



WILLIAM CHEGWIDDEN 1815 – 1888

This is information obtained following research on the instructions of Susan Hosking, to find out some information about her great, great grandfather William Chegwidden.

William Chegwidden was born in or around 1815 at Gwinear, Cornwall. We found a record of his baptism in on 2nd August 1815 confirming that his father's name was Samuel and his mother was called Elizabeth. We can then follow his life with his marriage to Mary Davey on 30th May 1840. Census returns and baptism records tells us that the couple had seven children Mary, William, Samuel, Elizabeth, Richard, James and Thomas.

Because of a forthcoming visit to Cornwall, Susan requested that we locate the cemetery where William Chegwidden is buried. He is buried at Gwinear, a rural parish near Hayle in west Cornwall. We have located his grave and the headstone indicates that he is buried along with his wife Mary who died just a few months earlier than he did in 1888.

Photographs of the cemetery and the grave are attached with this report.

Both the headstone and census details record the couple as being from Church Farm, Gwinear. The 1861 census describes William Chegwidden as a farmer of 160 acres employing one man and two boys. His wife Mary is two years younger than he is and in 1861 the three youngest children are all recorded at the farm with all three of them described as born at Gwinear.

Whilst looking for the grave of William Chegwidden, we also located that of Samuel Chegwidden and his wife Elizabeth who are buried very close by.

We do not have the names of Samuel's parents although they should be obtainable by looking at the parish registers at the Cornwall Records Office.

We hope this has answered some of your questions about the family and we wish you an enjoyable holiday in Cornwall later this year.

