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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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The Seaman family of Ipswich, Hull and Liverpool

Relationships shown are with respect to John Simpson Seaman, some time superintendent of the Hull Zoological Gardens.

James Seaman (c1768 -) Kenton, Suffolk ← ← uncle

¹**John Seaman** (1769 - 1855) Kenton, Suffolk ← ← father

1 married **Mary Simpson () on **1793.2.3**

²**John Simpson Seaman** (1793.12.23 - 1872) Kenton, Suffolk
 *** married Anne ? (c1799 -) Redruth

daughter **Elizabeth Seaman** (c1833 -) Torrington
 *** married **Henry John Whiting** (1819 - 1882) in **1852** Victualler/Printer

grandson ³**Charles Seaman Whiting** (1859.8.24 -) Hull - to USA 1897
granddaughter **Emma Whiting** (1861 -) Thorne
granddaughter **Louisa Whiting** (1863 -) Thorne
granddaughter **Elizabeth Whiting** (1866 -) Ealing
granddaughter **Edith Catherine Whiting** (1869 -) Ealing

daughter **Ellen Seaman** (c1832 - 1834)

son **John Seaman** (1837 - 1875) Liverpool
 *** married **Emma Peck** (c1842 - 1869.2.2) on **1861.10.14**

granddaughter **Ellen Seaman** (1862 -) Hull
granddaughter **Leonora Seaman** (1863 - 1874) Hull
grandson **Laurence Arthur Seaman** (1865 -) Hull

daughter **Jane Seaman** (c1841 -) Liverpool
 1 married **John Drake (c1834 - 1863.10.3) on **1861.11.19**

granddaughter **Alice Maud Drake** (1862 -) Thorne
 2 married **Frederick Freeland Young (c1838 - 1878) on **1869.5.4**

granddaughter **Louisa Young** (1873 -) London
grandson **Frederick Young** (1876 -) London

sister **Mary Seaman** (1797.11.20 - young?) Kenton

brother? **Charles Seaman** (c1800 - 1875.2.17) Debenham
 *** married **Jane ?Thompson** (c1810 - 1884.3.5) on **1833.11.4**

neice **Mary Ann Seaman** (c1832 -) [1855: Mrs John Naylor]

nephew **John Charles Seaman** (c1837 - 1922)
 *** married **Mary Webster** () on **1858.10.24**

Mary Jane Seaman (1864 - 1865)
 Mary Jane T Seaman (1866 - 1868)
 + several others who survived childhood

neice **Catherine Ann Seaman** (1844.11.30 - 1898) [1862: Mrs John Kirkman]

neice **Jane Seaman** (1848 -1882) [1876: Mrs William John Harrop (soon widowed)]

neice **Annie Seaman** (1853 - 1876.7.1) [1871: Mrs William Thomas]

*?2 married **Jane Boldero (1772 – 1861.3.2)**

← ← Step-mother

½sister **Elizabeth Jane Seaman (c1811 – 1858.10.25)** Debenham

*** married ⁴**Arnold Collett Hill (c1817 - 1890)** in **1840**

neice **Jane Elizabeth Hill (1842 - 1905)** [**1865:** ⁵**Mrs William Ashford**]

neice **Ann Boldero Hill (1845 - 1846)**

½brother **John Seaman (c1810+? - 1871.11.13)** Ipswich

*** married **Harriett Elizabeth Rose (c1798 - 1875)** on **1846.8.18**

No Issue

Mary Seaman (1777 -) Kenton, Suffolk

← ← aunt

The relationship between Simpson Seaman (1793 – 1872) and Charles Seaman (c1800 – 1875) is not completely clear. The evidence for suggesting that they were brothers (or possibly half-brothers) is that –

- Charles was born in Debenham, Suffolk, as was Elizabeth Jane Seaman who, like Simpson, is known to be a daughter of John Seaman.
- The 1841 census shows the families of Simpson and Charles "intermingled" in one household entry for West Derby, implying that they were more than just two families occupying different parts of a single property (a common circumstance that was usually recorded.)
- Simpson and Charles followed similar careers in Hull and Liverpool.

That they shared a single father seems almost certain but it is not clear whether they had the same mother. Simpson Seaman's mother is clearly shown as Mary Simpson in his baptismal record. By the time of the first census in 1841 John Seaman was living in Ipswich with his wife Jane; the 1851 census shows her maiden sister, Elizabeth Boldero, living with the family. It is not unreasonable to assume that Mary Simpson had died and John had subsequently married Jane Boldero, although no documentation has yet been found. A clue to the timing of the re-marriage is provided by Simpson's niece Ann Boldero Hill. It seems unlikely that she would be given the name of a step-grandparent and it is interpreted as showing that Elizabeth Jane Seaman (born Debenham about 1810) was Simpson's half-sister. Although the birth year of John Simpson jun. is open to some uncertainty (particularly with respect to census returns) it seems most likely that he was born within a year or so of Elizabeth Jane, making him a half-brother too. Charles Seaman, born in Debenham about 1800, slots in between Mary (born 1897 and known to be a daughter of Mary Simpson) and Elizabeth Jane – he may be a full brother but could equally be a half-brother to Simpson.

Sources:

1768 January 7: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of James, son of James and Susanna Seaman, Kenton Suffolk.

1769 May 9: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of John, son of James and Susanna Seaman, Kenton Suffolk.

1772 January 13: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Jane, daughter of Jn.O and Ann Boldero, Ampton, Suffolk.
[This seems to be Rev. John Boldero and his wife Ann. He died in late 1781.]

1777 February 14: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Mary, daughter of James and Susanna Seaman, Kenton Suffolk.

1793 February 3: Suffolk: Sudbury - Marriage Licences, 1782-1814
Marriage of John Seaman of Kenton and Mary Simpson of Shimpling.

1793 December 23: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism (and birth) of Simpson, son of John Seaman and Mary Simpson at Kenton, Suffolk.
[If he was a sickly infant it is quite possible that he has baptised directly after birth.]

1798 July 13: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Mary, daughter of John Seaman and Mary Simpson at Kenton, Suffolk. Child born
1797 November 20.

1819 November 14: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Henry John Whiting, son of Jonathan and Louisa Whiting at Sutton-in-Holderness.

1833 November 4: England, Marriages, 1538-1973. *Salt Lake City, Utah*
Marriage of Charles Seaman and Jane Thompson at St Margaret's Leicester.

1836 June 15: Everton Necropolis Burial Ground register.
Burial of Ellen Seaman (2), daughter of Simpson and Ann Seaman of Derby-road.

1837 August 27: St George's, Everton, Walton on the Hill.
*Baptism of John Seaman, son of John and Anne Seaman, of Derby-road, Everton, **Keeper***
of the Zoological Museum.

1840 April 4: *The Suffolk Chronicle
MARRIED. Yesterday, at St. Margaret's Church, Ipswich, Mr. Arnold Hill, last and boot-tree
manufacturer, to Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr. John seaman, naturalist, Carr street.

1841: Census – Can-street, Ipswich St Mary's

John Seaman	70	Naturalist	y
Jane Seaman	60		Y
John Seaman	17	Naturalist	Y

1841: Census – Derby Road, Walton on the Hill

John Seaman	45	Naturalist	no
Anne Seaman	35		no
Charles Seaman	40	Naturalist	no
Jane Seaman	30		no
Elizabeth Seaman	8		no
John Seaman	4		yes
Charles Seaman	4		yes
Mary Ann Seaman	8		no
Jane Seaman	1		yes

[There are two families combined here! Note they are living next-door to Thomas Atkins (70), proprietor of Zoological Gardens. On the other side is William Widnall?, brewer.]

1843 January 6: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Jane Elizabeth Hill, daughter of Arnold and Elizabeth Jane Hill, Ipswich, St Margaret.
[Jane Elizabeth was registered in Ipswich 1842, last quarter.]

1845 May 28: St Peter's, Liverpool, Parish Registers
Baptism of Catherine Ann, daughter of Charles and Jane Seaman of West Derby. She was born on 1844 November 30 and her father was a Naturalist.

1845 July 30: Genealogical Society of Utah. British Isles Vital Records Index, 2nd Edition. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Ann Boldero Hill, daughter of Arnold and Elizabeth Jane Hill, St Margaret, Ipswich
[This suggests that Elizabeth was the daughter of Jane Boldero and, since she was born in Debenham, Charles may have been her son too.]

1846 August 22: *The Ipswich Journal
MARRIED. 18th inst., at St. Matthew's Church, Ipswich, by the Rev. S. F. Page, Mr John Seaman, jun., of Carr-street, to Harriet E. Rose, for many years the faithful servant of the late Admiral Page.

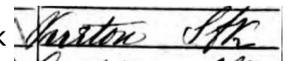
1846: Civil Registration Index
Death of Ann Boldero Hill registered in Ipswich, last quarter.

1848: Civil registration Index
Birth of Jane Seaman registered in West Derby, Lancs., first quarter.

1848 October 7: *The Suffolk Chronicle
IPSWICH MUSEUM, - Received since our last ... Mr. Seaman, (naturalist,) Ipswich, some fine specimens of British Insects.

1851: Census – Little Coleman-street, Ipswich St Margarets

John Seaman	head	m	82	Naturalist	Kenton?, Suffolk
Jane Seaman	wife	m	70		Ampton, Suffolk
Elizabeth Boldero	sister	u	74	Annuitant	Ampton
Harriette Upton	serv	u	20	House servant	Ipswich



1851: Census transcription, St Stephen's, Hull

John Saman	head	57		Kenton, Suffolk
Ann Saman	wife	52		Redruth, Cornwall
Elizabeth Saman	dau	18		Great Torrington, Devon
John Saman	son	14		Liverpool
Jane Saman	dau	12		Liverpool
Theodoria Thompson	serv	19		Hull

[Original not seen but this is clearly the family of John Seaman.]

1851: Census – West Derby Road, Liverpool

Charles Seaman	head	m	57	Victualler	Suffolk, Devenham
Jane Seaman	wife	m	34		Everton
John C Seaman	son	u	14		Everton
Jane Seaman	dau		3		Everton
Sarah McLever	serv	u	20	House servant	Ireland

1851: Census – Whitton-road, Ipswich St Matthew

John Seaman	head	mar	40	Accountant	Ipswich
Harriett Seaman	wife	mar	50		Otley, Suffolk

1851 April 26: *The Ipswich Journal

DIED. 16th inst., at her sister's Little Colomnn-street, Ipswich, Miss Elizabeth Boldero, aged 77, late of Norwich.

1852: Civil registration Index

Marriage of Elizabeth Seaman and Henry J Whiting, Sculcoates (not church).

1852: Civil registration Index

Birth of Annie Seaman registered in West Derby, Lancs., second quarter.

1855 April 7: *The Ipswich Journal

DIED. Mr John Seaman, aged 87, for many years an eminent taxidermist in this town; whose specimens in the whole range of natural history will remain mementos of his talent.

1855 July 5: St Mary's, Edge Hill, Parish register

Marriage of John Naylor (24, bachelor), whitesmith, son of Francis Naylor, mason, and Mary Ann Seaman (23, spinster) daughter of Charles Seaman, naturalist. They both give the address of 2 Hutchinson-street, West Derby-road. Witnesses Charles Seaman and Mary Ann Hall.

[Subsequent census returns give Mary Ann's place of birth as Leicester. This is interesting as the most likely marriage for Charles and Jane was in Leicester, late 1833, although this is clearly after Mar Ann's birth.]

1858 October 24: *Liverpool St Nicholas', Marriage Register

Marriage of John Charles Seaman (full age, bachelor) Cardriver of Warren Street, son of Charles Seaman, Naturalist, and Mary Webster (full age, spinster) of Warren street, daughter of George Webster, Wire-drawer. Witnesses Peter Webster and Sarah Webster.

1858 October 30: *The Ipswich Journal

DEATHS. 25th inst., after a few hours illness, Elizabeth Jane, the beloved wife of Arnold Hill, Cox-lane, Ipswich; much respected by all who knew her.

1858 November 4: *Suffolk and Essex Free Press

IPSWICH. Sudden Deaths. ... On Monday week, the wife of Mr. Arnold Hill, of Carr Street, last maker, was engaged in washing linen, when she was taken suddenly ill, and in an hour or two was a corpse. The coroner did not think it necessary to hold an inquest in this case.

1859: Civil Registration Index

Birth of Charles Seaman Whiting registered in Hull, third quarter.

[In 1905 he was naturalised as a US citizen in Boston, Mass. He gave his date of birth as 1861 August 24. The month and day are most likely correct but he has lost two years! When he married Melinia Maria (Strang) Davis in Cambridge, Mass. in 1898 he claimed to be 40.]

1860 May 26: *Liverpool Daily Post

POLICE COURT, YESTERDAY

Publicans and Beersellers Cases

Charles Seaman, beerhouse-keeper, West Derby-road, summoned for trading after eleven o'clock p.m. The defence was that the parties in the house were the band at the Zoological Gardens, and the beer was drawn before eleven o'clock. – Dismissed.

1860 August 25: *Hull Advertiser and Exchange Gazette

BREWSTER SESSIONS

... John Seaman, Derringham-street, Spring-bank. Mr. Chas. Ayre supported. Mr. Leake opposed on behalf of Mr. Rivett, the owner of the property in Derringham-street. – This was an application for the transfer of the licence from the Polar Bear Inn, Spring-bank, to a new house in course of erection in Derringham-street, and which will be complete within one month. – Granted, on condition that the house be completed and occupied within the legal time.

1861 March 5 *The Suffolk Chronicle

DIED. On the 3rd inst., at the residence of her son, Mr. J. Seaman, Norwich-road, Ipswich, in her 90th year, Jane, widow of the late Mr. John Seaman, naturalist, Ipswich.

1861: Census – Polar Bear Inn (Spring Bank/Derringham-street), Hull

John Seaman senr	head	wid.	67	Innkeeper	Kenton, Suffolk
John Seaman junr	son	un.	22	Artist in oil painting	Liverpool
Jane Seaman	dau	un.	20		Liverpool
Naiomi Ward	serv	un	25		Hull

1861: Census – 1 Reservoir Street, Liverpool

Charles Seaman	head	m	61	Naturaliat	Debenham
Jane Seaman	wife	m	41		Leicester
Kate Seaman	dau	u	17		Liverpool
Jane Seaman	dau	u	13	Scholar	Liverpool
Annie Seaman	dau	u	8	Scholar	Liverpool
T R Gill	lodg	u	38	Clerk	Chester
Sara Mc??	Serv	un	28	Domestic servant	Ireland

1861: Census – Matthew's-place, Norwich-road, Ipswich

John Seaman	head	mar	37	Naturalist	Ipswich
Harriet E Seaman	wife	mar	61		Otley, Suffolk

1861: Civil Registration Index

Birth of Emma Whiting registered at Thorne, Yorkshire, last quarter.

1861 October 19: *Louth and North Lincolnshire Advertiser

MARRIAGES. At the Holy Trinity Church, Hull, on the 14th instant, Mr. John Seaman, only son of Mr. John Seaman, the eminent pyrotechnist, of the Museum, Spring-bank, Hull, to Miss Emma Peck, cousin to Mrs. John Sissons, of the Saracen's Head Inn, Grimsby-lane, Hull.

[The IGI transcription confirms that Johns' father's name was John Simpson Seaman]

1861 November 23: *Hull advertiser and Exchange Gazette

MARRIAGES. On the 19th instant at St Stephen's Church, in this town, by the Rev. J. Deck, Mr. John Drake, late of Leeds, traveller, to Jane, daughter of Mr. John Seaman, late of Hull Zoological Gardens.

[John Drake was the manager of Mrs. Wombwell's Menagerie.]

1862 May 11: England, Marriages, 1538–1973. Salt Lake City, Utah

Marriage of Catherine Annie Seaman, daughter of Charles Seaman, and John Kirkman, son of William Robert Kirkman, in West Derby, Lancs.

1862: Civil Registration Index

Birth of Ellen Seaman registered in Myton, Hull, third quarter.

1862: Civil Registration Index

Birth of Alice Drake registered at Thorne, Yorkshire, last quarter.

1862 September 2: *Liverpool Mercury

ANNUAL LICENSING SESSIONS. IMPORTANT MEETING OF MAGISTRATES.

Charles Seaman applied for a license to the premises 170, Breck-road, In lieu of a licenced house In Cumberland-street. Mr. Bremner supported the application, and said that if there was no objection to his client there could be no objection to the premises. Mr. Seaman, he said, occupied a beerhouse at the Zoological Gardens for 26 years, and during that time no complaint had been made against him. The premises, however, were taken for the extension of the gardens, and afterwards the license to the house in Cumberland-street was transferred to him in June last. As the premises in Cumberland-street were old and had done their duty, It was now proposed to abolish the license, and grant a fresh one to

the applicant's house in Breck-road, which (the inspector said) was handsome and commodious. – Mr. Jeffery, in reference to a remark made by Mr. Bremner, said he protested against the element being introduced that because many years ago a license was granted in a given locality, the requirements for which had ceased to exist, such license should be transferred to the prejudice of new applicants and to the benefit of the old holder. He wished it to go forth that the magistrate did not intend to consider any prior claim or value in any license.

[This is an interesting report as it fixes the time of the Seaman's arrival in Liverpool to that of the founding of the Zoological Gardens in 1833 by Thomas Atkins. Material exhibited by Seaman at the Zoological Gardens beerhouse may have been transferred to Hull around this time as a purpose-built museum seems to have been added to the "Polar Bear" in 1861.]

1862 October 22: *Liverpool Daily Post

FIRE. – On Sunday evening, between seven and eight o'clock, a fire broke out in the Museum Hotel, corner of Breck-road, Everton, occupied by Mr. Charles Seaman. Owing to the gale which prevailed at the time, great damage might have been done, but the assistance of several gentlemen prevented this, and the fire was speedily extinguished. Mr Seaman has requested us to state that he is anxious personally to return thanks to these gentlemen who so kindly rendered assistance, but is prevented doing so because their being unknown to him.

1862 November 29: *Dover Express

WROTHAM. – ACCIDENTS AT WOMBWELL'S MENAGERIE. – One evening last wee, while Wombwell's menagerie was being exhibited at this place, a serious accident occurred to the chief keeper, Mr. John Drake, who has been fourteen years travelling with the menagerie. While in the act of performing with the leopards, a gun which he had accidentally exploded, blowing off the index finger of his right hand. Mr J. C. Kent and Mr. D. Moore, surgeons, were in attendance, and the injured finger was skilfully amputated ...

1863: Civil Registration Index

Birth of Louisa Whiting registered at Thorne, Yorkshire, third quarter.

1863 October 16: *Hull Packet

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE. HULL WORKHOUSE

... Mrs Wombwell sent a special invitation to the whole of the [Workhouse] children to witness her zoological collection on Friday morning. – A special vote of thanks was ordered to be forwarded to the proprietress for her courtesy. ...

1863 October 17: *Louth and North Lincolnshire Advertiser

DEATHS. At Hamburg, on the 3rd instant, after a severe illness, Mr. John Drake, late manager and keeper of Mrs Wombwell's collection of wild beasts, and son-in-law of Mr John Seaman, pyrotechnist, of the Museum, Spring-bank, Hull. The deceased was much and deservedly respected by a large circle of friends in all parts of the country.

[The Wolverhampton Chronicle and Staffordshire Advertiser 1863.10.28 adds that he was 28 and was "for many years head keeper for Mrs. Wombwell."]

1864: Civil Registration Index

Birth of Leonora Seaman registered in Myton, Hull, third quarter.

1864: Civil Registration Index

Birth of Mary Jane Seaman registered in West Derby, third quarter.

1865: Civil Registration Index

Birth of Laurence Arthur Seaman registered in Myton, Hull, second quarter.

1865: Civil Registration Index

Marriage of Jane Elizabeth Hill and William Ashford registered in Ipswich, third quarter.

1865: Civil Registration Index

Death of Mary Jane Seaman registered in West Derby, last quarter.

1866: Civil Registration Index

Birth of Elizabeth Whiting registered at Brentford, Middlesex, third quarter.

1866: Civil Registration Index

Birth of Mary J T Seaman registered in West Derby, last quarter.

1868: Civil Registration Index

Death of Mary Jane T Seaman (1) registered in West Derby, first quarter.

1868 October 15: *Hull and Eastern Counties Herald

INAUGURATION of THE ALBERT MEMORIAL

*... The finale was a very imposing shower of rockets and coloured fires, which worthily closed one of the best displays of the kind ever witnessed in the provinces. **The Messrs. Seaman** were the gentlemen employed to manage this department, and they did their work in a manner which reflected great credit upon them.*

[This was in Pearson's Park and seems to show that father and son were still working together]

1869 February 5: *Hull Packet

DEATHS. Seaman. - February 2nd, at Hull, Emma, wife of John Seaman, junior, artist, aged 26 years.

1869: Civil Registration Index

Birth of Edith Catherine Whiting registered at Brentford, Middlesex, second quarter.

1869 May 4:

Marriage of Frederick Freeland Young (31), son of James, and Jane Drake (28), widow daughter of John Seaman, Holy Trinity, Hull.

1869 May 8: *Beverley and East Riding Recorder

MARRIAGES. May 14(sic), at Holy Trinity Church, Hull, by the Rev. A. J. Beunoch, M.A., Mr. F. F. Young, of Peckham, London, to Jane Drake, youngest daughter of Mr. John Seaman, pyrotechnic artist, of Hull.

1871: Census - 2 Woodbine Cottage, Uckfield, Sussex

Henry John Whiting	hear	mar	48	Printing emp. 1 man 3 boys	Hull
Elizabeth Whiting	wife	mar	39		Great Torrington
Charles S Whiting	son		11	Scholar	Hull
Emma Whiting	dau		9	Scholar	Thorne
Louisa Whiting	dau		7	Scholar	Thorne
Elizabeth Whiting	dau		4	Scholar	Ealing
Edith Whiting	dau		2	Scholar	Ealing
John Simpson Freeman(?)	father-in-law		widow 78	Retired Artist Pt	Ipswich

1871: Census - 4 Vine Terrace, Hull

John Seaman	head	wid	39	Pyrotechnist	Liverpool
Ellen Seaman	dau		8		Hull
Leonora Seaman	dau		6		Hull
Arthur Seaman	son		5		Hull

1871: Census - 146 Bicar?-road (corner with Winsor-grove)

Charles Seaman	head	mar	71	Licenced Victualler	Everton
Jane Seaman	wife	mar	63?		Ipswich
Janie Seaman	dau	un	23		Leicester
Annie Seaman	dau	un	18		Liverpool
Emily Allen	serv	un	36	General Domestic servant	Liverpool

1871: Census - Wilberforce-street, Ipswich St Matthew

John Seaman	head	mar	62	Naturalist	Ipswich
Harriett E Seaman	wife	mar	72		Otley, Suffolk

1871 June 1: *Hull and Eastern Counties Herald

EXPLOSION OF A FIREWORKS MANUFACTORY. –

On Monday afternoon the hundreds of excursionists and townspeople walking up the Spring-bank were considerably startled by an explosion, which sent up shaft of smoke and debris high into the air, near the Cemetery. In a field opposite the Orphan Home there stood a wooden building used by Mr. Seaman, pyrotechnic artist, as manufactory of fireworks. About three o'clock some men in a stonemason's yard close by saw flames and smoke issuing from the buiding, but as they were fully aware of the explosive nature of the manufactures carried on they dare not go near. Whilst they were looking a somewhat slight explosion occurred, and the fire spread very rapidly. A few minutes later a second explosion took place, which was so loud as to shake the ground for some distance, and in the houses in the neighbourhood the shock was very severely felt. The roof of the building and a portion of its sides were blown out, some of the planks being carried a distance of fifty yards. The entire building then became enveloped in flames, and it burnt so rapidly there was no chance of saving any portion of it, and for some time rockets and other fireworks continued to explode. It was feared at first that Mr. Seaman was on the premises, but it was eventually ascertained that had not been in the building for some time.

[This, presumably, is John Seaman jun. as his father was in Uckfield.]

1871 September 28: Walton on the Hill, Everton, Parish Register

Marriage of William Thomas (bachelor 23) Book-keeper, of 130 Hamilton-road, son of Thomas Thomas, Book-keeper, and Annie Seaman (spinster 21) of 171 Breck-road, daughter of Charles Seaman, Licensed Victualler.

1871 November 18: *The Suffolk Chronicle

ANOTHER SUICIDE AT IPSWICH.

On Monday, John Seaman, a man well known in Ipswich as a naturalist, was found hanging on his bed, having evidently committed suicide. He had for some time past been in low desponding way, in consequence of his wife having lost some money, and there is every reason to believe that he was not in his right mind when he committed the act. He was 63 years old.

An inquest was held on the body on Monday evening, before H. M. Jackaman, Esq., Deputy-Coroner, at the Rose and Crown Inn, Norwich-road. Mr. J. Feek was foreman of the jury.

The Deputy-Coroner in opening the proceedings, said the deceased was out in the course of the day and was seen by Dr. Mills, his medical attendant, and soon after was found hanging in his own house. There seemed to be no doubt that it was case of self-destruction, and the principal question would be as to the state of the deceased's mind. He reminded the jury that if a person of sound mind destroyed himself, he was guilty of an offence which was included in the highest class of felonies known to the English law.

The jury then went to the house of the deceased, Wilberforce-street, Bramford-road, to view the body, and the wife of the deceased, Harriett Elizabeth Seaman, being in a very infirm and confused state, the Deputy-Coroner took her evidence there. She said her husband slept in one room and she in another. That morning deceased went out for a walk, and was away about half-an-hour, and on his return said he had seen Dr. Mills. Shortly after he went upstairs. She subsequently went into the room and saw him, as she thought, standing by the side of the bed with a piece of cord round his neck. She did not think the deceased was dead. She pulled the string down and called her neighbour, Mrs. Shipley. Deceased was formerly a bird-stuffer.

Mrs. Emma Shipley, wife of George Shipley, said she lived next door to the deceased in Wilberforce-street, and had done so for three years. She had not seen him for the last week, he having kept his bed during that time. About half-past 12 that morning Mrs. Seaman opened the front door of witness's house and called out "Mrs. Shipley come here, the old lady, Seaman, has hung himself." Mrs. Seaman was apt to get confused, and that was how witness accounted for her saying "old lady." Witness ran upstairs and in deceased's bedroom saw him lying on his left side on the bed with a cord round his neck. The other end had been unfastened from whatever it was made fast to. She ran downstairs again, and the Rev. J. Saunders happening to pass at the time she called him

in and he loosed the rope and unbuttoned his collar, but he was quite dead. Deceased and his wife lived alone in the house. Deceased when she had spoken to him appeared to be low and desponding, and about Michaelmas told her his wife lost some money when out shopping, and when the landlord went for the rent they could not find the money. She believed Mrs. Seaman had an income, which was enough to keep them comfortable.

Eliza Cooper, wife of Henry Cooper, Wellington-street, who did the washing for the deceased and his wife, said the deceased had frequently complained of his head, and on Monday, the 6th inst., told her he had not found the money Mrs. Seaman had lost, and he was afraid he should come to the workhouse, and he had hard work to keep from the water.

Dr. W. P. Mills said: I have known the deceased many years, and have attended him frequently for chronic rheumatism. He has occasionally been desponding in his mind, but more especially during the last six weeks, the loss of the money having impressed his mind very much. I know the loss of the money put them to a good deal of trouble. He was at surgery this morning about half-past nine, and then alluded to his affairs and to money he had lost; I advised him to go home. I was summoned to him in a hurry between 12 and 1 o'clock and found him on the bed, dead, with the cord, which had been loosened, round his neck. Strangulation was the cause of death. I have seen him frequently in the last six weeks, and I firmly believe he was not in a sound state of mind at the time he committed the act. I had never regarded him as having any suicidal tendencies. The body was quite cold when I saw it, and I should think had been dead about an hour. Deceased and his wife were very comfortable together.

The jury returned a verdict that deceased destroyed himself whilst in a state of unsound mind.

[A report of burials in the Ipswich Journal of 1871.11.18 gives his age as 61. Some earlier census records would suggest that he was only 47.]

1872: Civil Registration Index

Death of John Simpson Seaman (79) registered in Uckfield, Sussex, last quarter.

1874: Civil Registration Index

Death of Leonora Seaman (10) registered in Hull, first quarter.

1875: Civil Registration Index

Death of John Seaman (40) registered in Hull, first quarter.

1875: Civil Registration Index

Death of Charles Seaman (72) registered in West Derby, Lancs., first quarter.

1875 February 25: *Gore's Liverpool General Advertiser

DEATHS. SEAMAN – Feb. 17, at 146, Breck-road, Charles Seaman, formerly of the Zoological Museum, West Derby-road.

1875: Civil Registration Index

Death of Harriett Rose Seamen [sic] (77), registered in Ipswich, first quarter.

1876 July 8: *Liverpool Mercury

DEATHS. THOMAS – July 1, at 93, Greyrock-street, West Derby-road, aged 23, Annie, wife of William Thomas, and youngest daughter of the late Charles Seaman, Museum Hotel, Breck-road.

1876 July 26: Walton on the Hill, Everton, Parish Register

Marriage of William John Harrop (bachelor 28), Book-keeper, of 17 Tynemouth-street, son of John Harrop, Accountant, and Jane Seaman (spinster 27) of 93 Grey Rock-street, daughter of Charles Seaman (deceased), Publican.

1878: Civil Registration Index

Death of Frederick Freeland Young registered in Camberwell, last quarter.

[By the 1881 census Jane had moved with her two youngest children to Uckfield where her sister Elizabeth resided.]

1882: Civil Registration Index

Death of Henry John Whiting (62) registered in Uckfield, Sussex, third quarter.

[Note this is inconsistent with his age as given in several censuses but consistent with his baptism in Sutton.]

1884 May 9: Probate Register

Records the death of Jane Seaman, late of Moss Side, Manchester, widow, on 1884 March 5. Will proved by Mary Ann Naylor, wife of John Naylor.

[Mary Ann is her eldest daughter.]

1890: Civil Registration Index

Death of Arnold Hill registered in Ipswich, last quarter.

1898 May 14: West Derby, St Mary's Edge Hill, burial register.

Burial of Catherine Ann Kirkman (54).

1905: Civil Registration Index

Death of Jane Elizabeth Ashford (62) registered in Ipswich, third quarter.

1922: Civil Registration Index

Death of John C Seaman (85) registered in West Derby, second quarter.

Notes:

¹ John Seaman is noted as the discoverer of British specimens of the Black Hairstreak in 1828.

² The origins of Seaman's museum is hinted at in Babington, C. (1884-1886) *A catalogue of the birds of Suffolk*. London. p257

Mr E. Bidwell, of Fonnereau House, Twickenham, has kindly extracted from the printed catalogue of the Leverian Museum at Ely the notices of the Suffolk birds therein contained.

This Museum was a travelling collection of objects of natural history, probably part of the great Leverian Museum, (formed by Sir A. Lever) dispersed in 1805. There is a catalogue of it, printed by J. Evans, 21, Bartholomew Close, West Smithfield, London; it is entitled the Leverian Museum, under the patronage of their Royal Highnesses the Dukes of Cumberland and Brunswick. A date, 1830, is written in MS. On the copy seen by Mr. Bidwell, probably inserted by some previous possessor. The proprietor of the Museum was Simpson Seaman, to whom a poem is addressed by the Rev. W. Harrison, Pymore, Oct. 30, 1824, directed to "Mr. Seaman, Leverian Museum, Ely." Mr. Marshall Fisher, who saw it at Ely, about fifty years ago, does not know what became of it after it left that place.

Some of this material was purchased by Ganter's Universal Museum – exhibited at The Chough Inn, Salisbury, in 1807.

Since the Leverian museum contained over 30,000 specimens, Seaman's styling of his exhibition (with 2000 specimens) with the same name was a bit rich.

³ 'Charles contributed articles on "Birds, their Nests and Eggs" which appeared in the March and April issues.' This refers to His father's unsuccessful periodical "The Uckfield Monthly Illustrated Journal", published in 1881.

[Read more at <http://www.crawleynews.co.uk/hard-pages-magazine-instruct-amuse/story-15532516-detail/story.html#g8oYKH15V2gbDzxO.99>]

⁴ Arnold Collett Hill was a last and boot-tree maker, born in Romford, Essex. He re-married to Rebecca Pollard in 1869. Collett seems to be his mother's maiden name. He was declared bankrupt in 1847 and his stock and furniture sold by auction. He was the landlord of the beerhouse the "Bantam Cock" in Carr-lane by 1866, his future second wife, Rebecca Pollard, was his housekeeper. In November 1869 the licence for the "Bantam Cock" was transferred to William Potter but Arnold's application for a new licence for the "Prince of Wales", Norwich-road, was refused on moral grounds – "In reply to a question from the bench as to the character of the applicant, it was stated by Supt. Mason that he was living with a woman unmarried. - The Mayor expressed his opinion that a person leading such a course of life was not fit to keep a beerhouse, and the other magistrates concurring, the licence was refused."

⁵ The eldest of their nine children was William Seaman Ashford.