

The Haiden Family history from 1810 to 1898

Henry was born in Newport, Isle of Wight on 15th September 1810. The eldest son of Henry and Maria Hayden. He married Ann Gerard at St John's Church Hove on 21st May 1838 when he was 28 and she was 21. At that time Henry was serving in the Coastguard after service in the Royal Navy from about 1826 until 1835. At the time of their marriage he was stationed at Hove, the Coastguard station then being located at the bottom of Hove Street, roughly where King Alfred sports centre is today, and he subsequently served at Eastbourne 1843 – 1945 and Bexhill 1845 – 1854. In January 1854 he was recalled to service in the Royal Navy as a reservist for the 'Russian' war (Crimean) serving in HMS Caesar, a 90 gun ship of the line, which was part of the Baltic Fleet engaged in blockading the Port of St Petersburg.



On his return to the Coastguard in 1856 he was stationed at either East Preston or Goring and in 1869 he was appointed the first Pier Master of Worthing. Prior to his appointment there had been a Mr Parkes who was the Pier Keeper but Henry was the first Pier Master appointed who had a maritime background, a post he held until his death on 24th September 1886. Henry and Ann were then living at 46 Market Street and he was buried in Broadwater Cemetery (Southfarm Road, plot EP1/24/19a) where Ann was also buried in 1898. Henry's death was registered by his Daughter Jane (Jinny) Davis the wife of Thomas Davis who lived at 9 Montagu Street, the cause of death given was cancer of the liver and nephritis (inflammation of the kidneys)

His wife Anne Haiden (Nee Gerard) was in service in Hove when she and Henry married. Anne's family were Huguenot descendants and we believe her father was a baker in Kemp Town Brighton.

In a marriage lasting 48 years Ann bore Henry 14 children. The last child Philip born in 1863 died when Anne was 46 years of age.

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