Priscilla Tavenor
her Booke Aprill 24 :1678:

My grandfather **Samuell Tavenor** died at Rumford in Essex about the beginning of november :1641:

My grandmother **Elizabeth Tavenor** died at Hornchurch in Essex in october 1643

My grandfather **Richard Gibbes** died at Word in Kent the first day of february 1648

My grandmother **[?] Gibbes** died at Word in Kent the sixth day of october 1660

My father **Samuell Tavenor** was Borne at Rumford in Essex in July 1621:

My Mother **Anna Gibbes** was Borne at Word in Kent in december :1623:

My sister **Anna Tavenor** was Borne in Deale Castle the eight and twenty day of december about ten o'clock in the fornoon in Deale Castle it beeing Saturday in the yeare 1650

My Brother **Samuell Tavenor** was Borne in Deale Castle the 24 day of may beeing munday about three quarters of an houre after 4 in the afternoon in the yeare :1652:

My Brother **John Tavenor** was Borne in Deale Castle the 22 day of november beeing Tuesday about half a quarter of an houre beefore seven in the morning in the yeare :1653:

I **Priscilla Tavenor** was Borne in Deale Castle the 24 day of December beeing Sunday about halfe an houre past six of the Clocke in the morning in the yeare :1654:

My Brother **Nathaniell Tavenor** was Borne in Deale Castle the 26 day of March beeing Wednesday about a quarter of an houre after 7 of the Clocke in the evening in the yeare :1656:

My Brother **David Tavenor** was Borne in Deale Castle the tenth day of July beeing friday almost halfe an houre after one of the Clocke in the afternoon in the yeare: 1657: [in another hand] and departed this life at Popler 21 of September 1727. [revert to Priscilla Tavenor's hand]

My Brother **Thomas Tavenor** was Borne in Deale Castle the sixth day of march beeing the first day of the weeke about halfe an houre after nine of the Clocke in the evening in the yeare 1658

My Second Brother **Thomas Tavenor** was Borne in Lower Deale the twentieth day of october beeing Saturday about four of the Clocke in the afternoone in the yeare :1660:

My Brother **James Tavenor** was Borne in Lower Deale the twentith day of march beeing thursday about a quarter of an houre after six of the Clock in the morning in the yeare :1661:

My sister **Elizabeth Tavenor** was born in Lower Deale the thirtieth day of November being Monday about a quarter of an hour after seven in the morning in the year 1663.

My brother **Benjamin Tavenor** was born in Lower Deale the twenty third of December about three quarters of an hour after ten in the fornoon being Saturday in the year 1665.

My father was marryed at Upper Deale the 13 day of November in the year 1649 to **Ann Gibbes** of Word in Kent.

My father was married to his second wife **Susanna Harison** of Dover at Canterbury by Mr. Richard Hobbs elder of the Church of Baptized people in Dover June 14, 1666.

The 13 of Aprill my father was Baptized by Mr. Samuel Bradley in the [name of river ?] in Sandwich in the year 1663.

I **Priscilla Tavenor** was Baptized by Mr. Richard Hobbs elder of the Church in Dover in the river near to Nicolas Holingbury's the eight day of July in the year 1672, being 17 years and 6 months old.

My sister **Anna Tavenor** was baptized by Mr. Richard Hobbs at the place aforsaid the 14 day of March 1675 being 24 years old.

My brother **Samuel Tavenor** was baptized in the river near Nicolas Holingbury's by Mr. Richard Hobbs: April 1, 1677, being 25 years old.

My brother **John Tavenor** was baptized in the river near Nicolas Holingbury's by Mr. Richard Hobbs the 15 of July in the year 1676 being 24 years old.

My brother **David Tavenor** was baptized in the river aforsaid by Mr. Richard Cannan July 13, 1679, being 22 years old.

My brother **Thomas Tavenor** was baptized in the river aforsaid by Mr. Richard Cannan September 14, 1680, being 20 years old.

My dear and loving mother **Anna** the daughter of Mr. Richard Gibbs died the 4 day of January being Thursday and was buried the sixth day of the same month being Saturday (and twelfth day) in Deale Church over against Deale Castle pew in the ally by her 3 children Thomas, Elizabeth and Benjamin, she being two and forty years old and had been married sixteen years seven weeks and five days. She died in the

year 1665. [Note that the year did not change until March; Anna died about 12 days after the birth of her son Benjamin.]

My brother **Thomas Tavenor** died the sixth of June in Deale Castle being about 13 weeks old and was buried in Deale Church the 10 of the same June in the alley over against the Castle pew door in the year 1659.

My sister **Elizabeth Tavenor** died the 13 day of January & was buried the 15 of the same month in Deale Church over against the Castle pew door in the alley being 4 and forty days old. She died on Wednesday about five of the clock in the evening in the year 1663.

My brother **Benjamin Tavenor** died the 28 of December about 4 in the afternoon being Thursday and was buried the thirtieth of the same month in the alley over against Deale Castle pew in Deale Church in the year 1665.

My brother **James Tavenor** died the fourth of November and was buried in Deale Church yard near the wall on the South side right against Deale Castle pew being the first day of the week and he was aged 5 years 7 months and 15 days. He died of the pestilence in the year 1666.

Ny sister **Anna Tavenor** was married to **William Adcock** on August the 18 being Friday at my father's house in Dover: 1676.

My brother **Nathaniell Tavenor** was married September the 18 being Wednesday to **Mary Mapsdon** in the year 1678.

My father Mr. **Samuel Tavenor** was ordained an elder of the Congregation of baptized believers in and about Dover: by Mr. William Smartt and Mr. Benjamin Morly: at Gurson October 13, 1681: the same time my brother **John Tavenor** was chose a deacon for the Church at Deale.

My brother **William Adcock** died March 26 being Saturday and was buried March 28 being Monday in Rith Church yard: in the year 1681.

My sister **Anna Adcock** died September 14 at 10 in the morning: it being Wednesday: and was buried September 16 being Friday in Rith Church yard: beside her husband and her child in the year 1681, being 30 years 8 months and 14 days old.

My dear and loving brother **Samuel Tavenor** died January the tenth being Wednesday about seven of the clock in the morning: and was buried Friday the twelfth of January in the piece of ground belonging to the Congregation of Baptized Believers in Dover: in the year 1682/3: he was thirty years 8 months and 14 days old.

After my father had beene about a year and a halfe under great persicution and truble for not conforming to the worshipe of the nation: and had been often [hauled ?] out of the meeting (some times while he was Preaching and Praying) and had before the magistrates still bearing a testimony for the truth: at last when his enemies had warrants to take his person and comitt to prison so that he saw no way how he could serve the Lord publiquely any longer there for the edifying of his people: the meetings being still Disturbed by them: october:31:1682: he went to London that he might enjoy more liberty for himself: and bee more helpful to the people of god where he continued during the persicution: improving the talent which god had given him for preaching as publickly as might bee there among god's people two Days after he left his habitation at Dover being November:21: 1682 his persicutors came with a false warrant of ...[section cut out].. goods and so many of the household goods as they thought worth taking away and till themselves confessed that they had so much they know not what to doo with it or where to bistow it, then they left the empty shope and house where my mother and I continued till about the later end of the March following: and then we went ... [10 lines cut out]... Downe then to his owne house again and my mother and I came with him where we continued living quietly in the house ... [3 lines cut out] ... again.
Priscilla Tavenor

[in Priscilla Peirce's hand]

I have heard that these wretches children came to [warn, watch ?] and by her hand was relieved. How much do I revere thee happy name sake.

[Priscilla Tavenor's hand again]

Aprill 22 1691: **James Redding** and **Priscilla Tavenor** were marryed at Canterbury ... [a few lines cut out].

Susanna Redding the daughter of James and Priscilla Redding was borne at Dover: May the 11th being Thirsday at eleven of the clock at night in the year 1693.

[one line of shorthand]

[Note – the shorthand appears to be related to the *Tachygraphy* of Thomas Shelton (1647), which was used by Samuel Pepys in his Diary, and the related system of Edmond Willis *An Abreviation of Writing by Character* (London, 1618).]

My deare and loving brother **John Tavenor** died at Deale the 4th of June in the year 1694 being munday, and was buried June the eight being fryday in upper Deale Church in my mother's grave being against Deale Castle pew door. he was aged 40

yeares 6 months and 13 days: he died about half an hour past eleven of the clock in the fore noone.
[1¼ pages of shorthand]

Judeth Redding the daughter of James and Priscilla Redding was borne at Dover June the 17 being munday at a quarter of an hour past six in the morning in the year 1695.
[one line of shorthand]

William Redding son of James and Priscilla Redding was borne at Dover November 22 being Sunday at 4 of the clocke in the morning in the year 1696.
[4 lines of shorthand]

[change of handwriting (Pris. Peirce ?)]

I think that mr **John Redding** which presented the large bible with gold clasps to King Charles second when he landed at Dover May 26 1660 was grandfather or father to James Redding which married Priscilla Tavenor.
In this I am not quite correct.

[Arthur Brent's hand ?]

John Redding who presented the bible was Mayor of Dover.

[Priscilla Tavenor's hand again]

My deare and loving brother **Nathaniell Tavenor** died at Chatham December 2 being Tuesday 1695 about half an hour past seven in the morning and was buryed the 6th day being Fryday in the churchyard at Chatham, he was aged 39 yeares 8 months & 7 days.
[4 lines shorthand]

[3 lines struck out – apparently referring to John Redding and King Charles as above]

[change of handwriting]

Captain Samuel Tavenor was Governor of Deal Castle.

[In Priscilla Tavenor's hand]

My deare father Capt **Samuel Tavenor** died August 4th being Tuesday about half an hour past nine of the clock in the forenoon in the year 1696. He was aged 75 years and 1 month, and was buried in the Baptists burying Place at Dover Sunday August 9: his funeral sermon was preached by Mr John Sampson from *Timothy*:2:4 verses 7 & 8. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith, henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord the Righteous Judge shall give me at that day and not to me only butt to all them also that love his Appearing.
[3 lines of shorthand]

My dear and loving mother in law Mrs **Susana Tavenor** died May 22:1701 being Thirsday about 4 of the clock in the afternoon, and was buried the 27 day being Tuesday in the burying place belonging to the baptist[s] in Dover. She was buried in my father's grave, and was aged 84 years wanting 2 days, and died with a well grounded hope of a blessed Resurrection to life eternall.

[4 lines of shorthand, including a reference to Psalms : 31:5 "Into thy hand I commend my spirit; thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of Truth"]

My daughter **Judeth Redding** fell into the brooke & swame under two bridges & then by hir gowne hanging at a bridge was preserved from drowning : January 21: 1703/4 which great mercy I desire always to remember with thankfulness to almighty god.

My deare & loving sister Mrs **Mary Smith** departed this life August the:15:1705: having a well grounded hope of a Blessed Resurrection to Life Everlasting.

My very loving brother Mr **George Smith** departed this life May 15:1711.

My Deare Brother **Thomas Tavenor** died July 21:1722 being Saturday about 9 of the clock in the morning and was buried the 23 Day in the burying place at Deale belonging to the Baptist Congregation. He departed this life a triumphant Christian leaving this life with abundance of joy and satisfaction aged 61 years and 9 months.

My Deare and only son **William Redding** departed this life December the 6th being Thursday about 8 of the clock at night and was buried December 11th being Tuesday in the vault on the north side of the tomb of his grandfather Captain Samuel Tavenor, he was aged 15 years & 15 days, & was a pattern of virtue beyond most of his age. 1711.

[2 lines of shorthand]

[two pages cut out]

My deare husband **James Redding** departed this life June the 17th being Tuesday about 9 of the clock in the morning in the yeare 1712 & was buried in the vault by his dear son the 20th being Friday, aged 60 years & a quarter.

[2 lines of shorthand]

My aunt Mrs Priscilla Simpson departed this life April 7 : being Saturday & was buried Aprill the 10th in the burying place on the South side of the tombe of hir Brother Captain Samuel Tavenor in the year 1716: [one line shorthand] Aged 91¼

James Peirce son of **Sampson** and **Susanna Peirce** was borne at Dover October:13: being Tuesday about three quarters of an houre after four in the morning in the year 1713: [one line shorthand]

Martha Peirce daughter of Sampson and Susanna Peirce was born at Dover August the 3rd being Tuesday about ten of the clock in the forenoon, and died August 19 aged 16 days & was buryed in the vault of hir grandfather Reding in the year 1714.

Priscilla Peirce daughter of Sampson and Susana Peirce was borne at Dover September 3rd being Saturday about a quarter of an hour after two in the afternoon in the year 1715.
[two lines of shorthand]

Sampson Peirce son of Sampson and Susanna Peirce was born November 19 being Monday about 6 of the clock at night, and died the Saturday folowing and was buryed in the vault on Wednesday November 28: aged 5 days, in the year 1716.

Sampson Peirce son of Sampson and Susanna Peirce was borne January 14: being Wednesday a little after 12 of the clocke at night in the year 1718/9.

Michael Peirce son of Sampson and Susanna Peirce was borne October 27 being Thursday a quarter of an houre after twelve of the clock in the morning in the year 1720.

Susanna Peirce daughter of Sampson and Susanna Peirce was born December 28 being Thursday past eleven a clock at night in the year 1721/2.

[change of handwriting]

Oct the 14 1723 In death, **Peirce** was born about the hour of eight a clock in the evening.

[change of handwriting]

Priscilla Tavenor's brother **Nathaniel** was born 26 March 1656 and married to Mary Mapsden Sept 18, 1678. Their daughter **Phebe Tavener** was married to **John Pearce** Feb 1700 and died Aug 1759 aged 80 years.

Phebe's brother **Nathaniel Tavenor** was married to Kathrine Collings 18 Oct.

[one page cut out]

[change to Susanna (Redding) Peirce's writing]

My deare mother Mrs **Priscilla Redding** departed this life August the 1st 1723, aged 69 and was buried in the vault in the burying place belonging to the Baptists at Dover.

My daughter **Mary Peirce** was borne Saturday November the 7 : 1724 at nine in the morning.

My son **William Peirce** was borne Friday March the 11:1726 at nine in the evening and was the 11th child.

My daughter **Marthamelia Peirce** was borne March the 4, 1727.

Marthamelia Peirce

[change of handwriting]

Mary Peirce was married to **William Kingsford** of Sturry on 23 of Jan 1747.

Marthamelia Peirce was married to Mr. Knot of Barfreestone on 7th of Nov 1757.

Redding Peirce was married to **Sarah Warner** on 20th Sept 1757.

William Peirce was married to **Hannah Ladd** on 3 of Oct 1757.

[revert to previous hand]

My daughter **Peniel Carolina Peirce** was born March the 1st 1728/9 and departed this life January the 2 1729/30, and was buried January the 4th in the vault in the Baptist Burying Place in Dover.

[change of hand]

Redding son of Sampson and Susanna **Peirce** was born June:6:1730.

[James Peirce's hand ?]

My dear Mother Mrs **Susanna Peirce** departed this life May 15 1731 aged 38 years, and was buried in the vault in the Baptist burying place in Dover. Her funeral sermon was preached on Sunday the 23 of May by Mr Rob Pyall from Psalms 73:v25:26 J.P.

My sister **Priscilla Peirce** departed this life Sept 10 1741 being Thursday between 4 and 5 o'clock in the morning, aged 26 years and 7 days, and was buried the 15 day in the vault in the Baptist's burying ground in Dover. Her funeral sermon was preached the 20 day being Sunday by Mr Rob. Pyall from Isaiah 57 v2: J.P.

[one page cut out]

[Priscilla Peirce's hand ?]

My sister **Judith Peirce** departed this life 27th October 1749 being Friday, between the hours of eleven and twelve o'clock in the forenoon aged 26 years & 13 days, and was buried in the vault in the Baptist Burying Place in Dover, on the 2nd day of November 1749. There was no funeral sermon. P.P.

My sister **Susanna Peirce** departed this life 9th Oct 1751 being Wednesday between the hours of three and four o'clock in the afternoon, and was buried in the vault in the Baptist burying place in Dover on the 15th day October 1751 (no sermon) aged 29 years, 7 months & 10 days.

[James Peirce's hand ?]

My aunt Mrs **Judith Redding** departed this life 24th of January 1753 being Wednesday, about five minutes before six of the clock in the morning, and was buried on the 28th of the same month being Sunday in the vault in the Baptist Burying Place in Dover, aged 57 years & 7 months. J.P.

My father Mr **Sam. Peirce** departed this life the 12th of Feb 1758 being Sunday in the afternoon between one and two o'clock and was buried on the 18th of the same month in the ? vault in the Baptist Burying Place in Dover, his funeral sermon was preached on Sunday the 19th by Mr Geo. Green from the 20 & 21 verses of the 13th of Hebrews, aged 73 years & 9 months, wanting 11 days. Born 12 May 1684. J.P.

Mary Peirce daughter of William Peirce and Hannah, his wife was born at Dover 26 Nov 1759.

Priscilla Peirce daughter of William and Hannah Peirce was born at Dover the 12th of August 1762.

Samuel Peirce son of William and Hannah Peirce was born at Dover the 5th of Sept 1765 in the morning between 3 & 4 a clock being Thursday.

Michael Peirce son of William & Hannah Peirce [was] born the 17th of December 1767 in the morning near 2 a clock being Thursday and died 29 of March 1769 aged 1 year one quarter and 11 days & was buried in the vault on 2nd of April 1769.

Samuel Peirce son of W & H Peirce died 21 of June 1769 aged 3 years 9 months 15 days, died at two o'clock in the morning buried the 25 in the vault in the burying ground.

Hannah Peirce wife of Wm Peirce died 30th Oct 1770 aged about 32 years and was buried 4th Nov 1770 in the vault in the burying ground.

Susanna Peirce daughter of Wm & Hannah Peirce was born at Dover 25 Oct 1770, died 3rd of March 1771 & buried in the vault 8th of March 1771.

Mr Thomas Bradley in the market(?) was present at the birth of all the children of Wm & Hannah Peirce.

My brother **Sampson Peirce** died August 1 1773 aged 54 years & near 7 months. Was buried 5th August in the Vault at Dover. J.P.

Benj Glandfield of Dover was married to **Mary Peirce** daughter of William Peirce, March 1 1778 at St Mary's Church at Dover.

My neice Mrs **Glandfield** died in childbed aged 19 years the 16 Jan 1779, & was buried 22nd in the vault – sermon from Proverbs 14 v32 on Sunday 24th by Mr Knott sen.

My brother in law Mr **William Kingsford** departed this life the 20th of May 1779 aged 58 years.

My sister **Marthamelia Knot** departed this life the 27 June 1785 aged 57 years & 8 months and was the 30th June buried at Chatham in the Calvin St Baptist burying ground. – J.P.

Feb 14th 1786 **Priscilla Peirce** daughter of William Peirce was married at Dover to **Sampson Peirce** son of Redding Peirce.

William Peirce son of Sampson and Priscilla Peirce was born at Dover Jan 13 1787 in the morning half an hour after 5 o'clock being Saturday.

Oct 3rd 1788 **James Peirce** son of Sampson & Priscilla Peirce was born at Dover in forenoon between eight & nine o'clock.

My great grandmother **Martha Peirce** died in the year 1708 aged 54 years.

My great grandfather **Sampson Peirce** died Oct 31st 1717 aged 63. J.P.

My uncle **Michael Peirce** died March 30 1719 aged 29. J.P.

[Priscilla Peirce's hand]

I **Priscilla Peirce** daughter of Wm & Hannah Peirce was Baptized at Dover by Mr Chapman Elder at the Friars Canterbury Feb 1780 age 17 years & 11 months.

Oct 18 1789 **William Peirce** was married to his second wife Mrs **Jane Agate** of Sevenoaks (at Holbourn, London).

Priscilla Ebenzer Peirce daugther of Sampson Peirce & Priscilla Peirce was born at Dover on Friday evening between ten & eleven o'clock April 23, 1790.

[change of hand]

James Peirce died April the 11, 1791. Buried in the vault at Dover April 17, aged 77 years and 6 months & 2 days. Had a sermon preached by Sampson Kingsford.

Born Tuesday morning at 4 o'clock July 29, 1794, **Sampson** son of Sampson & Priscilla **Peirce** [at?] Dover. Midwife Thatcher.

1796 April 1 – Born Friday morning at one o'clock **Jane Peirce** daughter of Sampson & Priscilla Peirce, Dover. Midwife Mrs Hannon.

Friday 24th June 1796, at nine o'clock in the forenoon Mrs **Peirce** second wife of Redding Peirce died. She left one son of her own **Redding Peirce**.

Departed this life June 10, 1797 **William Peirce** son of Sampson & Priscilla Peirce at the age of ten years & 6 months & 3 days half an hour after 3 o'clock.

October 28, **Redding Peirce** son of Redding Peirce & Mrs Peirce departed this life at Sheerness at nine o'clock in the morning, buried at Minster.

William Peirce

Thursday the 22 of Oct 1801 **Michael Peirce** died about 12 o'clock at night aged 81 years. William Peirce

Born Monday morning 3/4 after 2 o'clock Dec 20 1802 **William Peirce** son of Sampson & Priscilla Peirce Dover.

Thursday May 31 1803 **James ? Peirce** son of Redding Peirce departed this life 11 o'clock in the morning age 44 years.

Wm Peirce.

Friday December 28 1804 Mr **Redding Peirce** son of Mr Sampson Peirce and Susanna Peirce died aged 74 years.

Wm Peirce.

Father to the above [i.e. James Peirce]

May 1, 1807, my grandson **William Redding Peirce** son of Mr Sampson Peirce and Priscilla Peirce died May 1 1807 aged 4 years 5 months 10 days at eight o'clock in evening Wm Peirce.

July 2, 1807 my grandson **Sampson** son of Sampson **Peirce** and Priscilla Peirce died July 2 age 13 years, about 4 o'clock in the morning – Wm Peirce.

March 17 1809 died Mrs **Jane Peirce** wife of William Peirce age 70 years.

[Priscilla Peirce's hand]

April 15 1811, Easter, My Dear Father Mr **William Peirce** died 20 minutes after one o'clock the afternoon being Monday in joyfull hope of a happy resurrection to Immortality aged 85 years one month.

P. Peirce

My daughter **Priscilla Eb Peirce** was baptized at Dover by the Elder B. Martin July 8 1808, but did not join the Church till sometime after; was aged 18 years P.P.

My dear Cousin **William Kingsford** of Barton Mills died May 30, 1812, aged 62 years, buried at Westbear [?] he was eldest son of William & Mary Kingsford who was a Peirce. P.P.

Saturday June 17 1815, at 7 o'clock in the evening my dear and only remaining son **James Peirce** died aged 26 years and 8 months and his prospects on leaving us was of the most animating kind. P.P.

My daughter **Priscilla Eb Peirce** was married to **Frederick Morris** son of Thomas and Mary Morris of Ottopool House in the parish ? Kent the paternal estate of his worthy ancestors. They were married at Ewell where I sometimes resided Feb 25 1816. They enter on my business and house at Dover.

Peirce Morris the son of Frederick & Priscilla Morris was born the 7 day of Nov 1816. His death & premature birth was owing to his mother having a violent inflammation. I have great reason to be thankful that the Mother's life was spared.

P.P.

Priscilla Charlotte Morris daughter of Frederick & P.E. Morris was born Nov 8 1817 one o'clock in the afternoon Saturday. Midwife Mrs Elsted.

P.P.

My aunt Mrs **Mary Kingsford** died at Canterbury Sunday Sept 6 1818 age 94 years and was buried in the vault at Westbear beside her husband William Kingsford and her two sons M. Child [?] and her eldest son William Kingsford.

P. Peirce

My daughter **Jane Peirce** was baptized Sept 20 1818 by the elder of Dover Church B. Martin, did not join the Church P. Peirce

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Feb 16 1819 born **Sampson Peirce Morris** son of Frederick & Priscilla Ebz. Morris Tuesday 10 minutes before one o'clock in the afternoon. P. P.

S. P. Morris died April 12 1819.

Feb 27 1821 born **Mary Morris** daughter of Frederick & P.E. Morris Tuesday before 12 o'clock at noon. P.P.

Aug 25 1821 died in her mother's arms **Mary Morris** daughter of Frederick & Priscilla Ebz Morris aged 6 months lacking two days Saturday in the forenoon eleven o'clock. P. Peirce.

My much respected cousin **Sampson Kingsford** 2nd son of William & Mary

Kingsford was born at Sturry near Canterbury in the year 1750 and in the year 1766 at the early age of 16 he was baptized, and on the 2nd day of December 1770 he was called to the Ministry at the Friars Canterbury and on the 3rd September 1781 he was called to the office of Elder & Messenger a primitive office still retained by the general Baptist, and that day forty years [later] Sept 3 1821 he was consigned to the silent tomb age 71. Died Aug 27, 1821 P.P.
He was a man greatly beloved.

My daughter **Jane Peirce** was married at St Mary's Church Dover Oct 1821 to **William Brent** the son of **Samuel Brent** Esq of Eliot Place, Blackheath. P.P.

My son **Frederick Morris** died May 31 1822 at Harbledown [?] where he went for a change of air. He was brought home June 2 and interred in the family vault of the Peirces June 6, no sermon. My daughter Morris, her child & Frederick's eldest brother & sister were there. Most of the respectable families of the church wore black on the occasion. P.P.

Aug 20 1822 born **Bernard Peirce Brent** son of William & Jane Brent at 10 minutes before 12 o'clock at noon. Catford Mill, Lewisham. Present at the birth Dr Brown, P. Peirce, Mrs Chandler.

Oct 8 1823 **Oscar Tavernor Brent** son of William and Jane Brent was born at Catford Mill Lewisham at eight o'clock in the evening. Present at the birth Dr Brown, Mrs Chandler & Susan.

March 12, 1825 my daughter Jane Brent was safely put to bed of a daughter **Harette Rolleston Brent** at my house at Dover. Midwife P. Elsted. Present Mrs William (?) Kingsford with myself.
P. Peirce

March 28, 1825 died at my house at Dover **Priscilla Charlotte Morris** daughter of Frederick Morris & P. Morris Monday afternoon 16 minutes after two o'clock age 7 years & 5 months; a very amiable & pious child. P. Peirce
Buried in a new vault my daughter bought under the new Meeting House.

June 1, 1825 died **Oscar Tavenor Brent** at Lewisham age 1 year & 9 months & second son of William & Jane Brent, buried in the family vault at Deptford Baptist Ground. P. Peirce

[Mr Fordham's hand]

*July 12th 1826 **Oscar** fourth child of William and Jane Brent was born in Castle Street Canterbury and died at Dover aged 10 weeks and 5 days. It was buried in a piece of ground on the right hand of the gravel walk leading to the meeting in the meeting yard .. the ground, sufficient for a bricked grave for a grown up person was bought by Mrs Priscilla Peirce the grandmother of this infant.
[(signed)] P. Peirce

*Mr Fordham's writing

[Priscilla Peirce's hand]

Conrad Hugh Brent 5th child of William and Jane Brent was born in Ivy Lane, Canterbury March 28, 1828 at before eleven o'clock in the forenoon. Midwife Mrs Jendomer. In attendance Mrs Marshall and P. Peirce.

Conrad Hugo Brent son of William & Jane died May 10th 1828 age 6 weeks buried at Dover P. Peirce.

Harrette Rollestone Brent daughter of William & Jane Brent died at her grandmama Peirce's home at Dover Nov 9th 1829. Was much beloved, age four years & eight months. She was buried beside her brothers in the general Baptist Meeting ground. P. Peirce

William Brent left his wife in Ivy Lane June (?) 1831, came to [1 line illegible] Mrs Brent returned to her husband April 12, 1832.

On the 19th July Anno Domini 1832 my eldest daughter **Priscilla E. Morris** married her second husband Mr **Elias Pym Fordham** the son of Mr Elias Fordham of Gunnock in the Parish of Sandover in the county of Herts. The marriage was solemnized in the church at Sturry near Canterbury. Mr Sampson Kingsford of Sturry Mills acted as father to the bride. The officiating minister was the Reverend John Metcalf, a minor canon of Canterbury Cathedral. My son-in-law Mr Elias Fordham is descended from an ancient and at the present time a very numerous family who are chiefly farmers and landowners in several parishes in the counties of Herts. & Cambridge in the neighbourhood of Royston. His father was educated for the ministry and has preached for more than twenty-five years without any pecuniary reward.
My son-in-law is a Civil Engineer and was appointed Engineer of Dover Harbour on the 25th day of last April, the Duke of Wellington being Lord Warden. P. Peirce

Died August 13th 1832 age 77 my cousin **Michael Kingsford** Gentleman of Charlton Lodge near Dover, buried in a vault at Charlton Church. He was the youngest and only surviving son of Mary Kingsford the daughter of Sampson and Susanna Peirce
P. Peirce.

My poor dear child **Jane Brent** closed this life December 6, 1832, aged 36 years at her house at Deptford after a boisterous passage to the tomb and was buried in the

family vault of the Brents in the general Baptist ground at Deptford. [Before her] death I had been with her twelve weeks and it was a solemn satisfaction to feel she was at rest where the wicked cease from troubling. She trusted in her God through life, and in death she looked for salvation from the grave through Christ Jesus her risen Lord.

She left one son Bernard Peirce Brent age about ten years who returned with me to Dover where he went to school. When shall I lay down my pen and my only surviving daughter Fordham take up the pen to tell my death.

P. Peirce aged 70 years.

Aug 26 1839 died Mrs **Priscilla Kingsford** age ? buried beside her father my much esteemed friend & cousin Sampson Kingsford in the family vault at Friars, Canterbury. P. Peirce age 77

[Priscilla Fordham's hand]

Mrs **Susanna Child** died March 13th 1848 aged 96.

A Mother in Israel **Priscilla Peirce** died 27 Oct 1848 aged 87, buried beside her beloved husband & Father in the family vault Dover.

Bernard Peirce Brent April 26th 1849 married to **Laura** the youngest daughter of the late **Edward Marsh**. They were married at Bessel's Green by the Rev Briggs Sen. They are living at the Green.

Priscilla E. Fordham

At Barton **Julia Brent** died at her father's house May 27th 1849, and was buried in the family vault of the Brents at the General Baptist ground at Deptford. Aged 39 P.E. Fordham

[Bernard P. Brent's hand]

The above was the eldest daughter of my father's eldest brother and consequently my first cousin. B.P. Brent

Children of Bernard Peirce Brent and Laura his wife:

1st : **Bernard Peirce Brent** born March 6th 1850 at Rose Cottage Bessel's Green in the parish Chevening Sevenoaks, Kent. Present at the birth J. Lucas Worship Esq., M.R.C.S.,I.A.C. Mrs H. Colgate and Mrs Oliver nurse.

2nd : **Laura Priscilla Brent** born September 13th 1851. Present at the birth Mr J.L. Worship, surgeon and Mrs H. Colgate.

Julia Marianne Brent 3rd child born January 31st 1853. Present at the birth Mr Worship Surgeon, Mrs Oliver nurse, and Mrs Wallace.

Jane Peirce Brent fourth child born at Bessel's Green in the parish of Chevening, Kent, March 1st 1854. Present at the birth Mr J.L. Worship, Surgeon & Mrs Oliver, Nurse.

Samuel Tavenor Brent, fifth child born at Bessel's Green, Chevening, Kent March 6th 1855. Present at the birth Miss Julia S. Glanville and Mrs Wallace, Mr Worship, surgeon, attended.

Ellen Emma Brent sixth child born May 27th 1856 at Bessel's Green, Chevening. Present at the birth Mr Worship, surgeon and Mrs Oliver, nurse.

Mrs **Priscilla Ebenezer Fordham** died at Charlton near Dover August 30th 1856 aged 66 years, interred in a vault in the yard of the Old (Unitarian) General Baptist Meeting House, Bessel's Green, Kent Sept 4th 1856

Mr **Elias Pym Fordham** died at Cassel near Dover October 1850 and was buried in a brick grave in Tavenor's Garden Dover. He was the second husband of Priscilla Ebenezer Peirce. She erected the tomb over his grave and the old family vault. Owing to the Health of Towns act this ground was closed which was the reason of her being interred near Bessel's Green.

William Edward Brent seventh child of Bernard Peirce Brent and Laura his wife born August 9th, 1857, at Castle Farm, Dallington, in the county of Sussex. Present Mr Calder, Surgeon, Mrs Cheesman, and Mrs Hopper, registered at Battle, Sussex.

William Edward Brent died at Dallington Sussex January 11th 1858 at 20 minutes ro 3 o'clock in the morning aged 6 months and 1 day.

Benjamin Henry Brent, eighth child of Bernard Peirce Brent and Laura his wife born May 22nd 1859 a little before 2 o'clock in the morning being Sunday at Hood's Corner, Dallington, Sussex. Present at the birth G. Calder, Esq, surgeon, Mrs S. Bellingham Nurse and Mrs Hopper, registered June 1st 1859 by the registrar of the Battle district of the county of Sussex.

Benjamin Henry Brent was vaccinated by Mr Calder November 17th 1859. Three places took. [change of hand] died 1925.

Departed this life Sept 1860 at Ashford [?] Mrs **[Marianne] Barkwill**, Mrs Brent's mother, aged 60.

Marianne Edith Brent ninth child of Bernard and Laura his wife born October 16th 1860. Present at the birth Mrs

Hopper, Mrs Beal and Mr Calder at Dallington. Marianne Edith Brent was registered at Battle, Sussex.

Oscar Bernard Brent tenth child of Bernard and Laura Brent was born 15th of November 1861 in the forenoon at Hood's Corner, Dallington in the county of Sussex. Present Mrs Hopper and Mr Calder, surgeon. Registered at Battle.

Clara Laura Brent eleventh child of Bernard & Laura Brent born March 14th, 1863 at Hood's [Wood's ?] Corner, Dallington in the county of Sussex. Present Mary Maria Pay, Mrs Hopper, and Mr G. Calder, surgeon. Registered at Battle, Sussex.

Ash next Sandwich June 10th 1863 died **Emma Bourne** the beloved and last sister of my wife

B.P. Brent.

She leaves 6 children – Lucy, Ellen, Harry, Frank, Sidney and Edwin an infant.

[Hand of Julia Marianne Brent]
Ellen Bourne died in the summer of 1869

JMB

[Hand of Bernard P. Brent]

Brent Pedigree

Moses Brent born 1694 came from Lymington near the New Forest in Hampshire and served in the navy in Queen Ann's wars.

He married **Sarah Copet** of Poinster near Emsworth, Herts. had 5 children and died August 19th, 1780.

John Brent born November 14th 1729 married **Anne Waterman** (born 22nd May 1728), had 6 children, died July 1st 1812.

Samuel Brent born April 12th, 1760. Married **Frances Dempster** Barton. Had nine children. Died June 19th 1814.

Mrs **Samuel Brent** was born 1761 died September 14th, 1835.

William Brent born at Rotherhithe August 5th 1799, married **Jane Peirce** of Dover 1821 – 5 children.
[in Julia Brent's hand] died at Battle Sussex 1869.

I, **Bernard Peirce Brent** was born at Catford Mill Lewisham, Kent August the 20th 1822. Married **Laura Marsh** of Dover April 20th 1849.

Bertha Amy Brent, 12th child of Bernard and Laura Brent was born September 24 1864 at Hoods Corner, Dallington, Sussex at ½ past six in the morning. present Mrs Hopper, Mary Pam and G.Calder Esq, Surgeon. Registered at Battle, Sussex.

[change of hand]

Arthur Redding Brent 13th child of Bernard and Laura Brent was born July 29th 1866 at Parkhurst House, Buxted, Sussex. Present Mrs Whiteman and Mary Pay and G. Hobman, Esq, surgeon.
Registered at ? Down ? Sussex.

Edward Owen Brent 14th child of Bernard & Laura Brent was born 22nd of May 1867 at Parkhurst House, Buxted, Sussex. Present Mary Pay & Mrs Walter & G. Hobman, Esq, Surgeon. Died the same day. Registered at ? Ash Down ? Sussex.

[Julia Brent's hand]

Bernard Peirce Brent died at Buxted Sussex on the 18th of January 1867 and was buried in the churchyard at Buxted aged 44 years, 5 months. J.M.B.

Bernard Peirce Brent son of the above died of consumption at Buxted on the 3rd of January 1868 aged 17 years 10 months.

I think it was in the following summer that Grandpapa **William Brent** died at Battle, Sussex.

Laura Brent my mother died at Buxted on the 13th of March 1869 and was buried at Buxted beside my brother & father (of consumption).

Ellen Bourne of Ash died in January 1870. [Contradicts earlier entry]

Laura Priscilla Brent died at Ashford, Kent on the 3rd of May 1870 of consumption aged 18 years, 8 months. Buried in the cemetery at Ashford.

Sarah Brent my Great Aunt died at Hammersmith 13th of August 1870 aged 78 years. J.M.B.

[Arthur Brent's hand]

Ellen Emma Brent (Kitty) sixth child of Bernard and Laura Brent died at Ashford Kent about 1872 of phthisis – interred Ashford cemetery. A. R. Brent

Marianne Edith ninth child of Bernard and Laura Brent died at Ashford Kent 1876 of phthisis. Interred in Ashford cemetery. Aged sixteen years. A. R. Brent

Oscar Bernard ninth child of Bernard Brent and Laura Marsh died at Ashford September 1880 in his nineteenth year of phthisis. Buried in Ashford cemetery.

Samuel Tavernor Brent fifth child of

Bernard & Laura Brent married **Emily Finn** [?] at Ashford about 1879. He died at Bendigo Australia about 1905. No issue. His wife survived him. ARB

Jane Peirce fourth child of B & L Brent was married at Ashford about 1877 to William A. Forth, chemist. Her children were **Harry Brent** – died in infancy, **Dorothy Beatrice**, **James Douglas**, **Bertha C.** and **Marguerite.** She died in London about 1916. Her husband died a year or two later. ARB

Julia Marianne, third child of B & L Brent was married to **Samuel Walshe Owen** whose mother was a daughter of Frances Brent's. He practised medicine in London. He died in 1916. His widow died at Horsham Victoria Australia on the 26th Oct 1921 & was buried in Horsham cemetery. Her husband was buried at (?)head Cemetery. ARB

Benjamin Henry, eighth child of B & L Brent was married to **Caroline Wilson** of Beckenham, Kent about 1881. One child **Irene Marguerite Peirce** born about 1904.

B. H. Brent died 17th January 1925 at 30 Manor Rd, Beckenham, Kent in his 66th year. ARB

Jan 30th 1925 born at Red Cliffs Vic Australia, **Arthur James Stewart** son of **James & Isabel Stewart**, grandson of Arthur R. Brent.

[change of hand]

Bertha Amy Brent married **John Chisholm** at Kew, Victoria about 1897. Died at Retro, Queensland about 19--

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[Arthur R. Brent's hand]

Sampson Peirce of Peirce House Charing Kent died 1692, tablet in nave of church, married **Roberta** daughter of **John Whitfield** of Canterbury; 3 sons **John**, **George**, and **Sampson.**

Sampson Peirce (b. 1654, d. 1717) married **Martha Stead** of Ashford (b. 1654, d. 1708)

[Their son] **Sampson Peirce** (b. 1684, d. 1758) married **Susanna Redding.**

[Their son] **William Peirce** (b. 1726, d. 1811) married **Hannah Ludd**

Redding Peirce (b. 1730, d.1804) married **Sarah Ware** [Warner?] (d. 1796)

Priscilla Peirce (b. 1762 d. 1848) [daughter of William & Hannah Peirce] married **Sampson Peirce** (b. 1760) [son of Redding and Sarah Peirce]

Jane Peirce (b. 1796) m. **William Brent.**

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[Here the book is turned upside down and the following two passages are in two hands, as if Sampson Peirce was filling in his name in a script written for him.]

Dover. I **Sampson Peirce** toke up my Freedom in the Corporation 1723 by the Rite of my wife.

Dover. I **Sampson Peirce** toke up my Freedom in the Corporation 1731 by Rite of my house.

[On both sides of a loose sheet in Bernard Peirce Brent's hand]

John Steed and **Mary** his wife lived in Ashford 1662. **Sampson Peirce** married **Martha** daughter of the above. Their 2nd child **Sampson Peirce** was born the 12th of May 1684 – **Martha Peirce** 7th child was born 8 Sept 1692 the day of the earthquake.

William Brent married **Jane Peirce.**

Bernard Peirce Brent married **Laura Marsh.**

Elizabeth Marsh.

Thomas Marsh married **Mary.**

Edward Marsh born April 4th 1796 married 28th October 1821 **Marianne Montgomery Steer.**

Laura Marsh married **B. P. Brent.**

Sir Isaac Newton was a posthumous son. His mother afterwards married **Rev. Barnabus Smith,** by whom she had three daughters. One married **Mr. Ware** [Incorrect – actually Sir Isaac Newton's mother had a daughter **Hannah Smith** who married **Rev. Robert Barton;** one of their daughters **Margaret** (born 1687) married **John Warner,** who is presumably the Mr. Ware referred to], their daughter **Sarah** married **Redding Peirce,** their son **Sampson** married **Priscilla Peirce.** [End of loose sheet]

[On the inside back page in William Peirce's hand]

Nov. 1804 Mr Isaac Fuller and Mr Jul. Igglesden met on the Rope Walk. I told them both that I did not refuse any body to bury in the Burying Ground that asked me. Mr Isaac Fuller said he should ask his wife to bury his child without my leave and he was carried through Mr Polly's Ground where the fence was down and not in the gate way that lead to the Burying Ground.

[A sheet of paper in Bernard Peirce Brent's hand, pasted into the diary, repeats this in more legible form with the additional remarks that the Rope Walk is now 1856 Waterloo Crescent and that the Burying Ground is now called Tavernor's Garden.]

[THE END]