

The following is information uncovered while researching the background of Brevet Major William Butts of the Royal Artillery who was court-martialled in Limerick in 1829 and dismissed the service. The story of his trial will appear in the Old Limerick Journal 2013 together with a mention of his son William Leith in another article on the 1846 Ecuador expedition.

This makes no claim to be exhaustive. It is hoped that it might prove useful to family history researchers and corrects some of the information which is out there online. It is better that the background information is out online rather than languishing in a brown envelope as a pile of printouts and photocopies.

### **William Butts Senior.**

Bury and Norwich Post 14<sup>th</sup> Aug. 1833 records death on Wednesday last; rector of Glemsford for 45 years. Foxearth.org.uk gives his start date as rector as 19<sup>th</sup> March 1778. Entered Trinity Oxford 1772 age 20. m. Amy Drury 1781. 1801 becomes Capt. Of Glemsford Volunteers

### **His children**

**Butts, Charles Salisbury.** b. 6<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1786. c. 11 Dec. 1786 Glemsford Suffolk (England). Bury and Norwich Post, March 8<sup>th</sup> 1820, records death in Antigua W.I., of 2<sup>nd</sup> son of Rev. W. Butts on 6<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1819, after an illness of 5 days. N.B. Many websites put his death as occurring in Antigua Queensland, Australia.

**Butts, William (jnr).** person researched. For article; b.19<sup>th</sup> June 1784. m. Victoire Elizabeth. Brevet Major

### **William Butts (jnr) children**

**Butts, Emily.** b. 28<sup>th</sup> June 1812, c. St Paul's, Falmouth, Antigua 8<sup>h</sup> July 1814 (Misc). 1851 census places her as governess of the Ogilvie family, Christ Church College, Oxford and gives her birthplace as St Vincent (WI); her name mis-transcribed as Gurily. 1861 census unmarried living with parents. d.1863 at Portsea (Deaths Index).

**Butts Amy Jane.** b. 24<sup>th</sup> March 1814, Antigua WI, c. St Paul's, Falmouth, Antigua 8<sup>th</sup> July 1814 (Misc). d.10<sup>th</sup> May 1846, recorded in United Service Magazine vol. 51; buried in Islington May 16<sup>th</sup> (Deaths).

**Butts, William Leith.** b. 1816. Antigua, WI, *I omitted to record exact dates* (Misc). Served with his father in the Portugese army of Dom Pedro [http://www.biblioteca-genealogica-lisboa.org/pesquisa.php?s=Butts&s\\_type=pessoas](http://www.biblioteca-genealogica-lisboa.org/pesquisa.php?s=Butts&s_type=pessoas) Member of the failed expedition of General Flores to put Spanish prince onto throne of Ecuador; his rank as senior captain, lower than his rank in Spain (Carlist Wars?), witness in trial of participants as recorded in Times o 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 1847. 27<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1863 listed as missing and found in S. Australia Police Gazette, where states he was a former bailiff and then teamster with the Copper Company, also stating he was in Spain under De Lacy Evans (*I was unable to find his name in Sommerville's book on the British Legion in Spain* [http://books.google.ie/books/about/History\\_of\\_the\\_British\\_legion\\_and\\_war\\_in.html?id=FEQOAAAQAAJ&redir\\_esc=y](http://books.google.ie/books/about/History_of_the_British_legion_and_war_in.html?id=FEQOAAAQAAJ&redir_esc=y) )

**Butts, Edward Boehmler.** b. 1<sup>st</sup> May 1818 Antigua W.I, c. St Paul's, Falmouth, Antigua, 27<sup>th</sup> July (Misc). Day pupil at Charterhouse 1831-33 (Charterhouse Register 1769-1872; where father listed as Captain in the RA though he was dismissed the service in 1829).

**Butts, Celia Montgomery.** b. 1821. Living with parents in 1851 & 1861 censuses d. 1863 (Deaths). 1861 states b. Antigua.

**Butts, Anne Emily Victoria.** b. 1823?, m. 1861 to John Robarts V.C. at Trinity Church, Upper Chelsea (p.46 of register). Her b. date calculated from statement on Memorials and Monuments in Portsmouth website, where it states Robarts born 1820 and his wife was 3 yrs his junior; the same also gives India as her birth place (The 1851 Scotland census lists her as governess at 6 Woodside Terrace, Lanarkshire and her birthplace as Antigua). See The Friends of Highland Road Cemetery website for Robarts's grave, which also contains their youngest son William Cecil Robarts.

**Butts, Octavia Drury.** b. 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept. 1825, c. 6<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1825 Glemsford Suffolk. (England). If as her name suggests she was the 8<sup>th</sup> child then there is one name missing from the above. Buried Islington 14<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1838 (Deaths).

**Butts, Thomas Henry Spelling.** c. 6 Jan 1826, Glemsford, Suffolk, (England). NB dates do not seem to fit, given birthdate of Octavia. Buried Islington 10<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1831 (Deaths).

**Butts, John Worsley Robertson.** c. 7<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1827, St. John;s Limerick, Ireland (Ireland)

**Butts, Mary Agnes.** c. 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1829, St John's Limerick, Ireland. Buried Islington 16<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1831 (Deaths); burial record giver her a third name Elizabeth.

**Butts, Elizabeth.** b. & c. 7<sup>th</sup> Oct 1833. St Alphage, Greenwich, Kent (England).Buried Greenwich 10<sup>th</sup> Oct 1833 (Deaths) Burial register records father as Colonel in Portugese Army.

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