

BRERETON FAMILIES OF IRELAND



WILLIAM HENRY BRERETON, Q.C.
(26 May 1824 - 24 October, 1887)

OF DUBLIN AND HONG KONG

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I was born in Canada, daughter of Albert (Bert) Lionel Brereton and Mabel Doak. Dad's paternal grandparents, James Westropp Brereton and Ursula Harnett (along with four children) arrived in Canada from Listowel, Ireland in 1878 after the Captain had been appointed a Dominion Commissioner of Police by Queen Victoria. Dad's maternal grand-parents were Dan Martin of Northern Ireland and Julia Crowley identified as of the Province of Munster, Ireland. My mother's great grandparents, both the Willis and Doak families, also immigrated to Canada from Northern Ireland. So it is little wonder that I went in search of my Irish ancestors.

As my great grandfather Captain James W. Brereton kept a diary and there were family tales and newspaper clippings of Brereton and Handford Halls, I became intrigued with my Irish Brereton ancestors at an early age. While all my ancestors were Irish, to date it is the Brereton line that continues to intrigue me. They certainly were a fascinating family who travelled the world, were knighted and held positions of power. Also, as with many Landed Gentry families, their sons went into the clergy (some rising to senior positions), became involved in local politics and certainly there were many in the Military throughout the centuries. So there is lots of interesting reading which is becoming so much more available thanks to the digitization of many library collections.

While the interest was always there, it took three visits to Brereton Hall, including one in 2001 to attend the World Wide Brereton Reunion (which included a wonderful tour of Brereton churches, monuments, Halls and Manors) before I put pen to paper. The result was my 1st history *In Search of My Ancestors*. While this story focused on the Breretons of Cheshire, it also contained information about Breretons around the world.

Since that time I have travelled to Ireland three times and in 2014 was able to find my g-g-g-g-grandfather's grave marker in St. Mary's Anglican Church Cemetery in Geashill. His name was David Brereton and he lived in Killurin, Offaly, Ireland. Consequently for the past couple of years I have focused on the numerous Brereton branches in Ireland - and their travels to other parts of the world. Currently there are ten Brereton Histories on my website breretonhistory.ca :

In Search of my Family

Breretons of Cheshire, England

Brereton Hall, Cheshire, England

Breretons of Bedford, England

Breretons of Helmingham, England

Brereton Family of Ireland (Vol I) - Edward Brereton of Loughdioge

Brereton Family of Ireland (Vol II) - David Brereton of Killurin

Brereton Family of Ireland (Vol III) - Pennsylvania Breretons

**Brereton Family of Ireland (Vol IV) - William Henry Brereton
of Dublin & Hong Kong**

Canadian Family of Abel Brereton - Cloudesey Brereton

Breretons of Malpas and Burrosham, Wales - Randulphus Brereton

Since launching my website, in 2015, I have often received emails from Brereton ancestors who are looking for information about their descendants, or offering new information about their Brereton branch. Consequently I have a few histories in draft form - one in particular, *History of Edward Brereton of Knock, Ireland* which identifies new 'ties' to the Breretons of Tipperary. I hope to have it posted on my website by April 2018.

While I am very particular with respect to the information provided in the histories and make appropriate references to source documents, my work is not intended as an authoritative guide nor should it be used for commercial purposes. Basically, the stories are being made available on my website in the hope that others may enjoy them and perhaps we can begin a dialogue which will help write yet another story. I would ask that when using my work, other writers will, as appropriate, reference my documents. I can be reached at contact@breretonhistory.ca

Acknowledgements

While making new contacts and expanding my history well beyond my original idea - I am also mindful of the help I received initially, starting with Ann Beverly Coltman who shared, with me some genealogical research and stories gathered by Patrick Montague-Smith. It was invaluable. Similarly, Ann's 1977 thesis which was titled *A Comparative Study of the Breretons of Wisconsin and the Breretons of South Africa their pedigrees and biographies* helped me in so many ways, when I tackled my Cheshire Brereton Family History.

For those who have not heard of Patrick Montague-Smith; he was a genealogist, editor of *Debrett's Peerage* and a Brereton on his mother's side. Patrick had planned to track the Brereton Hall title and so, in the spring of 1948, letters and articles appeared in major newspapers throughout the British Empire and its former colonies appealing for information to help solve the mystery of the unclaimed title of Lord Brereton, Baron of Leighlin, created by King James I. Patrick was interested in biographies, life stories and reminiscences as well as pedigrees, and over the years he gathered a significant amount of information from Breretons all over the world. Apparently he also had visits from some who hoped to discover where they fit into the Brereton lexicon. Patrick died in 1986, and to the best of my knowledge never published his planned Brereton book. By incorporating some of his research into this volume, Patrick's typewritten notes will not be lost and I sincerely hope he would be pleased to see the information shared with his Brereton kin.

Some of you may have accessed my histories via Bruce Brereton's website *Brereton.org*. Having access to this website and being able to upload my stories has worked well; however given the amount of inquiries and additional information that I have been receiving in response to my histories, I decided to host my own site *breretonhistory.ca*. As many of the people who correspond with me are searching for their Irish ancestors, the primary focus at this time will be Breretons who settled in Ireland (most from England) and families who left Ireland and travelled to many other countries around the world, including Australia, New Zealand, USA, Canada, Zimbabwe and South Africa. I will, however, continue to update/revise British Brereton histories as information becomes available.

This history has been updated to make minor corrections that I or others have identified - and also to include new information about family members. As always there are others who have helped me in gathering and editing the stories including Rosemary Jewers (a fellow Brereton researcher and writer of history). She continues to provide wonderful new information particularly with respect to Brereton ties to England. Thanks also to Heather Robinson for the story of her grandmother Beatrice Geraldine Brereton.

Research

Anyone who has ever attempted to research their family knows there is a great deal of information readily available on the *web*; however, finding specific, validated and relevant information is not an easy task. Over time I have become quite proficient in finding interesting Brereton data, in the form of books, newspaper clippings, church records, certificates and particularly on the web. The difficulty became finding a format for capturing this information and limiting the scope of the history so it remained a manageable task.

Reading this history you will find footnotes identifying sources, whenever possible, and adding details that enhance the Brereton story. While working my way through the various papers and records it became apparent that not all family records agree. While the amount of source documents available on the web continues to expand there are many items which require extensive periods of time to read through pages of a book - only to find that little information is actually provided. In other words it can be a frustrating experience. However, from time to time new information comes to light, either from another Brereton or as a result of my research which connects people or questions current connections. This happened recently with respect to William and Henry Brereton who married the Blount sisters.

Tracking Family Histories

Initially I included a Table of Contents, identifying individual family members by branch/lineage. In addition, wherever possible I identified a location/place name(s) for each Brereton and when appropriate identified places outside Ireland by a specific location and Country. This information is often critical when linking branches of the Worldwide Brereton family. One of the problems becomes keeping this table up to date as new information is added - or information is moved within the history. Consequently, in this version I include only a brief Table of Contents listing various branches.

Within the narrative portion of the history, individual members are identified by numbering the generation, e.g. 1) first generation, 1.1) second generation, 1.1.1) third generation etc. The

numbering continues within each family when sufficient information is available regarding family members; consequently, at times individuals are identified without being numbered.

To help track families and possible links between families (particularly when two Breretons married) my husband Bob and I painstakingly numbered each individual and charted them using a CAD programme (the information is actually printed on a very large role of paper). At times I have identified individuals in the footnotes with a number which corresponds to the chart numbering. This information has been included for my reference purposes. Needless to say Bob's chart, his proof reading at various times and his patience through this long process has been invaluable to my research and writing.

Sharing

There are very interesting stories of Breretons to be found. They served in the military, were clergy, doctors, lawyers, law makers and law enforcers, merchants, vintners, scholars and so much more. It is also a story of families who bravely travelled the world. I hope you find this a fun, interesting and enlightening history! For me, sharing the history and corresponding with other Brereton continues to be an important part of my history projects.

This history was written for my own family and for sharing with other interested Breretons, consequently, it must not be used for commercial purposes without the written permission of the author. The document has been uploaded in a PDF format to discourage alteration by others. I would also ask that you reference this history, as a source document, when using any part of it for your history; as I have attempted to do throughout this history.

WILLIAM BRERETON & ELIZABETH JOHNSON OF DUBLIN

This history began with an email request concerning a photo of a large house in Ireland and a suggestion that it may be in New Abbey. The writer, who is a descendant of William Henry Brereton of Dublin and Hong Kong also asked if I had any information about his ancestor. To date I have had no success in identifying the house; however I do have information about William Henry. Over the past few months I have been researching the Breretons of New Abby, Kilcullen, Kildare, Ireland, as part of a history of the Breretons of Kildare that I am preparing. From the information collected to date, it is likely that New Abbey came into the Brereton of Carrigslaney, County Carlow family with George Brereton, was passed down to his daughter Janetta Brereton and later sold to her brother Robert Brereton.

WILLIAM BRERETON¹ of Dublin

On 25 July, 1792 (also shown as 25 Sept) William Brereton married Elizabeth Johnson² daughter of William Johnson³. They lived in Dublin and were members of St. Mary's Parish (Church of Ireland). William and Elizabeth had issue:

1) *Francis Frederick (Frank) Brereton* (baptized 12 November 1802⁴)
of Cabra Road, Dublin

Sarah Brereton baptized 15 February 1804,
St. Mary's Parish Church of Ireland

1) FRANCIS FREDERICK BRERETON of Dublin (c1792 - 1885)

Francis Brereton was born c.1792 and baptized at St. Mary's Church, Dublin on 23 July 1824. He was a Dublin solicitor, referred to as a gentleman *late of Cabra road*. In 1814 he married Elizabeth Brereton (17 October 1819) who died young, leaving issue one son and three daughters.

Amelia (Emily) Brereton (born 12 November 1817)
baptized in St. Mary's Church, Dublin

1.1) *Georgina Nicolina Brereton* (baptized 17 October 1819)
married Alexander Fisher

1.2) *Mary Anne Brereton* (baptized 12 August 1810)
married Dr. Samuel Richardson.

Charlotte Jane Brereton (c. 1815 - pre 1897) lived with sister Georgina
in Hammersmith (west London) in 1881

¹ A William Brereton was buried* in St. Mary's Cemetery, Dublin on 21 February 1813 and an Elizabeth Brereton was also buried in that cemetery on 11 May 1836. Elizabeth is shown as living at Britain Street. The dates, names and location certainly appear to appear appropriate for the parents of Francis Frederick Brereton. More research will be carried out.

² Baptized at St. Joseph's Church in 1770

³ Perhaps parents were Joseph and Elizabeth Johnson - Source: Rebecca Mayfield

⁴ St. Mary's Parish Records, Dublin

1.3) William Henry Brereton, Q.C. (1824 - 1887)
married 1st widow Elizabeth Jane Percy (nee Scholes)
2nd Annie Louisa Latimer Collins 1894)

Elizabeth's father must have been John James Johnson, as there is a record (*Parliamentary Papers 1780-1849, Vol. II, part 2, page 146*) which records Francis Frederick Brereton as being admitted (in 1821) to the 'Freedom of the Guild of Barbers and Surgeons' through his association with his father-in-law John James Johnson.

1.1) ⁵GEORGINA NICOLINA BRERETON (baptized 17 October 1819) *widower Alexander Fisher (born Scotland 1819)*

Georgina married Alexander Fisher in St. Mary's Church, Dublin and later moved to Canada settling in Port Hope Ontario. Alexander was the son of John Fisher of Tain, County Ross, Scotland who immigrated to Canada and settled in Haldimand, Northumberland County, Ontario, Canada. He married Isabella Dawson of Galt, Ontario. The Fishers were United Empire Loyalists and the marriages of Alexander Fisher can be found on page 124 in '*Ontario Families Genealogies of the United Empire Loyalists.*' Their son Alexander married 1st Mary Brogdin daughter of William Brogdin who served, Royal Navy under Admiral Nelson at Copenhagen, in 1801. William's wife was Elizabeth Wallin. Mary died in 1858 in Port Hope, Ontario leaving issue:

*Martha Fisher (28 June 1849 - ?) married lawyer, Edward Marion Chadwick.
 20 February 1868, aged 18 years. She was Edward's 2nd wife.
 Edward died 9 March 1933 and is buried in the Cobourg cemetery.*

Mary Jane Fisher (28 June 1849-9 May 1930) married Samuel Smith McDonell

Isabella Christiana Fisher, died unmarried

William Alexander Fisher, died unmarried

*Elizabeth Fisher who married John Bell Gillespie.
 In 1871 two nieces Anne Brereton and Georgina Brereton
 lived with the Fishers.*

In 1881 they moved to Toronto, Ontario where he became a successful Bank Manager (he would have been 63 years of age). He ran into difficulties when it appeared he could not account for a large sum. This so worried him that he committed suicide, in 1890. A fortnight later it was discovered that a bank clerk had made an error. Georgina moved, penniless, to London, England and lived at 23 Bindon Road, Kensington area, with her sister Charlotte and some cousins. She died in 1903.

⁵ According to the book: Ontario Families Genealogies of United Empire Loyalists and other Pioneer Families of Upper Canada written by Edward Marion Chadwick, Barrister of Law. Published Toronto by Rolph, South and Co publishers in 1898. Georgina Nicolina was a sister of Charlotte (London, England) and Mary Ann Brereton (?-1848) who married Samuel Richardson (1809-23 September 1882) son of Auchmuty Richardson of Longford Ireland in 1835.

1.2) MARY ANNE BRERETON

Mary Anne (c 1811 – 17 January 1849) married Dr. Samuel Richardson (3 February 1809-23 September 1882) on 17 March 1834 at St. Georges, Dublin. Ireland. Richardson was the son of Auchmuty Richardson, County Longford, Ireland (situated in the Midlands region and in the province of Leinster). Dr. Samuel married 1st Mary Anne Brereton (born 1811) Dublin, Ireland in 1834 – the same year they immigrated to Canada. He applied and received his certificate to practice medicine in Canada in 1835. During the first 5 years they lived in Guelph – moving to Galt in 1839. Mary Anne died 17 January 1849 in Cambridge, Waterloo region, Ontario leaving issue:

*Elizabeth Jane Richardson, born 1835, Galt (Cambridge)
married John Dowker of Hamilton, Ontario*

Auchmuty Richardson born 1842 Ontario

*Georgina Richardson born (Sept 1847 – 7 March 1865)
died unmarried in Galt, Ontario*

Mary Anne died 17 January 1849 in Cambridge, Ontario. Although there is no grave marker identified in Trinity Anglican Cemetery, according to the record of the cemetery she is buried in that cemetery. Given the time of her death, perhaps the marker has fallen over.

According to a document 'Medical Profession of Upper Canada 1783-1850) *Samuel was born 31 February 1809, educated at Trinity College, studied medicine – graduated with a M.R.C.S, Dublin in 1834.*

Emigrated to Canada 1834.

Came before the medical board April 1835, obtained certificate to practice Surgery.

Settled in Guelph – 5 years – Galt 183 (mere hamlet).

Member Twn Council 17 years.

Reeve and Deputy Reeve and J.P.

Married Miss Mary Ann Brereton in Dublin 1834.

Married Miss Annee Orr of Galt in 1850

4 children – 2 each spouse.

Other Richardson family members buried in Trinity Anglican Cemetery include:

*Arthur Richardson
Catherine Richardson,
Eleanor M.V Richardson
Samuel James Richardson
Elizabeth Richardson
Margaret J. Richardson
Samuel Richardson
Mary Anne Richardson
Georgina Richardson*

In 1850, Samuel married 2nd Anna Matilda Orr (born 1825 England – died 4 February 1898) . She was buried in Trinity Anglican Cemetery. Her monument states that she was 72 years of age at the time of her death. Annie and Samuel had issue:

*Dr. Samuel James Richardson, born 1851 in Galt –
died 4 February 1898*

*John Alexander Richardson,
born 1851 in Galt, Waterloo region*

Margaret Jemma Richardson, born 25 April 1856 in Galt. Died 25 October 1859. She is buried in Trinity Anglican Cemetery in Galt and on the monument are noted the deaths of Margaret (3 year and 6 months) and Arthur (6 months of age). In the 1 November 1859 issue of the Berlin Chronicle there was an announcement of the death of Margaret Jemima, youngest daughter of Dr. Richardson, aged 3 years and 6 months. At the time of the 1st World War the name of the City of Berlin was changed to Kitchener, Ontario.

1851 Census Record for Galt, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada

Samuel Richardson- Surgeon Ireland Episcopalian 43 years
 Anna M. Richardson – England, Episcopalian 25 years
 Elisabeth J. Richardson - Upper Canada, Episcopalian 16 years
 Aghmuty Richardson - Upper Canada, Episcopalian 9 years
 Georgena Richardson - Upper Canada Episcopalian 5 years
 Samuel J. Richardson - Upper Canada Episcopalian 1 year
 Elisabeth Orr, England, Episcopalian 20 years, not a member of the family
 Mary Luvan- Servant Ireland, Roman Catholic 18 years, not a member of the family
 Grace McIntosh- Servant, Canada Presbyterian 15 years, not a member of the family
 Joseph Hurst –Servant, Germany Lutheran, 12 years, not a member of the family
 Anna Glenni? England, Episcopalian 22 years, not a member of the family
 Dr. Samuel Richardson, died 23 September 1882 in Galt, Ontario and is buried in Trinity Anglican Cemetery (Cambridge-Galt). He was in his 74th year.

The message on his memorial is "***Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy***"



Monument for Dr. Samuel Richardson,
Trinity Anglican Cemetery, Cambridge
photo by Deborah Mott and posted 7/10/2012

Following are tributes to Dr. Richardson:

Death of Dr. Richardson as reported (on page 1) of 'The Galt Reporter', dated 29 Sep 1882

The feelings with which we write these words will be well understood by the people of Galt and surrounding country. A face and form associated with the town and its neighborhood ever since its earliest days has suddenly been removed by the hand of death. In chronicling the fact, we simply do our duty; but the present generation will have to pass away before its memory of the kind and worthy Doctor will be allowed to fade and grow dim, or the green spot he occupied in every heart becomes seared and withered.

The death of our old friend was sudden and unexpected. Apparently in the best of health he went about his usual avocations on Friday morning last, and in the course of the morning went up as far as the Post Office to receive his mail. Walking back to his residence again, he handed the papers to other members of his family, and went into his surgery. Returning in a few minutes he asked if there was any news, and these were the last words he was ever heard to utter. A gentleman calling to consult with him a short time afterwards, it was found that the Doctor was not in his surgery; but it was thought that he had stepped out into the garden and would be back in a few minutes, and the patient was asked to take a seat until he returned. He did so; but as the minutes flew by he began to get impatient and at last said that he would call again. It was at this time that the door of the drawing room was opened by a member of the family; and there, lying on the floor with his head resting on a sofa cushion lay the Doctor in an utterly unconscious condition. Everything that medical skill could suggest was done in the hope that he might rally; but as hour succeeded hour the fatal attack only more firmly secured its hold, had at half past 8 o'clock on Saturday morning he calmly breathed his last.

Dr. Richardson was born in Richmond County of Longford, Ireland, in the year 1808, and was consequently in his 74th year at the time of his death. He was educated at Trinity College, Dublin and came to Canada in the year 1835. When first he came to this country, he resided for some five years in Guelph, where his brother, Robert, and sister, Mrs. Geo. Harvey, still reside, removing to Galt about the year 1840. He has from that time been a constant resident of our town taking an active part in everything calculated to advance its interests. Able and enthusiastic in his profession, he rapidly attained to an extensive practice in Galt and surrounding country. For the long period of over forty years he was indefatigable in the discharge of his professional duties, never wearying when good could be done, or when he felt it his duty to attempt it. In all those years, while he was the rich man's professional adviser he was essentially the poor man's friend and if the record of his professional life could only be written, how eloquently it would speak of the sympathy which turned the Doctor into a friend the professional adviser into the beloved confidant. There is scarcely an old family in our midst today but what the members thereof bear the strongest feelings of love for the genial, hearty man who ministered to them in their distress or soothed the weary hours of those near and dear to them. He has now been called to the enjoyment of the perfect rest; but the memory of his long and active life will remain in our midst till time itself shall fade away with all those who knew him in life.

Notwithstanding the arduous duties of his profession, the Doctor found time to take an active part in Municipal affairs, and was for many years a member of the Town Council, finally resigning a few years ago. He held his seat in the stormy days of our Municipal politics, when feeling in the town on certain questions ran very high; but throughout it all he retained the respect and esteem of his constituents and townsmen generally. On one occasion, if we are not mistaken, he was elected Deputy-Reeve, and served the town in that capacity with his accustomed ability. He was also an enthusiastic Oddfellow in the days of the old Galt lodge, and occupied the position of Treasurer therein up to the time of its breaking
up.

Dr. Richardson was twice married, his first wife dying about the year 1848. He afterwards married Miss A. Orr, formerly of Stratford, who still survives. By his first marriage he had

six children, two of whom are yet living - Mr. A. Richardson, of San Francisco, and Mrs. J. Dowker, of Chicago. By his second marriage he also had four children, two of whom are living - Mr. S. Richardson, of Galt, and Mr. John A. Richardson, of the Imperial Bank, Toronto. The Doctor's house was always his castle; and in social life it was his aim, as well as that of his bereaved partner in life, to make their friends feel that they were indeed friends in the broadest meaning of the term. The funeral Took place on Monday afternoon, all the places of business being closed as the cortege passed through the streets on its way to Trinity Church Cemetery.

The Canadian Biographical Dictionary

Among the old "land marks" in the medical profession, in the county of Waterloo, is Dr. Samuel Richardson, forty years a practitioner in Galt. He is better known than almost any other man in the town, having been up and down the valley of the Grand river for a long period, a distance of twenty or thirty miles, and at an early day, much farther; and even now, with all the comparatively new settlers, there are very few families in a radius of ten or fifteen miles, that do not know the Doctor. He is a native of the county of Longford, Ireland, and was born February 3, 1809, his parents being Euchmuty (Auchmuty) and Jane (Moffatt) Richardson. He was educated at a clergyman's school and Trinity, Dublin; there studied medicine; and was graduated from the Royal College of Surgeons in that city, in 1834. In the autumn of the same year he embarked for the western world to follow his profession in Upper Canada, locating first at Guelph, and there practicing for five years. Many of his rides at this date were not only long, but extremely tedious.

In 1839 the Doctor removed to Galt, then a small village; and in forty years has seen the country settle up with thrifty farmers, and Galt become a manufacturing town of perhaps 5000 inhabitants. Other doctors had preceded him, or soon followed him hither, but they have gone, some to other parts of the country, one, a pioneer, Dr. Robert Miller, back to England, and others to "that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns."

Dr. Richardson has been in general practice, and made a comfortable living by his profession. He was seventeen years in the town council; has been deputy reeve and reeve; is holding the office of justice of the peace, and has long been a valuable citizen of the town. He is a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, and has served as warden at different times. He is a Master Mason, but pays little attention to the meetings of the lodge.

The Doctor has been twice married, first in 1834 to Miss Mary Ann Brereton, of Dublin, Ireland, she dying in 1849 and the second time, in 1850, to Miss Annie Orr, of Galt. He has two children living by each wife.

Dr. Richardson trained in Dublin and practiced as a doctor in Galt, Ontario (currently Cambridge) for over 40 years. He was a warden at Trinity Episcopalian Church in Galt and was a Master Mason. Mary Ann died in 1848 and was buried in Galt⁶, Ontario Canada. They had issue: *Elizabeth Jane Richardson married John Dowker of Hamilton, Ontario (born c*

⁶ Dr. Richardson later married Anna Matilda Orr and had three more children. Ref: Families Genealogies by Chadwick 1898.

1813); *Achmuty Richardson (born 1847) and Georgina Richardson (1847 – 7 March 1868) of Galt (unmarried).*

1.3) WILLIAM HENRY BRERETON Q.C.⁷ (26 May 1824 – 24 October 1887) *married 1st Elizabeth Jane Percy (nee Scholes) and 2nd Annie Louisa Latimer Collins.*

William Henry was born in Dublin 26 June 1824 and baptized on 23 July 1824 at St. Mary's Parish, Dublin. He was sent to the Blue Coat School in Dublin and later called to the Bar at Middle Temple. As a barrister he lived for several years in Nevern Square, Earls Court, Dublin.

On 26 July 1846 William married Elizabeth Jane Percy (1824-1872) a widow with a son and a daughter by her 1st husband Rev. Scholes of County Fermanagh (names unknown).

Elizabeth died when her children were young. She and William Henry had issue:

1.3.1) William Henry Brereton *(the only male child to survive infancy).*

*Georgina Brereton (1827- 1937) died unmarried, at Earle Court, in 1937 age 89 yrs.
Perhaps she resided with her father who lived at Earls Court*

1.3.2) Emily Charlotte Brereton *married 1st, Count Hans Kioer
in 1879 in Hong Kong and 2nd Thomas Brereton Ponsonby Kennan.*

*Elizabeth Jane Brereton, born 1852 in Dublin
(in 1852 the family was residing at Botanic View, Glasnevin, Dublin)
Elizabeth married Dr. Samuel Richards in Ontario, Canada.*⁸

*Laura Frances Brereton, born c. 1864, in Dublin. She died 18 August 1871
(age 17 years, in, Hong Kong)*

In 1867 William Henry and family travelled to Hong Kong, China where William Henry Brereton QC joined the law firm of Henry Charles Caldwell (Notary Public) in Hong Kong. The name of the firm was changed to 'Caldwell and Brereton'.

In 1871, when Charles Henry Caldwell left Hong Kong the name of the firm became 'Brereton and Wootton'. Nine years later, in 1880, Victor Hobart Deacon (a 33 year old solicitor) joined the firm and two years later he became a partner. The firm became known as 'Brereton, Wootton and Deacon'.⁹ Currently the firm is known as 'Deacons'

Following the death of his 1st wife, Elizabeth, in 1878 William Henry married Annie *Louisa Latimer Collins* (born 1847 - 1894). She was the daughter of Matthew Collins, L.L.D. Professor

⁷ For interested families it is suggested that they look for a possible links to William Henry Brereton of Carrigslaney 1785-1790 – perhaps an uncle or grandfather; another possible link is George Brereton of Carrigslaney.

⁸ For more information about this family see the website www.generations.regionofwaterloo.ca

⁹ There are several references to this firm in the Jardine Matheson Archive which is held at Cambridge University. William Henry Brereton's official papers are also held in the Matheson Archives.

of Mathematics at Trinity College, Dublin. The wedding took place on 8 June 1878 at St. Mary's Parish Church, Kensington, Middlesex, England. Annie also died young leaving two young daughters:

1.1.3) Ethel Latimer Brereton (born 1879- 1965) who was baptized in St. John's Cathedral, Hong Kong, married Captain Henry Barnard Stoton

Beatrice Latimer (Betty) Brereton (born 1881 in Hong Kong)

In June 1885 William Henry Brereton was appointed Standing Counsel to the Crown in Hong Kong, where he remained until 1887.

W. H. Brereton was appointed Queen's standing Counsel in London for the Chinese government on 30 March 1886. He was called to the Bar at Middle Temple in Kensington on 17 June 1886.

William Henry died 24 October 1887 from Bright's disease. At the time he was residing at 1887 Mount Gough, *The Peak*, in Hong Kong and was buried in Happy Valley Cemetery, Hong Kong. The headstone was commissioned by elder daughters Georgina and Annie (who apparently returned via the Trans-Siberian Railway – to Kensington, London).

He was an attorney & solicitor. Partner of Henry Charles Caldwell in Hong Kong. Called to the Bar on 17 June 1886, Middle Temple. On 30 March 1886 he was appointed Queen's Standing Counsel in London for the Chinese government. Author of "Tales of Irish Life", 1877, in Hong Kong. He had a daughter Laura Frances Brereton (1854-1871)¹⁰ .

His will and codicil is dated 16 October 1887.¹¹ His wife, Louise Latimer Collins died 6 June 1965.

¹⁰ Source *The Find a Grave* website regarding **William Henry Brereton**, born 26 May 1824 in Dublin died 24 October 1887

¹¹ Strausstown Roots



The photo of the grave site was created by Chris Nelson and added to the Find A Grave Memorial Happy Valley, Hong Kong Website On September 12, 2012, # 96911092

Obituary in the China Mail, Hong Kong, 24 October 1887

We regret to have to record the death of Mr. W. H. Brereton, barrister in law, which event took place this forenoon at Mount Gough. The deceased gentleman had been continued to bed for a very short time, but the painful illness to which he succumbed had got a thorough mastery over him before it was discovered. He died of Bright's disease. As head partner for many years in the old firm of solicitors, that of Messrs Caldwell and Brereton (now Messrs Wotton and Deacon) Mr. Brereton was closely identified with the commercial life of Hong Kong until he retired, about six or seven years since. When at his home in England he became a barrister and about a year ago he returned to practice his profession at the scene of his former labours.¹² Although not a young man, he had been cut down while yet full of energy and power of work. He leaves a wife and family.

Mr. Brereton published a book of Sketches of Irish Life in his younger days and in 1882 he issued a work entitled The Trust About Opium, which he intended as a reply to some of the exaggerated statements made by the Society for the Suppression of The Opium Trade, As a lawyer Mr. Brereton was a shrewd advisor and a ready speaker. His death will be regretted by many friends here and at home.

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM HENRY BRERETON

1.1.1) WILLIAM HENRY BRERETON (born 1863 – died 1876)

William Henry Brereton, was baptized at St. Georges, Dublin 2 August 1863. As the only male offspring to survive infancy, William was sent to the West Country to study in a clergyman's household. The parson's children and Henry all caught scarlet fever; Henry, age 14 years, died within twenty-four hours – the Parson's children all survived.

1.1.2) EMILY CHARLOTTE BRERETON¹³ (born in Dublin c. 1861 - 1876) married 1st Count Hans Kioer and 2nd Thomas Brereton Ponsonby Kennan MC, CBE (1891-1964)

At the age of sixteen years, the youngest child, Emily Charlotte Brereton married Count Hans Kioer, a Dane, who was related to Hans Andersen. Their only child died in infancy and Hans failed in his business. In one record there is a reference to Hans having committed suicide and his being buried in the graveyard in Hong Kong.

At some point Emily left Hong Kong, returning to England where she married Major Thomas Henry Ponsonby Kennan¹⁴, Assistant Commissioner of Basutoland. Emily died in 1938 at her daughter's home in Maseru Basuloland. Her husband, Thomas may actually have been Emily's cousin as Thomas Henry Ponsonby Kennan and Margaret Elizabeth (Lily) Kennan were the children of Anna Louisa Brereton (died 1902 in London) and her husband Major Thomas Henry Pearse Kennan (born India in 1824).

¹² References to William Henry Brereton - 17 June 1886, London, England – Called to Middle Temple Inn also 19 June 1886 London, England – Fellow of the Royal Colonial Institute. In addition a William Henry Brereton is listed as a Stationer living at 93 Upper Dorset Street, Dublin in 1847 and Library Keeper living at 134 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin in 1849.

¹³ Ruth Fairlamb (nee Kennan) is the grand-daughter of Emily Charlotte Brereton and Thomas Brereton Ponsonby Kennan.

¹⁴ He was also the great grandson of Janetta Brereton and Lt. Colonel Robert Kennan

Thomas and Margaret (Lily) Kennan were the grandchildren of Thomas Younger Burges Kennan (1793-?) of Dublin who married Elizabeth Yarde in India, in 1821. Elizabeth Yarde was born in 1801, the eldest daughter of Major Henry Yarde.

They were also the great grandchildren of Janetta Brereton (died 1825 in Dublin) and her husband Lieutenant Colonel Robert Kennan (died 1832 in Dublin. Their son as Lt. Thomas Henry Pearce Kennan who married his cousin Anna Louisa Brereton. Their daughter Henrietta Frances Beke Bourne (nee Kennan) married Robert Brereton.

More about the family of Janetta and Colonel Robert Kennan can be found in the section titled *The Carrigslaney Breretons* in the history – *The Breretons of Ireland, Volume I* on the website breretonhistory.ca

1.1.4) ETHEL LATIMER BRERETON (half-sister of Emily Charlotte)

Ethel was born in Hong Kong, 6 August 1879 and baptized at St. John's Cathedral. In 1907, at Kensington. In 1907 she married Captain Henry Barnard Yarde Stoton¹⁵ (a distant relative of Thomas Kennan who married Ethel's half-sister).

Ethel's husband, Henry Stoton was born 6 October 1867 in Ootacamund, India (died 1922 in Cologne from influenza) the 4th son of Colonel Thomas Henry Stoton (1836-1900) of the Madras, North India & of Helen Dora Isabella Cassan.

His Grandfather was Colonel Thomas Henry Stoton was William Stoton, born 1798 in Norfolk, England. He was a mathematician and founder of Stoton and Mayor's Military Preparations Academy for the scientific branches of the army in Wimbledon. He married Hannah Catherine Salisbury in 1830 at St. Georges, Hanover.

Henry Stoton was educated in Korntal and fluent in German so at the outbreak of WW I he was worked in the Censors Department of the War Office and in 1916 was sent to serve at the Wakefield Prisoners of War Camp in Yorkshire.

Ethel's mother-in-law, Helen Isabella Cassan (nee Ricks) was born in India in 1829 and died in India in 1874. Her parents were Dr. John Ricks (Madras Horse Artillery) and Dorothea Lawson Yarde, youngest daughter of Major Henry Yard. Helen married Arthur Moore Cassan of Her Majesty's 84th Regiment. Arthur died in 1853 in Madras.

Henry died in Cologne in January 1922 from an influenza epidemic. Henry and Ethel had issue:

Paul Stoton (born 1909)

Harold Barnard Yarde Stoton (born 1910)

¹⁵ In Captain H. B. Stoton's obituary in 1922 he is identified as 'a victim to influenza'. He was born in Ootacamund, India on 22 June 1867 the son of Col. T. H. Stoton of the Indian Staff Infantry. He left a widow and 3 children