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### **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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## **Elizabeth Chandler (1818 – 1884)**

Elizabeth was the daughter of farmer and auctioneer Henry Whateley Chandler, although he rarely used the "Whateley" which was his paternal grandmother's maiden name. He was a child of Samuel and Sarah Whateley of Kineston, Warwickshire. Her mother was a daughter of William and Mary Hearn of Grendon Underwood. Henry and Elizabeth were married by licence at Grendon Underwood in 1814.

Elizabeth Chandler was born in 1818 and although her place of birth is usually taken as being Hinton-in-the-Hedges, Northamptonshire, it seems likely that it was actually Willaston Farm near Mixbury, Oxfordshire (standardised here with the modern spelling Willaston). Willaston House is also the place of birth given in the 1851 census and since the information would have been provided by either herself or her mother it seems likely to be correct. All other census returns, although varying in detail, give a place of birth consistent with this Oxfordshire farm.

Very soon after her birth the family moved to Hinton-in-the-Hedges where two younger siblings were baptised. By August of 1827 her father was handling the sale of Finmere House, a large property which had been intermittently advertised as vacant since 1820. His youngest daughter, Sarah, was born at Finmere House in 1828. Henry's stay at Finmere was tragically short and while working in his harvest field in late August of 1830 he collapsed with a brain haemorrhage. Although briefly rallying, he died two days later on 28<sup>th</sup> August leaving a wife and large family. It appears that he had been financially stretched and by late September notices appeared in the press advertising Finmere house was to be let with immediate possession. None of his children was yet old enough to take charge of the estate.

There is little evidence relating to Elizabeth's life over the next decade but by 1841 the census returns show that Elizabeth and her mother were living with a single servant in Castle Street, Buckingham. The large family had clearly dispersed. By 1861 Elizabeth and her mother are living in Wycombe with her married younger sister, Sarah Small, the wife of Dr William Charles Small. In 1864, the year of her mother's death, Elizabeth Chandler submitted a gold medal winning entry to the RHS's British Botanical Competition, despite the fact that she had signed a letter of objection to the competition earlier in the year.

Elizabeth Chandler may have had a greater influence on British botany than is readily apparent from her own specimens. James Britten (1846 – 1924), of the British Museum of Natural History and long-time editor of the *Journal of Botany*, had originally intended to enter into medicine and he spent four years with a doctor in High Wycombe before moving to become an assistant in the herbarium at Kew. It is clear that the doctor concerned was, or was well known to Elizabeth's brother-in-law, Dr W. C. Small. It may also explain why her collection is now housed in **BM**. The High Wycombe Natural History Society was very active around this time and included the Rev William Hunt Painter, who became curate of High Wycombe in 1865; **ABS** contains many specimens that he collected in High Wycombe in that year. Despite Painter's Anglican theological influence, Britten was received into the Roman Catholic Church in 1867! Britten edited two volumes of the *Quarterly Magazine of the Natural History of High Wycombe*.

Dr Small was a significant member of The High Wycombe Natural History Society but both his health and professional standing were somewhat precarious. He certainly spent periods out of the country and his whereabouts for the rest of the century are uncertain. (See Appendix 1) He certainly seems to have been alive until at least 1899 but his wife Sarah appears to have died before Elizabeth.

In 1871 Sarah Small and her daughter are boarding with Dr Rowland Bowstead, once her husband's assistant, in High Wycombe. Elizabeth is visiting Sarah Haslop (the widow of Dr George Harvey Haslop) in Buckingham but there is no indication of her usual residence. By 1881 Elizabeth Chandler is living with James Britten at 3 Gumley-row, Isleworth. This is the address given as her permanent address in the Probate Register entry concerning her death on 1884 April 29. Her will was proved by her niece Catherine Frances Elizabeth Small.

## The Chandler family

All relationships are relative to Elizabeth Chandler

**Samuel Chandler** ( )

\*\*\* married **Sarah<sup>1</sup>Whatley** ( ) on **1783.5.29**

*aunt* **Hannah Chandler** (1784 - ) Kineton

*uncle* **John Chandler** (1785/6 - ) Kineton

**Henry Whateley Chandler** (1787 – 1830.8.28)

\*\*\* married **Elizabeth Hearn** (c1792 – 1864.2.2) in 1814

← ← father

← ← mother

*brother* **William Hearn Chandler** (1816 - ) Willason, Mixbury, Oxon.

*sister* **Mary Chandler** (1817 - ) Willason, Mixbury, Oxon.

\*\*\* married **Richard Ellis** (c1804 - 1878.7.2) on **1852.6.2**

*step* **Male Ellis** ( )

*step* **Robert Conway-Dobbs Ellis** (1831 - )

*step* **Dymphna Ellis** (c1834 – 1916.12.31)

*nephew* **Richard Henry Whately Ellis** (c1854 - )

*niece* **Elizabeth M D Ellis** (c1857 - ) Ireland

**Elizabeth Chandler** (1818 – 1884.4.29) Willason, Mixbury, Oxon

*Unmarried*

*sister* **Martha Hearn Chandler** (1823 - 1837) Hinton-in-the-Hedges

*brother* **John Chandler** (1824 - ) Hinton-in-the-Hedges

*sister* **Sarah Chandler** (1828 - ?) Finmere, Oxford

\*\*\* married **William Charles Small** (1821 - ?) on **1850.11.27**

*niece* **Catherine Frances Elizabeth Small** (1858.5.22 – 1934.12.30)

\*\*\* married **Arthur Charles Faulkner** (1870 - ) in 1890

*Issue – one son*

*aunt* **Sarah Chandler** (1789 - ) Kineton

*aunt* **Mary Whateley Chandler** (1790 - )

*aunt* **Ann Chandler** (1791 – 1792)

*uncle* **Richard Chandler** (1794 – 1873.3.21) Book-seller & stationer

\*\*\* married **Martha Richardson** (c1792 – 1880.2.28) on **1837.9.5**

*No Issue?*

*uncle* **Edward Chandler** (?1798 - ) Kineton

*aunt* **Charlotte Chandler** (?1798 - ) Kineton

## Sources:

**1783 May 29:** Parish Register, Gaydon and Chadshunt, Warwickshire  
Marriage of Samuel Chandler of Kington and Sarah Whateley of the parish. Witnesses Edward Chandler and John Whatley.

**1784 June 16:** Parish Register, Kineton, Warwickshire  
Baptism of Hannah daughter of Samuel and Sarah Chandler

**1786 January 5:** Parish Register, Kineton, Warwickshire  
Baptism of John, son of Samuel and Sarah Chandler

**1787 July 11:** Parish Register, Kineton, Warwickshire  
Baptism of Henry son of Samuel and Sarah Chandler.

**1789 October 16:** Parish Register, Kineton, Warwickshire  
Baptism of Sarah daughter of Samuel and Sarah Chandler.

**1790 November 17:** Parish Register, Kineton, Warwickshire  
Baptism of Mary Whatley daughter of Samuel and Sarah Chandler.

**1794 June 17:** Parish Register, Kineton, Warwickshire  
Burial of Ann, daughter of Samuel and Sarah Chandler, age 6? months.

**1794 June 17:** Parish Register, Kineton, Warwickshire  
Baptism of Richard son of Samuel and Sarah Chandler.

**1798 February 2:** Parish Register, Kineton, Warwickshire  
Baptism of Edward and Charlotte, children of Samuel and Sarah Chandler.  
[There is no mention of them being twins.]

**1816 December 29:** Parish register, Mixbury, Oxfordshire  
Baptism of William Hearn, son of Henry and Elizabeth Chandler, farmer of Willason.  
[Willason was a detached part of Hethe parish within Mixbury.]

**1817 August 17:** Parish register, Mixbury, Oxfordshire  
Baptism of Mary, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Chandler, farmer of Willason.

**1818 August 30:** Parish register, Mixbury, Oxfordshire  
Baptism of Elizabeth, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Chandler, farmer of Willason.  
[Henry Chandler was still giving his address as Willaston in 1819.]

**1821 June 6:** Baptismal Register, Melcombe Regis, Dorset  
William Charles, son of William and Catharine Frances Small, surgeon of Melcombe.

**1823 May 19:** Bishop's Transcripts, Hinton-in-the-Hedges, Northants  
Baptism of Martha Hearn, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Chandler, gentleman of Hinton.

**1824 September 22:** Bishop's Transcripts, Hinton-in-the-Hedges, Northants  
Baptism of John, son of Henry and Elizabeth Chandler, auctioneer of Hinton.

**1827 October 20:** Northampton Mercury  
*H. CHANDLER – LAND AGENT, AND AUCTIONEER, Informs his Friends and the Public, that he has REMOVED FROM HINTON TO FINMERE HOUSE, near Buckingham.*

**1828 February 17:** Parish register, Finmere, Oxfordshire  
Baptism of Sarah, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Chandler, auctioneer and appraiser of Finmere House.

**1830 Memorial Finmere Church:**

*In memory of Henry Whateley Chandler, of Finmere House, who died Aug. 28, 1830, aged 44.*

[After his death Finmere house was occupied by Dr James and Dr Charles Clark (M.D.).]

**1830 September 4:** Oxford Journal

*On Saturday last died, at Finmere, near Buckingham, of an effusion on the brain, after only 48 hours' illness, Mr. Henry Chandler, auctioneer and appraiser, aged 43. He was working in his harvest field on Wednesday, and, as was natural to him, was particularly cheerful in the evening. At three o'clock on Thursday morning he was seized with a most intense head-ache, which convinced him that nothing but immediate loss of blood could save him, and he requested a neighbour to bleed him freely with a pen-knife before medical aid could reach him. This and subsequent bleeding so far restored him as to enable him the following morning to express his thankfulness to the Almighty for "preservation, and all the blessings of this life." After a few hours of apparent amendment and consciousness, he sunk rapidly into a state of insensibility and expired, leaving a widow and seven children to regret their irreparable loss.*

**1830 September 25:** Northampton Mercury

*HUNTING-BOX, OR GENTEEL RESIDENCE TO BE LET, And entered upon immediately, with the consent of the present occupier. THAT substantial and well-planned MANSION known as FINMERE HOUSE, Oxon, (late in the occupation of Mr. H. Chandler, deceased,) admirably situated for both the Grafton & Mostyn Hunts, and is also well suited for the accommodation of a Gentleman's Family, being within four miles Buckingham and two of Stowe. It comprises an entrance hail, with capital oak staircase; dining room, drawing room, and gentleman's room ; two lofty sleeping rooms, with dressing rooms to each; four other good sleeping rooms large store rooms, closets. &c.; five airy sleeping rooms in the attics; butlers pantry, kitchen, servants' hall, Scullery, and pump of excellent water; large beer and two spacious arched wine cellars, with lock-up bins; dairy, larder, brew house, woodhouse, Yard, &c. SPACIOUS LAWN, tastefully planted, fronting the House, which is at a pleasant distance from the turnpike road leading from Buckingham to Banbury; large productive kitchen garden, orchard, a close of excellent pasture adjoining; stabling for nine horses, coach-house, with granary over, &c. &c. and about Ninety Acres productive Pasture, Arable, and Meadow Land immediately adjoining ; with yard, and requisite farm buildings, conveniently situated near the centre of the Land. Mr. Robert Greaves, King's Head, Finmere, will show the Premises. For further particulars, and treat for the same, apply (if by letter, post paid) to MR BRICKWELL, of Leckhamstead, near Buckingham.*

[The almost indecent haste of this does suggest that family were in severe financial difficulties.]

**1837 September 9:** Northampton Mercury

*MARRIAGES. On Tuesday last, at Buckingham, Mr. Richard Chandler, printer and bookseller, to Miss Martha Richardson, both of that place.*

[There are then adverts showing he was a fire insurance agent in Buckingham. He was elected a Councillor in November 1839]

**1837 October 4:** Finmere Burials Register

Burial of Martha Hearn Chandler of Buckingham, aged 15.

**1841:** Census - Castle Street, Buckingham 2.12

Elizabeth Chandler	40	Ind	y
Elizabeth Chandler	20		n {not Buckinghamshire}
Ann Sandford	25	F S	y

**1850 December 2:** \*The Morning Chronicle

*On 27<sup>th</sup> Ult. At Shaldon, Devon, W. C. Small Esq., surgeon, to Sarah, youngest daughter of the late H Chandler of Finmere-house, Oxon.*

**1851:** Census – Shaldon, St Nicholas 4b.13

Elizabeth Chandler	head	wid	50	Landed Proprietor	Grendon
Elizabeth Chandler	dau	u	28		Williston House
Servant					

**1851:** Census - Shaldon, St Nicholas, Devon 4a.8

William Charles Small	head	m	30	Member R C Surgeons	Weymouth
Sarah Small	wife	m	22	Surgeons wife	Finmere
Plus a servant					

**1851:** Census - Market Square, Buckingham 1a.2

Richard Chandler	head	mar	58	Bookseller, stationer etc.	Kineton, War.
Martha Chandler	wife	mar	59?		?Thornborough, Bucks
John Chandler	neph	u	26	Booksellers assistant	Hinton
Ann Pease?	Ser	u	14	General servant	Buckingham
Mary King	vis	mar	60	Solicitor's wife	Banbury

**1852 June 5:** \*Oxford Journal

*BICESTER. MARRIED – June 2, at Bicester Church, by the Rev C. Ellis, Richard Ellis, Esq., of Dublin, eldest son of the late Thomas Ellis, Esq, M.P. to Mary, eldest daughter of the late H. H. Chandler, Esq., of Finmere House.*

**1858 May 29:** Bucks Herald

*BIRTHS. SMALL. – On the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst., at High Wycombe, the wife of W. C. Small, Esq., of a daughter.*

[This is Catherine Frances Elizabeth Small]

**1861:** Census - Chipping Wycombe 1.13

William C Small	head	m	39	General Practitioner in Medicine	Weymouth
Sarah Small	wife	m	33	Surgeons wife	Finmere
Catherine F E Small	dau	u	2		Wycombe
Elizabeth Chandler	m-i-l	widow	68		Grendon Underwood
Elizabeth Chandler	s-i-l	u	42		Wolaston, Oxf.
Rowland M Bowstead	ass	u	26	MRCSE & LAC	Caistor, Lincs
Richard Ellis	vis	m	55	Landowner	Ireland
Mary Ellis	vis	m	43	wife	Wolaston, Oxf.
Dymphna Ellis	vis	u	27	Landowner daughter	Ireland
Richard H W Ellis	vis		7	do son	Ireland
Elizabeth M D Ellis	vis		4	do daughter	Ireland
Plus four servants					

[The seven year old is Richard Henry Whatley Ellis, proving the family link. The extra names are provided by the 1901 Irish census and his marriage to Ann Thomasina Thompson in 1878.]

**1864 February 13:** \*Jackson's Oxford Journal

*DEATHS - Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> at the residence of her son-in-law, W. C. Small, surgeon, Wycombe, Mrs Henry Whately Chandler, widow of the late W. H. Chandler, of Finmere House, Oxon., aged 71.*

**1864 Probate April 12:** Effects under £800

**CHANDLER Elizabeth** *The Will of Elizabeth Chandler formerly of Shaldon in the Parish of St Nicholas in the County of Devon but late of the Borough of Chipping Wycombe in the County of Buckingham Widow deceased who died 4 February 1864 at the said Borough was proved at Oxford by the oath of Elizabeth Chandler of the said Borough Spinster the Daughter one of the Executors.*

**1864 Memorial Finmere Church:**

*In memory of Elizabeth, his wife (Henry Whatley Chandler), who died Feb. 4, 1864, aged 71.*

**1870:** Civil registration Index

Birth of Arthur Charles Faulkner registered in Wycombe, second quarter.

**1871:** Census - West Street, Buckingham 1.44

Sarah Haslop	head	w	57	Income derived from Dividends	Buckingham
Elizabeth Chandler	vis	unm	48	Income derived from Dividends	Mixbury, Oxon
Mary Ann Twiner	serv	unm	23	General Servant	Twyford

[Sarah (nee Chaplin) was the widow of Dr George Harvey Haslop (1807.1.2 - 1867), surgeon. The Oxon in Elizabeth's place of birth has been pencilled in.]

**1871:** Census - 33 High Street, Chipping Wycombe 1.41

Rowland M Bowstead	head	un	36	Physician & Surgeon	Caistor
Sarah Small	board	mar	43	Surgeon's wife	Finmere
Caroline F E Small	do		12	Surgeon's daughter	H Wycombe

Plus two servants

**1873 May 30:** Probate Register

Records the death of Richard Chandler, late of Buckingham, gentleman, on **1873 March 21**. Will proved by William Richardson Nash of Lower Allithwaite, Lancs., and George Nelson of Buckingham.

**1878 July 17:** \*Liverpool Mercury

*DEATHS. ELLIS – July 2, at Glenasrone, Abbeyfeale, county Limerick, aged 74, Richard, eldest son of the late Thomas Ellis, Master in Chancery, and M.P. for the city of Dublin.*

**1880 March 24:** Probate Register

Records the death of Martha Chandler, widow, late of Buckingham, on **1880 February 28**. Will proved by William Richardson Nash, nephew, of Pit Farm, Cartmel, Lancs.

**1881:** Census - 3 Gumley Row, Isleworth 3.2

James Britten	Head	unm	42	Senior Assistant Department of Botany Natural History Museum South Kensington	Chelsea
Elizabeth Chandler	Visitor	unm	61		Oxford, Fringford
Lucretia Dunkley	Servant	unm	23	Domestic Servant	Bucks, Lillingstone

**1881:** Census - 2 Clarendon Road, Isleworth 2.44

C F E Small	head	un	32	Water Colour Artist	High Wycombe
C A Mathews	board	un	25	Governess	Great Marlow
E Houwood	serv	un	14	Servant	Isleworth

**1884 May 6:** \*The Standard

*CHANDLER – April 29, at Isleworth, Elizabeth Chandler, aged 64, R.I.P. Australian papers, please copy.*

**1884 Probate Register:**

*CHANDLER Elizabeth 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1884          Personal Estate £314 12s 3d  
The Will of Elizabeth Chandler late of 3 Gumley-row Isleworth in the County of Middlesex Spinster who died 29 April 1884 at 3 Gumley-row was proved at the Principal Registry by Catherine Frances Elizabeth Small of Beaumont Rise Great Marlow in the County of Buckingham Spinster the Niece the sole Executrix.*

[This is very interesting as it suggests that Elizabeth had been living with James Britten for at least three years. In January 1884 James Britten was the editor of the new Catholic temperance monthly *The League of the Cross Magazine*. ]

**1890:** Civil Registration Index

Marriage of Catherine Frances E Small and Arthur Charles Faulkner registered in Christchurch, Hants., first quarter.

**1891:** Census - Thistlecroft Cottage, Walton on Thames 8.8

Arthur C Faulkner	head	m	23	Living on own means	Marlow, Bucks
Catherine F. E. Faulkner	wife	m	32		Wycombe
Marian E Pratley	serv	s	22	General Servant Domestic	Swinbrook

**1901:** Census - Yelmead Cottage, Crookham 1.8

Arthur C Faulkner	head	m	32	Assistant Overseer	Great Marlow
Catherine F E Faulkner	wife	m	40		High Wycombe

**1911:** Census - Yondercot, Crompton Road, Crookham, Hants

Catherine Frances Elizabeth Faulkner	wife	50	Private means	High Wycombe
Stafford Henry Douglas Faulkner	son	19	Clerk to surveyor & Est agent	Crookham

[Catherine had been married for 23 years and had one child.]

**1935 February 22:** Probate Register

Records the death of Catherine Frances Elizabeth Faulkner, widow, of Yondercot, Church Crookham, Hants., on 1934 December 30. Probate to Ernest Nash, Solicitor.



## **Appendix 1: Dr William Charles Small**

**1844 November 22:** Lincolnshire Chronicle

*TO THE GOVERNORS and SUBSCRIBERS of the NEWARK DISPENSARY*

*My Lords, Ladies, and Gentlemen.*

*The Office of House Surgeon to your institution being vacant, I beg leave to offer myself as a Candidate. I purpose at an early period to wait upon you to submit such testimonials as will I trust secure me your votes and interest; and should you do me the honour of electing me, the interests of the Dispensary and the claims of the Poor shall receive my most zealous attention. I am, My Lords, ladies and Gentlemen, Your most obedient Servant, WILLIAM CHARLES SMALL, Member of the Royal College of Surgeons of England and Licentiate of the Apothecaries Company. Ramsgate, Nov 18 1844.*

**1856 February 23:** \*Western Times

*NEWTON ABBOT – BOARD OF GUARDIANS*

*THE CLERK (Mr J. Alsop), next read a letter which he had received from a solicitor, named Prestage, acting in behalf of Mr W. C. Small, formerly medical officer to this Board at Shaldon, but who now occupies a similar position under the Guardians of the Highwycombe Union, stating that, as certain charges of a frivolous and vexatious nature had recently been made to the Poor Law Board in reference to Mr Small's character as a medical officer, it would be extremely desirable as well as satisfactory to that gentleman, if the Newton Board would favour him with a testimonial both as regards his professional and moral conduct during the period in which he was engaged by them.*

[They responded that if Dr Small wanted a reference he should ask himself, not through a solicitor.]

**1856 March 8:** \*Bucks Herald – extracts

*WYCOMBE. OFFICIAL INQUIRY INTO THE CHARGES OF MISCONDUCT ON THE PART OF MR SMALL, THE MEDICAL OFFICER.*

*Mr Grenville Pigott, the inspector appointed by the Poor Law Board to investigate the charges of misconduct preferred by Sophia Chalfont and Mary Bartlett against Mr Small, the medical officer of this Union, held his inquiry, on Thursday, in the board-room of the Saunderson Workhouse...*

*Sophia Chalfont was the first witness called. She said – I am a married woman and my husband is a labourer. We now reside at West Wycombe. I shall have been married 17 weeks on Sunday next ... He took his seat on the bed and tried to kiss me...*

*Mary Bartlett, who said – I am unmarried, and the daughter of James Bartlett, of Booker, with whom I reside; I am twenty-one years of age; ... he caught hold of my hand and tried to kiss me ...*

**1859 September 17:** \*Bucks Herald

[Report of an incident in which WHS sanctioned the removal of an epileptic workhouse patient to the asylum; she died hours later. He was later censured for this "grave error of judgement".]

**1863 January 3:** \*Bucks Herald

[Report of action by the Board of Guardians against W C Small – he had neglected a poor patient who had since died. Reprimanded.]

**1863 November 21:** \*Bucks Herald

*WYCOMBE, BOARD OF GUARDIANS - LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR MR SMALL – The Chairman read a letter from Mr W. C. Small the house surgeon stating that in consequence of ill-health it was absolutely necessary for him to go abroad, and that he therefore requested the Board to grant him leave of absence; his friend, Dr. Boustead, had been already nominated as his substitute, and offered his services during his (Mr Small's) absence. Mr.*

*Boustead had been known to the guardians for eight years, and had gained the good feeling of the poor. (A long list of Mr Boustead's testimonials was enclosed.) The application was granted, and Mr Boustead, M.D., M.R.C.S., L.A.C., appointed as Mr Small's loco tenems.*

[This suggests that Rowland Bowstead had been Small's assistant since 1855.]

**1865 June 3:** Bucks Herald

*MR. SMALL'S ABSENCE. The Chairman said no reply had been received from the Poor-law Board to their communication asking if the previous letter referring to the district of West Wycombe also applied to the Union House. He must say he thought they did not stand right in this matter; they had no legally appointed medical officer for the West Wycombe district, and as Mr. Small had held the office at the Union House, that must also be vacant. Dr. Bowstead had been performing the duties, but by whose authority? This state of things thought should be altered at once, Mr. Gibbons said he had moved a resolution that no advertisements should be inserted in the newspapers for a medical officer until a reply to their communication had been received from the Poor-law Board. He now gave notice that in case the Poor-law Board did not reply, he should move that that resolution be rescinded and advertisements inserted. Mr. Gibbons moved that the letter relating to Mr. Small previously received should be entered on the minutes.*

**1865 September 2:** Northampton Mercury

*MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS. – Dr Rowland M. Bowstead, M.D., St. And., has been appointed medical officer for district No 3 of the Wycombe Union, Bucks, vice Mr William Charles Small, M.R.C.S., Eng., L.S.A. Lond.*

**1865 December 2:** Bucks Herald

*WYCOMBE BOARD OF GUARDIANS – RESIGNATION OF MR SMALL – The Clerk read a letter from W. C. Small, Esq., resigning his post as the medical officer to the Union House, stating that he had been induced by the state of his health to seek a residence in a warmer climate. Until his successor was appointed his deputy, Dr. Bowstead could perform the duties.*

*MR Gibbons moved, and Mr Williams seconded. That Dr Bowstead be appointed to do the duty in the interval, which was carried.*

**1868 January 11:** Bucks Herald

*WYCOMBE. Natural History Society.—The third meeting of the present session was held on Tuesday, January 7th, the house of John Parker, jun., Esq. Tea and coffee were kindly provided half-past six p.m., after which the objects exhibited were inspected. These included a large book of dried specimens of New Zealand ferns, brought by Mr. Small; ... The secretary read a paper on the order Leguminosa, in which he referred to the characteristics of that important order, and described several of its more common representatives; this was illustrated by common drawings, as well as by Miss Chandler's dried specimens. ...*

[This shows that Dr Small had returned to Wycombe and that he was interested in Botany – **HLU** has a similar volume of New Zealand ferns.]

**1868 February 25:** Proceedings of the High Wycombe Natural History Society

*FIFTH EVENING MEETING, FEBRUARY 25. – Held at the house of Mrs Small, by her kind permission. The Secretary {James Britten} read a paper "On Forget me-nots," ... this will be found in Science Gossip for next month.*

[This snippet links three important players – Elizabeth Chandler, her sister Sarah Small and James Britten (Secretary). The use of "the house of Mrs Small" suggests that Dr Small was not a usual resident.]

**1876 July 21:** \*Lincolnshire Chronicle

*CONTAGIOUS DISEASES ACT ... There were two beds in the same room – Mr W. C. Small, M.R.C.S, living at Fulbeck, said that on 6<sup>th</sup> July he saw Mary Ann Hubbard about a quarter to 11, at Frieston. To all appearances she was suffering from scarlatina of a very low kind.*

...

[This is interesting as it gives Charles' place of residence. It is a coincidence that it is in the same vicinity that Caroline Ann Shield (Oakeshott) had lived.]

The following items suggest that Dr Small may have been living abroad as 26 Charles-street appears to be a solicitor's office.

**1887:** The Medical Register

William Charles Small at 26 Charles-street St James's-square

**1895:** The Medical Register

William Charles Small at 26 Charles-street St James's-square

**1899:** The Medical Register

William Charles Small at 26 Charles-street St James's-square

**Notes:**

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<sup>1</sup> The spellings Whateley or Whately seem to have been used interchangeably.