:	31:03:l919	Posted: Chisledon Discharge Centre via Boulogne
Transfer:	23:04:1919	Transferred to Class Z Army Woolwich

The next pages show downloaded copies of microfilm copies of the original Military Attestation papers; an agreement between the army and signature to be loyal to it, to serve any part of the army for a certain period. These papers seem to have been kept and updated at 3 different locations but all contain the same information, but with wavering amounts of detail in each, from which the above list was compiled. Errors may have occurred in my transcription due to army abbreviations, unclear impressions, damage and jargon.

A13-15. Ernest V. Squelch Military Service Records.

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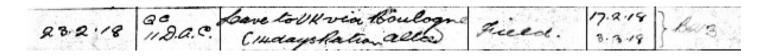
A16, 17. Ernest V Squelch, British medal, medal index card, Victory medal.

Ernest's Mystery War Time child

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A18. Telegram sent to Ernest 8.11.18

I found this document (A18) quite touching, it shows how diligent the army communication was, even during the chaos of the war, and that they did in fact care for their soldiers morale. It is a transcript of a telegram sent from his wife to inform him she had given birth to **Horace Reginald**, whilst he is France. At first I thought it quite peculiar that a child should be born 2 years after he left for war, until I discovered the below snippet (A19) later, noting that he was given 14 days leave in March 1918 to the UK, exactly 9 months prior, flushing all doubts from ones mind. I also found it reassuring that there were no entries of drunkenness, illness or injury during his service.



Joan Muriel Squelch 1920-2012

(Daughter of Ernest Victor Squelch; 3rd Gen. Grandmother to the Author)

One of Ernest's 7 children born 1920, Joan, follows the family tradition of laundress and meets husband **Gwyn Morgan**, son of **Thomas Owen** a Welsh deacon and Horlicks worker in his smart naval uniform at a local forces dance, and is soon married in Windsor. **Gloria** is born in the Slough district, and **Garry** in Argyl, Scotland. Discharged from the Royal Navy after the war where he was a Petty Officer Engine Room Artificer, Gwyn passes away at a very young age of 31 from a form of carcinoma. This leaves the family impoverished until **George Morrish** a former farm hand from Devon, who came to the burgeoning industrial areas in search of work, took on the family and produced two more children, **Philip** and **Lesley**. Joan later worked as a school dinner lady and George a sheet metal worker who may have made ammunitions in WWII.

Joan who died in 2012 was described by many as a socialite in her early years working at the Carlton Club in the 60's where many *'famous'* bands of the period played including the Beatles, Gerry and the Pacemakers, Cliff Richard, The Rolling Stones, Joe Brown etc. Son Lesley states that when 'The Who' played there on October 24, 1965 they demolished their set as per usual, she questioned them about their conduct, they replied they didn't like their instruments.



A20. Joan Muriel 1943, Argyll, Scotland with Garry

Vital Statistics & Reference

Samuel Quelch

7th generation grandfather to author

BAPTISM: 27 Feb 1774, Nettlebed, Oxfordshire. 1841 Census states he was born outside Berks

MARRIAGE: 19 Jul 1795, St John, Shottesbrooke. Age 21 to Laura Sims. Banns June 21st, 28th & 5th July

DEATH: approx 80yrs. possible match 1: Jul-Sep 1849 Abingdon, Berks, 6 97. Possible match 2: Oxfordshire Lunatic Asylum d.30 Jun 1849, admission 25 Apr 1848

FATHER: Moses Quelch (1745-) Oxfordshire. MOTHER: Mary Saney (1745-) Oxfordshire.

Laura Sims

wife to above, 7th generation grandmother to author

BAPTISM: 25 Aug 1771, Shottesbrooke **DEATH:** 81yrs. 20 Jun 1853 Cookham Workhouse, 2c 256 Cookham. bur.Shottesbrooke

FATHER: Robert Sims b.1740, Datchet, Bucks. m.11 Oct 1762 Shottesbrooke. d.25 Feb 1806, Shottesbrook

MOTHER: Elizabeth Lee b.1736, Shottesbrooke. d.15th Nov 1789, Shottesbrooke

SIBLINGS: All Shottesbrooke. Sarah Sims. Anne Sims (1775-). William Sims (1778–1859) m.Mary Ann Hall moved to Langley Marish, Bucks, agri worker

ADDRESS & OCCUPATIONS for Samuel Quelch & Laura Sims

DATE RECORD ADDRESS

1813	CHILD	Shottesbrooke	Agri Labourer
	CENSUS	Age: c.60 Hill House, Shottesbrook.	Agri Lab. Not born in Berks
1844	TITHE	Shottesbrooke. Two cottages + gardens. Plot 172, near Broadmoor Rd.	Landowner Arthur Vansittart

NOTES

widow age 74

1851 CENSUS (Laura only) Cookham Workhouse

CHILDREN of Samuel Quelch & Laura Sims

NAME	BIRTH or BAPTISM	MARRIAGE	DEATH	CHILDREN	NOTES
Moses	28 Aug 1796 Waltham Saint Lawrence, Berks		1 Oct 1796 Shottesbrooke		
William	10 Oct 1797 Shottesbrooke	Ann Marsh , c.1824	1838, Shottesbrooke	Mary Ann (1824–1892) Thomas (1825–1881) Richard (1828–1882) William (1831–1895) Edward (1834–1903)	died young
Lyddy or Lydia	b.11 Dec 1798 bp.20 Jan 1799 Shottesbrooke	9 Aug 1818 Stephen Booden , White Waltham	c.1870?		
Ann	b.10 Feb. bp.12 Feb 1801, Shottesbrooke	m.1847 to Brown, or Painter or Neale	c.1870?		
John	b.Nov 1802, Shottesbrooke		28 Nov 1802, Shottesbrooke		
James	b.31 Mar. bp.29 Apr 1803, Shottesbrooke	17 Sep 1825 Mary Pottinger , widow 16 yrs older, Shottesbrooke	c.1873?		1841 Agri Labourer Goughs Farm, Wilts
Elizabeth	b.27 Feb. bp.30 Mar 1806, Shottesbrooke	(possible) 20 Sep 1823, John Gray , Winkfield, Berks			
John	b.10 May bp. 5 Jun 1808, Shottesbrooke	Hannah c. 1830.	d. Dec 1884	Susan (1835-1900) Issac (1837-1903) Richard (1838-) William (1841-) Thomas (1849-1891) Edward (1851-1880)	Agri Lab in Holyport & Four Green, Bray, Windsor
Richard	See further page				
Susannah	bp.8 Aug 1813 Shottesbrooke	(possible) 5 Jan 1839 Tom Brown			

Richard Squelch

6th gen. grandfather to author

BIRTH:14 Jan 1811, Shottesbrooke, BerksBAPTISM:10 Feb 1811, ShottesbrookeMARRIAGE:16 Feb 1833, Shottesbrooke 22yrs to Elizabeth WebbDEATH:75yrs. Jul qtr 1882, 2c 241 Clewer, BerksWORK:Agri worker, groom, cartman

FATHER: Samuel Quelch (see above). MOTHER: Laura Sims (see above)

Elizabeth Webb

wife to Richard Squelch, 6th gen. grandmother to author

BIRTH:	10 Dec 1815, Bray, Berks
BAPTISM:	14 Jan 1816, Boyne Hill, Berks
DEATH:	60yrs. Jul qtr 1876, Windsor, Berks 2c 253
WORK:	laundress in 1861+71

FATHER: Jacob Webb. b.1794, Bray, Berks. m.13 Nov 1813. d.Nov 1846. Work: agri lab

MOTHER: Charlotte Barney. Bray, Berks. b.18 Nov 1793. d. Jul 1866. Work: laundress

SIBLINGS: All born Bray, Berks. Emma Webb (1814-1897), m.Thomas Davis. Phillip Webb (1817-1892) agri lab. Thomas Webb (1819-). John Webb (1821-). William Webb (1824-1883), agri lab. Hannah Webb (1826-1904), m.Abraham Grove. George Webb (1831-1915), agri lab. Jane Webb, (1833-1902), m.George Styles. Sarah Webb (1833-1893), m.Charles Maskell. Jacob Webb (1836-1909), police.

ADDRESSES & OCCUPATIONS for Richard Squelch & Elizabeth Webb

DATE	RECORD	ADDRESS		EMPLOYMENT
1811	BAPTISM	Shottesbrooke		-
1833	MARRIAGE	Shottesbrooke		?
1841	CENSUS	Clewer Village		Agri Labourer
1851	CENSUS	Clewer Village		Groom to horses
1861	CENSUS	Clewer Village		Carter to horses
1871	CENSUS	Clewer Village		Labourer
1881	CENSUS	18, Bexley Terrace, Clewer	Widow	,
1882	DEATH	Clewer	-	

CHILDREN of Richard Squelch & Elizabeth Webb

NAME	BIRTH BAPTISM	MARRIAGE	DEATH	CHILDREN	NOTES
Ann	1833 Shottesbrook	2 Mar 1856 James Wheeler , labourer, Upton, Bucks	1884 Clewer	Frederick (1853-) James (1856-) Alice Elizabeth (1858-) Anna Maria (1861-1886) Hannah (1862-1915) Harriet Martha (1864-) Henry John (1866-1930) Sarah Anne (1867-) Walter William (1871-) Elizabeth (1874-)	1881 widow, charwoman
Eliza	19 Nov 1834 Shottesbrook	31 Aug 1857 James Chandler , smith Windsor	May 1903	William John (1858–1917) Sarah A (1861) Lydia Charlotte (1863) Henry John (1867–1917) Mary (1870-1872) Frederick George (1873)	1881 widow, laundress
George	bp.14 May 1837 Clewer	7 Dec 1882 Mary Anne Nash , St James, Lambeth			Innkeeper, Middlesex Emigrated? Prison?
James	17 Mar 1839 Clewer	Jul 1863 Elizabeth Alice Jackson, Windsor	Mar 1927 St Albans, Herts, 88yrs	Harriett Emma (1864–1931) Edith Martha (1867–1924) Elizabeth Alice (1875) Richard Charles James (1878–1941)	Labourer
Charlotte	bp.14 Mar 1841 Clewer	1877 Oct Windsor Charles Albert Woodbridge?			Laundress
Ellen	bp.16 Apr 1843 Clewer		74 yrs Jun 1913 Windsor Union. br. Clewer by Union.		laundress in Windsor Union, inmate 30 years 1881-1913. idiot, fits
William	30 Mar 1845 Clewer		Jun 1866 Windsor age 22		Butcher boy
John	See further page				
Henry Richard	b.15 Mar 1849 Clewer. bp. Holy Trinity New Windsor, 29 Apr 1849		Jun 1871 Windsor age 22		Butcher

John Squelch

5th gen. grandfather to author

BIRTH:Clewer. Jan qtr 1847, Windsor, Berks 6 316BAPTISM:21 Mar 1847, ClewerMARRIAGE:22yrs. Jul qtr 1869, Windsor, Berks 2c 738DEATH:78yrs. Dec 1925 Windsor, Berks 2c 546

Mary Charlton

5th gen. grandmother to author, wife to above

BAPTISM: 18 May 1845, Chelsea Holy Trinity **OCCUPATION:** 1871-1911, laundress **DEATH:** 82yrs. Jun 1927, Windsor 2c 491

FATHER: Benjamin Thomas Charlton bp.28 Apr 1809 Hollingbourne, Kent. m.30 Dec 1839 Holy Trinity, Chelsea. Brass moulder, gas fitter. d.Jun 1884 Clewer

MOTHER: Mary Ann Bennet bp.22 Aug 1830, Saint Mary Major, Exeter. d.Jan 1900, Windsor

SIBLINGS: All bp. Chelsea/Clewer. **Maria Ann Charlton** (1841-). **George Charlton** (1843-89), tin worker. **Benjamin Thomas Charlton** (1848-1916), smith. **Elizabeth Frances Charlton** (1849-). **Edwin Charles Henry Charlton**, (1852-1924), waiter. **William Charlton**, (1859-), cook, 1st Grenadier Guards.

ADDRESSES & OCCUPATIONS for John Squelch & Mary Charlton

DATE	RECORD	ADDRESS	EMPLOYMENT
1847	BIRTH	Clewer	-
1851	CENSUS	Clewer Village	-
1861	CENSUS	Clewer Village	-
1881	CENSUS	Clewer Village	Plasterer
1869	MARRIAGE	Clewer	Plasterer
1884	NEWS	Clewer	Plasterer
1891	CENSUS	Squelch Cottage, Clewer	Plasterer
1901	CENSUS	Clewer Village	Plasterer
1911	CENSUS	1, Nursery Cottages, Surly Hall Road, Clewer	Plasterer
1925	DEATH	Clewer	

NAME	BIRTH/ BAPTISM	MARRIAGE	DEATH	CHILDREN	NOTES
William John	b.20th Apr, bp. 29 May 1870 Clewer	Jul Qtr 1895 Emily Woolford, Eton.	d.Mar 1951 Windsor	May Dorothy (1896-) Violet Elsie (1898-1969) William John (1900-) Arthur Charles Victor (1902-74) Winifred Euphersia Mary (1906-). Laura I (1910-)	Jan 21 1893 Oct Age: 20 Porter at Kensington & Uxbridge, £18 a week. Sacked? for damaging a bicycle fined 2/6 1901-11, Clewer, gardener.
Emily	bp.12 Apr 1874 Clewer	m. John Shuttle , gardener, 1901	1939 Mar.	Charles Joseph (1902-44) Frederick J George (1905-14) Cyril John (1910-68). Mary (1911-). Evelyn Dorothy (1915- 79). Olive Blanch (1915-81)	
Edwin Henry	b.Jul 1877 Clewer	m. Clara Groves 1904	d.1940	Edwin Thomas 1906-26	Railways labourer, Lambeth
Harry Joseph	bp.15 Oct 1879 Clewer		1883 Clewer		
Ernest Victor	See next page				
Reginald Edward	1893 Clewer	Edith Ann Locke 1918	1975 Clewer		Machine Gun Corps. 2952 Berks Yeomanry. Private, Reg No.165449. WW1 medals Vic & Brit

CHILDREN of John Squelch & Mary Charlton

Ernest Victor Squelch

4th gen. grandfather to author

BIRTH: Oct qtr 1883, Clewer, Windsor 2c 445.
BAPSTISM: 6 Jan 1884, Clewer
MARRIAGE: 24yrs, 1st Jun 1908 Windsor, at St Andrews, Clewer. Apr qtr 1908, Windsor, 2c 949.
DEATH: 77 yrs, 31 Dec 1957, No 5 Loring Rd, Deadworth Village. March qtr 1958, Windsor 6a 227.

PROBATE: 18 Feb 1958, Oxford. £264 3/4d to Emily, wife

Emily Florence Allen

4th gen. grandmother to the author, wife to Ernest Victor Squelch
BIRTH: 10th Oct 1887. Jul qtr 1887 Windsor, Berks 2c 444
DEATH: 88yrs, Jun qtr 1975, Windsor, Berks 19 0687
FATHER: see Robert Allen (1849-1996, Windsor) (on this website)

ADDRESSES & OCCUPATION for Ernest Victor Squelch & Emily Florence Allen

1883	BIRTH	Clewer	-
1884	BAPTISM	Clewer	-
1891	CENSUS	Squelch Cottage, Clewer	Scholar
1901	CENSUS	Clewer Village	Telegraph boy
1903	GPO	Clewer	Postman
1908	NEWS	Clewer	Post Office
1911	CENSUS	4, Myrtle Villa, New Road, Clewer	Postman
1916	MILITARY	31, Albert Street, Clewer	GPO Official
1916	MILITARY	Posted to France	Gunner RFA
1920	MILITARY	8, Clewer Avenue	GPO
1928	NEWS	Windsor	Postman GPO
1943	NEWS	Windsor	Postman
1957	DEATH	5 Loring Rd Deadworth Village Windsor	-

NAME	BIRTH / BAPTISM	MARRIAGE	DEATH	CHILDREN	NOTES
Dorothy Emily Eugene	b.13 th March 1909 bp.2 May 1909, Clewer		Sept 1992, Ealing Sanitarum		
Maurice Victor	29 Sep 1910, Clewer	Dorothy E Forman. Jul 1937 Windsor	Feb 1993 Bracknell, Berks		Lived at Orpington, Kent, Surrey
Leonard Ernest	8 Sep 1916, Clewer	Eileen Winifred Jones . Oct 1945 Windsor	Feb 2002, Bromley Kent		postman
Horace Reginald	8 Nov 1918, Clewer	Daphne R Nash. Apr 1950 Windsor	Jul 1994, Berks		Lived at 24 Clewer HI Rd, Windsor. Piano repair
Joan Muriel	21st July 1920, Windsor, 2c 945	1st 20yrs, Gwyn Morgan Owen, Apr 1941. 2nd 30yrs, George Morrish, Jan 1951		Gloria Garry Philip Lesley	22nd Feb 2012, Slough Nursing Home. Pneumonia. BURIAL: Slough crematorium
Hilda E	Jan 1923, Clewer	Geoffrey C Nicholls. Jan 1948	c.2000, High Wycombe		
Rita Christine	24 Dec 1926, Windsor	Douglas H Cook. Jul 1945 Surrey	Mar 2001, Windsor	Barry A Cook b.1947. Susan A Cook b.1950	

CHILDREN of Ernest Victor Squelch & Emily Florence Allen

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