

BMSGH Bromsgrove
 Branch Briefing
 Editor Mike Fisher
 Tuesday 10th May 2016 at 7.45 p.m.

“History of Longbridge Tunnels”
 by Austin Ex Apprentice, who worked at Longbridge for 37 years.
 Neil Wedgbury

A presentation in digital slide form of the underground tunnels and places constructed from 1936 to circa 1962 at AUSTIN Longbridge mainly during the WWII period. The reasons why, construction methods, places, uses and current status is discussed. The organisation of wartime Longbridge, its protection and what was manufactured for the war effort, is also looked in to.

About a marriage Maurine Clift Nuttall

Frederic Clift married Felicia Victoria Jones June 3, 1872 at the Register Office in Brighton, Sussex, England. The Jones and Clift families were neighbors in Croydon, Surrey, living only three houses apart on Church Road. It is likely this is how the couple met each other. For whatever reason, they married under the fictitious names of “Frederic Nelson” and “Felicia Jones,” and gave fictitious names to their fathers, as well—“Richard Nelson,” deceased Accountant and “Francis Jones,” Stock Dealer.

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CERTIFIED COPY of an ENTRY OF MARRIAGE
 Pursuant to the Marriage Act 1949

Registration District Brighton

1872. Marriage solemnized at The Register office
 District of Brighton in the County of Sussex

No.	When married	Name and surname	Age	Condition	Rank or profession	Residence at the time of marriage
60	<u>Third</u> <u>June</u>	<u>Frederic</u> <u>Nelson</u>	<u>25</u> <u>years</u>	<u>Bachelor</u>	<u>Benidema</u>	<u>The Mall</u> <u>Kensington</u>
	<u>1872</u>	<u>Felicia</u> <u>Jones</u>	<u>23</u> <u>years</u>	<u>Spinster</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>Beauford Place</u> <u>Brighton</u>

Married in the Register office

This marriage (Frederic Nelson) in the (Richard Trouser) Benjamin

In fact, Richard Clift was alive and well and working as a stockbroker on the London Stock Exchange and Felicia’s father, James Felix Jones, was a retired captain in the Royal Indian Navy and former political agent in Her Majesty’s service at Bagdad and the Persian Gulf.

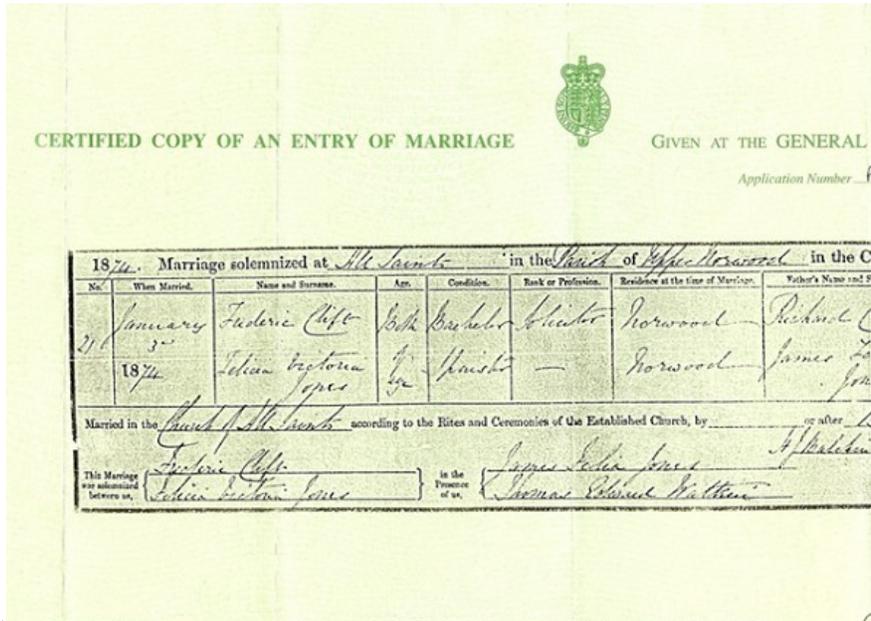
The marriage was legitimate; both parties were of full age. Was it an elopement of sorts? Perhaps the couple had not received the approval of their families? These questions remain unanswered. It appears, however, that Frederic’s parents learned of the union late in 1872. A post-nuptial settlement of the proceeds of sale of a “Leasehold house and furniture at Westow Hill Upper Norwood and East India and other Stocks” was made between Richard and Christian Clift and their son, Frederic Clift. The settlement was dated 5 December 1872 and assigned the family home and furnishings to Frederic Clift with provisions made for the sustenance of his parents.

A legal document was found which seems to deal with the 1872 marriage under assumed names of Frederic Clift and Felicia Victoria Jones. It is still not quite clear when their parents first learned of the marriage. A partial transcription follows this article. This settlement was later updated 2 January 1874 . That was the *day before* Frederic and Felicia were married **again**—the marriage taking place this time at the Parish Church, All Saints, at Upper Norwood. The couple’s fathers were identified correctly and James Felix Jones signed as a witness

The Second Marriage Certificate for Frederic and Felicia (truthful one)

Given at the General Register Office 4th July 2001

Now indexed: Felicia Victoria Jones and Frederic Clift, March Quarter 1874, Croydon, Surrey, Volume 2a, Page 275



Partial Transcription of the 1872 Settlement Dated 5th December 1872

Rich’d Clift Esqre

to Frederic Clift Esqre

Post Nuptial Settlement of the proceeds of sale of a Leasehold house and furniture at Westow Hill Upper Norwood and East India and other Stocks

“This Indenture made the 5th day of December 1872 between Richard Clift of Westow Hill Upper Norwood in the county of Surrey Esquire of the first part Christian Bottrall Clift his wife of the second part and Frederic Clift of Westow Hill Upper Norwood aforesaid Esquire of the third part. . .”

“ . . .said Richard Clift hath assigned certain hereditaments comprised in and expressed to be demised by an Indenture of Lease dated the 12th day of March 1863 and expressed to be made between The Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England of the one part and James Franks therein described of the other part unto the said Frederic Clift his executors administrators and assigns for the residue of the term of Ninety nine years by the said Indenture of Lease expressed to be granted. . .”

“ . . .belonging to the said Richard Clift now in or about his present residence at Westow Hill, aforesaid and commonly called or known by the name of “Tusculum” unto the said Frederic Clift his executors administrators and assigns Upon trust that the said Frederic Clift. . .”

Next meeting *on the 14th* we have “*An Introduction to Heraldry*” by *Ralph Brocklesbank* regards *Mike Fisher*