**NAME: Henry Towsey** BIRTH DETAILS: Ch: 18 Jun.1742 Wantage, Berks. DEATH DETAILS: Aug. to Dec.1826, Oxford **CHART REF:** Towsey Chart E1 MARRIAGE DETAILS: 1st M: 26 Oct.1779 St.Clem.Danes, London **SPOUSE: Elizabeth Evans** MARRIAGE DETAILS: 2nd M: April 1809 **SPOUSE:** Frances Rudge

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The seventh child of Edward Towsey and Sarah Geering was Henry Towsey, christened 18 June 1742 in Wantage. He was apprenticed in 1759 to Charles Nourse, a surgeon of Oxford University, for the sum of £200. Henry became a surgeon in 1767. His occupation was listed as both surgeon and apothecary and he was appointed as a surgeon at the prestigious Radcliffe Infirmary in Oxford, in 1770.

Henry Towsey married Elizabeth Evans in 1779, at St.Clement Danes church in London. They had four surviving

children: two boys and two girls. We know that both boys lived into old age.

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The younger, Edward, born in 1788, had a long career as an army officer in the East India Company, in Bombay. We do not know if he ever married, but he spent the last decades of his life boarding with families in the south of England and died in 1853.

Henry's elder son, Henry Whalley Towsey (see his Towsey Tale), became a surgeon, like his father, with a thirty year career as a navy surgeon.

Henry's wife, Elizabeth died in 1803 and he then married Frances Rudge in 1809. They did not have any children.

Henry Towsey senior died at 84 years of age, in 1826. His grave still exists in Oxford.

Henry appointed his nephew, William Augustus Towsey as his executor. This would most likely have been because his sons were both posted out of the country: Henry

Henry Towsey's house, cnr High & Oriel Sts. Oxford Blue building and one next door, now divided into two.

Whalley, at that time as surgeon on the HMS Niemen, based in Cape Town, South Africa and Edward in India.

The two advertisements, for the sale of his possessions and of his leasehold house, give some indication of the wealth of Henry Towsey.



Jackson's Oxford Journal 16 December 1826

TVO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, By Mr. WM. COOKE, On Wednesday next, December 20, 1026, and following day, on the premises, in the High-street, Oxford, (by order of the executor,)—The remainder of the HOUSEHOLD FURNI. TURE, BOOKS, PICTURES, PRINTS, and other Effects of the late Henry Towny, Esq.; consisting of the following articles, viz.:—Four-post bedsteads, with faraitures and bedding; a large Brassels carpet, 24 feet by 104 feet; Kiddenninster carpets, stair and bedside carpets, and hearth rugs; mahogany sidehoard table, loo table, dining and other tables; plano forte; two easy chairs, in black Spanish leather, nearly new; sofas, chintz drapery window curtains, chinney and pier glasses, fine old porruits and pictures, fine old china howls, dinner and tea china, glass and crockery, eight-day clock, in japanned case; double and single chests of drawers, cedar linen chest, barometer and thermometer.

The Books comprise-Annual Register, 1758 to 1783, 26 vols. calf; about 300 numbers of the Gentleman's Magazine, Robinson's Scripture Characters, various sets of Novels, Poems, and Plays; numerous Tracts on Surgery, &c. Also cultinary utensils, an iron garden roller, cucumber frame

Also culinary utensils, an iron garden roller, cucumber frame and lights, long and short ladders, new window shutters, quantity of paling, a variety of good seasoned beer casks, and brewing utensils.

Catalogues will be delivered in due time, at the auctioneer's, High-street, Oxford -Sale to begin each day at half-past Ten. The goods to be viewed only on the mornings of sale.

Some time next month, the very extensive PREMISES the residence of the late Henry Tonsers Esq. and others, will be put up to sale, particulars of which will appear in next week's Paper

## Valuable LEASEHOLD PROPERTY. 10 BE SOLD BY AUCTION, By Mr. W. COOKE, By order of the Executors, on Wednesday the 25th day of

By order of the Executors, on Wednesday the 25th day of January, 1627, at Mr. Gellett's, the Angel Inn, High-street, Oxford, between the hours of Six and Eight,—All that spacious MESSUAGE or TENEMENT, situate in the finest and most open part of the High-street, facing Queen's College, and lately the residence of Henry Towner, Esq. deceased; possessing a front 44 feet in length, a good entrance, dining room, and library; drawing room, 24 feet by 19 feet 6 inches; 8 good bed rooms, 2 dressing rooms, 3 servants' rooms, spacious offices, and 2 good cellars; the pleasure ground and garden are very extensive, with two pumps of excellent water, good stabling and loft, with entrance thereto from King-street.

Also will be sold, with the above, TWO MESSUAGES or TENEMENTS, occupied by Mr. W. Budd, and Mr. Richard Gray ; alGig-house and Stable, by Mr. Robert James, and Stable and loft by Mr. W. Cocke, all yearly tenants ; the ground of the whole Estabe measuring 2 roods and 11 poles. A plan of the whole is accurately drawn, and may be seen at the auctioneer's, Highstreet, who will shew the Estate and give particulars.

The above property is held by a forty years' lease under Magdalen Colline, thirty two of which are unexpired. Immediate possession may be had of the house and stables.—At the same time will be sold a SHARE in the GAS COMPANY.

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## An Inventory from the Will of Henry Towsey, 1826

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