

Wickham Talbot Harvey

Wickham Talbot Harvey born Paris 3rd December 1829. Baptised in Paris on 22nd January 1830 by his father. Parents Thomas and Marian Harvey.

Wickham Talbot Harvey, Captain in the Imperial and Royal 10th Hussars, married Georgina Watson Smyth. St Peter's Church, Eaton Square, London on 3rd April 1852.

In 1852 **Wickham Talbot Harvey** bought land near Christchurch in New Zealand. He cut down the timber and took up sheep farming. He named the area Hoon Hay after the farm in Derbyshire where he grew up. Following a house fire in 1856 he returned to England with his family.

(Information from www.peelingbackhistory.co.uk)

London Gazette 25th January 1859. Eastern Regiment of Suffolk Militia Artillery Corps. **Wickham Talbot Harvey** Gent to be Lieutenant from 29th December 1858. 20th April 1859 promoted to Captain.

1861 Census - Cambrian Villa, Portsea (Portsmouth)

Wickham Talbot Harvey, Head, Married, 32, Captain Suffolk Militia Artillery, born France, British Sub
Georgina Harvey, Wife, Married, 31, born Middlesex, London
Bianca Harvey, Daughter, 6, born New Zealand
Adelaide Harvey, Daughter, 4, born New Zealand
Edith Harvey, Daughter, 2, born Middlesex, London
Ann Rimindson, Visitor, Married, 52, born Hertfordshire
Emma Taylor, Servant, Unmarried, 20, General Servant, born Devonshire, Exeter

In 1864 **Wickham Talbot Harvey** applied to join the Civil Service.

1871 Census - Anchor Gate House, Portsea, Portsea Island, Hampshire

Wickham T Harvey, Head, Married, 41, Governor Hulk Convict Prison, born France, Paris
Georgina Harvey, Wife, Married, 40, born London
Xarife Harvey, Daughter, Unmarried, 18, born New Zealand
Georgina Harvey, Daughter, 16, born New Zealand
Adelaide Harvey, Daughter, 14, born New Zealand
Edith Harvey, Daughter, 12, born London, Belgravia
Sophia Spriggins, Servant, Unmarried, 21, Domestic Servant, born Hants, Southsea
Elizabeth Boon, Servant, Unmarried, 25, Domestic Servant, born Northampton, Peterborough
Susanna Hutchins, Servant, Unmarried, 21, Domestic Servant, born Kent, Woolwich
Walter Blackman, Servant, Unmarried, 20, Domestic Servant, born Sussex, Brighton

Hampshire Telegraph and Sussex Chronicle

Wednesday 5th May 1875

This article contains a long description of the presentation made to **Wickham Talbot Harvey** when he moved from Portsmouth to Brixton. The reason for the move being the poor health of his family. The article states that he had been deputy or governor for four years and governor for six years. It also refers to his support for the new prison reforms effecting both officers and convicts.

1881 Census, Ham Common, Ham with Hatch, Kingston, Surrey

Wickham T Harvey, Head, Married, 51, Governor H M Convict Prison, born Paris, France, British Subject
Georgina Harvey, Wife, Married, 50, born London
Georgina B Harvey, Daughter, Unmarried, 26, born New Zealand (Published novelist G Bianca Harvey)
Adelaide J M Harvey, Daughter, Unmarried, 24, born New Zealand, Deaf and Dumb
Arthur H Harvey, *Son, Unmarried, 37, Persons Unemployed, born Belgium, British Subject * His Brother
Eliza J Causebrook, Servant, Unmarried, 28, Cook, born Towcester, Northampton
Elizabeth West, Servant, Unmarried, 29, Housemaid, Northamptonshire, Hartwell

Dundee Courier
Friday 24th November 1882
“The Prison Life of Michael Davitt”
Chapter Three (1872)

“Captain Harvey was then governor at Portsmouth, and one of the best governors the service ever had.....Captain Harvey sought to be just, and simply not govern by severity and as a rule very few convicts were goaded into assaults upon their warders or into mutilating themselves in order to escape hard labour.....”
(The convicts worked in chain gangs building the extensions at Portsmouth Dockyard.. Each man having one hand attached to a chain holding twelve convicts.)

Isle of Wight County Press - 9th March 1889

SUDDEN DEATH OF THE GOVERNOR OF PARKHURST PRISON

A considerable shock was felt in the vicinity of Parkhurst and Newport on Thursday, on the intelligence of the sudden death of Captain W. Talbot Harvey, governor of Her Majesty's convict prison, Parkhurst. Captain Harvey, who had for some years occupied a similar position at the convict prison at Wormwood Scrubs, took up the appointment of governor at Parkhurst in June of last year, in succession to Major Noott, who had retired during the previous year, the duties in the interim having been performed by the deputy governor, Mr. W. H. Russell. Owing no doubt, to the indifferent health he suffered, Capt. Talbot Harvey had led a very secluded life since his arrival on the Island, and was little known beyond the circle with whom his official duties brought him into contact. He attended to his ordinary work in the office at the Prison early on Thursday morning, when he appeared in no worse health than usual. About 11 o'clock, however, he complained of feeling ill and walked across to his house, where he was seen by Dr. H. de Fonmartin, who had been attending him for some time. Remedial measures were however of no avail, and the patient died before 2 o'clock.

Isle of Wight County Press - 16 March 1889

FUNERAL OF THE GOVERNOR OF PARKHURST PRISON

The funeral of Capt. Wickham Talbot Harvey, Governor of H. M. Prison, Parkhurst, whose sudden death was recorded in last week's County Press, took place at Carisbrooke Cemetery on Monday afternoon. In addition to the personal relatives of the deceased the funeral was attended by Mr. W. H. Russell, the deputy-governor of the Prison; Dr. de Fonmartin, the medical officer; Dr. Hawkins, the assistant medical officer; Mr. T. Harris, the steward; the deceased's housekeeper; a number of warders in uniform, in charge of Principal Warder Brown; and several ex-officials, including Messrs. Allison, Hardy, Watson, Elsley, Tyrrell, Howell, White and Taylor. Principal Warders Radford, Liverstone, Morris, Hanley, Whiting, and Lambert acted as bearers. The service in the church and at the grave was conducted by the Rev. H. A. Taylor (chaplain at H. M. Prison) and the Rev. V. H. Macy of Carisbrooke. The coffin, which was of polished oak, and was covered with floral wreaths, bore the inscription on a brass plate: “Wickham Talbot Harvey, died March 7th, 1889, aged 60 years.” The duties of undertaker were entrusted to Mr. Dyer.

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