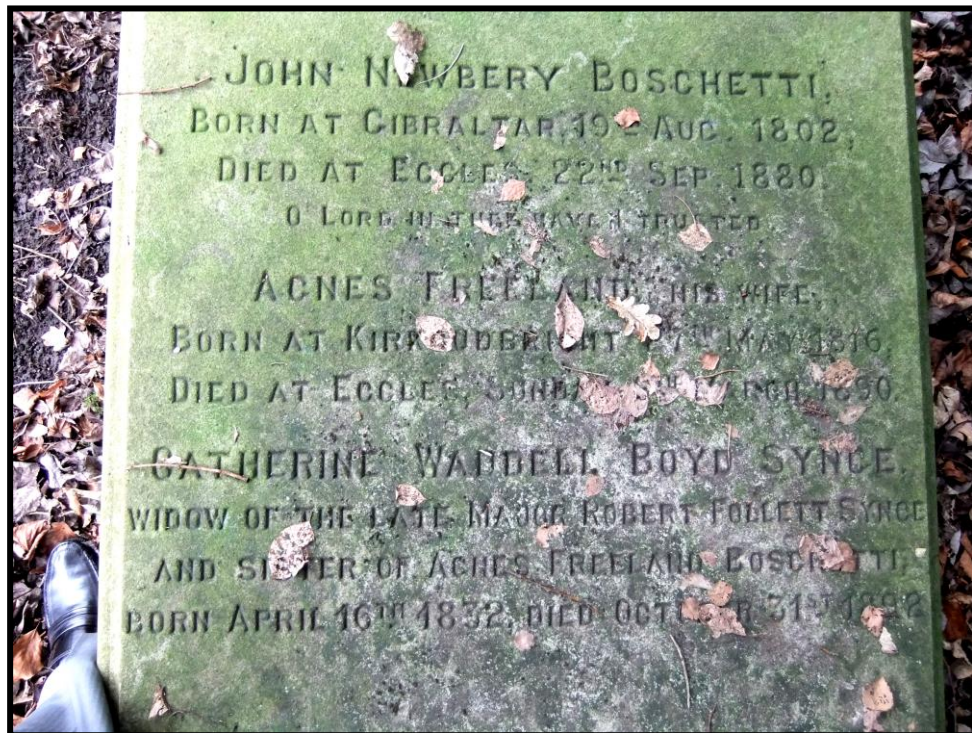


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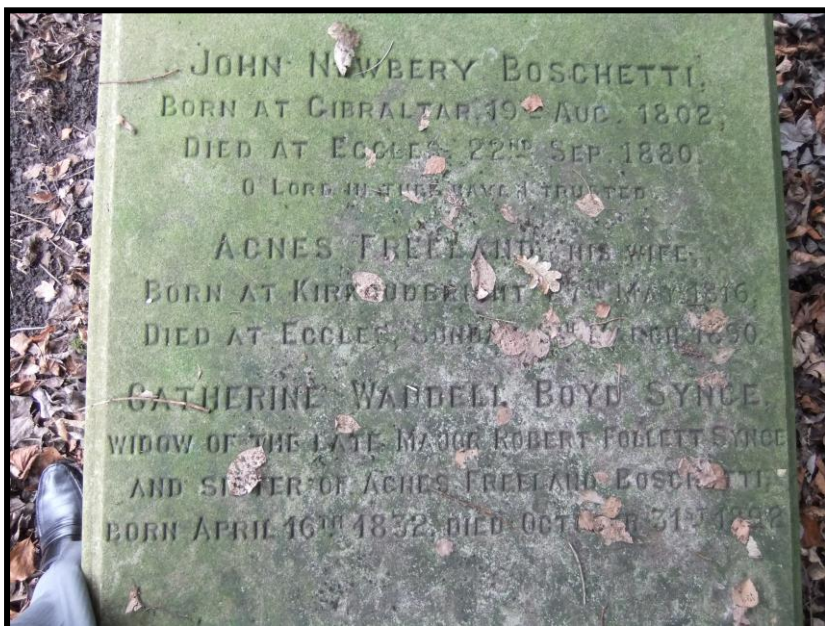
Born: 19 August 1802

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MERCHANT



JOHN NEWBERY BOSCHETTI (1802 - 1880)



As you enter the churchyard from the church hall via the gate, look immediately to your left and the first gravestone, which lies flat, bears the name of **John Newbery Boschetti**. Also in the grave are his widow, **Agnes Freeland Boschetti** (1816 - 1890), and his sister-in-law, **Catherine Waddell Boyd Synge** (1832 - 1892), widow of Major Robert Follett Synge. Some of these names are a little unusual and have prompted some research.

JOHN NEWBERY BOSCHETTI

Born at Gibraltar, 19th Aug. 1802

Died at Eccles, 22nd Sep. 1880

'O Lord in Thee have I trusted'

AGNES FREELAND, his wife

Born at Kirkcudbright, 27th May 1816

Died at Eccles, Sunday 5th March 1890

CATHERINE WADDELL BOYD SYNGE

Widow of the late Major Robert Follett Synge

And sister of Agnes Freeland Boschetti

Born April 16th 1832, Died October 31st 1892

John Maria Boschetti Newbery Boschetti, of Orchard House, Ellesmere Park, Eccles, was buried in the churchyard on 27 September **1880**, aged 78. His widow, **Agnes Freeland Newbery Boschetti**, was buried at St. Mark's on 13 March **1890**, aged 73. They had, in total, 9 children - 1 son and 8 daughters. They were:

William Muter N Boschetti 1846 - ? (St.Lucia)

Fanny F Newbery Boschetti 1847 - 1931(M 'cr. Cath.) **m. Leadley Brown on 27/9/1870 at Eccles.**

Mary Boschetti 1848 - (Broughton) **m. Frank Birch on 27/11/1873 at Eccles.**

Catherine Freeland Newbury Boschetti 1850 - (Eccles) **m. Henry Birch on 21/8/1872 at Eccles.**

Emily Marsden Newbury Boschetti 1851 - 1924 (Eccles) **d. 30/7/1924 at Paris. Spinster, aged 73.**

Anna Hulme Newbury Boschetti 1853 -1941 (Eccles) **d. 2/4 1941 at Brentford, Spinster, aged 87.**

Jane Newbury Boschetti 1855 - 1932 (Eccles) **d.1/4/1932 at Cheltenham. Spinster, aged 87.**

Isabel Laura 1857 - 1941 (Eccles) **m. Francis Arthur Stanley Ffolkes on 27/9/1893 at West Ken.**

Ida N Boschetti 1860 - (Eccles) **m. Philip Birch on 16/2/1881 at Eccles.**

The latter 6 daughters were all baptised at St. Mary's, Eccles.

The early life of John Newbery has proved to be very interesting, though he has proved to be a little elusive at times. He was born in Gibraltar in 1802. His full name was **John Maria Boschetti Newbery Boschetti**, and at each of his daughters baptisms and marriages he signed his name that way. He was, in fact, the godson of Giovanni Maria Boschetti, (1758?-1833) of Gibraltar, who arrived there from Lombardy, via Genoa, and became a wealthy businessman. It is believed that Giovanni never married,

though it was thought that he may have had an illegitimate daughter, Juana. In his will, there was the proviso that should this lady die without issue, the trust which he had set up for her would pass on to his godson, **John Maria Boschetti Newbery**. In due course, at his death in 1833, all his wealth passed to his godson, John Newbery. A truly fascinating account of Giovanni and the Boschetti inheritance can be found on www.gibraltar-intro.blogspot.com/2012/03/chapter-3-1784-giovanni-maria-boschetti.html.

Albion and the Star – Friday 30 August 1833.

Died lately at Gibraltar, Mr. John Maria Boschetti, of that garrison, architect. This gentleman has left a bright and encouraging example of what may be accomplished by active industry, integrity, talent, and economy. Mr. Boschetti was a native of Italy, and came to Gibraltar soon after the siege, to seek employment in re-building the town, which had nearly been destroyed. His skill in his profession, and regularity of conduct, soon made him friends, and in a few years placed him at the head of his line of business. His merits recommended him to the notice of the local government, by which he was employed in the construction of the navy tanks and store houses at Rosia, and the large commissariat stores at the same point. Mr. Boschetti is supposed to have, left property to the full extent of 150,000l., the bulk of which he bequeaths to his only child, a daughter, and in case of her death before she becomes of age, to his godson, the son of an English gentleman, towards whom he had always shown much kindness. He has left 800l. to the Catholic, and 600l. to the Protestant poor, and some few legacies to private friends. This gentleman was Consul at Gibraltar for his Holiness the Pope, and a Knight of the Golden Spur.

1841: - *Liverpool Mail* – Tuesday 15 June 1841.

From the list of passengers of the Caledonia on her last homeward trip: From Boston - ... **Mr. Jno. M. B. N. Boschetti** ...

1845: - *Morning Post* – Wednesday 20 August 1845.

Southampton, August 19 – The West India mail steamer Tay, Capt. Sharp, with the Jamaica, St. Thomas's, Windward and Leeward Islands, and Columbian mails, arrived here today at ten o'clock. Amongst the passengers brought home ... **Mr. Boschetti**, from St. Lucia.

1846: - *London Evening Standard* - Wednesday 20 May 1846.

Southampton, Tuesday night – The Thames, Royal Mail steam-ship, arrived this afternoon from the West Indies with ... **Mr. and Mrs. Boschetti**, three children, and two servants, from St. Lucia.

John Newbery next appeared in St. Lucia, where, on 3 February 1845, he married, by special license, Miss **Agnes Freeland Miller** at the residence of her uncle, the Hon. Wm. Muter. They were married by the Rev. Dr. Goldstien. Their first child, a son William Muter, was born on the island the following year. By the time their first daughter was born (Fanny Newbery on 14 February 1847), they were clearly back in the U. K., since she was then baptised at Manchester Cathedral on 22 May 1847.

In the *London Gazette* of 5 July 1859, the following notice appeared:

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, James Whitehead and John Maria Boschetti Newbery Boschetti, as Merchants, under the firm of Whitehead and Boschetti, or otherwise, has expired by effluxion of time.—Witness the hands of the parties this 30th day of June. 1859.

James Whitehead.

John M. B. N. Boschetti. Gazette 5 July 1859

Boschetti and Whitehead were Drysalters and Commission Merchants in Manchester. (*The Innkeeper and Traveller* 1861)

As for **Agnes Freeland Miller**, she was the daughter of David (Barrister) and Henrietta Laura Millar, and was born on 27 May **1816**, in Kirkcudbright. Her uncle, the Hon. William Muter, was a major merchant and slave-owner on St Lucia. He appeared in London in 1837, but was apparently resident on St. Lucia again in the 1840s. William Muter and at least three of his brothers (Peter, Basil and James), were sons of Rev. Robert Muter and Agnes Freeland, of Kirkcudbright, and were all active in St Lucia prior to Emancipation.

Curiously, there is no trace of the family in the census of 1851, even though they had 2 daughters born here close to that year. However, in 1861, some of them were living at Orchard House, half Edge Lane, Eccles. Agnes (40) was the wife of a Drysalter. William (15, born St. Lucia) was a clerk in a shipping office. Mary (12), Emily (8), Jeanie (5), Laura (3) and Ida (10mo.) were also there. Fanny Fraser (14) was at Hanley Castle, Worcs., with her aunt, Catherine Waddell B. Synge (28), a widow.

1870 Electoral Register:

Eccles. Occupier of house rated upwards £50. Sunnyside, Ellesmere Park.
(also 1875, 1880)

In **1871**, John has reappeared (69) as a Retired Merchant, living at Prioory Terrace, Lower Allithwaite, Lancs., with Agnes (55, b. Kirkcudbright), Catherine (21, b. Eccles), Laura (14, b. Eccles), Ida (11, b. Eccles), Fanny Fraser Brown (23, b. Broughton, and m. to Leadley 25). Emily (19) and Anna (17) were scholars at Wellington House, in Great Malvern, Worcs.

By the census of **1881**, John had died and was buried in the churchyard. Agnes had moved to Helsby Hall, New Road, Helsby, and was now 64. With her were Emily (29), Anna (27), Agnes (3) a granddaughter, and Catherine Synge (48), a visitor, who was also her sister.

In **1901**, Mary (née Boschetti, 48) Birch was living at 18 St. John Street, Lichfield, now a widow. With her were her 2 sisters, Anna (46) and Jane (40), together with 2 sons.

In **1911**, Anna (57) and Jane (55) were living (both single) with 3 domestic staff at 2 The Grove, Woodchurch Road, Oxton, Birkenhead.

Emily (aged 61) left Liverpool on 11 June 1913 bound for Lisbon, Portugal. With her was Mr. Leadley Brown (57, former husband of Fanny). His occupation was an estate agent.

A quick glance at the names of the 9 children and some of their brief details will show that 3 daughters (Mary, Catherine and Ida) married into the same Birch family, and that each marriage was held at St. Mary, Eccles. The father of the 3 boys (Frank in '73, Henry in '72 and Philip in '81) was George Birch, a solicitor. Each one of the boys had a professional qualification.

Isabel married Sir Francis Arthur Stanley ffolkes, 5th Bt., son of Reverend Henry Edward Browne ffolkes and Sophia Louisa Everard, on 27 September 1893, at St. Andrew, West Kensington. His occupation then was Clerk in Holy Orders. She died on 16 April 1941. From 27 September 1893, her married name became ffolkes. Their son, Sir Edward John Patrick Boschetti ffolkes, 6th Bt., usually went by his middle name of Patrick. He was educated at Gresham's School, Letchworth, and then at Royal Military College, Sandhurst, Berkshire. He succeeded to the title of 6th Baronet ffolkes, of Hillington, Norfolk on 19 October 1938.

Isabel's husband, Francis, was Honorary Chaplain to H.M. Queen Victoria between 1900 and 1901. He was Honorary Chaplain to H.M. King Edward VII between 1901 and 1903. He was Chaplain-in-Ordinary to H.M. King Edward VII between 1903 and 1910. He was invested as a Member of the Royal Victorian Order (M.V.O.) in 1908. He was the Rector at Hillington, Norfolk, England. He became Chaplain-in-Ordinary to H.M. King George V between 1910 and 1936. He fought in the First

World War, where he was mentioned in despatches. He held the office of Justice of the Peace (J.P.) He succeeded to the title of 5th Baronet ffolkes, of Hillington, Norfolk on 15 December 1930. He was Chaplain-in-Ordinary to H.M. King Edward VIII in 1936. He was Chaplain-in-Ordinary to H.M. King George VI in 1937.

Catherine Waddell Boyd Synge was a sister of Agnes Freeland (née Miller) and was married to Major Robert Follett Synge. In the census of 1861, she was a widow (28), living at Hanley Castle, Upton-upon-Severn, Worcs., with her son Robert Follett Foster Synge, born Eccles, and aged 4. Also with her was her niece, Fanny Fraser Newbery *Barebette [sic]* (14). Fanny herself married Leadley Brown at St. Mary, Eccles, on 27 September 1870.

Briefly, it is possible that she had married Robert Follett Synge on 12 March **1855**.

Major Robert Follett Synge served in India. In his report of 17 December **1858**, Brigadier MacDuff, writing from Camp Answar, wrote of his prompt arrival the day before, in pursuit of a large rebel force. Late that afternoon, he encountered that force and reported the encounter, which contained the following:

Her Majesty's 43d Light Infantry, led by Major Synge, crossed the river supported by the 19th Regiment Madras Native Infantry under Colonel Nott, and pursued the enemy, killing and wounding several, till night prevented any further advance. The force returned to camp at 10 o'clock P.M., without loss, having marched during the day above thirty miles.

Nothing could exceed the good conduct and willingness with which the non-commissioned officers and soldiers of the 43d Light Infantry, as well as the native officers, non-commissioned officers and sepoy of the 19th Regiment Madras Native Infantry, performed so long and arduous a march.

I beg to return my best thanks to Colonel Nott, commanding 19th Madras Native Infantry, and to Major Synge, commanding detachment 43d Light Infantry, as also to the officers mentioned in the margin, who rendered me every assistance in their power.

I have, &c

J. MACDUFF, Brigadier

Commanding 2d Brigade, S. F. Division

In a further report, dated 7 April **1859** (published 25 July), Major-General G. C. WHITLOCK stated:

The Brigadier speaks highly of the conduct of the troops, and mentions the names of Captain Clifton, Commanding Detachment 12th Lancers; Captain Mayne, Commanding Detachment 3rd Irregular Cavalry; Major Synge, Commanding Detachment Her Majesty's 43rd; Captain Disbrowe, Her Majesty's 43rd Regiment; Captain Gully, Major of Brigade, and Lieutenant Hatchell, Her Majesty's 43rd Regiment, Orderly Officer.

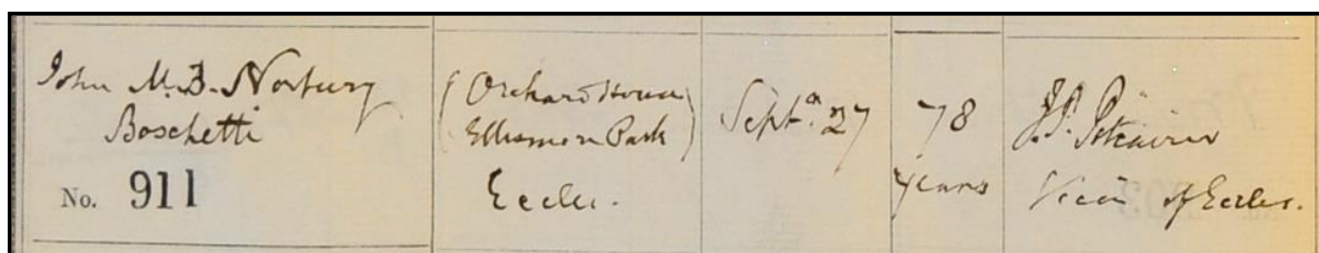
May I beg to respectfully recommend these Officers to Lord Clyde.

23 October 1860

1st West India Regiment, Captain James Shortall Macaulay to be Major, by purchase, vice Robert Follett Synge, who retires. Dated 23rd October, 1860. (He actually died on 22 September 1860, aged 39, at St. George, Hanover Square. He had enlisted in the 67th Regt. of Foot as Ensign on 20 October 1840).

Boschetti, John Maria Boschetti Newbery

2 November. 1880. The Will with a Codicil of John Maria Boschetti Newbery Boschetti, late of Orchard House, Ellesmere Park, Eccles, in the County of Lancaster, Esquire; who died 22 September 1880, at Orchard House, domiciled in England, was proved at Manchester by Otho Hulme of 68A Mosley Street in the City of Manchester and John William Smith of 2 Parsonage, Blackfriars Street, Manchester, Merchants, the Executors. Personal Estate under £140,000 in the United Kingdom. (Equivalent to about £16m. today).



Agnes Heeland Newbery Boschetti No. 1980	Eccles	March 13 th	73 years	Hurry. D. Armstrong manuscript B. Andrews Eccles.
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Catherine Waddell Boyd Synge No. 2294	Eccles	Nov 4	60 years	F.H. Hodgkinson Private Vault
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John M. Boschetti



The Belfast Newsletter
13 September 1833

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