

Mystery Solved Or is it?

I decided to start searching for details about Elizabeth Miller, another G/G/Aunt. Things were going well, I had her birth from the family bible, 11 May 1856. I already had the census records for 1861 and 1871 and she was on them. Using FreeBMD and Ancestry, I found her marriage to Daniel Comery in 1876. In the 1881 census she was there as Mrs Elizabeth Comery. Also using the census records for 1881 and 1891 I saw that they had three children, John-George, Ernest and Ann. However, in 1891 she was shown as the Head of the house, and a widow. So clearly Daniel had died. She was also a Confectioner living above the Co-op in Mansfield Woodhouse. I subsequently found that Ernest died in 1888.

When I did a general search for Ernest Comery on Ancestry, I found him on a Passenger list, together with his sister Ann, travelling from Liverpool to Philadelphia in 1899. Strangely, they were travelling on the same ticket as Mrs W Jackson. There was also a Mrs J Comery on a different ticket.

Clearly Elizabeth was not Mrs J Comery, she would be E or D Comery. So, who was this Mrs W Jackson travelling with them? Also, Ancestry was telling me that there was an Elizabeth Miller and Daniel Comery on a death register in Philadelphia. Confused? I certainly was.

I had a thought and, sure enough, I found that Elizabeth married William Jackson in Mansfield in 1894. Hence, she became Mrs W Jackson and was travelling with her children to Philadelphia. Sending for both of her marriage certificates confirmed that it was definitely her.

I decided to upgrade my membership of Ancestry to obtain American records. From them I have found records for Ernest Comery, including his death. There I found that on an American Death certificate, the names of the parents are shown, with the Mother's maiden name. That explained why I was getting hits of Elizabeth Miller and Daniel Comery on a death record which was actually that of Ernest.

So, I solved the mystery of who was Mrs Jackson. I also learned about American data.

However, I can't find the death of Elizabeth in Philadelphia, nor can I find that she returned to England and died here. So, the mystery continues.

Incidentally, neither have I found Mrs J Comery who was on the same crossing.