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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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James Robert Middleton*

The family carried the name Thiselton until 1840 when William Turner Thiselton-Dyer's grandfather inherited from Rev Thomas Dyer MA on condition that he adopted the surname Dyer.

From the Will of Rev Thomas Dyer MA (c1760 – 1840.3.15), vicar of Norton and Lenchwick, Worcestershire made 1834 May 28 and proved at London on 1840 March 24 by William Matthew Thiselton, sole executor.

First I direct that all my just debts funeral and testamentary expenses be punctually paid by my executor hereinafter named out of my personal property I give to my Nephew Charles Alfred Thiselton the sum of one shilling to show that I remember him and his bad conduct during his last visit to me and I hereby absolutely revoke and declare void a certain deed made by me to him about six years ago as prepared by his Brother-in-law Mr Willett a Solicitor in Essex Street and executed by me in his presence duly at his office the same deed having as he well knows been made for a temporary purpose which has since [ceased?] ...

The bulk of his estate and property is then given to his nephew William Matthew Dyer, specific mention being made of his great-nephews William George Thiselton and Thomas Dyer Thiselton.

... and I hereby declare my will and mind to be that my Nephew William Matthew Thiselton shall do and do as soon as conveniently can [be?] after my decease take upon him and use in all deeds letters accounts and other writings to or which he should be a party or which he shall sign the Surname of Dyer only and take and use no other Surname and quarter the arms of Dyer with his own family Arms and also shall and do so as soon as can conveniently be [next?] after my decease apply for and endeavour to obtain an Act of Parliament or a proper Licence from the Crown or take such other means as may be requisite or proper to enable or authorize him to take and bear the said Surname and Arms ...

1840 May 7: *The Globe

HER MAJESTY'S LEVEE ... The following were presented ...Mr. Thiselton Dyer on taking the name of his maternal uncle ...

1841 August 7: *The Atlas

MADRAS MILITARY CAVALRY ... 36th, Lieut. T. Dyer Thiselton will in future be named Thomas Dyer Thiselton Dyer.

Relationships are relative to William Turner Thiselton-Dyer

William Matthew Thiselton (Dyer) (1782.12.21 – 1842.5.26) ←←← grandfather
1 married **Louisa Merzeau (1777.3.20 - 1834) on **1807.12.17**

father **William George Thiselton (Dyer) MD (1812.9.27 - 1868.1.15)**
*mother**** married **Catherine Jane Firminger (1815 – 1897.10.13)** on **1842.7.12**

wife **William Turner Thiselton-Dyer (1843.7.23 – 1928.12.23)**
*** married **Harriet Ann Hooker (1854.6.24 – 1945.12.16)** on **1877.6.23**

daughter **Frances Harriet Thiselton Dyer (1878 – 1951.11.2)**
*** married **Leonard William Barnard (1870 – 1951.1.18)**
on **1912.7.26**

son **George Henry Thiselton Dyer (1879.9.21 – 1944.3.16)**

sister **Catherine Thiselton Dyer (1845.3.10 – 1918.1.26)**

Unmarried

sister **Elizabeth Charlotte Thiselton Dyer (c1846 – 1914.2.20)**
*** married **John Alan Gardner Buckner (1844.11.2 – 1892.7.27)**
on **1886.11.25**

No issue?

brother **Rev Thomas Firminger Thiselton Dyer (1848.7.25 – 1923.7.14)**
*** married **Mary Ada Peters (c1853 – 1912.5.12)** on **1877.3.15**

No issue?

aunt **Jane Kelly Thiselton (1814.7.3 -)**

uncle **ⁱⁱLieut. Col. Thomas Dyer Thistleton (Dyer) (1816.7.25 - 1873.9.17)**
*** married **ⁱⁱⁱMariannette Rosabella Eliza Humphreys**
née **Williams (1816.12.2 - 1909.1.24)** on **1844.3.5**

cousin **Dyer Thiselton Dyer (1846.2.24 - 1888.1.3)**

cousin **Florence Minette Greenwood Thiselton-Dyer (1849.8.23 - 1923)**
[1870: Mrs Rev. A Clifford Bell MA]

cousin **Constance Rose Doveton Thiselton-Dyer (1853 - 1925)**
[1872: Mrs Robert Alexander Anderson]

cousin **Emma Bertha Depee Thiselton Dyer (1855.1.21 – 1912.9.28)**
[1910: Mrs William Stephen Philpot]

cousin **Jessie Urquhart Thiselton Dyer (1858.3.16 - 1887.6.8) Unmarried**

aunt **Charlotte Donaldson Page Thiselton (1818.11.16 – 1834.3)**

2 married **Mary Tabois (c1770 - 1849.9.6) in **1834**

No issue

Sources:

1777 April 13: French Protestant Church Register, Brown's Lane, Spitalfields
Baptism of Louise Merzeau, daughter of Pierre Merzeau and Marie Charlotte Maze. Child born 1777 March 20.

1783 March 26: Baptism Register, Percy Chapel, St Pancras
Baptism of William Mathew Thiselton, son of William and Ann Thiselton Child born 21 Dc.

1807 December 17: England, Marriages, 1538–1973. Salt Lake City, Utah
Marriage of William Matthew Thiselton and Louisa Merzeau at Old Church, Saint Pancras.

1807 December 26: *Oxford Journal
MARRIED. At St. Pancras Church, Mr. Wm. Matthew Thiselton, of Great Russell Street, Bloomsbury, to Louisa, youngest daughter of Peter Merzeau, Esq. of Camden Town.

1812 October 28: Baptism Register, St George, Bloomsbury
Baptism of William George Thiselton, son of William Matthew and Louisa Thiselton. Child born 1812 September 27.

1814: Baptism Register, St George, Bloomsbury
Baptism of Jane Kelly Thiselton, daughter of William Matthew and Louisa Thiselton, Printer of Great Russel St. Child born 1812 September 27.

1815 June 14: Baptisms Register, St Pancras
Baptism of Catherine Jane Firminger, daughter of Thomas and Jane Firminger, Schoolmaster of Camden.

1816 September 27: Baptisms Register, St George, Bloomsbury, Middlesex
Baptism of Charlotte Donaldson Page Thiselton, daughter of William Matthew and Louisa Thiselton, Printer of Gt Russell Street. Child born 1818 November 16.

1818 December 17: Baptisms Register, St George, Bloomsbury, Middlesex
Baptism of Thomas Dyer Thiselton, son of William Matthew and Louisa Thiselton. Child born 1816 July 25.

1824 July 25: Baptism register, St Mary, Islington
Baptism of Marianne Rosabelle Eliza Williams, daughter of John and Susannah Williams gent. of Duncan Terrace. Child born **1816 December 2.**
[The 1816 is difficult to read but is consistent with other sources of her age]

1834 March 20: Burial register, Christ Church, Spitalfields
Burial of Louisa Thiselton of Commercial Road, Stepney, aged 56 years.

1834 March 29: *Oxford Journal
DEATHS. – Charlotte, youngest daughter of Wm. M. Thiselton, Esq. of Great Russell-street, in her 16th year.

1834 October 23: *Worcester Journal
At Norton, in this county, W. M. Thiselton, Esq. Great Russell-street, Bloomsbury, to Mary, daughter of the late Peter Tabois, of Great Ealing.
[Williams uncle Rev Thomas Dyer was the incumbent.]

1842 May 28: *The Atlas
DEATHS. On the 26th inst. Great Russell-street, Bloomsbury, William Mathew Thiselton Dyer, Esq. aged 52.

1842 May 28: *Bristol Mirror
DEATHS. May 26, in Great Russell street, Bloomsbury, aged 59, William Matthew Thiselton Dyer, Esq. He was Coroner and Steward for the Tower of London, a Magistrate of Middlesex, Westminster, and the Tower Royalities.

1842 July 13: *London Evening Standard

MARRIAGES. July 12, at Edmonton Church, W. Thiselton Dyer, Esq., to Catherine Jane, only daughter of Dr. Firminger, of Bury-street, Edmonton.

[The parish register show that William's father was William Matthew Thiselton Dyer, barrister. Dr Firminger LLD was a schoolmaster.]

1843 October 17: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Uta
Baptism of William Turner Thiselton, son of William George and Catherine Jane Thiselton at St James, Westminster. Child born 1843 July 23.

1844 March 5: Marriage Register, St Marylebone

Marriage of Thomas Dyer Thiselton Dyer Esq. (full age, bachelor) son of William Mathew Thiselton Dyer Esq., and Mariannette Rosabella Eliza Humphreys (full age, widow) daughter of John Williams, Esq.

1844 November 30: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of John Alan Gardiner Buckner, son of John and Eliza Buckner, at Climping Sussex.
[His Naval records show that he was born on 1844 November 2.]

1845 August 2: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Catherine Thiselton, daughter of William George and Catherine Jane Thiselton at St James, Westminster. Child born 1845 March 10.

1846 December 3: India, Births and Baptisms, 1786-1947. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Dyer Dyer, son of Thomas Dyer and Mananslla[sic] Rosabella, at Madras. Child born on 1846 February 24.

1849 March 31: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Uta
Baptism of Thomas Firminger Thiselton, son of William George and Catherine Jane Thiselton at St James, Westminster. Child born 1848 July 25.

1849 September 12: *London Evening Standard

DEATHS. On the 6th inst., at Dieppe, Mary Thiselton Dyer, widow of the late W. M. Thiselton Dyer, Esq., of Great Russell-street, Bloomsbury.

1849 November 25: India, Births and Baptisms, 1786-1947. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Florence Minetto[sic] Greenwood Thisilton[sic]-Dyer, daughter of Thomas Dyer Thisilton[sic]-Dyer and Mariana Roabella[sic] Eliza, Madras, India.

1853: Civil Registration Index

Birth of Constance Rose Doveton Dyer registered in Kensington, third quarter.

1845 July 1: *Norfolk Chronicle

BIRTHS. Friday last, at Hitcham Rectory, Suffolk, the wife of Dr. Hooker, of a daughter.

1855 March 7: India, Births and Baptisms, 1786-1947. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Emma Bertha Deprea[sic] Dyer, daughter of Thomas Thistelton[sic] Dyer and Marionette[sic] Rosebella[sic] Eliza at Vepery, Madras. Child born 1855 January 21.

1858 June 9: India, Births and Baptisms, 1786-1947. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Jessie Urguhart[sic] Dyer, daughter of Thomas Dyer Thiselton Dyer and Mariannett[sic] Rosabella Eliza, at Madras, India. Child born 1858 March 16.

1868 January 25: *Oxford Journal

DIED. Jan. 15, at 7, Berkeley-street, Berkeley-square, London, William George Thiselton Dyer, M.D., aged 55.

1870 February 25: *Glasgow Herald

MARRIAGES. At St Andrew's Church, Madras, on the 18th ult., by the Rev. Alexander Clark, M.A., Principal of the Missionary Institution, the Rev. A. Clifford Bell, M.A., joint-chaplain of

the Church, to Florence Minette Greenwood, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel Thiselton-Dyer, Commanding European Veteran Battalion at Palaveram.

1870 August 21: Baptisms Register, Leckhampton

Baptism of Leonard William Barnard, son of Major Robert Cary and Anne Barnard.

1872 November 25: *Homeward Mail from India, China and the East

MARRIAGES. Anderson – Dyer – Oct. 24, at Madras, R. A. Anderson, Esq., of Munzerabad in Mysore, to Constance Rose Doveton, daughter of Lieut.-Col. T. Dyer, Commanding European Vet. Batt. at Palaveram.

1873 October 18: *Homeward Mail from India, China and the East

DEATHS. Thiselton-Dyer – Sept. 17, at Colombo, on board the Viceroy, Lieut.-Col. T. D. Thiselton-Dyer, lately commanding the European Veteran Battalion, Palaveram.

1877 June 23: Marriage Register, St Anne's, Kew

Marriage of William Turnet Thiselton Dyer (full age, bachelor), Assistant Director Royal Gardens Kew, son of William George Thiselton Dyer, Physician, and Harriet Hooker (full age, spinster) daughter of Joseph Dalton Hooker, Director of Royal Gardens, Kew. Witnesses Jos D Hooker and E Ray Lankester.

[Sir Edwin Ray Lankester KCB FRS became the director of the Natural History Museum in 1898]

1877 March 15: Marriage Register, Holy Trinity, Kilburn

Marriage of Thomas Firminger Thiselton-Dyer (full age, bachelor) Clerk in Holy Orders son of William George Thiselton-Dyer, Physician, deceased, and Mary Ada Peters (full age, spinster, daughter of Joseph Peters, Coachbuilder. Witnesses Joseph Peters and Catherine Jane Thiselton Dyer.

1878 June 26: Baptisms Register, St Anne's, Kew

Baptism of Frances Harriet Thiselton Dyer, daughter of William Turner and Harriet Ann Thiselton Dyer, Assistant Director Royal Gardens, Kew, by Rev T F Thiselton Dyer.

1880 January 1: Baptisms Register, St Anne's, Kew

Baptism of George Henry Thiselton Dyer, son of William Turner and Harriet Ann Thiselton Dyer, Assistant Director Royal Gardens, Kew, by Rev T F Thiselton Dyer.

[His date of birth is given as 1879 September 21 in records published by the Institute of Mechanical Engineers,]

1886 November 30: *Homeward Mail from India, China and the East

MARRIAGES. Buckner-Dyer – Nov.25, at South Hamstead, John Alan Gardner Buckner, Staff-commander H.M.S. Victor Emmanuel, to Elizabeth Charlotte, younger daughter of Mrs. Thiselton Dyer, of King Henry's Road, N.W., and of the late William George Thiselton Dyer, M.D., of Berkeley Street, Piccadilly.

1887 June 9: *Aberdeen Press and Journal

DEATHS. Suddenly, at Hastings, on the 8th inst., JESSIE URQUHART, youngest daughter of the late Lieut.-Col Thiselton Dyer, Madras Army.

1888 February 3: *Aberdeen Free Press

DEATHS. THISELTON-DYER, aged 41 years, son of the late Lieut.-Colonel Thomas Thiselton-Dyer, Madras Army, Deeply regretted.

1888 February 6: *Homeward Mail from India, China and the East

DEATHS. Thiselton-Dyer – Jan. 3, at Hassan, Mysore, Dyer Thiselton-Dyer, son of late Lieut.-Col. Thiselton-Dyer, Madras army.

1892 August 2: *Cork Constitution

DEATHS. BUCKNER – July 27, very suddenly, at Penzance. on board H M S Shannon, John Alan Gardner Buckner, Staff-Commander R N, aged 47 years.

1897 October 19: *London Evening Standard

THISELTON-DYER – On October 13, at 118, King Henry's-road, N.W., after a long illness, Catherine Jane Thiselton-Dyer, widow of William George Thiselton-Dyer, M.D., of 7, Berkeley-street, W. Deeply regretted.

1909 April 23: Probate Register

Records the death of Marianetta Rosabella Eliza Thiselton-Dyer, widow, at Hastings on 1909 January 24. Probate to Harvey Hall and William Paterson, advocates.

1910 April 2: *Hastings and St Leonards Observer

LOCAL WEDDINGS

PHILPOTT-THISELTON-DYER.

The marriage took place last Tuesday, at St. Matthew's Church, St. Leonards, of Miss Emma Thiselton-Dyer, who has been a resident Hastings for many years, and is well known in the district and Mr. William Stephen Philpot, of West Dulwich. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. T. F. Thiselton-Dyer, cousin of the bride, assisted by the Rev. Edward Lockyer, while a life-long friend of the bridegroom, Mr. Harraway Slape, came from Westcliffe-on-Sea to officiate at the organ. The bride was given away by her cousin, Sir William Thiselton-Dyer, C.M.G. etc, and was married from the house of her friends, the Misses Tebbut, Lornorn, The Green, St. Leonards, where small party of relatives afterwards met...

[William Stephen Philpot was a commercial traveller in musical instruments.]

1912 August 1: *Clifton Society

MARRIAGES. Mr L. W. Barnard and Miss Thiselton-Dyer.

The marriage took place on Friday at St. Peter's, Leckhampton, Gloucestershire, of Mr. Leonard William Barnard, youngest son of the late Major R. C. Barnard, and Miss Frances Harriet Thiselton-Dyer, only daughter of Sir William and Lady Thiselton-Dyer, and granddaughter of the late Sir Joseph Hooker.

1912 September 9: Probate Register

Records the death of Mary Ada Thiselton-Dyer, wife of Rev Thomas Firminger Thiselton-Dyer, at Eastbourne, on 1912 May 12. Probate to Frank Mott Harrison, musician.

1912 September 30: *Aberdeen Press and Journal

DEATHS. PHILPOT. – At 41, Springfield Road, St Leonard's-on-Sea, on the 28th inst., Emma Bertha Dupre, wife of William S. Philpot and daughter of the late Lieut.-Colonel Thomas Thiselton-Dyer, Madras Army.

[The Probate Register shows that her executors were Clifford Thiselton Bell, medical officer, and Alexander Yule Curr, tea merchant.]

1914 April 17: Probate Register

Records the death of Elizabeth Charlotte Buckner, widow, late of Reigate, Surrey, on 1914 February 20. Probate to Rev. Thomas Firminger Thiselton-Dyer and Rev, Thomas David Charles Firminger.

1918 May 9: Probate Register

Records the death of Catherine Thiselton-Dyer, late of Bexhill-on-Sea, spinster, on 1918 January 26. Probate to the Public Trustee.

1923 August 3: Probate Register

Records the death of Florence Minette Greenwood Thiselton Dyer or Bell, at Rubislaw Den, Aberdeenshire, on 1923 May 26.

1923 September 19: Probate Register

Records the death of Rev Thomas Firminger Thiselton-Dyer, late of Hove, Sussex, on 1923 July 14. Administration to Sir William Turner Thiselton-Dyer KCMG.

1925 March 9: Probate Register

Records the death of Constance Rose Doveton Anderson, widow, of Canterbury, on 1925 January 3. Probate to Constance Rosabella Wetherell, wife of Pakenham Richard Wroughton Wetherall,

1929 March 2: Probate Register

Records the death of Sir William Turner Thiselton-Dyer of The Ferns, Witcombe, Gloucestershire, on 1928 December 23. Probate to Dame Harriet Ann Thiselton-Dyer, widow, and George Henry Thiselton-Dyer, civil servant.

1944 July 6: Probate Register

Records the death of George Henry Thiselton-Dyer of bere Alston Devonshire on 1944 March 16. Probate to Violet Rose Alice Thiselton-Dyer, widow, and Knowles Arthur Thomson, solicitor.

1945 December 17: *Gloucestershire Echo

DEATHS. THISELTON – DYER. – December 16th, at Weir Cottage, Bere Alstone, S. Devon, Lady Thiselton-Dyer, widow of the late Sir William Thiselton-Dyer, aged 91.

1951 April 26: Probate Register

Records the death of Leonard William Bernard of Leckhampton , Gloucestershire, on 1951 January 18. Probate to Frances Harriet Barnard, widow
[The Leckhampton Burials register gives his age as 80.]

1952 January 18: Probate Register

Records the death of Frances Harriet Bernard, widow, of Leckhampton , Gloucestershire, on 1951 November 2. Probate to William Thiselton Barnard.
[The Leckhampton Burials register gives her age as 73.]

Notes:

ⁱ William Matthew and his brother Augustus Union Thiselton were trading as printers in Goodge-street in 1827. William had other brothers including Arthur Louthembourg Thiselton and Charles Alfred Thiselton (York). They were the children of William Thiselton and Ann Susanna ?, bookseller of Goodge Street.

ⁱⁱ Rev Thomas Firminger Thiselton-Dyer was an author of popular non-fiction works including *The folk-lore of plants*.

ⁱⁱⁱ Marianette Rosabella Eliza Williams, an orphan and minor, had married Frederick William Humphrey on 1832 December 7 at St Marylebone. By 1891 she is lodging in Hastings with her daughter Emma, this shows that Marianette was born in Wales. Children of her first marriage – **Frederick Charles Humphreys** (1838 -) and **Rosabella Sophia Humphries** who married Dr John Urquhart in Madras 1856. Their son was Charles Thiselton Dyer Urquhart (1860 – 1919). This explains the connection of Marianette’s family with the Urquhars of Aberdeen. for further details see the Friends of Hastings Cemetery website at

<https://friendsofhastingscemetery.org.uk/dyer.html> [viewed 2018 October 3]