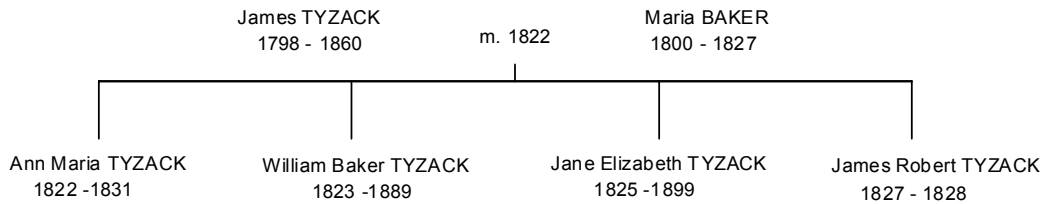


William Baker Tyzack (1823 - 1889)

William Baker Tyzack was the second of four children born to James & Maria Tyzack (nee Baker) on the 23rd of November 1823.



William was born at Wells-next-the-Sea in Norfolk England which is a small seaport town on the north coast of the county of Norfolk and bordering the North Sea, located approximately 118 miles NNE of London and 32 miles NW of Norwich. In the 19th century it was primarily a trading, fishing and boat building port, with supporting trades such as rope makers, sail makers, ship smiths and chandlers.

William's father James was recorded in the Pigot & Co. Directory¹ of 1839 as a hairdresser, with an interesting additional note, "and perfumer to the Queen", which would have been Queen Victoria who had only recently ascended the throne in 1837. From later issues of Pigot & Co.'s directories it is clear he was involved in a number of varied businesses throughout the years including patent medicine vendor, ink manufacturer, silversmith and ironmonger with the address always listed as High Street, Wells-next-the-Sea. James would also appear to have been a prominent member of the business community, having been appointed as one of ten commissioners assigned to effect improvements to the town of Wells in 1844.

William was only three and a half years old when his mother Maria died on the 5th June 1827 at the young age of twenty-seven, this left James to raise four young children probably with the assistance of family or maybe a servant or two. During the next few years William's eldest and youngest siblings died leaving just his sister Jane. It was also during this time that his father was to find a new wife, Mary Porter from Tewkesbury in Gloucestershire² and they were married in London on the 5th May 1832. There is no record of any additional children being born from this marriage

On the night of the 1841 census James, wife Mary and children William and Jane were living at High Street along with four other people. Two female servants, an Ironmonger who was probably an employee of James and a William Parker, aged twenty five years. Who William Parker was or why he was living there is unclear, although he could have been the brother of Rebecca Parker, the wife of James's brother, Zachariah.

As you would expect by the time the 1851 census had come around the family situation had changed. James & wife Mary were out of town visiting James's brother William Valentine Tyzack and wife Susanna in Norwich. This left Jane at home as head of the

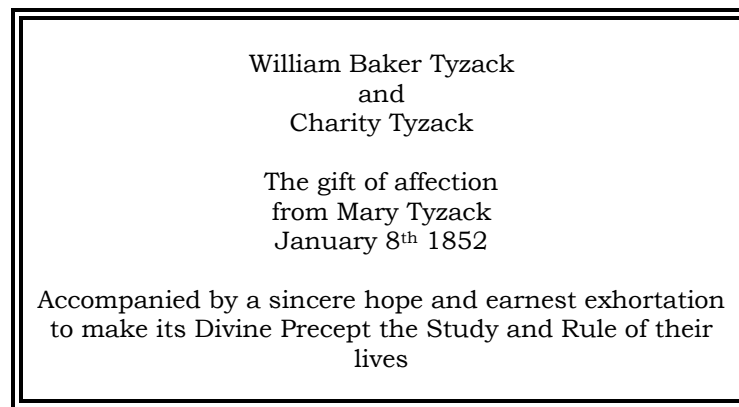
¹Pigot & Co. Directory was a directory and classification of the merchants, bankers, professional gentlemen, manufacturers and traders of the day.

² As recorded in the Census of 1851 – PRO Reference: HO/107/1813 , Folio: 195, Page 18

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household along with her uncle, Edward Tyzack who was only four years her senior at twenty eight years old. Also living with the family was a sixteen year old servant, Ann Powell. William Baker was now living separately at his own premises in the High Street along with two employees, John Brightoner³ a twenty seven year old Ironmonger and John Minn a fourteen year old apprentice.

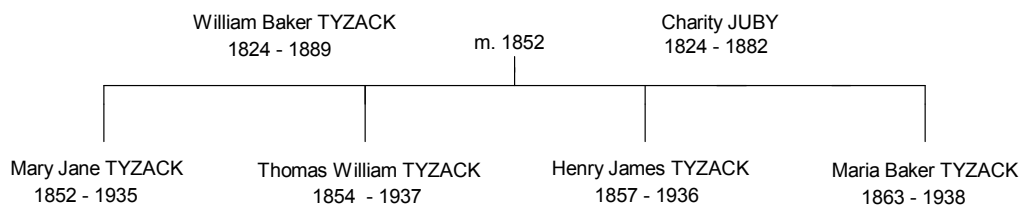
On the 8th of January 1852 at the parish church in Diss, Norfolk William Baker Tyzack married Charity Juby the youngest daughter of Thomas & Susan Juby (nee Sampson). The marriage certificate records both William and his father's occupation as ironmonger while Charity's father Thomas is recorded as a baker. The witnesses at the wedding were George Wright and William's sister Jane. On this special occasion William's stepmother Mary presented the newly weds with a bible with the following inscription in the flyleaf.



Also recorded in the family bible⁴ are the birth, marriage and death dates of some of the early descendants of William and Charity Tyzack.

William and Charity had four children as follows:

- Mary Jane born 7th of November 1852 at High Street, Wells-next-the-Sea
- Thomas William born 23rd of August 1854 at High Street, Wells-next-the-Sea
- Henry James born 19th of June 1857 at High Street, Wells-next-the-Sea
- Maria Baker born 16th of March 1863 at Bank Plain, St.Michael at Plea, Norwich



³ The surname is more than likely “Brightmer” as there were no other “Brightoner” family members to be found in either the 1841 or 1851 census.

⁴ The family bible is in the care of Ted Tyzack who lives in Queensland, Australia.

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It would appear William Baker was operating a separate business from his father James in the High Street in Wells-next-the-Sea because when father James died on 27th November 1860 his will stated that William Baker owed the estate the sum of £500, which may have been a loan to start up his own business in the High Street.

It was sometime between 1861 and 1863 that William Baker moved his family to Norwich, because when his second daughter Maria Baker, who was born on 16th March 1863 the family resided at Bank Plain, Norwich just around the corner from William Baker's uncle, William Valentine Tyzack who lived in London Street, Norwich.

It was reported in The London Gazette that William Baker Tyzack of the city of Norwich, Ironmonger, Auctioneer, Dealer and Chapman⁵, was adjudged bankrupt in London on the 25th July 1864. Interestingly more than 14 years later it was also reported in the same periodical that a dividend meeting would be held on 6th day of November 1878 next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon precisely for the same William Baker Tyzack adjudged bankrupt on the 25th July 1864.

On the [22nd/29th] of September 1866 William and family boarded the 1,025 ton "Lincolnshire" at [Gravesend/Plymouth] bound for Melbourne, the future capital of the southern hemisphere. The ship was a three masted clipper built in 1858 at the Blackwall yards for Messrs Money Wigram & Sons and was to go on and make twenty eight trips on the Gravesend to Port Phillip run between 1858 and 1879. The "Lincolnshire" was captained by Henry Herbert Shinner a veteran of many voyages to Australia.

The voyage lasted eighty-three days and so to help pass the time some of the passengers formed a small theatrical group that presented a production of *Hamlet* in which William played the lead role. The following quotations are from The Lincolnshire Observer,⁶ a newspaper produced during the voyage contained the following two quotes, which would tend to indicate that William may have been somewhat of a "thespian".

"When we consider the unfavorable of our sea-stage, we cannot but admit the "*Hamlet*" of Mr.Tysack⁷ was calculated to surprise those, who had, perhaps, expected the usual performance of an amateur in this difficult character."

"We have before spoken of Mr.Tysack's acting, but must especially notice his rendering of the part commencing, "*Oh! What a rogue and peasant slave am I,*" and also the "*portrait scene,*" which were rendered with an expression and elocution that only a professional star could have bettered."

One of the reasons why William and Charity packed up their family to move to another country half way around the world was probably the bankruptcy problems, but William may also have been influenced by his cousin Charles Tyzack who had traveled to Australia circa 1852⁸ and later returned to England. It is probably safe to assume he painted a very good picture of Australia as a land of opportunity as sometime later he returned to settle in Australia.

One family legend suggests that William set forth for Australia with a shipment of guns, only to find that Melbourne was settled and so the guns were put over the side of the ship

⁵ A Chapman is a dealer of goods from a stall, or by travelling from village to village.

⁶The reprinted Lincolnshire Observer by Henry Bradley - copy held by Bruce Tyzack

⁷ The surname as spelt in the Lincolnshire Observer

⁸ According to Charles Tyzack's great grand daughter the late Joyce Pope (nee Tyzack)

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in Port Phillip Bay. What ever the reason for leaving England, it could not have been easy setting foot in a strange new land with four young children only few days before Christmas Day 1866.

The whereabouts of the family after they arrived in Melbourne can be traced from the Sands & Mc Dougall⁹ directories, the earliest entry being in 1869 where William & family were living at 57 Faraday Street Carlton, the dwelling was located on the north side of the street between Lygon and Drummond Street.

In 1870 they had moved to Dorrit Street and in 1871 to McArthur Place, all these addresses located within a short distance of each other which probably made for easy relocation.

The year 1873 saw the family move from the Carlton area to Hawthorn and for the next four years they lived in Victoria Road between Burke and Auburn Road. (Victoria Rd probably became Barkers Road, which is the continuation of the present Victoria Parade.)

From 1877 to 1883 William was living in Norwood Road Boroondara and a significant event during this period was the death of William's wife Charity. Charity died on the 1st November 1882 aged 58 years from cancer¹⁰ and was buried at the Boroondara Cemetery on the 3rd November 1882.

William later resided in Whitehorse Rd, Boroondara (1884) and Wakefield St, Hawthorn (1885-1886) finally settling in Haines Street, later known as Cranmore St Hawthorn.

While William's occupation on his marriage certificate in 1852 was given as ironmonger little is known of his working life in Australia although there is a snippet of evidence to suggest that he may have worked for a "nut and bolt" company¹¹ in Melbourne. It can be said however that in later years his occupation was listed as accountant in the Sands & Mc Dougall directories.

William died age 65 years at his residence "Oaklands" in Cranmore Street on the 12th August 1889 from congestion of the brain & lungs.¹² He was buried on the 14th August 1889 together with his late wife at Boroondara Cemetery where their grave and badly damaged headstone can still be seen today.

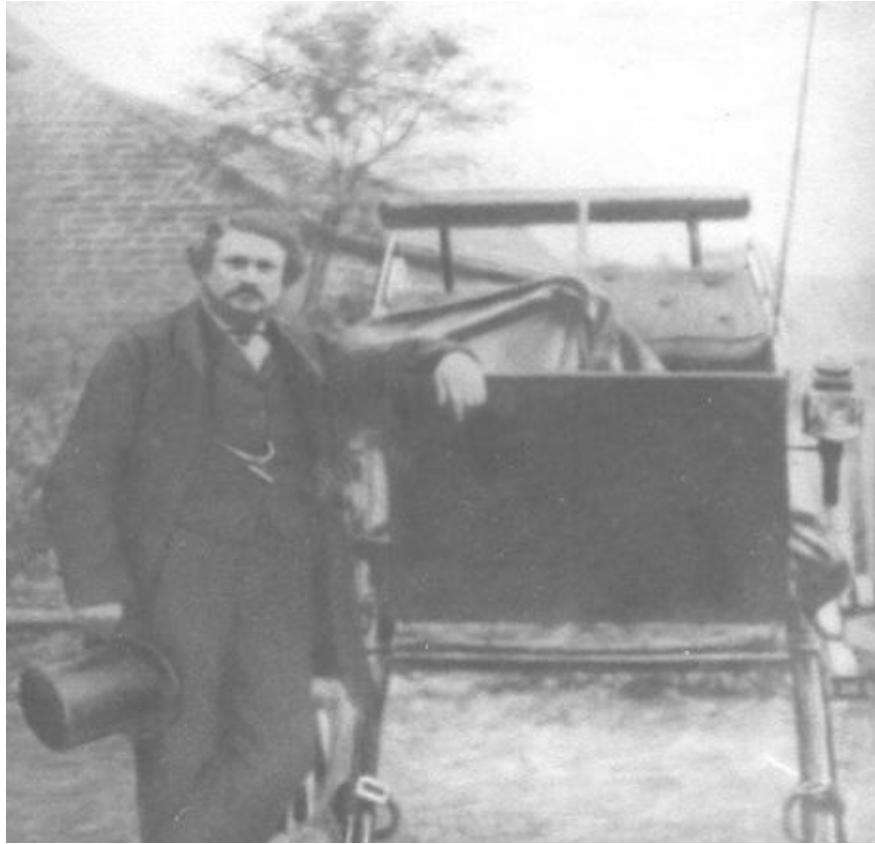
⁹ Sands & McDougall was a trade directory

¹⁰The death certificate lists the cause of death as cancer of the breast and spine.

¹¹ From some family history notes provided by the late Ms. Adele Tyzack

¹² The cause of death as stated on his death certificate.

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