

Thomas Rudge Sculptor : Family Tree.

Key:

Bold indicates Direct line of Tree.

(8.1) Thomas Rudge Born 1727 died 16 Oct 1816

(7.4) Michael Rudge born 1762

(6.3) Edmund Rudge (Snr), Master Tanner. Born Nailsea Sommerset 1802

(5.1) Edmund Rudge (Jnr.) Born Tewkesbury 1832

(4.3) Thomas Rudge (Sculptor) died about 1946, six weeks after brother. Unmarried.

**Reference number (a.bcde) a=generation relative to author (1.2). b=sibling number
c=children of (a.b) who are not direct ancestors, d=children of (a.bc) etc.**

(8.1) Thomas Rudge Born 1727 died 16 Oct 1816

(buried 24 Oct 1816:Abbey Records:Address St. Mary's Lane)

married Susanah Bullock Born 1731 died 9 Aug 1802

(buried 13 Aug 1802:Abbey Records)

The 19th-century novel "John Halifax Gentleman" by Dinah Maria Mulock (Mrs. Craik), describes a Tannery in Tewkesbury in the 1800s. Thomas Rudge (senior) owned a tannery in Tewkesbury.

"I Give Devise and Bequeath unto my friend William Mayo of Westbury upon Severn in the County of Gloucester Yeoman and my Son Edmund Rudge of Tewkesbury aforesaid Tanner All that my messuage or Tenement I with the Tan yard Buildings and Premisses Situate in a certain Lane called Saint Mary's Lane in Tewkesbury" [Will. Thomas Rudge 18 May 1811]

(East End Tewkesbury Abbey Tomb instription)

Beneath this Tomb lie the remains of THOMAS RUDGE for many years an inhabitant of this Town who died October 16th 1816, aged 89 years leaving the four following surviving issue

THOMAS born at Blaisdon in 1754

SUKEY born in 1756

Married Mr WILLIAM MAYO of Gatwick in the Parish of Westbury on Severn

EDMUND born 1760

MICHAEL born 1762

Married SARAH eldest Daughter of Mr JOHN AMPHLETT of this town Died 1825 buried at Fretherne

(West Side Tewkesbury Abbey Tomb instription)

Beneath this Tomb are deposited the remains of SUSANAH wife of THOMAS RUDGE and Daugter of EDMUND BULLOCK of Stanley in the Parish of Blaisdon in the County of Gloucester who died August 9th 1802 aged 71 years. She was an example worthy of imitation in all her relations and conduct through life.

(7.1) Thomas Rudge born 1754 at Blaisdon Died 4 Jun 1835 Unmarried

Thomas , the son of Thomas & Susan Rudge,

baptized Blaisdon May 17th 1754 (Reference Bishops Transcript)

(buried 9 Jun 1835:Abbey Records:Address St Mary's Lane, Tewkesbury)

(South Side Tewkesbury Abbey Tomb instription)

Beneath this Tomb lie the remains of THOMAS

Son of THOMAS & SUSANNAH RUDGE who died unmarried

June 4th 1835 age 81 years

Also of EDMUND their Son who died unmarried

October 8th 1843 aged 83 years

(7.2) Sukey Rudge born 1756

Sukey, Daugter of Thomas & Susanna Rudge

baptised Blaisdon 17th October 1756

Tewkesbury Marriage: William Mayo of the Parish of Westbury upon Severn and Sukey Rudge of this Parish were married in this Church [Tewkesbury] by licence on 25th January 1787. Both parties signed their names, and the witnesses (who also signed their names) were Aaron Carter and Jonn Wintle.

(7.21) William Mayo

(7.22) Ann Mayo

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(7.23) Ruth Mayo

(7.3) Edmund Rudge born 1760 died 8 Oct 1843. Unmarried
Edmund, Son of Thomas & Susanna Rudge
baptised Blaisdon 15th January 1760
(buried 7 Oct 1843:Abbey Records:Address St Mary's Lane, Tewkesbury)

(7.4) Michael Rudge born 1762

Michael, Son of Thos & Susanna Rudge
baptised Blaisdon 19th November 1762.

Tewkesbury Marriage:Michael Rudge of the Parish of Nailsea in the County of Somerset and Sarah Amphlit of this Parish were married in this church [Tewkesbury]by licence on 24th March 1791. Both parties signed their names, and the witnesses (who also signed their names) were Mary Amphlet and James Nind.

Frethern Burials :Michael Rudge, Upton upon Severn, Worcestershire, 62 years, buried 19th March 1825.

(6.1) John Rudge

(6.2) Thomas Rudge

(6.3) Edmund Rudge (Snr), Master Tanner. Born Nailsea Sommerset 1802

(Edmund Rudge:buried 11 Aug 1886:Abbey Records:Address Cheltenham)
married Frances Rudge Born Leigh Gloucestershire 1807

1851 Census: Edmund Rudge. Master Tanner Aged 49
1851 Census: Frances Rudge. Master Tanner's Wife Aged 44
1851 Census: Edmund Rudge (Son) Aged 19. Articled Clerk.
1851 Census: Racheal Beal (House Servant) Aged 33
1851 Census: Address Church Street Tewkesbury.

(North Side Tewkesbury Abbey Tomb instription)
Here lieth the Body of EDMUND RUDGE who died August 7th 1886
Aged 85 years "Prepare to meet thy God"

The Abbey Churchyard was closed for further burials with effect from 1st February 1857, but exceptions were made in respect of interments in certain specified family vaults and graves. Two further interments were permitted in the Rudge family vault, but it would appear that Edmund in 1886 was the only further member of the family interred in the vault. (Verger, Tewkesbury Abbey 2001)

(6.4) Elisabeth Rudge

(6.5) Susannah Rudge

(6.6) Mary Rudge

(6.7) Ann Rudge

(5.1) Edmund Rudge (Jnr.) Born Tewkesbury 1832

1851 Census: Aged 19. Articled Clerk. Address Church Street Tewkesbury
Buried 2 March 1868, All Souls' Cemetery, was living at 56 Norfolk Terrace (now Westbourne Grove, Kensington) Norfolk Terrace is shown on the Booth Poverty map of 1889 as "middle-class well-to-do".

(4.1) John Edmund Rudge

born 1864 Bristol Gloucestershire,died about Nov1942 six weeks before Brother.

1901 Census: profession: Sadler: employment status: own account working at home: address Coney Hill, Gloucester. Age 37 .(RG13-2424-10-12-71)

(4.1) Married Mary Ann Cole.

1901 Census: occupation: waitress, address Coney Hill, Gloucester. Married. Age 38.(RG13-2424-10-12-71)

1911 Census: : Address Ruth Villa, Linden Road. Gloucester : widower: born Bristol: Age 47

1911 Census:: Ruth Villa. 6 Rooms including Kitchen. Sadler and harness maker: Working "at home" on "own account"

(4.2) Elizabeth [Bessie] Rudge (1865-26June1930) daughter of 5.1 Edmund Rudge. Married Mr George Haynes

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(4.3) Thomas Rudge (Sculptor) unmarried.

Born at Cheltenham 5th June 1868, Died 24th December 1942

Extracts from a magazine article, possibly from May 1919 "The Hippodrome"

Mr Thomas Rudge, sculptor and artificial limb designer. Studio address, St Vincent's Studio's, Bolingbroke Grove, Wandsworth Common, S.W. Thomas Rudge was born in Cheltenham. He was apprenticed to Messrs R.L. Boulton of Cheltenham for six years. Later he spent nine years at the studios of Messrs, Farmer and Brindley of Westminster, London, before setting up his own studio.

"Mr Thomas Rudge is the son of the late Mr Edmund Rudge, the inventor, and owner of the famous Mills and Tanyards at Tewkesbury, which Mrs Craik made world-famous in her book 'John Halifax gentleman'." (May 1919. The Hippodrome)

War memorials:

1st Buffs, Chitral and North-west Frontier Campaign. Canterbury Cathedral
The battalion of Royal Welsh Fusiliers, South Africa and China. Wrexham Parish Church.
Memorial to the memory of 230 North Finchley men.

Ecclesiastical sculptures:

St Barnabas' Church, Clapham Common:
Reredos, pulpit, screens, font, organ case and all the internal and external carvings.
Winchester Cathedral: Seven of the figures in the great screen.
Salisbury Cathedral:
External carvings during restoration work.
Bishop's sculptured prayer desk. Statue of St Edmund.
Chester Cathedral: unspecified works
Cathedral in Trinidad [Port of Spain] :Reredos.

Public buildings:

Marlborough house, The Imperial Institute, The London Opera House, Colchester Municipal Buildings, Claridge's hotel, The Ocean Accident Offices in Pall Mall, Halifax and Huddersfield Union Bank.
[Ref: Mr Thomas Rudge, magazine article, possibly from May 1919 "The Hippodrome"]

Other References to Thomas Rudge's Work.

Chester Cathedral, Memorial to the men of the Cheshire Regiment who died in the Boer war. Ornate marble tablet. Memorial unveiled 30 Jul 1904 by Field Marshal Sir William R. Robertson, the sculptor was Thomas Rudge. [The Royal British Legion, roll of honour. <http://www.roll-of-honour.com/Cheshire/ChesterCathedralBoerWar.html>]

70-71 New Bond Street. Three standing figures in slightly weathered Portland stone. Science, Commerce and Art [Art is by Thomas Rudge <http://www.victorianweb.org/sculpture/architectural/16.html>]