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A Natstand family document is intended to provide background information concerning the family of a deceased naturalist. It is hoped that such information will form a framework which will help interpret their surviving correspondence, specimens and records. In some cases it will also give an insight into the influences on their early lives and the family constraints within which they worked and collected. We have found that published family data concerning individuals rarely contain justification for dates and relationships and not infrequently contain errors which are then perpetuated. The emphasis in Natstand family documents will be on providing references to primary sources, whenever possible, which will be backed-up with transcriptions.

Although a Natstand biography page will always carry a link to a family document, in many cases these documents will be presented without any further biographical material. We anticipate that this will occur if the person is particularly well known or is someone we are actively researching or have only a peripheral interest in.

The following conventions are used:

Any persons in the family tree with known natural history associations will be indicated in red type. Any relationships will be to the root naturalist unless otherwise stated.

Dates are presented Year – Month – Day

e.g. **1820 March 9** or **1820.3.9**
1820 March or **1820.3**

Dates will be shown in bold type if a reliable reference is presented in the document. In cases where an exact year cannot be given (e.g. it is derived from an age at death), the date will be presented in normal type and preceded with "c" – e.g. c1798. There are some cases where a date is available from a secondary source only (e.g. a published obituary), in these cases it will be presented in italics – e.g. *1823.7.21*

Data sources:

Census data have been used, whenever possible, to confirm relationships; they are not considered a reliable source of data concerning age. Contemporary newspaper family notices are considered as reliable sources of relationships and dates; reports and obituaries are treated more cautiously. Parish records generally provide a reliable source of data and digitised images have been used whenever possible. Any difficulties with transcription will be made clear. In some cases only transcripts have been available; errors here are usually confined to spelling. The most important source of this material is the International Genealogical Index compiled by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Utah. National Civil Registration Indexes are considered reliable, as are probate records.

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A pedigree of the Champley family appeared in Foster, J. 1874. *Pedigrees of the county families of Yorkshire*. London, available online from the Internet Archive at –

<https://archive.org/details/pedigreesofcount03fost> [viewed 2018 May 7]

As well as the early history of the family, it contains some details not available (or verifiable) from other readily accessible sources. Any information based on this source alone is shown in a **blue italic font**.

Relationships shown are relative to Robert Champley (1829 – 1895)

Robert Champley (1760 – 1827.2.23) ←←← grandfather

*** married **Ann Green née ? (c1758 - 1812.2.18)**

uncle **Robert Champley (c1790 - 1808.7.20)**

John Champley (1791.10.6 – 1864.12.7)

←←← father

*** married **Ann Thornton (c1794 – 1868.1.18)** in 1826

sister **Jane Champley (1828 – 1830.5.8)**

Robert Champley (1829.10.4 – 1895.1.29)

*** married **Sarah Elizabeth Mary Phipson (1842.5.13 – 1892.6.4)**
on 1866.2.20

daughter **Roberta Frances Ann Champley (1867.4.17 – 1942.10.13)**
[1891: Mrs Rev Prof James Pounder Whitney MA]
No Issue

daughter **Constance Margaret Thornton Champley (1868.12.18 – 1899.4.22)**
Unmarried

daughter **Blanche Ety Champley (1873.4.3 – 1903.12.24)**
[1900: Mrs John Kingsley Rutter]
?No Issue

brother **Thornton Champley (1832 – 1852.1.25)**
Unmarried

brother **Dr James Champley (1833 – 1888.2.15)**
*** married **Margaret Lickiss (c1839 – 1920.10.23)** on 1862.12.4

niece **Ann Champley (1863 – 1945.9.19)**
Unmarried

nephew **James Thornton Champley (1865 – 1919.12.20)** [to Australia]
No Issue

niece **Frances Mary Champley (1867 – 1957.8.26)**
Unmarried

niece **Margaret Gertrude Champley (1871 – 1948.4.3)**
Unmarried

niece **Ada Jane Champley (1874 – 1901.8.9)**
Unmarried

aunt **Elizabeth Champley (c1800 – 1824.5.8)**

*** married ? **Green (-)**

Sources:

1760 April 12: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Robert Champley, son of Robert Champley, at Ellerburne, Yorkshire.

1791 October 6: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of John Champley, son of Robert Champley, Thornton-le-Dale, Yorkshire.

1826 February 7: England, Marriages, 1538-1973. Salt Lake City, Utah
Marriage of John Champley and Ann Thornton, Scarborough, Yorkshire.
[There is an alternative transcription which gives the date as March 6.]

1827 March 3: *York Herald
DEATHS. Yesterday week, at his son's house in Scarborough, Mr Robert Champley, of Thornton, in the 68th year of his age.
[The Yorkshire Gazette had given his name as Richard.]

1828 June 13: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Jane Champley, daughter of John and Ann Champley, Scarborough, Yorkshire.

1830 May 15: *Yorkshire Gazette
DEATHS. Same day [Saturday, 8th inst.] at Scarborough, of the hooping cough, aged 2 years, to the great grief of her parents, Jane, the only daughter of John Champley, Esq. – She was a lovely and interesting child, and admired by all who knew her.

1830 May 30: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Robert Champley, son of John and Ann Champley, Scarborough, Yorkshire.
[He was born in Thornton-le-dale in the previous year]

1832 October 3: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Thornton Champley, son of John and Ann Champley, Scarborough, Yorkshire.

1836 October 4: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of James Champley, son of John and Ann Champley, Scarborough, Yorkshire.
[This seems late for the ages given in the census, etc.; was he baptised as a child rather than an infant – Foster gives his birth year as 1833?]

1839 January 20: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Margaret Lickiss, daughter of Matthew and Frances Lickiss, Hedon, Yorkshire.

1844 May 3: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Sarah Elizabeth Mary Phipson, daughter of Richard Barroll Phipson and Grce Ellen Phipson, St Philip's, Birmingham. Child born on 1842 May 13.

1852 January 31: *Yorkshire Gazette
DEATHS. Same day [Sunday, 25th inst.], at Dalston, near London, in his 21st year, Mr Thornton Champley, student at Guy's Hospital. The deceased was a young man of high talent and indefatigable industry. He bore an excellent character at Guy's Hospital, and promised to be an ornament to his profession.

1861: Census – 71 Newborough-street, Scarborough

John Champley	head	mar	69	Chemist	Yorks, Thornton
Ann Champley	wife	mar	65		Middlesex, London
James Champley	son	un	28	Chemist	Yorks, Scarborough
Rachel Foster	serv	un	24		Cloughton

1862 December 13: *York Herald
MARRIAGES. CHAMPLEY – LICKISS. – On the 4th inst., at Scarborough, by the Rev. Thos. Greenbury, Mr. James Champley, to Margaret Lickiss.

1863: Civil Registration Index

Birth of Ann Champley registered in Scarborough, third quarter.

1864 December 17: *Yorkshire Gazette

DEATHS. CHAMPLEY. – On the 7th inst., at Scarbro', suddenly, of disease of the heart, aged 74, Mr. Champley, chemist and druggist.

1865: Civil Registration Index

Birth of James Thornton Champley registered in Scarborough, last quarter.

1866 February 23: *Manchester Courier and General Advertiser

MARRIAGES. CHAMPLEY – PHIPSON. – February 20, at Milverton Church. Leamington, Robert Champley, Esq., of Scarborough, to Sarah Elizabeth Mary, elder daughter of the late Richard Barroll Phipson, Esq., of Warwickshire.

1867 April 27: *Yorkshire Gazette

BIRTHS. CHAMPLEY. – On the 17th inst., at the Crescent, Scarbro', the Mayoress of Scarbro', of a daughter.

1867: Civil Registration Index

Birth of Frances Mary Champley registered in Scarborough, last quarter.

1868 January 23: *Sheffield Daily Telegraph

CHAMPLEY. – On the 18th inst., in the Crescent, Scarborough, at the residence of her son, Robert Champley, Esq., Mayor of Scarborough, aged 73, Anne, relict of John Champley, Esq.

[The edition of January 28 adds that she was the mother of Dr James Champley of Scarbro'.]

1868: Civil Registration Index

Birth of Constance Margaret T Champley registered in Scarborough, last quarter.

1871: Civil Registration Index

Birth of Margaret Gertrude Champley registered in Scarborough, second quarter.

1873: Civil Registration Index

Birth of Blanche Ety Champley registered in Scarborough, second quarter.

1874: Civil Registration Index

Birth of Ada Jane Champley registered in Scarborough, first quarter.

1888 February 25: *Yorkshire Gazette

DEATHS. CHAMPLEY. – On the 15th inst., at York, aged 54, James Champley, youngest son of the late John Champley, druggist, formerly of Newborough-street, Scarborough.

1891 May 2: *Yorkshire Gazette

MARRIAGES. WHITNEY – CHAMPLEY. – On the 28th ult., at the Parish church, Scarborough, the Rev. James Pounder Whitney, M.A., rector of Hemstead Stalham, Norfolk, to Roberta Frances Anne Champney, eldest daughter of Robert Champney, Esq., J.P., D.L., The Crescent, Scarborough.

1892 June 6: *York Herald

DEATHS. CHAMPLEY. – On the 4th of June, at Liverpool, Sarah Elizabeth Mary (Minnie), dearly beloved wife of Robert Champley, Esq., J.P. D.L., The Crescent, Scarborough, aged 50 years.

1895 January 30: *Leeds Mercury

Ald. Champley, of Scarborough, died very suddenly yesterday morning. he was discussing with Mr John Tonks, head of the firm Tonks and Sons, undertakers, &c., Westborough, Scarborough, some matter connected with the recent funeral of Dr. Fitch, for whose estate

he was a trustee, when, without any preliminary symptoms of ill-health, he fell to the office floor and at once succumbed. Ald. Champley was first elected to the Scarborough Town Council in 1863, and in 1870 he was elevated to the Aldermanic bench. The deceased gentleman was the senior magistrate for the borough (1864), and a magistrate (1875) and deputy-lieutenant (1890) for the North Riding. He had studied natural history, and was well known amongst collectors as being in possession of several splendid specimens of the eggs of the extinct Great Auk.

1899 April 26: *York Herald

DEATHS. CHAMPLEY. – On the 2nd inst., at York, Constance Margaret Thornton Champley, second daughter of the late Robert Champley, Esq, J.P., D.L., of Scarborough.

1900 February 13: *York Herald

MARRIAGES. RUTTER – CHAMPLEY. At Scalby Parish Church, by the Rev. J. P. Whitney, Milton Rectory, Cambridge, brother-in-law of the bride, John Kingsley Rutter, of Dolaguri, Assam, to Blanche Ety, youngest daughter of the late Robert Champley, Esq., D.L., J.P.

1901 October 21: Probate Register

Records the death of Ada Jane Champley, spinster, of Scarborough, on 1901 October 9. Probate to Frances Mary Champley and Margaret Gertrude Champley, spinsters.

1904 January 21: Probate Register

Records the death of Blanche Ety Rutter, wife of John Kingsley Rutter, late of Maidenhead, Berkshire, on 1903 December 24. Probate to John Kingsley Rutter, tea-planter.

1920 April 20: Victoria, Australia, Probate Grants

Records the death of James T Champley, marble worker of South Carlton, on 1919 December 20. [The Executor's accounts detail a legacy of £21 to the Committee of Management of Scarborough Museums towards the general running of the museum. His sisters Ann, Frances and Margaret received £568 14s 1d each.]

1921 May 9: Probate Register

Records the death of Margaret Champley, widow, late of Scarborough, on 1920 October 23. Probate to John Thomas Field, merchant, and Frances Mary Champley, Margaret Gertrude Champley and Ann Champley, spinsters.

1943 February 26: Probate Register

Records the death of Roberta Frances Ann Whitney, late of Tunbridge Wells, widow, on 1942 October 13. Probate to Rev Lewis Evan Meredith and Edward Welbourne, fellow of Emmanuel College, Cambridge.

1946 March 9: Probate Register

Records the death of Ann Champley, spinster, late of Scarborough, on 1945 September 19. Probate to Frances Mary Champley and Margaret Champley, spinsters.

1948 June 4: Probate Register

Records the death of Margaret Gertrude Champley, spinster, of Scarborough on 1948 April 3. Probate to Frances Mary Champley and Genevive Watkin Lord, spinsters.

1957 October 4: Probate Register

Records the death of Frances Mary Champley, spinster, of Scarborough on 1957 August 26. Probate to Genevive Watkin Lord, spinster.