

Charles Towsey of Henley upon Thames in the County of Oxford Gentleman

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TOWSEY TALES

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

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.

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 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.



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

