

still stands and is currently being redeveloped as a tourist attraction.

ARTHUR COATES and SARAH JANE McDONALD

ARTHUR COATES was born at Bury on 16th October 1858. He was a Clog Maker by trade although he described himself as a boot and shoemaker on my father's birth certificate. He was known in Grimsby as Cloggie Coates. Like his brother Alfred, he probably served an apprenticeship under his father. There were strict rules in England in those days about such matters and making clogs by hand, as they did, was a skilled trade. He would have left school at the age of fourteen and at some time between 1881, he was resident at his father's house when the Census was taken, and 1885, the year of his marriage, he moved to Grimsby, now South Humberside, then in Lincolnshire. What prompted Arthur to leave home can only be a matter of speculation. There was a market for clogs in Grimsby as in Bury. Either the Bury business could not provide an adequate living for him and his father, his elder brother Alfred another trained clogmaker, had already emigrated to Australia, or he saw greater opportunities in setting up on his own account in Grimsby where clogs were in demand and the fishing industry was expanding rapidly at that time. He was the last of the Coates Cloggers as none of his sons followed in his footsteps. There is no evidence that he prospered at any time in his working life and by the turn of the century the demand for clogs in England was fast diminishing. It is ironic that clogs, especially in Holland, are now money spinners as fashion footwear.

Arthur died in 1922 at the age of 63.

In the Summer of 1885 Arthur married Sarah Jane McDonald. They had six children to the best of my knowledge: Alice 1888, William Henry 1889, Norman 1892, Elsie 1897, Arthur 1901 and Irene 1904. The family lived at 260 King Edward Street, Grimsby, now demolished. I think the business was carried on at a nearby shop.

SARAH JANE McDONALD was born in Grimsby in 1866 the second daughter and fourth of six children of Henry and Mary Jane McDonald (nee Ashton). Notwithstanding their Scottish name the McDonalds came from South Lincolnshire. Henry's father was born in Woolwich, Kent, but had moved to Louth where he married a woman called Sarah, maiden name not known. Sarah Jane was the first of her family to be born in Grimsby where the McDonalds are well represented to this day. The McDonald Family History is being researched by a cousin of mine, one Tom McDonald, so we may know much more one day.

Sarah Jane died of tuberculosis in 1930, aged 62. It is said that she caught the disease from her son-in-law, the husband of her youngest daughter Rene. He also died of T.B. about that time. The only memory I have of grandmother, strange to relate, is being taken to see her just before she died. I cannot remember what she looked like. I have a fleeting recollection of

going to her funeral. I have no recollection of my grandfather.

MARY AGNES COATES

MARY AGNES COATES was born in Bury in 1861. In the 1881 Census she was described as a milliner by trade. She died later that year at the age of 20.

ALICE ALEXANDRA COATES and THOMAS COATES

ALICE ALEXANDRA COATES was born in 1863, the year the Prince of Wales, later King Edward VII, married Princess Alexandra of Denmark. This must be the explanation for her second name; she was named after the Princess. Alice, too, was a milliner. In 1888 she married Thomas Coates at Bury. There were two sons of the marriage: Thomas Gordon 1892 and Arthur Ronald 1897. She died at Bury in 1937 aged 73.

THOMAS COATES

THOMAS COATES. The only information I have at present is that he was the African Agent for Hatton and Cookson, Liverpool. He died some time before 1908 by which time his widow and family had moved back to 65 Georgiana Street.

Note: I recall meeting Alice on one occasion probably in the early 1930's. She gave me a book which had been one of her son Tom's school prizes. I have it still. Her address was Bury Old Road (or Bury New Road), the two roads run parallel, Whitefield, Manchester as I recall. Norma also recalls meeting both old ladies, Elizabeth and Alice. They probably lived in the same house.

THOMAS COATES and LAVINIA NOLAN

THOMAS COATES was born at Bury on 16th June 1867. He was educated at the Bank Street British School and Bury Grammar School which he attended from October 1881 to August 1883. At the age of fifteen or sixteen he went with his mother to visit relatives in Janesville, Wisconsin, U.S.A. They both returned to England but Thomas soon went back to the U.S.A. He remained in Wisconsin for a few years where his interest was in farming. He then moved to Portland, Oregon, where he attended a telegraph operators' school. In 1892, learning that Tillamook needed a telegraph office, he and a friend erected a telegraph line from Tillamook to Gales Creek. He established an office in Tillamook giving that town its first line of communication with other areas of Oregon. A cutting from an unidentified Bury newspaper, also undated, but probably the Bury Monthly Visitor, which I have seen states that Thomas took over the Tillamook Headlight described as "the official paper of Tillamook County - Tom Coates - Editor and Proprietor". It would seem that his predecessor was one Mr. W.F.D. Jones. Tom and W.F.D. became brothers-in-law marrying the

sisters Lavinia and Maude Nolan respectively. Also in 1892 he established an abstract and title business known as the Tillamook Abstract Office which he ran until his daughter Margaret took over the business in 1946.

He assisted in the formation of the Oregon State Association of Fire Chiefs becoming its second President and later Secretary, a position which he held until his death. He was also an honorary member of the International and Pacific Coast Association of Fire Chiefs.

He was a Freemason for many years, a one time Master Mason of the Tillamook Lodge A.F. and A.M. and a Charter Member of the Elks Lodge. He was also a member of the Kiwanis Pioneer Association.

He was a member of the Unitarian Church.

On his marriage Thomas had a new house constructed at 402 East Fifth Street, Tillamook and that was his address for the rest of his life. The house no longer exists.

On 14th November 1894 he married Lavinia Nolan. They had four children: William Thomas (Tom) 1896, Margaret 1897, Elizabeth (Lizzie) 1899 and Agnes Belle 1901.

Thomas died on 27th August 1951 aged 84.

LAVINIA NOLAN was the daughter of Thomas and Margaret Nolan. She was born on the Wilson River about one mile north of Tillamook on 21st April 1872. She was a member of the ? Christian Church and a Past Worthy Matron of the Silver Wave Chapter, Order of Eastern Star. She was an accomplished photographer.

Lavinia died on 25th December 1917, aged 45.

ROBERT COATES

ROBERT COATES was born at Bury in 1869. I have confirmed this fact in the Index of Register of Births. His name appears in the Census Returns for 1871 and 1881. That is all I know at present.

LOUISA COATES

The 1871 Census Return records that William and Agnes had a daughter Louisa who was 7 days old when the Census was taken. She is not mentioned in the 1881 Census Return and must be presumed to have died in infancy. I have searched the Indexes of the Registers of Births and Deaths but I have so far failed to trace her. Her birth could have been registered at Leeds (reference 9b 432 Sept). Her parents were married there so there would have been a family connection. However, the Census Return shows her as having been born in Bury.