

Henry Parmenter Hiern.

Descent:- Henry Hiern was born in Pilton, Devon on 25th September 1791. He was the eldest son of Hannah Katon and the Rev. Charles Hiern.

In 1814 Henry Hiern gained a Law degree from St Catherines College, Cambridge as had his father Charles Hiern before him.

In 1816 Henry Hiern was ordained, and became a curate of Landulph in the neighbouring County of Cornwall.

There in September 1831, the Rev Henry Hiern married Grace Roberts Martin. Henry was thirty nine, Grace was but twenty three.

Their first son, **Henry Parminter Hiern** was born in Landulph, on 19th July 1832.

On the 18th April 1834, at the death of his father the Rev. Charles Hiern, Henry Hiern succeeded to the Living of Stoke Rivers in Devon (by advowson) and so he and his wife Grace came with their first born son Henry Parminter Hiern to take up the incumbency of Stoke Rivers.

Grace and the Rev Henry Hiern had eleven children, nine boys and two girls. The last boy was called Nonus et Undecimus, which when translated means ninth (son) and eleventh. (children).

A twelfth child, a stillborn baby girl was born the 24th December 1851, nine months before the family emigrated to South Australia.

On the 7th September 1852 at the age of nearly sixty one, the Rev. Henry Hiern and his wife and family of ten children (Martin, aged one had died four years earlier) left for South Australia aboard the steamship Cleopatra.

Arriving at Port Adelaide there was a disagreement about the family disembarking. It appears from the Coroner's inquest that no arrangements had been made for the family to disembark. Eventually it was agreed with the Captain of the schooner-rigged Spec, a water carrier, come to fill the steamship, that he would take the family ashore. Unfortunately he also took on passengers other than the Hierns and their extensive luggage and so when nearing the shore the boat capsized. The Rev Henry drowned as did his ten year old son Dennis Wood Hiern, leaving Grace Hiern with her nine remaining children in South Australia.

Grace Hiern eventually purchased section 6106 (80 acres) in the Hundred of Talunga, (Gumeracha) in the Adelaide Hills on 22nd June 1854 for 800 pounds. The farm was about 23 miles from Adelaide itself and to begin with things seemed to be going well.

Over the next six years Grace Hiern took out 2 mortgages on the farm but eventually sold the property on 1st May 1860 to the South Australian Company, on becoming bankrupt.

Grace Roberts Hiern also leased Sections 6002, 6003, 6007 and 6008 in the Hundred of Talunga between 1854 and 1856. These sections of land were all 80 acre Sections and adjoin section 6106 to the north. Later Grace Hiern was to sell the leases of these Sections. See newspaper advertisements.

However in the beginning the eldest boys, Henry Parminter being nearly 21 and Charles 18, found farming a very new way of life and Grace struggled to keep her accounts in order.

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THE FAMILY OF THE LATE REV. HENRY HIERN.—Most of our readers in this neighbourhood will remember the late Mr. Hiern, formerly the respected rector of the parish of Stoke Rivers, who a few years since sought to advance the interests of a numerous family by emigrating to Australia, but who was accidentally drowned just as he had arrived at the port of destination. The following extracts from a letter, addressed by the son of a Cornish farmer to his father, will be read with interest because it furnishes information as to the worldly position and prospects of the widow and surviving children of the deceased. The writer is living with Mrs. Hiern in the capacity of hind:—"Gumeracha Farm, near Adelaide, March 19th, 1855.—My Dear Father and Mother,—No doubt but what you have been expecting to hear from me this some time past, but the reason is I came here in the midst of harvest, and we have been so busy that we have not had time to write any of us. Mrs. H—— has been very fortunate in her crops of corn, but the crops in some parts of Adelaide have been very bad, indeed, not more than four or five bushels to the acre. What they call a bushel here of wheat is 60 lbs.; barley, 50 lbs.; oats, 40 lbs. Wheat, 15s. per bushel; barley, 7s. 6d.; oats, 8s. Mrs. H—— has had twenty-five men reaping; they were here for three weeks. In this colony they reap oats as well as wheat. Mrs H—— gave 15s. an acre for cutting the oats, and £1 an acre for cutting the wheat, and rations. I never lived better in my life; we have fresh joints of meat every day; we have always meat for breakfast, dinner, and supper. The people in this colony live a great deal better than in England. We have killed three bullocks for the harvest, and a quantity of sheep; I have been the butcher, Master Charles has assisted me. The bullocks here are very wild; the way we kill them is to go out and drive in twenty or thirty to the stock yard, and pick out the fattest, then let all the others out of the yard; the one to be killed we let remain in the stock yard all day, and then we fire a ball at him and cut his throat, like a sheep. The first bullock we killed was a steer, 6 cwt. 40 lbs., I knocked him down the first shot; the next was a steer, I fired three balls at him before he fell; the next was a cow, Master Charles fired at her and missed; I shot her with my own gun the first shot; if you miss to kill they turn mad, and roar like a bull. * * * * We are 30 miles from Adelaide. Our horses are very busy threshing; we have an excellent threshing machine which winnows at the same time. Tell Mary we have plenty of grapes, peaches, pears, and plums. Our Christmas dinner was roast goose, roast beef, green peas, new potatoes, apple tarts, &c., and had tea under a gum tree at eight o'clock. This is the place to get money. If I had come here when I went into the dockyard (Devonport), I should be able to come home with an independent fortune. Boots are £1 15s. a pair; shoes, £1 5s.; carts, £30 each; wagons, £45; ploughs, £17; harrows, £15. * * * Your affectionate son, W. B."

North Devon Journal, 26.7.1855.

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Master Charles, referred to in the above text, was only months away from his twenty first birthday at this time.

There are several newspaper reports in the Adelaide Advertiser concerning Henry Parmenter Hiern:

In February 1855 Henry Parmenter Hiern, now twenty three, is listed as one of forty people to become a census collector in the district of Talunga. (Gumeracha)

On March 11th 1855 an Auctioneers licence was granted to H. P. Hiern, King William Street Adelaide.

January 14th 1856. Newspaper Advertisement for H. P. Hiern, House, Land and and general commission agent, situated over Hussey and Shawyers Printers. King William Street, Adelaide.

There follow numerous advertisements for H. P. Hiern auctioning properties, in and around Adelaide.

On 13th March 1856 Henry Parmenter Hiern married Barbara Cowman at Holy Trinity Church, in Adelaide. "Barbara, the eldest daughter of Mr. Cowman" had been born in High Bickington in Devon in 1836.

Mary Ann Avery, her mother was born in Wembury, Devon in 1807.

Her father Samuel Cowman was born in 1807 in High Bickington, Devon.

This family came with their six children aboard the 'Childe Harold' from Plymouth in 1849.

Another little girl was born on the voyage out to South Australia in 1849.

[Adelaide Observer Immigration listings.]

On the 24th March 1851, Barbara's own mother Mary Ann Cowman, nee Avery, died and her baby Ann Avery Cowman died 5weeks later on the 9th April 1851. Barbara, the eldest child, was then only fifteen.

Samuel, who was still living in Norwood remarried on the 23rd May 1867 to a Mrs. Anna Mends. She died on 11th December 1878 aged 71 years

Samuel Cowman died in Norwood, South Australia on 7th November 1877, aged 70 years

Saturday April 19th 1856

Gumeracha. H. P. Hiern will sell by auction at the Gumeracha, the lease of the two Northern sections now occupied by Mrs. Hiern the lease has 14.....

In April of that year, 1856, there is also a record in the newspaper of H. P. Hiern holding a monthly market for the sale of land, horses bullocks, grains farming implements &c at the Kenton Inn, Gumeracha on the fourth Wednesday in every month.

In January 1857, this notice appears in the newspaper :-

Gumeracha Brewery.

Ale will be obtainable at this brewery in the first week of February

Settlers supplied in 5,10, or 16 gallon kegs at 2s/ gallon.

All orders left with the brewer, Mr. Moger, will be punctually attended to.

Hiern & Co., proprietors. [24/1/1857]

The following month the newspaper reports:

H.P. Hiern begs to inform his friends that he still carries on the business of auction once a month. Gumeracha Brewery. February 18. [21/3/1857]

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In March this notice appears asking for:

Tenders for the building of a four-roomed stone house in or about the township of Gumeracha.

Tenders are to be sent in or on about the 20th April

Particulars can be obtained on application to H.P. Hiern Brewery, Gumeracha [21/3/1857]

Also on the same day this advertisement appeared:

Wanted. Single man to act as overseer for an agricultural farm.

References required.

No person unless fully competent need apply to G.R. Hiern, North Gumeracha [21/3/1857]

Grace Hiern was seeking help.

In June '57 Henry Parmenter resigned from the Talunga District Council, and it was at this time he placed the following statements in the newspaper.

All persons to whom the undersigned is indebted are requested

to send in their accounts for immediate settlement.

H.P.Hiern [27/6/1857]

Gumeracha brewery Notice;- all persons indebted to the undersigned are requested to settle their accounts without delay. H.P. Hiern [27/6/1857]

Henry Parmenter was tidying up his affairs

The first child born to Henry Parmenter Hiern and Barbara Cowman was recorded in the newspaper on 24th of October 1857. On the 17th inst, at Norwood, a son, **Henry Ernest**. Norwood is a suburb of Adelaide.

24th April 1858

For sale the lease (having nearly 12 years to run) of two first rate agricultural sections situate in the Gumeracha district. For particulars apply to Mrs Hiern Gumeracha or at the Offices of the S.A. Company Adelaide .

Tuesday 6th May 1858 Sale of above. Was Grace in difficulties?

The legacy of the Rev. Henry's will of 1852 gave each child, on reaching 21 years of age, 240 pounds. Henry Parmenter being the first to receive this.

His Grandmother Hannah Hiern had died and her will of 1854 left a trust fund to be administered for the children of The Rev. Henry and this gave him some money when he reached twenty one also. His father's sister Elizabeth Wood Harding who died in 1855 had left him and each of his siblings £50 pounds too.

His younger siblings were not so lucky as they did not get what was their due. In her bankruptcy papers of 1860, Grace admits that only the first two children got their money and she owed something like £1.920 to the others from Henry's estate.

A will of 1871 of Charles Henry Hiern the Rev Henry's last brother categorically names and excludes Henry Parmenter Hiern in his will.

So was there some dissent that took Henry Parmenter, his wife Barbara and their young son to Hobart, Tasmania **where their second child, Charles Arthur, was born in Hobart on 28th of April 1859.**

Henry Parmenter Hiern and Barbara Cowman had eight more children born in Hobart.

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The full list of ten children is as follows:-

Henry Ernest Hiern born 17th Oct 1857 at Norwood, South Australia, died in Hobart in 1903 aged forty six.

Charles Arthur Hiern, born 28th April 1859 in Hobart. He died 3rd July 1899 in Launceston, Tasmania.

Barbara Alice Hiern, born 18th November 1860 in Hobart. She died 7th April 1893 and is buried in the Queensborough Cemetery, Hobart, Tasmania

Frederick Stoke Rivers Hiern */* born 15th February 1863, Hobart. He died 1st April 1864 in Hobart, age 14 months.

Dennis Wood Hiern*/* born 6th September 1864 in Hobart. He died 6th November 1895, in Hobart. He is buried in the Cornelian Bay Cemetery, Hobart, I think.

Edwin Parminter Hiern, born 20th May 1866, Hobart Tasmania, died 28th October 1887 in Hobart, aged twenty one.

Lucy Anne Avery Hiern, born 14th November 1868, Hobart, died there 4th February 1869 an infant.

Oscar Hiern */* born 12th January 1870, Hobart Tasmania. and died there in 1891, aged twenty one.

James Maurice Hiern born 2nd July 1871, Hobart and died in January 1947 in Hobart.

John Hiern born 14th February 1873 and died 8th April 1887 aged fourteen years.

Of the ten children, five died fairly young and only two seem to have married.

/ Several children are recorded as being born at Cascades Factory, Hobart, Tasmania. (prison, and Buckfields Invalid Asylum) where Henry Parminter Hiern worked as a clerk.

Dennis Wood Hiern, a book binder, married Clara Middlestone in November 1892, but he died three years later in 1895.

His wife Clara Hiern died in 1953. She appears on the electoral Roll for Hobart, Tasmania for several years from 1914 through to 1936.

Henry Parminter Hiern surely **named this son Dennis Wood Hiern** for the brother he lost in the tragic drowning accident on the family's arrival in South Australia.

James Maurice Hiern married Amy Isobel Grahame on 4th March 1896, she died in 1932 and James Maurice Hiern died in January 1947, they had two boys:

Eric Grahame born 23 January 1897, died of tuberculosis without issue on the 2nd September 1943 in Hobart. He was listed as a florist in the Post Office Directories.

and

Maurice Athol Hiern born 13 October 1902. He married **Lillias Elizabeth Dale** on the 3rd April 1928. No issue.

There is a Hiern road in Blackmans Bay. Eric Grahame owned 12 acres of land there in 1942 and 1943. By 1944 when Eric Grahame Hiern had died, the owners of the land are shown as his father James M. Hiern and his brother Maurice Hiern, and then later only as Maurice Hiern his brother.

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From personal correspondence of 1957, Maurice Hiern states that he was a printers' compositor by trade, and a Justice of the Peace from 1939. Nearer retirement he was a municipal trolley bus driver in Hobart. He died 6th January 1967. His letters indicate that Lillias also did not keep good health.

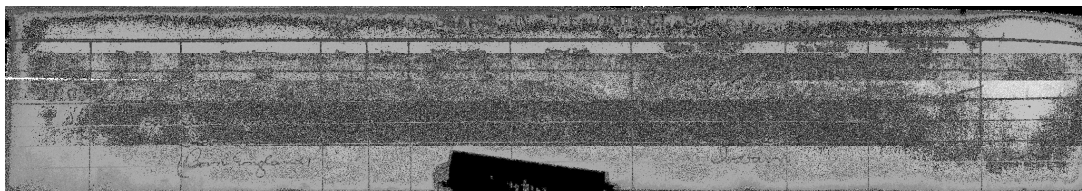
In 1957 he sponsored Olga Hiern Cooke and her husband James Nisbet to emigrate to Tasmania.

There exists also a record of Henry Parmitter Hiern applying for a teaching position in Tasmania on 17th March 1868, and 31st January, 1873. He was well educated, the Rev. Henry had seen to that, as were his siblings.

The 1851 census records Henry P Hearn (*sic*) age 18yrs. as a resident scholar at the Collegiate School in the parish of St Margarets East, Leicester. The entry records him as being born in Landulph, Cornwall.

The 1841 census shows young Henry aged eight staying with his grandmother in Bull Hill House, Pilton, Devon

Barbara Hiern, nee Cowman, died on the 7th April, 1890 at the residence of her son, Paternoster Row, Hobart Tasmania. after a long and painful illness. She was 52years old.



Henry Parminter Hiern died in **Paramatta, NSW, in 1906.**

The record of his death lists his fathers name as Henry and mothers name as Grace, surely proof that it is him.

Reg No. 10027

Australia Death Index, 1787-1985 about Henry P Hiern	
Names:	Henry P Hiern
Death Date:	1906
Death Place:	New South Wales
Father's Name:	Henry
Mother's name:	Grace
Registration Year:	1906
Registration Place:	Parramatta, New South Wales
Registration Number:	10027

Did Henry father another child?

There is a birth record for a Leslie P Hiern for 1885, with parents named as Henry P. Hiern and Elizabeth A . in Goulburn, NSW.

There are three other references to a Henry (Parminter) Hiern in NSW previous to his death of 1906.

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In 1887 The Sands Directories for Sydney & NSW lists a Henry Hiern, clerk, 1 Little Goodlet St.

In 1896 Henry Hiern is recorded, age 64, Clerk, C. of E., born in Cornwall.

He is destitute and suffering from Rheumatics, and is an inmate in the Government Assylum for the Infirm and Destitute.

Wednesday 12 - 8 '96.

2907	Henry Hiern	64	CofE.
R.A.	Born in Cornwall, Eng.		
B/H.	Came out 2 yrs ago per 1/2		
	to Sydney as a pauper,		
	widower no family inclinations,		
	blind.		
	B/H. Rheum. his dist.		

Register of the N. S. W. Government Assylum for the Infirm and Destitute.

Sadly there is also correspondence of February, 1903 between James Maurice Hiern, the youngest surviving son of Henry Parmenter, and W.P. Hiern of Castle House, Barnstaple, Devon. In the letter James asks of him if he knows of the whereabouts of his father, Henry Parmenter Hiern. W.P. Hiern's answer is no, but that he will make some enquiries from other relatives.

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