

The Burlaces, and their boatyards - by Jack Ford

The family history of the **Burlace** family of boat builders from Cawsand has been outlined in a previous article. (http://ramehistorygroup.org.uk/files/boatbuilding_the_burlaces.pdf). This current item is intended to expand on that, especially with regard to the sons of **Alfred Burlace Snr.** who once lived at Pemberknowse House in Garrett Street, Cawsand.

The census of 1841 reveals that **Alfred Snr.**, aged 40 and next-door neighbour Philip Moyse aged 56, were both boat builders in the same vicinity of Garrett Street close by Cawsand House. ('Red Brick House').

Alfred Snr died, aged 70 in 1867, (b.1796 Maker). (Alfred senior was included in census returns from 1841 until 1871).**Contradiction here on death dates???)**

His two sons, **Richard** and **Alfred**, (then aged 16 and 15), were, in the pattern of the time, trained as boat builders by their father - as evidenced by their classification as 'boat builders' in the census of 1851 (a normal period of apprenticeship was accepted as seven years).

By 1851, **Alfred Burlace, Jnr. now 25**, had married Emma Eddy of Rame, had had a son Richard, (aged 3 years at census date) and was in business on his own accord with two apprentices - the original census form showing his close proximity to Richard Jope in living in Garret Street

Interestingly, the Post Office Directory for Rame in 1856 list no boatbuilders, but does include a John Burlace, farmer

There is no census record of **Alfred Jnr.** in 1861

However, Morris and Co.'s Commercial Directory and Gazetteer. 1870 of Turnchapel, lists
BURLACE ALFRED, yacht and boatbuilder

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~valhender/dirtrans/mor1870/plmstoc.htm#urnch>

But in the 1871 census, now aged 45, **Alfred Jnr.** is still classed as 'boat builder' now at the "Yard" in Turnchapel village. At the same census address were two shipwrights, George Thomas, aged 58, shipwright born Bodmin and his son John Thomas, aged 22, shipwright born Turnchapel in 1871.

This census record for the 'Yard' Turnchapel also shows other boatbuilders/shipwrights with their families at the same address - indicative perhaps a workforce residing under the same 'roof' and attending to the building/repairing of Burlace Boats? The registry books for Plymouth show relatively few new boats built and registered from the yard of Burlace. It is reasonable to speculate that much of the work was in fact repair/restoration and alterations. (New boats built in the yard and sailed to a new port would not be recorded in the Plymouth Registers).**(we need to re shape this paragraph in the light of liquidation??)**

The Bankruptcy Act, 1869.
**In the County Court of Devonshire, holden at East
Stonehouse.**

**In the Matter of Proceedings for Liquidation by Arrange-
ment or Composition with Creditors, instituted by
Alfred Burlace, of Turnchapel, near Plymouth, in the
county of Devon, Boatbuilder.**

NOTICE is hereby given, that a Second General Meet-
ing of the creditors of the above-named person has
been summoned to be held at the office of Mr. John
Greenway, 18, Frankfort-street, Plymouth, in the county
of Devon, on the 10th day of July, 1877, at eleven o'clock
in the forenoon precisely.—Dated this 2nd day of July,
1877.

**JOHN GREENWAY, 18, Frankfort-street, Ply-
mouth, Solicitor for the said Debtor.**

THE LONDON GAZETTE, JULY 6, 1877.

<http://www.london-gazette.co.uk/issues/24479/pages/4043/page.pdf>

Alfred Jnr. and Emma are still recorded as living at Turnchapel near to Jubilee Hall in 1881 and 1891. (what was his occupation shown as please??) **Alfred Jnr.** is recorded surviving as a widower in 1901 in the Plympton census.

The death of family members are recorded thus:
(Richard her son died age 20 Plympton St Marys 1868)
Emma died age 66 at Hooe St Johns in 1893.
Alfred Jnr. died aged 84 in Plympton St Marys, 1909.

Alfred's association with Turnchapel, possibly ran from the 1850s until 1891 (with his omission from the 1861 census). There is however a reference to **Alfred (Jnr.)** by Crispin Gill in his book 'Tamar River' which records him as being present in Turnchapel:

DARTON, BURLACE and LUCAS

In the mid-1860s Alfred Burlace was building ships and boats at Turnchapel; possibly some for the steamship company as well as hookers and other fishing craft. Further up the river, at

Registered boats appearing in the Plymouth Register, built by Alfred Jnr.

Burlace [or Borlace] (Alfred)

Turnchapel mid 1860s (according to Plymouth River – Chrispin Gill)

Cawsand by 1867 (The DI&P&SG 7 Sept 1867 records that Alfred Burlace, boat builder, over 70 years of age, saved a young girl from drowning at Cawsand when her companions ran to his yard for help. This was the fourth time he had saved someone from drowning.)

Allen Gardiner Yawl (later named Richard Williams) 1874 Plymouth Shipping Registers

Alarm Cutter 37.58 tons Ln. 1859 Plymouth Shipping Registers

Venture [later named Iris] Cutter 40.58 tons 1874 Plymouth Shipping Registers

Leader ON81034 Ketch 73.68 tons L. 73.5 B. 20.4 D. 10.2 Ln. 1878 Plymouth Shipping Registers

Note: 'Alarm' originally owned by four Cawsand Pilots: John Snr., John Jnr. and William Parfitt and Isaac Pearce. Finally wrecked off N France in 1927.

Similarly 'Leader' was built for Edwin and John Eddy of Cawsand, foundered Mull of Galloway 1886.

Now for the younger son, Richard Burlace - having trained as a boat builder with his father **Alfred** at Pemberknowse since 1841 - we find him in the 1851 census as 'Richard, aged 27 - unmarried, boat builder H.M. Dockyard, Devonport.' In 1852, he married Mary Ann Webber, born 1828 at Stoke Damerel.

A search of national newspapers reveals a second financial disaster, occurring 18 years before his younger brothers financial fall. The notice informs us that 'all the real and personal estate etc of Richard Burlace passes to his creditors named as being a 'butcher' and 'timber dealer' thus:

NOTICE is hereby given that, by an indenture dated the 16th day of August, 1859, and made between Richard Burlace, of East Stonehouse, in the county of Devon, shipbuilder and boatbuilder, of the first part, Edwin Wilkes, of East Stonehouse aforesaid, butcher, and William Lambell, of East Stonehouse aforesaid, timber dealer, of the second part, and the several other persons whose hands and seals are thereunto subscribed in the schedule thereunder written, being severally creditors in their own right or in copartnership, or being agents or attorneys of creditors, of the said Richard Burlace, of the third part, the said RICHARD BURLACE CONVEYED and ASSIGNED all his REAL and PERSONAL ESTATE and EFFECTS unto the said Edwin Wilkes and William Lambell, upon certain trusts, for the benefit of all the creditors of the said Richard Burlace; which said indenture was executed by the said Richard Burlace, Edwin Wilkes, and William Lambell on the said 16th day of August, 1859, in the presence of, and attested by, Robert Gard Edmonds, of No. 8, Parade, Plymouth, attorney-at-law; and that the said indenture now lies at the offices of Messrs. Edmonds and Sons, 8, Parade, Plymouth, for execution by the creditors of the said Richard Burlace.—Dated, Plymouth, August 17th, 1859.

EDMONDS and SONS, Solicitors to the Trustees.

The Times, Wednesday, Aug 24, 1859; pg. 5;

FROM THE LONDON GAZETTES .

The Bristol Mercury (Bristol, England), Saturday, August 27, 1859; Issue 3623.

Bankrupts August 23rd 1859.

Assignments. Richard Burlace, East Stonehouse, Shipbuilder

(a general assignment or an assignment for the benefit of creditors is simply a contract whereby the insolvent entity ("Assignor") transfers legal and equitable title, as well as custody and control of its property, to a third party ("Assignee") in trust, to apply the proceeds of sale to the assignor's creditors in accord with priorities established by law.)

Is this assignment the means by which Richard was able to 'trade' whilst technically being insolvent???

Their address appeared to be 15 Bakers Place, Stoke Damerel, Devonport as shown in the 1861 Census with **Richard** now classed as Shipwright (*is this proven anywhere??*) In the 1871 census, their address is recorded as Bakers Place, "Yacht Choice," Stonehouse Pool, Stoke Damerel, Devonport. Could it be, that in hard times, he found himself living with his family on board a 'yacht' ? For 1881, there are no census records - was the 'yacht' missed off the census or had they gone further afield?

Note: Bakers Place which is situated Between Richmond Walk East and Stonehouse Bridge, an area in my youth of timber yards and a seasoning pond on the up-stream side of Stonehouse Bridge.

(Seasoning Pond: To allow timber to mature /pickle / season - all to achieve the same result of preservation. The Admiralty Chart of 1953 shows the Stonehouse Bridge Rafts moved into Stonehouse Pool noting also the "Timber Pond"- opposite Bakers Place and also a "Pickling Pond" off Trevol Point, Torpoint.)

In **1891 Richard**, now 66, with Mary Ann, aged 63 are shown living at 150 Redheugh Road, Gateshead where he remained as a 'Shipwright'. (Gateshead Census) His death was recorded at South Shields, Durham in 1900 aged 75.

From the CD '*Plymouths other Fleet*' G Hicks (see below) there are two boatyards known to be operated by the **Burlaces** building commercial boats Turnchapel and Stonehouse - Durnford Lane.

Registered boats appearing in the Plymouth Register, built by **Richard**.

Burlace (Richard)

Stonehouse (Burlace Bros Durnford Lane - Directory of Plymouth, Stonehouse, Devonport, Stoke & Mauricetown 1852)

- See [The Stonehouse Pool Yards](#) - Burlace's Yard

Biographical - does not appear in 1851 census under any obvious combination of spellings

Mr. Burlace Yacht & Boat Builder with a Yard near the Royal William Yard described in an advert in PDSH of 10 May 1856 and again in an article on the *Elfin* in PD&SH 5 June 1852 Yard at the back of Durnford Street

Bocchante Cutter-rigged Yacht 5 tons, of elm, copper fastened, launched Aug 1852 Adv for sale PD&SH of 5 Feb. 1853

Elfin Cutter 1852 Plymouth Shipping Registers

Yacht building PD&SH 5 June 1852

PD&SH 1 May 1858 accidental death of John Goodman, Shipwright, while lengthening the Earl of Mount Edgcombe's yacht

Lengthening of Earl of Mount Edgcombe's steam yacht *Earl of Malmesbury* PD&SH 19 June 1858

Press Cutting:

¹ PLYMOUTH DEVONPORT & STONEHOUSE HERALD, SATURDAY, 5 JUNE 1852

"YACHT BUILDING - We are glad to find that encouragement is given by the yachting gentlemen to the builders of this port, as we learn that Messrs Burlace, shipwrights and boatbuilders of Stonehouse, having just launched a handsome yacht of 20 tons burthen, for - Tomlinson Esq., the sailing and other properties of which are spoken of in the highest terms of praise, are now building another vessel, which competent judges state will vie with any similar sized craft in the kingdom; that she is a beautiful model, a visit to the yard, at the back of Durnford Street will prove ..."

From 'As it Was' Reminiscences of Rame Peninsula

Burlace boatbuilding ceased in Cawsand village with the death of William Stevens Burlace in 1890. Grandma Eliza Burlace lived on at Lower Row, Kingsand and died in 1913. The son of Thomas Eddy Burlace of the Cleave, Rowland Burlace moved to Plymouth and became apprentice boilermaker.

The number of boats in Cawsand Bay at the end of the last century was either fifty four Hookers and six Seine Boats or fifty two Bay Boats and eight Seine. They were owned either by families

or local people with money who hired the crew. Most of the local boats were built at the boat yard on the Cleave owned by Mr. Burlace. The timber was not grown locally but came from 'up-river'

Hookers

The fleet of Hookers which occupied Cawsand Bay (at least 60 of them) made the Bay look like a forest of masts. They were divided into three classes, first, second and third according to size, and all conformed to a type built locally, either at the boat building yard, which was situated at one time at Anderton and then transferred to Cremyll, or in the yard on the Cleave at Kingsand, where the house occupied by Mr. Burlace and the adjoining cafe now stand. The grandfather of Mr. Burlace, was the last to occupy and build boats there. The boats were half-decked with sea ways and a counter stern, and in the smuggling days they were designed for the dual purpose of fishing and smuggling. The Cawsand fishing boats exactly met all the requirements for successful smuggling, being half decked, excellent seaboats and of remarkably good sailing qualities.

From the excerpts cut from the CD below, Alfred saves swimmer in 1867 aged 70+ so must be the father?? Is it correct to think the lifesaver and Albert B. at Turnchapel were the same?? Albert Snr appears in 4 Cawsand census returns???

Sources:

Find My Past" website <http://www.findmypast.co.uk>

Plymouth and West Devon Record Office

CD 'Plymouths Other Fleet' G Hicks available from

Quotes from census returns showing all Burlaces recorded irrespective of occupation and including Millbrook

don't let colours confuse you, they are an attempt to trace same person thro decades?

(only coloured whilst we work on the documents)

1841 Census: 4 'Shipwrights'

"Garret Street, Cawsand",1 ,Wm Burlace,50,,Shipwright,In county, only record
,,Elizabeth Burlace,,61,,In county,

,,John Burlace,23,,In county,
 ,,Wm (Jr) Burlace,27,,Shipwright,In county,00000
 ,,Ann Burlace,,20,,In county,
 ,,Wm Burlace,3,,In county,
 ,,Eliza Burlace,,1,,In county,
 Garret Street, Cawsand", 1, Alfred Burlace,40,,Boat Builder,In county,
 ,,Susanna Burlace,,40,,In county
 ,,Richard Burlace,16,,In county,
 ,,Alfred Burlace,15,,In county,
 ,,Matilda Burlace,,13,,In county,
 ,,William Burlace,10,,In county,
 ,,John Burlace,6,,In county,
 ,,Susanna Burlace,,3,,In county
 West Street,1,Millbrook William Hancock,29,,Labourer,In county,
 ,,Mary Hancock,,40,,Not in county,
 ,,Elizabeth Hancock,,4,,In county,
 ,,Jane Hancock,,2,,In county,
 ,,Hiram Burlace,19,,Shipwrights Apprentice,Not in county,
 ,, Matthew Burlace,17,,Labourer,Not in county
 Square Catherine Coombs Ind
 Sally Spiller Servant

1851 Census 4 'Boatbuilders'

139,Square, John Lee,Head,M,33,,Dairy Man,Maker Devon,,
 ,,Elizabeth Lee,Wife,M,,35,,Maker Devon,,En note: County of birth given as Corn
 ,,Eliza B Lee,Dau,,6m,,Maker Devon,,
 ,,Alfred Burlace,Brothr,U,30,,Tailor,Rame Cornwall,,
 112,Garret Street, Alfred Burlace,Head,M,25,,Boat Builder (2 Apps),Rame last census record
 ,, Emma Burlace,Wife,M,,24,,Rame Cornwall,,
 ,,Richard Burlace,Son,,3,,Scholar,\- Unknown,,
 125,Garret Street, William C Burlace,Head,M,36,,Shipwright H M Dockyard,Port 00000
 ,,Ann Burlace,Wife,M,,38,,Kingsand Devon,,
 ,,William W Burlace,Son,,13,,Scholar,Cawsand Cornwall,,
 ,,Richard Burlace,Son,,7,,Scholar,Cawsand Cornwall,,
 ,,Mary J Burlace,Dau,,3,,Cawsand Cornwall,,
 ,,John W Burlace,Son,,3m,,Cawsand Cornwall,,
 134,Garret Street, Elizabeth Burlace,Head,W,,72,Householder Funds & Property,
 ,,John Burlace,Son,M,32,,Farms 42 Acres 2 Labs,Rame Cornwall,,
 ,,Jane Burlace,Daulaw,M,,32,Farmers Wife,Broadclast Devon,,
 ,,Dougal Burlace,Grnson,,2,,Rame Cornwall,,
 ,,Ellen Lee,Grndau,,7,Scholar,Kingsand Devon,,
 140,Garret Street, Alfred Burlace,Head,M,54,,Boat Builder 2 Apprentices,
 ,,Susan Burlace,Wife,M,,52,,Cawsand Cornwall,,
 ,,Richard Burlace,Son,S,27,,Boat Builder H M Dockyard Dev last census record
 ,,Matilda Burlace,Dau,S,,22,,Cawsand Cornwall,,
 ,,William Burlace,Son,S,20,,Apprentice Boat Builder,Cawsand XXXXXX
 ,,Tamsima Burlace,Dau,,16,Scholar,Cawsand Cornwall,,
 ,,Susannah Burlace,Dau,,12,Scholar,Cawsand Cornwall,,
 ,,James Burlace,Son,,8,,Scholar,Cawsand Cornwall,,

1861 Census 4 'Boatbuilders'

46,Garret Street, 1, William Burlace,Head,M,30,,Boatbuilder Employing 3 Apps,Cawsand XXXXX,
 ,,Eliza Burlace,Wife,M,,27,,Cawsand Cornwall,,
 ,,Thomas Burlace,Son,U,2,,Scholar,Cawsand Cornwall,,
 ,,Louisa Burlace,Dau,U,,1,,Cawsand Cornwall,,
 ,,Alice Burlace,Dau,U,,1m,,Cawsand Cornwall
 62,Garret Street, 1, John Burlace,Head,M,42,,Farmer Of 50 Acres Empl 3 Labs,Cawsand Cornwall
 ,,Jane Burlace,Wife,M,,43,,Broad Clyst Devon,,
 ,,Dougald J C Burlace,Son,U,13,,Scholar,Cawsand Cornwall,,
 ,,William T Burlace,Son,U,8,,Scholar,Cawsand Cornwall,,
 ,,Helen M B Lee,Niece,U,,16,Dairy Maid,Maker Cornwall,,

,, Elsie Stephen, Visitr, U,, 14, Dairy Maid, Maker Cornwall
 78, Garret Street, 1, William C Burlace, Head, M,, 46,, Ship Wright Dock Yard, Devonport 00000
 ,, Ann Burlace, Wife, M,, 48,, Kingsand Devon,,
 ,, William W Burlace, Son, U, 23,, Boat Builder, Cawsand Cornwall,,
 ,, Richard Burlace, Son, U, 17,, Clerk In Ship Booking Office, Unreadable
 ,, Mary J Burlace, Dau, U,, 13, Scholar, Cawsand Cornwall,,
 108, Garret Street, ,, John W Burlace, Son, U, 8,, Scholar, Cawsand Cornwall,,
 1, Alfred Burlace, Head, M, 64,, Boatldr Employ 1 Man 4 Boys, Cawsand
 ,, Susanna Burlace, Wife, M,, 62,, Cawsand Cornwall,,
 ,, James Burlace, Son, U, 18,, Ap To Boatbuilder, Cawsand Cornwall,,
 113, Garret Street ,, 1, Alfred Burlace, Head, M, 40,, Tailor, Rame Cornwall,,
 ,, Charlotte Burlace, Wife, M,, 38,, Stonehouse Devon,,
 ,, Elizabeth M Burlace, Dau, U,, 7, Scholar, Rame Cornwall,,

1871 Census 4 'Boatbuilders'

143, New Street Millbrook ,, 1, Sarah Lewis, Head, M,, 36, Wife Of Carpenter's Mate Rn, Millbrook Cornwall,,
 ,, Francis N Lewis, Son,, 5,, Scholar, Millbrook Cornwall,,
 ,, Peggy H Handy, Boardr, U,, 80, Formerly Schoolmistress, Rotherhythe Surrey,,
 ,, Mathew E Burlace, Boardr, U, 46,, Chelsea Pensioner, London Middx,,
 169, Market Street, Kingsand 1, William S Burlace, Head, M, 40,, Boatbuilder, Cawsand Cornwall,, XXXXXX
 ,, Eliza J Burlace, Wife, M,, 37,, Cawsand Cornwall,,
 ,, Thomas E Burlace, Son,, 12,, Scholar, Cawsand Cornwall,,
 ,, Louisa M Burlace, Dau,, 11, Scholar, Cawsand Cornwall,,
 ,, Alice E Burlace, Dau,, 10, Scholar, Cawsand Cornwall,,
 ,, Henry J Burlace, Son,, 8,, Scholar, Kingsand Devon,,
 ,, Emily J Burlace, Dau,, 6, Scholar, Kingsand Devon,,
 ,, Jessie E Burlace, Dau,, 2,, Kingsand Devon,,
 ,, Francis B E Burlace, Son,, 2m,, Kingsand Devon
 155, Cawsand Ganett Str, 1, Charlotte Burlace, Head, W,, 48, Postmistress, Stonehouse Devon,,
 ,, Mary E Burlace, Dau, U,, 17, Schoolmisstress, Cawsand Cornwall,,
 182, Cawsand Ganett Str, 1, John Burlace, Head, M, 52,, Farmer Of 20 Acres, Cawsand Cornwall,,
 ,, Jane Burlace, Wife, M,, 52,, Broadclist Devon,,
 ,, Daugald John Camn. Burlace, Son, U, 22,, Working On The Land, Cawsand
 ,, William Taylor Burlace, Son, U, 18,, (Scholar), Cawsand Cornwall,,
 188, Cawsand Ganett Str, 1, Alfred Burlace, Head, W, 74,, Boatildr Mstr Emp 2 Men 4 Boys, Maker Dev,
 ,, Susanna Burlace, Dau, U,, 32, Housekeeper To Father, Rame Cornwall,,
 ,, James Burlace, Son, U, 28,, Boatbuilder To Father, Rame Cornwall,,
 ,, Evilina Kington, Grndau,, 11, Scholar, Rame Cornwall,,
 195, Cawsand Ganett Str, 1, William Caril Burlace, Head, M, 56,, Superannuated Shpwrght H M D Y,, 00000
 ,, Ann Burlace, Wife, M,, 59,, Kingsand Devon,,
 ,, William Webb Burlace, Son, U, 33,, Shipwright Unemployed, Cawsand Cornwall,,
 ,, Mary Jane Burlace, Dau, U,, 23,, Kingsand Devon,,
 ,, John Webb Burlace, Son, U, 18,, Railway Accountant, Cawsand Cornwall,,
 ,, Annie Collard, Grndau,, 5, Scholar, Stonehouse Devon,,

1881 Census William and Harry B Builders

148, Market Street, 1, William S. Burlace, Head, M, 50,, Boat Builder, Cawsand Cornwall,, XXXXXX
 ,, Eliza Burlace, Wife, M,, 47,, Cawsand Cornwall,,
 ,, Harry Burlace, Son, S, 18,, Boat Builder (Appr.) Asst., Cawsand Cornwall,,
 ,, Emily Burlace, Dau, S,, 16,, Cawsand Cornwall,,
 ,, Jessie Burlace, Dau,, 13, Scholar, Kingsand Devon,,
 ,, Mable Burlace, Dau,, 8, Scholar, Kingsand Devon,,
 ,, Alfred Burlace, Son,, 6,, Scholar, Kingsand Devon,,
 154, Garrett St Cawsand, 1, John Burlace, Head, M, 63,, Farmer Of 14 Acres, Rame Cornwall,,
 ,, Jane Burlace, Wife, M,, 63,, Broadclyst Devon,,
 ,, Dougald Burlace, Son, S, 32,, Collector Of Rates (M), Rame Cornwall
 164, Garrett St, 1, Ann Burlace, Head, W,, 69, Lodging House Keeper, Maker Devon,,
 ,, Wm. Burlace, Son, S, 42,, Formerly Painter, Rame Cornwall,,
 ,, Annie E. Pollard, Grndau, S,, 15, Scholar, Stonehouse Devon,,

1891 Census No Boatbuilders

90,Back Street,1, George Runnals,Head,S,45,,Pensioner,,St Dominick Cornwall,,
 Cawsand **Wm. Burlace,Lodger,S,53,,Labourer,,Cawsand Cornwall,,**
 101,Lower Row,1, **Eliza J Burlace,Head,W,,57,Living On Own Means,,Rame Cornwall,,**
Edith M. Burlace,Dau,S,,19,Living On Own Means,,Maker Cornwall,,
Roland J Burlace,Grnson,S,6,,Scholar,,Maker Cornwall,,
Elsie Burlace,Grndau,S,5,Scholar,,Maker Cornwall,,
 148,1 Newport Street,1,William Hutchings,Head,M,42,,Leading Man Of Stores Vict Yd,,Millbrook Cornwal
 ,,Mary E. Hutchings,Wife,M,,37,,Cawsand Cornwall,,
 ,,Florence M. Hutchings,Dau,S,,16,Teach Private School,Employed,Stonehouse Devon,,
 ,,**Charlotte Burlace,Mtrlaw,W,,68,,Stonehouse Devon,,**
 ,, Elizabeth J. Hart,Servnt,S,,25,General Servant (Dom),,Millbrook Cornwall

Output of village boatbuilders. I had one friend Barton Ireland who married Bridie Cohen -or Coin/ from the New Road. He was grandson of Sid Jenkins of Rising Sun and He told me the Burlaces had high repute in boatbuilding and he held invoices or headed paperwork. Unfortunately we failed later to meet and such was lost. They were older than me so unlikely to still be around in Plymouth

We can assume from the number of boats shown on many photos and the prevailing census records of so many Boatbuilders that there was a considerable output.It had been my intent on my family visits-varied by "home on leave" from the RN.to inspect he interior of Martins Cove Cellars where most of the Kingsand boats were stored for the winter.- but Alas! An appeal for such odd items of information on a website might attract something? I have often wondered -who built the Bay Boats?

I cannot imagine Building on the beach subject to Easterly gales.?

My next task is to further research the Ford family of the Barbican who were self employed Fisherfolk. Its all go!I do wish sometimes they had kept journals "