

NEWNHAM Family
of
PORTSMOUTH.

Some of the data from my records procured during the past thirty years. Those herein deal with the families that are now existing in Portsmouth, most of whom I can prove hail from The Isle of Wight wherein the name of NEWNHAM is very ripe back as far as 1545 (at Whitwell) eventually spreading all over the Island. In the early nineteenth century the Newnhams began to leave the Island for the mainland. Many have served in our Dockyard. From a search made at Somerset House (Remember this source only starts from 1837) I have made a skeleton list of EVERY Newnham who has "passed" in the U.K. from 1837 down to about 1850. When searching for a persons' record you are supposed to seek THAT person and no other, but with a sharp eye I managed to get all those of interest, but was overtaken when I reached the records around 1850, & thus "bunkered".

It will surprise you to know that the records are in a PRINTED form and not in M.S. viz. Births, deaths, & marriages. The RECORD OFFICE in Chancery Lane is a wonderful place for a search. The Census records 1841 & 1851 are really good. Old NAVAL ships' records of ALL MEN who served in them, and all ARMY pay rolls, muster rolls & the like. Only just recently have the MEDAL rolls been added (I have had THOUSANDS of these in my possession for over Thirty years, and well used). A few plain pages at the end of the pamphlet for you to add any notes concerning those of whom I know little or nothing. I should like to connect each one up.. one clue from you and I may be able to make up a pedigree. I have heard people say "I came from a family that came over with the Conqueror". Such a boast is without foundation, and many pedigrees are bogus and so too are many 'Arms'. The Newnham family has "arms", there are diff' branches such as Kent, Sussex, Northants, Glos. as well as I.O.Wight.

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