

*Thomas Carter Galpin*, born in 1795, Sep. 27, at Bridport, Dorset, son of Richard Galpin and Mary, daughter of William Carter, of Beaminster.

After his marriage to Ann Frances, daughter of John Hounsel, Bailiff of Bridport, 10th July 1819, he took up his residence at Charmouth, where he had inherited a small property from the Chilcotts. He had also inherited another estate at Beaminster from his mother.

Late in life, having disposed of his landed estate, he moved up to London, where he died 13th May 1850 and was buried in Highgate Cemetery.

He had a decided taste for art and science from his boyhood and showed considerable talent for painting and lead-pencil drawing. He invented a method of producing a rapid effect in sketching by using a broad lead-pencil cut so as to make both broad and fine strokes, for which he gained the Isis Medal of the Royal Society of Art. However, the value of the invention was undermined by the introduction of Photography, and Sketching gradually went out of fashion.

He was one of the first to take an interest in the fossils of the blue lias of Lyme Regis and prepared and presented to the British Museum a specimen of an *Ichthyosaurus* which was exhibited there for many years until recently it was exchanged for a foreign specimen. He introduced lithography into England, many of his sketches being reproduced by that process. He illustrated several books and at one time became notorious through his comic and political cartoons, one of which representing the King George IV being carried off by Old Nick came near getting him into trouble, in fact, he had to go into hiding for a time. His portrait by Pickersgill was exhibited in the Royal Academy.

He was a friend of Lord Lovat who, as head of the Clan Fraser, made him an honorary member of the clan and a daguerreotype portrait (a process then recently introduced) shows him wearing the tartan on the occasion of his initiation.

He was also a friend of Coleridge and of the poet Wordsworth, who wrote the following epigram on seeing his broad-pencil sketches when he was staying at Rydall Mount on a visit to the Poet Laureate:

"Great Artist thy genius such is  
Divines will against it protest



Thou hast certainly shown by thy touches  
That the *broad way* may sometimes be best."

Hartley Colridge, Sep. 23, 1846.

He was tall and handsome with dark hair and dark blue eyes. He was exceedingly well informed and intelligent and his interesting conversation and agreeable manners made him welcome everywhere.

His wife died at Charmouth at the age of 41 years. The stables happening to catch fire the terrified horses by their excitement gave her a fright which brought on a fatal illness.

Joseph Galpin, architect, who wrote a book, long a standard work on architecture, in conjunction with his brother Charles built a large part of Bridport, Allington, the Manor House at Chideock, the Crescent at Weymouth, etc. Most of their houses can be distinguished by their iron railings of a special pattern with ivy leaves and berries. He built and owned Portville, between Bridport and West Bay, and lived there in a house now known as Belmont. He married first Sarah Green of Burton Bradstock, and had one daughter Sarah, who died at Bridport unmarried. He married as his second wife Sarah, daughter of Joseph Sprake of Allington (buried at Allington), and third, Ann Swain. He died, aged 73, and was buried in the churchyard at Upwey, near Weymouth, in 1872. His third wife survived him and died in 1879, aged 76. (One daughter, Sarah Swain Galpin, born 26 March 1833.)

Ann Frances Hounsell, born Dec. 1800 and died 30 May 1842 at Charmouth, was the daughter of John Hounsell of Bridport, whose father was also John Hounsell.

Mary Hounsell, twin sister of Ann Frances, died 27 June 1856, aged 55 years, buried at Highgate.

Elizabeth, another sister, married Frank Slade of Powerstock.

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## INSCRIPTIONS ON TOMB AT HIGHGATE CEMETERY, LONDON

Sacred to the Memory of

Thomas Carter Galpin

born Sep. 27th 1795

died May 13th 1850

also to

Mary Jane daughter of the above

born July 1st 1823

died Dec. 25th 1850

also

Mary Hounsell

died June 27th 1856

Aged 55 years.

*Note.*—She was twin sister to Ann Frances, wife of Thomas Carter Galpin.

## CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE AT UPWEY, NEAR WEYMOUTH

In the Churchyard an upright stone

In memory of

Joseph Galpin

who departed this life

February 3rd 1872

Aged 73 years

Also Ann widow of the above

who died Nov. 28th 1879

Aged 76.

*Note.*—Brother of Thomas Carter Galpin.

Henry Carter Galpin, son of Thomas Carter Galpin and his wife Ann Frances Hounsell, born at Charmouth June 1820. He was on a ship, belonging to his uncle, which was wrecked in the Channel, where he suffered from exposure for several days in the severest weather owing to which his health was injured and he emigrated to South Africa where he married Georgina Maria, the only daughter of George Luck of Cape Town and Stellenbosch, who owned much property there as



well as at Beaufort West. He afterwards moved to Grahams-town in the Eastern Province, then the "Kafir Frontier," where there were continual wars with the savage natives for a number of years. They had the following seven sons: Alfred Carter Galpin (whose son was Cecil Carter Galpin and grandson John Carter Galpin) married Letitia Harriette, the daughter of William Brooke Attwell of Grahamstown; Walter Henry Galpin of Plaatjiesfontein Estate in the Cape Province, married Anne, daughter of Frederick P'Ons of Grahamstown; James Fussell Galpin, born 10 Jan. 1855, died 31 October 1919 from the effects of an accident; George Luck Galpin, M.D., Fellow of the R. College of Surgeons of England, of Cradock Place Manor, and afterwards of Great Westerford Rondebosch, married, 10 October 1898, Agnes Mary, daughter of Anthony Weldon Hockley, Esq., of Little Buckingham, Sussex; Ernest Edward Galpin, Fellow of the Linnean Society, a leading South African botanist and donator to the Union Government of a very complete Herbarium, of Mosdene Estate, Transvaal, married Maria Elizabeth, daughter of Louwrens Johannes de Jongh and his wife Maria Elizabeth Schonberg of Cape Town; Frank Herbert Galpin, of East London, born 23 Oct. 1860; Henry Arnold Galpin, born 10 June 1864, of the Campagna Estate, Cape Province, and of Airlie, married Anne Gray, daughter of George Banks.

GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN OF HENRY  
CARTER GALPIN AND GEORGINA MARIA LUCK, HIS WIFE

*Children of Alfred Carter Galpin.*

Ethel Mary Galpin, born 27 July 1886 at Grahamstown, Cape Province, married 1 Feb. 1912 St. Clair Overbeek Sinclair, M.A. and D.Sc., eldest son of Albert H. Sinclair of Cape Town, a descendant of Jan Overbeek, Governor of the Cape of Good Hope; two children, Ronald, born 26 Feb. 1914, Betty, born 13 Jan. 1920.

← Georgina May Galpin, born 24 Jan. 1889 at Grahamstown, married 12 July 1911 John Illidge Fraser, M.A. Oxon., son of H. H. Fraser of Bedford, England; two sons, Henry Hugh Illidge Fraser, born 8 June 1912 at Grahamstown, Arthur Reginald Fraser, born 13 May 1919.

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Mary Galpin 1771  
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Cecil Carter Galpin, born 31 July 1892 at Grahamstown, married Kathleen, daughter of John Hurry of Port Elizabeth; son, John Carter Galpin, born 25 May 1918.

*+ Pamela Galpin,  
born 18<sup>th</sup> May 1927*

*Children of Walter Henry Galpin.*

(1) Bernard Ions Galpin, born 7 Jan. 1887, married Jean White Lindsay 31 Oct. 1924, dau. of Henry Hugh White Lindsay of Droghfontein.

(2) Douglas George Galpin, born 27 Dec. 1891.

(3) Eric Walter Galpin, born 25 Sep. 1895, married 25 Sep. 1926, at the Cathedral, Grahamstown, Ellen Gordon Sprigg, grand-dau. of Sir Gordon Sprigg, K.C.B., formerly Prime Minister of Cape Colony.

Dorothy Helen, born 5 Sep. 1899.

Ruth Kathleen, born 12 Oct. 1900. *married 1938. Rev. C. Reid*

*Children of Ernest Edward Galpin.*

(1) Wilfred Douglas Galpin, born 8 April 1893, married, 2 July 1926, Evangeline Margaret, eldest daughter of the Revd. Johannes Nieuwondt Martins.

(2) Roland Henry Galpin, born 4 Oct. 1894, served in the Great War in the Graaff Rienet Mounted Contingent, died of wounds at Steenkamp's Pan 27 Nov. 1914, aged 20.

(3) Hubert Mosdene Galpin, born 19 March 1896, married Florence Ellen, dau. of William J. Archer, C.M.G., Councillor of the Legation of H.M. the King of Siam, H.B.M. Consul at Bankkok (1897), Barrister, Middle Temple, Judge, F.R.G.S., etc., etc.

(4) Ernest Alfred Galpin, born 11 Aug. 1899.

*Children of Henry Arnold Galpin of Campagna and Airlie Estates.*

Minnie Luck Galpin, born 30 Nov. 1890, married, 31 March 1913, Alexander P. Dallas of East London, C.P.; four children, James, Henry, Marjorie (died in infancy), Amy.

Frank Vyvian Galpin, born 9 Nov. 1895. *Died 1943.*

Ralph Galpin, born 29 June 1906.



ROLAND HENRY GALPIN, second son of Ernest Edward Galpin, of Mosdene Estate, Transvaal.

When the Great War broke out in 1914 Roland Galpin was a student at the Middleburg Agricultural College (Cape Province), and with many others joined up immediately. As he had already been through his military training he was at once sent to the German S.W. Africa frontier to prevent an invasion of the British territory and was one of the first to be shot, while out scouting, in the desert country near the Orange River. Owing to some neglect, and through having to travel a great distance in a bullock wagon instead of an ambulance, the wound proved fatal and he died on the road in an out of the way place. A memorial tablet was erected to him in the Church at Queen's Town, where his parents then resided.

Although only twenty years of age and not finished growing he was 6 ft. 4 in. in height and weighed over 200 pounds. He was a champion cricketer and excelled in all manly sports as well as intellectual attainments.

*" Qui procul hinc ? The legends writ,  
The frontier grave is far away,  
Qui ante diem periit ?  
Sed miles, sed pro patriâ ! "*

#### GALPIN OF MITCHAM, SURREY

James Galpin of Galpins, in the Parish of Mitcham, Surrey. Will proved May 1789; his son James Galpin, Captain 54th Regt. of Foot, died at Antigua, will proved 4 Dec. 1807 (left daughter Mary Ann); his eldest daughter Mary, sister and co-heiress of James Galpin, Capt., married 26 June 1792 Daniel Watney of Mitcham, Surrey, of which parish he was Lay Rector. She died 10 March 1830, leaving issue. She had a brother Samuel and three sisters.

Arms of Galpin as quartered with Watney: Quarterly, Argent and Or, a cross fleurettée gules, in the first and fourth quarters a lion rampant of the last, charged with three bars of the second.