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Paternal

James Gifford (1739 – **1813.1.13**) ←←← Isabella's grandfather
*** married Elizabeth Cremer (1746 – 1840.4.16) in Boston died St Helier

uncle **Rear-Admiral James Gifford** (1768.11.20 – 1853.8.20) Halifax NS

Unmarried

uncle ¹**Major-General William Gifford** (c1770 - **1825.8.9**)

George St John Gifford (c1780 – **1869.5.17**) Girton, Cambridgeshire
*** married **Isabella Christie** (**1802.9.14** – **1891.12.25**) on **1824.10.12**

Isabella Gifford (1825 - **1891.12.26**) Devynock, Breckonshire

brother **Charles Bronllys Gifford** (c1828 – **1844.9.8**)

uncle **Lucius Henry Gifford** (c1783 - 1812.9.21) sixth son

aunt ²**Juliana Elizabeth Gifford** (**c1784** - **1858.4.20**)

Unmarried

uncle **Theophilus John Gifford** (c1788 - 1811.3.14) seventh son

aunt ³**Charlotte Mary Gifford** (c1790 – **1875.2.26**)
*** married ⁴**John Hodder Moggridge** (1771 – **1834.2.14**) on **1822.2.18**

No Issue?

[This includes material from Dictionary of National Biography entries for James Gifford jun. and sen. To which isabella Gifford is credited with providing information.]

Maternal

⁵**John Christie (1774 – 1858.2.9)** Stirling ←←← **Isabella's grandfather**
*** married **Sarah Shipley** () on **1797.8.15**

aunt **Mary Christie (1798.4.23 -)**
*** married ⁶**Thomas Southwood Smith** (1788.12.21 – 1861.12.10) on **1819.8.4**

cousin **Herman Southwood Smith (1820.5.28 – 1897.7.23)**

aunt **Ann Christie (1799.7.8 -)**
*** married ⁷**Edgar Taylor** (c1793 – **1839.8.19**) on **1823.9.17**

cousin **Jessie Taylor (1826.12.27 -)**

aunt **Sarah Christie (1800.6.29 -)**

aunt **Lydia Christie (1801.6.28 -)**
*** married **James Brook** () on **1839.2.13**

cousin **Emma Brook (1844.8.3 -)**

Isabella Christie (1802.9.14 – 1891.12.25)
*** married **George St John Gifford** (c1780 – **1869.5.17**) on **1824.10.12**

Isabella Gifford (⁸1825 - **1891.12.26**) Devynock, Breckonshire

brother **Charles Bronllys Gifford** (c1828 – **1844.9.8**)

uncle **John Christie (1803.9.29 -)**

uncle **Alfred Christie (1805.12.21 – 1866.12.5)**
*** married **Fanny Jones** (c1817 – **1893.12.8**) on **1848.4.29**

cousin **Leonard Christie (1849.3.28 -)**

uncle **Robert Christie (1808.1.6 -)**

Robert Christie (1779 – after 1861) Stirling ←←← **Isabella's great-uncle**
*** married **Sarah ?** (c1791 -) London

Robert Christie (1802 - 1874)
*** married **Elizabeth MacKnight Crawford** (- 1864) **1858.5.1**

Robert Arthur Crawford Christie (1859 -)

Charlotte Christie (c1818 -) Manchester
*** married **John Atwood Beaver** () on **1837.10.6**

Mary Christie ()
*** married **John Duffy** () on **1840.7.30**

Sources:

1774 November 8: *Scotland, Births and Baptisms, 1564-1950.* Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Robert Christie, son of John Christie and Cambell McCara., Stirling, Scotland.

1779 June 17: *Scotland, Births and Baptisms, 1564-1950.* Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Robert Christie, son of John Christie and Cambell McCara., Stirling, Scotland.
[There are further siblings Jean (1772) and William (1776)]

1797 August 15: *England, Marriages, 1538–1973.* Salt Lake City, Utah
Marriage of John Christie and Sarah Shipley at St Martin's, Leicester.

1798 April 23: Registered in Dr William's Library, Redcross street, Cripplegate, London
Birth of Mary Christie, daughter of John Christie and Sarah his wife, who was daughter of John Shipley in Leicester, in Great St Helen's in the parish of St Helens, London. Present at the birth were Thomas Pole and Mary Taylor.

1799 July 8: Registered in Dr William's Library, Redcross street, Cripplegate, London
Birth of Ann Christie, daughter of John Christie and Sarah his wife, who was daughter of John Shipley of Leicester, in Great St Helen's in the parish of St Helens, London. Present at the birth were Thomas Pole and Mary Taylor.

1800 June 29: Registered in Dr William's Library, Redcross street, Cripplegate, London
Birth of Sarah Christie, daughter of John Christie and Sarah his wife, who was daughter of John Shipley of Leicester, in Great Saint Helen's in the parish of St Helens, London. Present at the birth were Thomas Pole and Ann Moss.

1801 June 28: Registered in Dr William's Library, Redcross street, Cripplegate, London
Birth of Lydia Christie, daughter of John Christie and Sarah his wife, who was daughter of John Shipley of Leicester, in Great St Helen's in the parish of St Helens, London. Present at the birth were Thomas Pole MD and Mary Billings.

1802 September 14: Registered in Dr William's Library, Redcross street, Cripplegate, London
Birth of Isabella Christie, daughter of John Christie and Sarah his wife, who was daughter of John Shipley of Leicester, in Homerton in the parish of Hackney. Present at the birth were William Bidlake and Ann Chapman.

1803 September 29: Registered in Dr William's Library, Redcross street, Cripplegate, London
Birth of John Christie, son of John Christie and Sarah his wife, who was daughter of John Shipley of Leicester, in Homerton in the parish of St John, Hackney. Present at the birth were William Bidlake and Ann Drake.

1805 December 21: Registered in Dr William's Library, Redcross street, Cripplegate, London
Birth of Alfred Christie, son of John Christie and Sarah his wife, who was daughter of John Shipley of Leicester, in Hackney Wick in the parish of St John, Hackney. Present at the birth were William Bidlake and Ann Drake.

1808 January 6: Registered in Dr William's Library, Redcross street, Cripplegate, London
Birth of Robert Christie, son of John Christie and Sarah his wife, who was daughter of John Shipley of Leicester, in Hackney Wick in the parish of St John, Hackney. Present at the birth were Dennis Hacon and Ann Drake.

1813 April: Gentleman's Magazine and Historical Chronicle p393
Obituary; lately - Bedfordshire. – At Potton, in his 74th year, Mr James Gifford, only surviving son of Mr. Alderman G. formerly of Cambridge.

[The Suffolk Chronicle and the Northampton Mercury carried a notices of his death on 1813 February 6.]

1819 August 6: *Public Ledger and Daily Advertiser

MARRIED. August 4, Mr. T. Southwood Smith, M.D. of Yeovil, Somersetshire, to Mary, eldest daughter of John Christie, Esq. of Wick House, Hackney Wick.

1822 February 27: *Hereford Journal

MARRIED. – At St. Mary's church, Swansea, John Hodder Moggridge, Esq. of Woodfield Lodge, Monmouthshire, to Charlotte Mary, second daughter of the late James Gifford, Esq. of Potton, Bedfordshire.

[The transcription in Wales, Marriages, 1541-1900. Salt Lake City, Utah, gives the date as 1822 February 18.]

1823 September 17: *The Cambrian

MARRIED. On the 17th inst. at Hackney Church, Edgar Taylor, Esq. of the Inner Temple, to Ann, second daughter of John Christie, Esq. of Wick-House, Hackney, and Cwmllyw-fog, in the county of Brecon.

1824 October 23: *Norfolk Chronicle

MARRIED – Capt. George St. John Gifford, to Isabella, daughter of J. Christie, Esq. of Hackney-wick, Middlesex.

1825 August 17: *Hereford Journal

DIED. At Swansea, aged 55, Major-Gen. W Gifford.

1826 December 12: Dr Williams' Library, Index to Birth Certificates, 1828-1837

Birth of Jesse, daughter of Edgar and Ann Taylor of Powis Place, Queen's Square, Middlesex

[The actual entry expands that she was the grand-daughter of John Christie and that she was born at 10 Powis Square.]

1834 February 27: *Worcester Journal

DIED. On the 14th inst. at Swansea, John Hodder Moggridge, Esq. of Woodfield, Monmouthshire, and Ivy Lodge, Glamorganshire, in his 63d year.

1837 October 20: *Chelmsford Chronicle

MARRIED. 6th inst. at the Collegiate Church, Manchester, by the Rev. G. P. Marriott, Pribendary of York, John Atwood Beaver, esq. of Chorlton Abbey, to Charlotte Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Robert Christie, Esq. of Ardwick Green.

1837 December 27: Non-conformist Registers.

This is to Certify and declare, that Herman the son of Thomas Southwood Smith then of Yeovil in the County of Somerset MD (now of Broad's Buildings, London) and Mary his wife (who was the daughter of John Christie then of Markline? In the City of London Merchant) was born at the house of the said Mary Southwood Smith in Yeovil aforesaid on the 28th day of May 1820

Signed – T Southwood Smith

Mary Smith – The Parents abovenamed.

Received, Filed, and Registered, according to the custom in use among Protestant Dissenters, at the Registry of Births kept at Dr. Williams's Library, Red-Cross Street, Cripplegate, London, on this 27th day of December 1837, by me, Richard Logan, REGISTRAR.

1839 February 13: *The Evening Chronicle

MARRIED. On the 21st January, at the British Embassy, Hanover, by the Rev. Mr Jelf, Mr James Brook, of Dresden, to Miss Lydia Christie of the same city, fourth daughter of John Christie, esq., of Grove-street, Hackney.

[This notice also appeared in the *Christian Reformer*, a Unitarian magazine.]

1839 September 7: *Norfolk Chronicle

DIED. On the 19th ult., at his house, Bedford-row, London, aged 46, Edgar Taylor, Esq. F.S.A. fifth son of Mr. Samuel Taylor, of New Buckenham, in this county, and one of the firm of Taylor, Sharpe, Field and Jackson, solicitors, London.

1840 August 1: *Manchester Courier and Lancashire General Advertiser
MARRIAGES. On the 30th ult., at St Thomas's Church, Ardwick, by the Rev. N. W. Gibson, M.A., John Duffy, jun., Esq., of Dublin, to Marry, youngest daughter of Robert Christie, Esq., of Ardwick Green.

1841: Census – Thomas Street, Melcombe Regis, Dorset

Geo. St John Gifford	55	Captn in Army	N
Isabella Gifford	38		N
Isabella Gifford	16		N
Cha Bronllys Gifford	14		N

1844 August 9: Kirchliche Wochenzettel, 1685/1703-1902. Stadtarchiv der Landeshauptstadt Dresden, Dresden, Deutschland.
Baptism of Emma, daughter of James and Lydia Brook, Dresden, Saxony. Child born 1844 August 3.

1844 September 15: *Bell's New Weekly Messenger
DEATHS ... On the 8th inst., at Falmouth, CHARLES BRONLLYS GIFFORD, only son of Captain George St. John Gifford, formerly of the 43rd Regiment of Light Infantry.

1848 April 29: England, Marriages, 1538–1973. Salt Lake City, Utah
Marriage of Alfred Christie and Fanny Jones at St Stephen Walbrook, London.
[Fanny was the daughter of David Jones.]

1849 April 25: Upper Chelsea, Parish Register
Baptism of Leonard, son of Alfred and Fanny, Clerk, of 36 Sloane Square. Child born 1849 March 28.

1858 February 13: *London Evening Standard
DEATHS. CHRISTIE. – On the 9th inst., in Argyle-square, in his 84th year, John Christie, Rsq., late of Hackney, and of Glan Usk, Brecknockshire, of which county he was twice High Sheriff.

1858 May 1: Cheltenham Parish Church Register
Marriage of Robert Christie Esq., bachelor of full age of Fulwood Park, Liverpool, son of Robert Christie, Esq., and Elizabeth macKnight Crawford, spinster of full age of Cheltenham, daughter of William Crawford Esq.
[Their son Robert Arthur Crawford links to the rest of the Christie family as executor to Herman Southwood Smith.]

1858 September 15: Probate Register
Records the death of Juliana Elizabeth Gifford, spinster, late of Dunedin Cottage, Jersey, on 1858 April 20. Proved by Rev. Edward Talbot and Rev. Edmund Kell.

1859 March 25: *St Wilfrid, Northenden, Cheshire, Parish Register.*
Baptism of Robert Arthur Crawford, son of Robert and Elizabeth MacKnight Christie of Fulwood Park, Liverpool.

1866 December 12: *Pall Mall Gazette
DEATHS CHRISTIE, Alfred, at Victoria-road, Kentish-town, aged 60, 5th inst.
[Probate was granted to his widow Fanny. The Evening Mail of the same date added that he was the last surviving son of the late John Christie of Wick-House, Hackney.]

1869 July 19: Probate Calendar
Records the death of Brevet-Major George St. John Gifford at Minehead on 1869 May 17. Letters of Administration granted to his widow Isabella.

1875 May 1: Probate Register

Records the death of Charlotte Mary Moggridge, widow formerly of 4 Hans-place, Sloane-street, Chelsea but lately of the Parks, Minehead, on 1875 February 26. Probate to Isabella Gifford the younger, spinster, her niece, and Jones Gifford Nash of Bishop Stortford.

1892 March 4: Probate Register

Records the death of Isabella Gifford, spinster, of 3 Cranwell Villas, The Parks, Minehead, on 26 December 1891. Administration to Herman Southwood Smith, esq.

1892 March 16: Probate Register

Records the death of Isabella Gifford, widow, of 3 Cranwell Villas, The Parks, Minehead, on 25 December 1891. Administration to Herman Southwood Smith, esq.

1894 January 31: Probate Register

Records the death of Fanny Christie of Victoria-road, Kentish town, widow, on 1893 December 8. Probate to Tamzine Billing, widow, and Cacil Brodrick Esq.

1897 August 18: Probate Register

Records the death of Herman Southwood Smith, late of 10 Alfred-place, South Kensington, on 1897 July 23. Probate to Captain Robert Arthur Crawford Christie.

John Christie – her grandfather

1827 December 22: *Morning Post

BANKRUPTS

John Christie, Robert Christie, and John Stewart, Mark-lane, merchants, Dec. 28, at eleven, Jan. 4, and Feb. 1 at ten, at the Court of Commissioners, Attorneys, Messrs. Oliverson, Denby, and Lane, Frederick's-place, Old Jewry.

[They had been declared bankrupt the previous day.]

1828 November 22: The Cambrian

CAPITAL FREEHOLD ESTATE, Near BRECON, South Wales.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, By Mr. THOMAS PRICE,

At the OLD GOLDEN LION INN, in BRECON, on SATURDAY, the 13th day of December, 1828, at four o'clock in the afternoon, by order of the Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt issued against John Christie, Robert Christie, and John Stewart, Bankrupts.

THE CWMLLWYFOG ESTATE, situate in the parish of Devynnock, in the county of Brecon, within nine miles of the county town, two miles of Trecastle, and eleven miles of Llandovery, comprising 95 Acres (or thereabouts) of valuable Arrble, Meadow, Pasture, and Wood Lands, with a capital large Barn and Cattle Fold, all lying compact, and the Land in a high state of cultivation. This Property is bounded on one side by the River Usk, so celebrated for its trout fishing, and on another by a young and luxuriant Plantation, has upon it a number of thriving Oak and Ash Trees, and possesses an extensive Right of Common.

The Estate, which, as well as the neighbourhood, abound with Game, commands a view of the delightful vale of the Usk, and offers a most desirable site for the erection of a Mansion, within an easy distance of several watering places; and the Milford mail and other coaches pass daily within a few yards of it. Coal and Lime may be procured at moderate prices within half a mile, which, combined with its other advantages, renders this property a singularly desirable investment.

For particulars and conditions of sale apply to Messrs. Oliverson, Danby, and Lavie, of Frederick's-place, Old Jewry, London, and to Messrs. Kearsey and Hughes, Solicitors, Lothbury, London; at the Angel-inn, Abergavenny Camden-Arms, Trecastle Castle inn, Llandovery; and of the Auctioneer. Brecon.

[This is interesting as Isabella was born in Devynnock, suggesting that her parents may have been settled there. This ties in with her obituary which states that her father was land-agent for her grandfather. Since her uncle Robert would only have been 20 years old – i.e. under the age of majority – this indicates that her grandfather's business partner was his brother rather than his son. This is confirmed by a reference, in the London Metropolitan Archives, to John and Robert Christie and Co, 52 Mark Lane, merchants, in 1809 **MS 11936/447/836602**.

Their status as brothers is confirmed by transcriptions of the Scottish birth data.]

1829 April 25: The Cambrian

THE Creditors who have proved their Debts under a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued against JOHN CHRISTIE, ROBERT CHRISTIE, and JOHN STEWART, late of Mark-lane, in the city of London, and of Manchester, in the county of Lancaster, Merchants, are desired to meet the Assignees of the said Bankrupts' Estate and Effects, on FRIDAY, the 8th day of MAY next, at twelve o'clock precisely, at the Court of Commissioners of Bankrupts, Basing- hall-street, London, to take into consideration the effect of two Orders made by his Honour the Vice Chancellor on the first day of April instant, by one of which Orders it has been referred to the Commissioners acting under this Commission to inquire, whether a Person in the said Order named, either separately or with his Co-partners, is an equitable Mortgagee of a certain Farm and Tramroad, in the county of Brecon, and whether it will be expedient that such Person's proposal for the conveyance to him of the Estates therein mentioned, should be carried into effect; and by the other of which Orders it has been referred to the said Commissioners to inquire, whether it will be expedient that the proposal of certain Creditors to release the Estate and Effects of the Bankrupts from their Debt, upon having a conveyance of the Equity of Redemption in certain Estates at Manchester (subject to the prior Mortgages), should be carried into effect.

OBITUARY

Journal of Botany 1892 v 30, 81-83.

ISABELLA GIFFORD.

By the death of Miss Gifford, on the 26th of December, the last link of the chain of lady phycologists, which had extended over a period of more than a century, has been broken. The earliest of these active workers, to whom British phycologists are so much indebted, was Miss Hutchins, of Bantry, who died about 1816, and was commemorated by Brown in his genus *Hutchinsia*. Since then there has been a continuous band of ladies, principal among whom may be named Mrs. Griffiths (*Griffithsia*), Mrs. Gatty (*Gattya*), Miss Ball (*Ballia*), Miss Cutler (*Cutleria*), and Miss Warren; with others, such as Miss Poore, Miss Turner, Miss Watt, and Miss White, Watt, whose co-operation is acknowledged by Harvey and other writers. A new school of female workers is arising, from whom much may be expected, but the former list is closed by the death of Miss Gifford.

She was the only daughter of Major George St. John Gifford, one of a large family of brothers (all more or less distinguished), which included Theophilus Gifford, whose promising career was early cut short in an engagement in the Peninsular War, and whose gallant deeds have been recorded by Sir William Napier. Captain Gifford was with Sir John Moore at Corunna. When the war was over, he returned to England, and some time afterwards he married Isabella, youngest daughter of John Christie, Esq., of Wick House, Hackney, and of Glanusk, in the county of Brecon. For some time after his marriage Capt. Gifford lived in Wales, and acted as land agent to his father-in-law.

Isabella Gifford was born at Swansea about 1823. During her early life she resided with her parents in France, in Jersey, and at Falmouth (where her only brother died); they finally settled at Minehead about forty years ago. From both father and mother she inherited strong moral and intellectual powers. Mrs. Gifford was a rarely gifted and most cultured woman, and herself educated her daughter. But the scientific bent which very early in life Miss Gifford developed was quite her own, - she had no individual instruction or guidance in the pursuit which she followed most unweariedly throughout her life. She had full encouragement from her parents, but she was quite self-taught, Mrs. Gifford's mind being of a literary turn, with no admixture of the scientific.

The extremely simple mode of life which was characteristic of the family was very favourable to this lover of Nature, who studied and explored, and scrambled and botanised wherever her fancy led her in the neighbourhood of her home; from Blue Anchor Bay to Bossington Point, on the shore; and, inland, over the heights and in the valleys; or nearer home, where the woods and banks and hedges formed, for the most part, her happy hunting ground." Although seaweeds were her favourite study, Miss Gifford had that general acquaintance with British plants which was more general among women of one or two generations back than it is in these days, when the knowledge of structure rather than of plants is more in vogue, and when the paths of botany are thickly spread with the thorns of Roses and Brambles. In 1855 she contributed to the *Proceedings of the Somersetshire Archaeological and Natural History Society* (vi. 131-7) "Notices of the rare and most remarkable plants in the neighbourhood of Dunster, Blue Anchor, Minehead, &c." But, like all those whose names were mentioned in our first paragraph, with the exception of Mrs. Gatty, Miss Gifford was not well known as an author. Her only independent publication was *The Marine Botanist*, which appeared in 1848, and was apparently well received, as by 1853 it had reached a third edition, "greatly improved and enlarged" - a statement which evidently means more than it does in some cases, judging from a review of the first edition (which we have not seen) in the *Annals and Magazine of Natural History* for 1848, and from the author's preface to the third. The help afforded by Miss Gifford and other ladies to Harvey is acknowledged in the preface to his *Phycologia* (1851).

In 1853 she contributed 'Observations on the Marine Flora of Somerset' to the *Proceedings* already mentioned (iv. 117), which include critical notes upon *Nitophyllum*, *Ectocarpus*, and other genera. In 1858 she joined the Botanical Exchange Club, then established at Thirsk, of which she was an active contributing member, and her connection with it continued until 1871. Her only contribution to our pages was a short note on the tetraspores of *Seirospora Griffithsiana* (*Journ. Bot.* 1871, 113).

We have to thank Mr. E. M. Holmes for the following note : - "Twenty-five years ago I sent Miss Gifford a few seaweeds to name. I had just begun to collect, and she was, I think, my earliest correspondent on the subject. She was also interested in mosses, and frequently sent me them to name for her. She found a few very rare ones at Minehead, such as *Pottia Wilsoni* and *Zygodon Forsteri*, the only other British localities for the latter being, I believe, Epping Forest, and some wood near Hastings, where Jenner found it. Subsequently I called on her at Minehead, and she took me to a field where she said she had found it, but could not tell the exact spot. I soon found it on the top of a decayed post behind the gate as we entered. She was much pleased when I pointed out to her *Epipterygium (Bryum) Tozeri*, and *Tortula cuneifolia* near by. The discovery of *Ectocarpus Holmesii* was really due to her. She found the plant on posts in the sea at Minehead, and sent it to me as *E. crinitus*; and it was only when I got a piece of the genuine *E. crinitus* many years after that I saw her plant was not *crinitus*. *Nitophyllum versicolor* was a species that I could only obtain for her. I never saw it growing myself, and for some years no one else of my acquaintance could send me *Grateloupia filicina*. The form of the latter at Minehead is the plant intermediate between *G. filicina* and *G. dichotoma*. Miss Gifford was an excellent correspondent, and had always some interesting facts to communicate concerning specimens collected or sent by herself."

Among her correspondents were Mr. H. Boswell, whom she frequently consulted about Mosses, and Dr. G. W. Traill. In 1890, Miss Gifford joined the Selborne Society. "I would have tried," she wrote, "to get a branch established here, did my health permit of it, but I must not undertake more duties than fall to my share, and which I can only most inadequately perform."

We are indebted to a cousin of Miss Gifford for many of the foregoing facts, as well as for the following note :- " Her life was singularly uneventful, so much so, that she would count as her 'field day' a long-ago scientific meeting at Dunster, where a paper of hers was read, and her collection of the plants of West Somerset exhibited. Rheumatism and neuralgia made her in her later life almost a prisoner to the immediate neighbourhood of her home; but though not able to go far afield, her conservatory and garden afforded her unfailing delight, while her large correspondence kept her also happily employed. Major Gifford died in 1869, and his widow and daughter lived on at Minehead, a very quiet life, but a most refreshing one to come in contact with, because of its unworldliness, and its large and genial sympathy. Influenza attacked the household before Christmas, and mother and daughter passed away within twenty-four hours of each other. They were laid to rest on New Year's Eve in the beautiful churchyard of Minehead, surrounded with hills and sky and sea ; a fitting resting place for one who loved Nature so truly."

The only portrait of Miss Gifford is one in crayon, taken many years ago, which would not be suitable for reproduction. Mr Holmes describes her as of a medium height, with fair hair and complexion, and a delicately refined face.

Notes

¹ In his will, dated 1846.1.26 he leaves all his assets to his sister Juliana Elizabeth, suggesting that he was not married. Written at Myrtle Cottage, St Lauren's Valley, Jersey.

² In the 1851 census she gives her age as 67 i.e. born c1784.

³ In 1871 the census shows Charlotte Mary Moggridge (80, born Girton, Cambs.) living with Isabella and her mother in Minehead. She is described as sister-in-law.

⁴ John Hodder Moggridge was a widower with three children by Sarah Jefferys.

⁵ In the 1841 census Scottish born John Christie (65-70) is living in Grove-street, Hackney with his housekeeper Mary Watmore. He is described as a merchant. By 1851 he has moved to 8 Church Road, Hackney, Homerton. He is then described as 76 years old and a retired Indigo merchant from Scotland. Mary Watmore (56) is still his housekeeper. Thomas Christie is living next-door with William and Sophia Loynes (master builder) (boarder, unmarried 24, Homerton) and working as a Clerk in a lunatic asylum.

This information is sufficient to identify him as the Stirling-born indigo merchant who purchased a large tract in Breckonshire in 1819 and started exporting "rotten-stone" via Swansea. This provides a link to the Gifford family as Isabella was born in the county ten years later.

⁶ Jeremy Bentham was a friend of Dr Southwood Smith and he left his body to him in 1832.

1832 June 7: *Morning Chronicle

DEATH OF JEREMY BENTHAM ... He [Jeremy Bentham] has, we are informed, bequeathed his body to his medical friend, Dr Southwood Smith, with a charge that he shall use it in an anatomical school for dissection, in illustration of a course of lectures.

T Southwood Smith was a widower when he married Mary Christie and he already had two daughters, Caroline and Emily, from his marriage to Anne Read. He was a Baptist convert to Unitarianism. According to Wikipedia he had separated from Mary Christie by 1830 and spent the rest of his life with the artist Margaret Gillies.

⁷ Translator of Grimm's fairy tales.

⁸ Isabella's date of birth is difficult to determine. Her given age in the census are as follows –

1841	16	= c1825
1851	23	= c1828
1861	32	= c1829
1871	40	= c1831
1881	53	= c1828
1891	60	= c1831

Tellingly her age at death (end of 1891) is registered as 67. This is most consistent with the 1841 census, giving a date of birth as after June 6 1825. Since her parents did not marry until October 1825 seems more likely ...