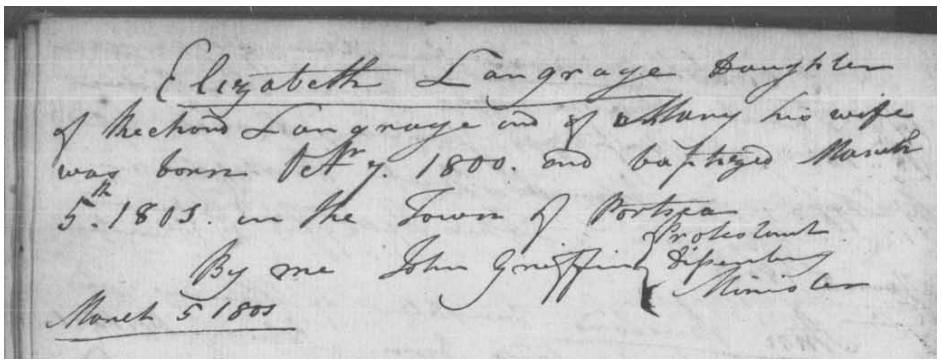
The Langridges and the Gibbons

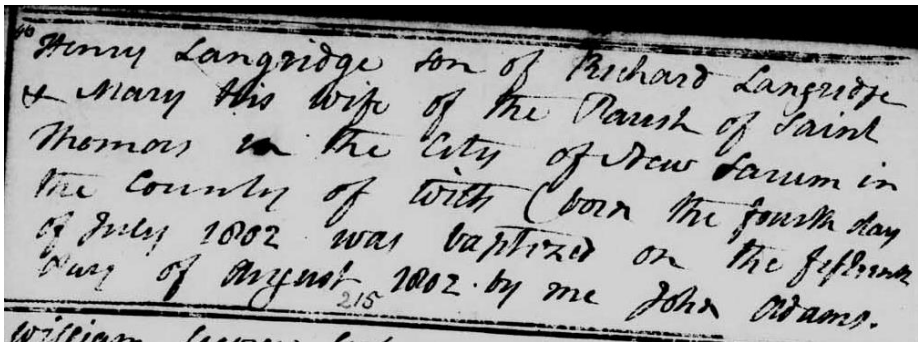
John Langridge was christened in 1738 at Wilton by Salisbury, Wilts., the son of Richard and Mary Langridge. John married Jane Wild at nearby Fuggleston St Peter in 1760 and they had a son Richard, christened in 1764 at F St P.

Richard is named in the 1790 will of his uncle, also Richard (of Wilton) and would have inherited a number of properties on the death of his aunt, Martha.

Richard moved first to London, where he and wife Mary lived in Lambeth and had three children baptised at St Martins-in-the-Fields between 1788 and 1794, including a son George in 1794. They then moved to Portsea, Hampshire, where they had daughters Mary (b 1796) and Elizabeth (b1800) baptised at the Orange Street Independent Chapel in 1801.


Elizabeth Langraye Daughter
of Richard Langraye and of Mary his wife
was born Feby. 1800. and baptized March
5th. 1805. in the Town of Portsea
By me John Griffin Protestant Dissenting Minister
March 5 1805

They later moved back to Salisbury, where the birth of two other children is noted between 1802 and 1809, including son Henry (below), again baptised at an independent chapel.


Henry Langridge son of Richard Langridge
& Mary his wife of the Parish of Saint
Thomas in the City of New Sarum in
the County of Wilts born the fourth day
of July 1802 was baptized on the fifteenth
Day of August 1802 by me John Adams.
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Richard advertised his return locally.

TO THE LADIES.

R. LANGRIDGE, fashionable Stay and Corset-Maker, from London, No. 6, Silver-Street, Salisbury, anxious to return his grateful thanks to the Ladies for their liberal encouragement since his commencement in business, and most respectfully solicits a continuance of their favours, which it will ever be his study to merit.

☞ R. L. having had fifteen years experience in the most fashionable houses in London, ladies may depend on having their orders executed in the neatest and most genteel stile.

Curious Washing Corsets. [825

Salisbury and Winchester Journal - Monday 04 July 1803

EASE, ELEGANCE, AND FASHION.

R. LANGRIDGE, Fashionable Stay and Corset-maker, Silver-street, Salisbury, takes this opportunity of returning his grateful thanks to his friends for their liberal encouragement in his business, and informs the Ladies in general, that, in addition to the great variety of STAYS already advertised, he has just received, from the most fashionable Houses in London, a variety of NEW PATTERNS, which are ready for inspection. [2841

Ladies favouring him with their orders, may depend on having them executed in as fashionable a style as in London.

*** Ladies waited on by Mrs. Langridge.

Salisbury and Winchester Journal - Monday 17 August 1807

Richard died in 1811, aged 47. He was buried at Wilton St Mary, under the inscription "..late of Salisbury, native of this place").

On Wednesday died Mr. Langridge, stay-maker, of Silver-street; an industrious, honest, and worthy man, whose loss will be severely felt by his widow and family.

Salisbury and Winchester Journal - Monday 11 February 1811

In name of God amen. I Richard Langridge
of Silver Street in the Parish of St Thomas in
the City of New Sarum in the County of Wilts

His will was proved in the peculiar court of the dean of Salisbury, all his estate being left to his widow, Mary (for her life or until she remarried). Mary continued to run the business.

A CARD TO THE LADIES.

M. LANGRIDGE, fashionable LONG STAY and CORSET MAKER, tenders her best thanks to the Ladies of Salisbury and its vicinity, for the support she has experienced from them for many years past, and invites them to her fashionable Repository for an inspection of her Stays, amongst which are the much-approved-of Grecian and Spanish Stays; of the latter stay too much cannot be said in praise; amongst the numerous qualities it possesses, are those of not too much confining a graceful figure, and of adding beauty and elegance to those that are not so.—Patent and elastic Steels for stays, with a large assortment of coloured Corsets, selling remarkably cheap. [1015

Silver-street, Salisbury. March 20, 1814.

Salisbury and Winchester Journal - Monday 21 March 1814

In 1828, Mary handed over the business to son John. See Appendix 2 for its later progress.

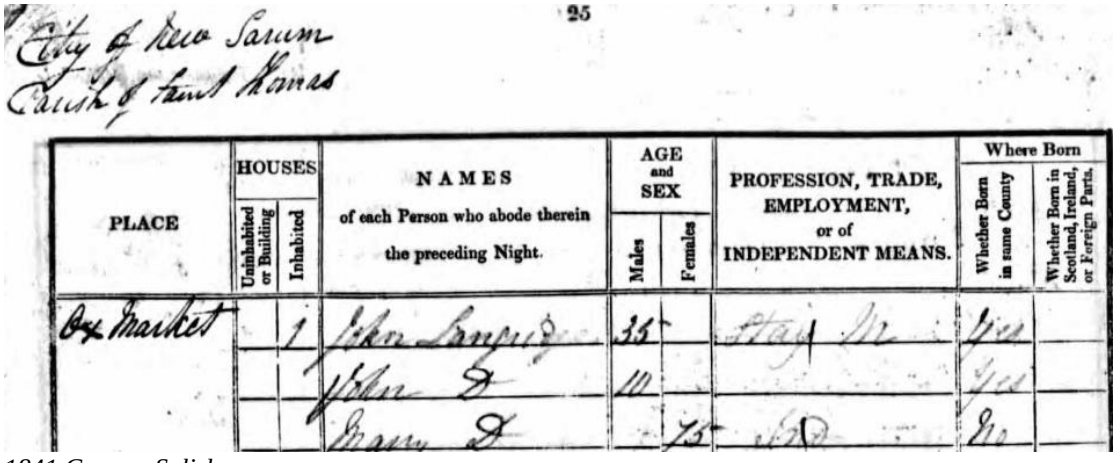
MRS. LANGRIDGE returns her most sincere thanks to the Ladies of Salisbury and its vicinity, and the Public in general, for the very liberal encouragement she has so many years received in the STAY and CORSET Manufacture, and respectfully informs them she has disposed of her Business to her Son, JOHN LANGRIDGE, who, from his long Experience, she confidently recommends, and solicits their continued support.

Mrs. L. being about to remove from Salisbury, requests all persons who are indebted to her will discharge their accounts immediately, or they will be put into the hands of Mr. Dew, solicitor.

JOHN LANGRIDGE, in succeeding to the above Business, respectfully solicits a continuance of that patronage so liberally bestowed upon his Mother, confidently assuring those Ladies who may honour him with their commands, the strictest attention to punctuality and most moderate charges, having had the entire management of the above concern for a number of years.

N. B.—Ladies waited upon by Mrs. J. LANDRIDGE.

Salisbury and Winchester Journal - Monday 20 October 1828



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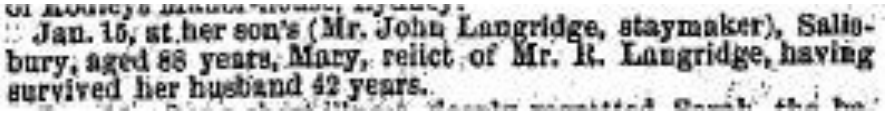
City of New Sarum
Parish of Saint Thomas

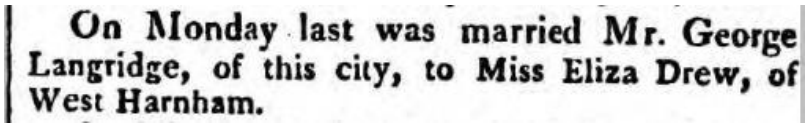
PLACE	HOUSES Uninhabited or Building	HOUSES Inhabited	NAMES of each Person who abode therein the preceding Night.	AGE and SEX Males	AGE and SEX Females	PROFESSION, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT, or of INDEPENDENT MEANS.	Where Born: Whether Born in same County	Where Born: Whether Born in Scotland, Ireland, or Foreign Parts.
Ox Market		1	John Langridge	35		Stay M[aker]	Yes	
			John D	10			Yes	
			Mary D		75	Ind	Yes	

1841 Census, Salisbury.

Mary lived until 1852. This is her obituary in the Bristol Mercury.

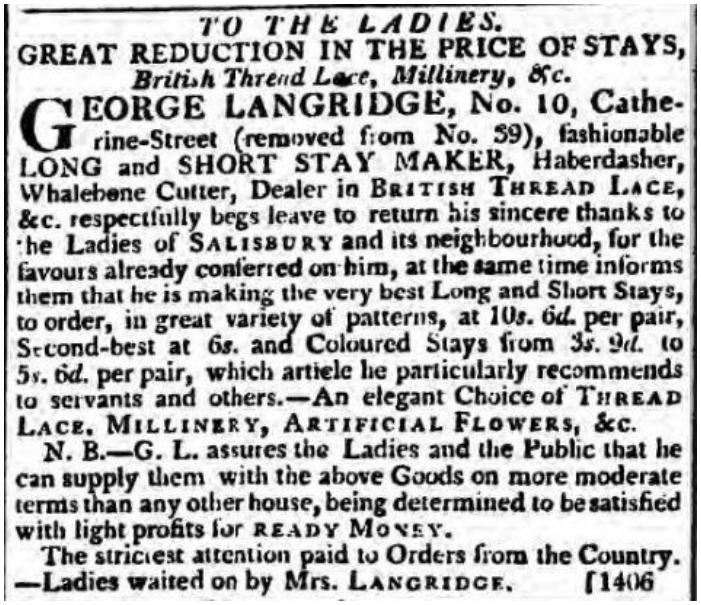

Jan. 15, at her son's (Mr. John Langridge, staymaker), Salisbury, aged 88 years, Mary, relict of Mr. R. Langridge, having survived her husband 42 years.

Brother George, meanwhile, had married Eliza Drew at Wilton in 1814…


On Monday last was married Mr. George Langridge, of this city, to Miss Eliza Drew, of West Harnham.

Salisbury and Winchester Journal - Monday 02 January 1815

…and set up a rival corsetry business.


TO THE LADIES.

GREAT REDUCTION IN THE PRICE OF STAYS,

British Thread Lace, Millinery, &c.

GEORGE LANGRIDGE, No. 10, Catherine-Street (removed from No. 59), fashionable LONG and SHORT STAY MAKER, Haberdasher, Whalebone Cutter, Dealer in BRITISH THREAD LACE, &c. respectfully begs leave to return his sincere thanks to the Ladies of SALISBURY and its neighbourhood, for the favours already conferred on him, at the same time informs them that he is making the very best Long and Short Stays, to order, in great variety of patterns, at 10*s.* 6*d.* per pair, Second-best at 6*s.* and Coloured Stays from 3*s.* 9*d.* to 5*s.* 6*d.* per pair, which article he particularly recommends to servants and others.—An elegant Choice of THREAD LACE, MILLINERY, ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS, &c.

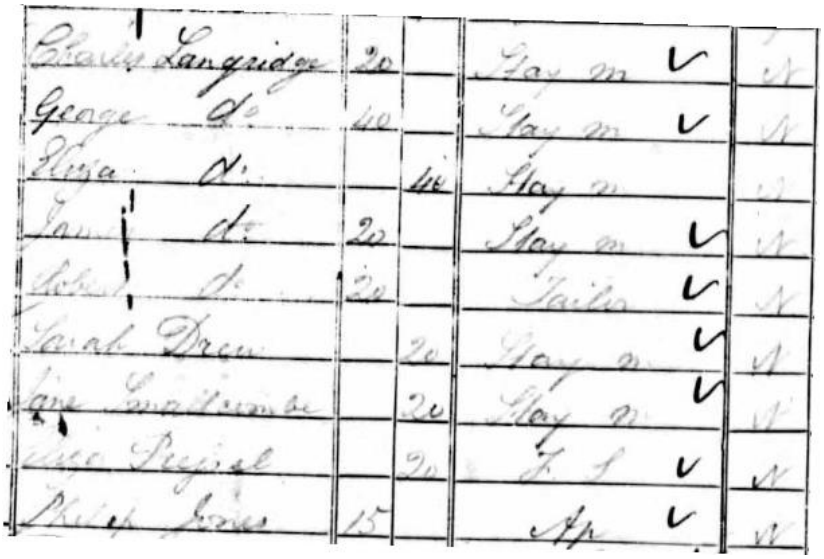
N. B.—G. L. assures the Ladies and the Public that he can supply them with the above Goods on more moderate terms than any other house, being determined to be satisfied with light profits for READY MONEY.

The strictest attention paid to Orders from the Country. —Ladies waited on by Mrs. LANGRIDGE. [1406

Salisbury and Winchester Journal - Monday 15 September 1817

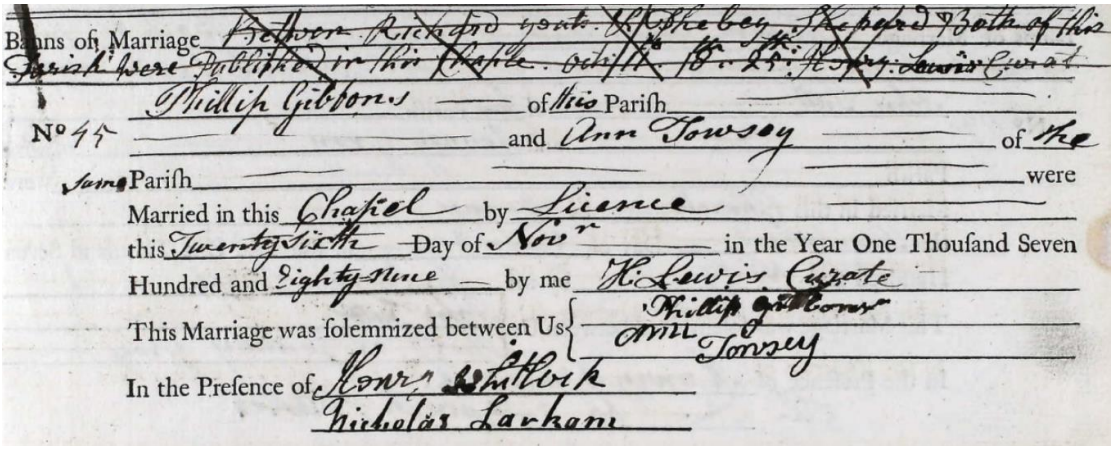
They had three sons, including James (baptised at nearby West Harnham in 1819).

At the time of the 1841 census, the family were all at the house of one of the sons, Charles, in London (although George actually lived and worked in Bristol).



159 Fleet Street. 1841

In the meantime, George's sister Elizabeth had married William Gibbons in Salisbury in 1822. William was the son of Phillip and Ann Gibbons and had been born in 1797 at Amesbury in Wiltshire. Ann's maiden name was Towsey.



Banns of Marriage ~~Between Richard~~ ~~of this~~ ~~Shepherd~~ ~~Both of this Parish were Published~~ in this ~~Chapel~~ ~~on the~~ ~~Day of~~ ~~by~~ ~~Curate~~

No 44 Phillip Gibbons of this Parish

and Ann Towsey of the same Parish were

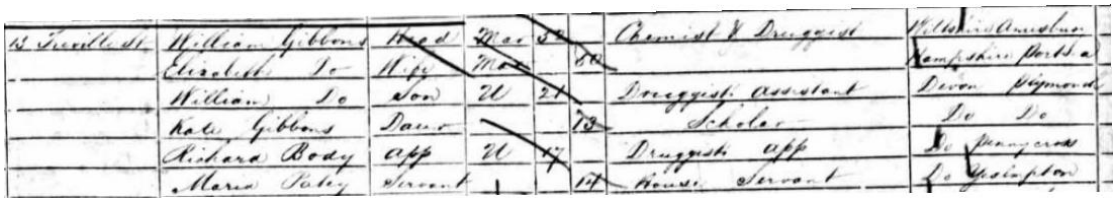
Married in this Chapel by Licence

this Twenty Sixth Day of Novr in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty nine by me H. Lewis Curate

This Marriage was folemnized between Us { Phillip Gibbons / Ann Towsey

In the Prefence of Robt Shillbeck / Nicholas Larkam

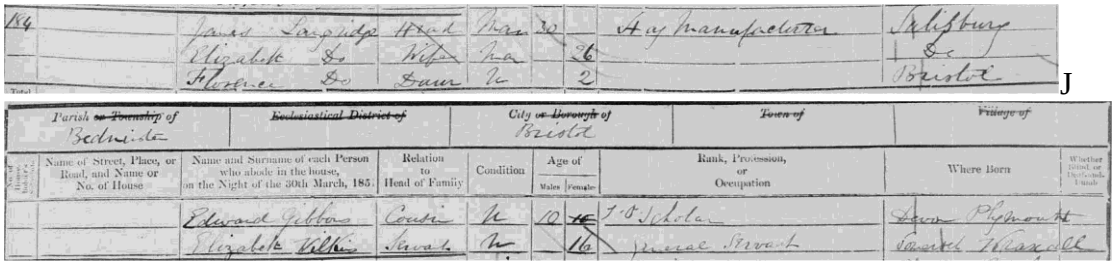
William and Elizabeth Gibbons had had a daughter, Elizabeth, in 1824, still in Salisbury, and she married James Langridge, her cousin, in Plymouth in 1846. William Gibbons had moved to Plymouth between 1824 and 1832 and was trading as a pharmacist.



1851 census, Plymouth

In the 1851 census, James Langridge was described as a stay manufacturer of Bedminster, Bristol. The trade of stay (corset)-making was clearly a family trade – and was one which employed mainly women. Both Bristol and Portsmouth (Portsea)

were prominent stay-making centres in the 19th century due to the large number of sailors' wives living there.



14	James Langridge	Head	Mar	30	Hay manufacturer		Salisbury
	Elizabeth Do	Wife	Ma	36			Do
	Florence Do	Daur	U	2			Bristol

Parish, ~~or Township of~~ Bedminster | ~~Ecclesiastical District of~~ | City ~~or Borough~~ of Bristol | ~~Town of~~ | ~~Village of~~

Name of Street, Place, or Road, and Name or No. of House	Name and Surname of each Person who abode in the house, on the Night of the 30th March, 185.	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of Males	Age of Female	Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Whether Blind or Deaf-and-Dumb
	Edward Gibbons	Cousin	U	10	~~11~~	Jo Scholar	~~Dawn~~ Plymouth	
	Elizabeth Wilkins	Servant	M		16	House Servant	Lambeth Wiltshire	

James and Elizabeth then had one daughter, Florence, born in Bristol in 1849. Young Edward (Stanley) Gibbons then aged 10 was living with them on census night.

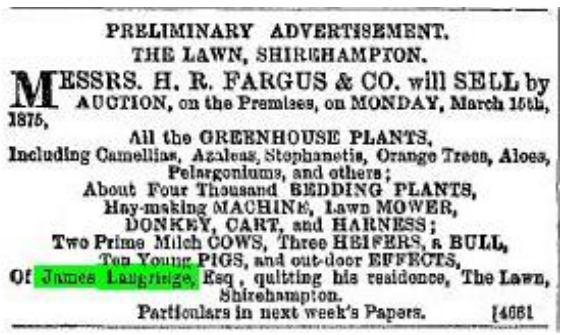
In the 1861 census, we find a reciprocal arrangement, in that five-year old Harry Langridge was living with the Gibbons in Plymouth.

Edward Stanley Gibbons, the earliest known portrait, taken about 1870

Stanley Gibbons married for the first time in 1872 in Plymouth, and one of the witnesses was a Thomas Langridge. It is not clear how he is related to the other Langridges.

James and Elizabeth Langridge's youngest child, Frank Towsey, was born in 1869 and the 1871 census showed that the family had moved to a large property in Shirehampton.

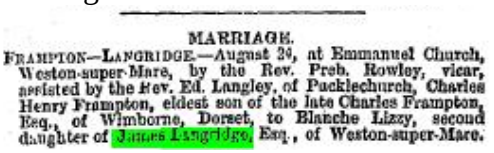
Thereafter, the corset business took a turn for the worse and James's firm (George Langridge & Co, see Appendix) went into liquidation in 1875. James was forced to sell his Shirehampton property and move first to Weston-super-Mare and then to London, where he and Elizabeth ran a boarding house in Paddington.



PRELIMINARY ADVERTISEMENT.
THE LAWN, SHIRCHAMPTON.

MESSRS. H. R. FARGUS & CO. will SELL by AUCTION, on the Premises, on MONDAY, March 15th, 1875,

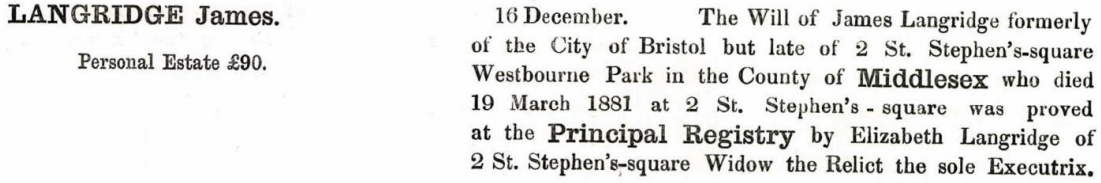
All the GREENHOUSE PLANTS,
Including Camellias, Azaleas, Stephanotis, Orange Trees, Aloes, Pelargoniums, and others;
About Four Thousand BEDDING PLANTS,
Hay-making MACHINE, Lawn MOWER,
DONKEY, CART, and HARNESS;
Two Prime Milch COWS, Three HEIFERS, a BULL,
Ten Young PIGS, and out-door EFFECTS,
Of James Langridge, Esq., quitting his residence, The Lawn, Shirehampton.
Particulars in next week's Papers. [4061



MARRIAGE.

FRAMPTON—LANGRIDGE.—August 24, at Emmanuel Church, Weston-super-Mare, by the Rev. Preb. Rowley, vicar, assisted by the Rev. Ed. Langley, of Pucklechurch, Charles Henry Frampton, eldest son of the late Charles Frampton, Esq., of Wimborne, Dorset, to Blanche Lizzy, second daughter of James Langridge, Esq., of Weston-super-Mare.

James Langridge died in 1880, leaving an estate of only £90.



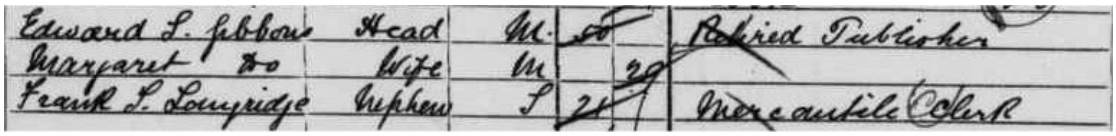
LANGRIDGE James.

Personal Estate £90.

16 December. The Will of James Langridge formerly of the City of Bristol but late of 2 St. Stephen's-square Westbourne Park in the County of **Middlesex** who died 19 March 1881 at 2 St. Stephen's-square was proved at the **Principal Registry** by Elizabeth Langridge of 2 St. Stephen's-square Widow the Relict the sole **Executrix.**

Nan Langridge (see below) noted in a family album (which, incidentally, was first inscribed by her mother, Sarah Emma Kipling) that Frank had to leave prestigious Clifton College and completed his education at a school in Purley in Surrey.

The Langridge/Gibbons connections continued, however, despite the adversity, and in the 1891 census, we find Frank Langridge, by now a mercantile clerk, living with his uncle Stanley Gibbons in Twickenham, Gibbons having moved to London when his stamp dealing and publishing business grew successful.



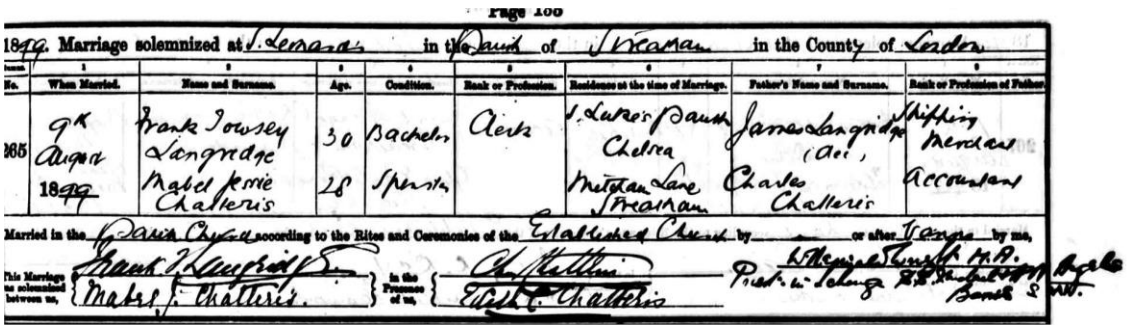
Edward L. Gibbons	Head	M.	50	Retired Publisher	
Margaret Do	Wife	M		39	
Frank L. Langridge	Nephew	S	21	Mercantile Clerk	

Gibbons had sold his business (which carries his name to this day) in 1890, although continuing as chairman. He died in 1913. He married five times but had no children. In his will, Gibbons left £1000 to his niece Mabel Frewer (nee Langridge), pictured left with Gibbons, and £100 to her sister Blanche Frampton.

Elizabeth Langridge lived until 1897. In 1891, she was living with daughters Minnie and Mabel in Barnes in 1891. Mabel later married Edward Frewer, a stock exchange clerk, who was residing with Stanley Gibbons in 1891.

Gibbons' sister Catherine left £40 each to four of the Langridge sisters in when she died in 1905 (Florence had died by then, and Catherine left a picture of her to Stanley) and his brother Alfred also left £5 to Minnie Langridge and some jewellery to some of his nieces' children.

Frank Langridge married Mabel Jessie Chatteris, the daughter of an accountant, in 1899 in Streatham. He was employed by David Sasoon & Co in the Middle East.



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1899. Marriage solemnized at St. Leonards in the Parish of Streatham in the County of London

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
265	9th August 1899	Frank Jowsey Langridge	30	Bachelor	Clerk	St. Luke's Parish Chelsea	James Langridge (dec.)	Shipping Merchant
		Mabel Jessie Chatteris	28	Spinster		Mitcham Lane Streatham	Charles Chatteris	Accountant

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by ___ or after Banns by me,

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Frank J. Langridge, Mabel J. Chatteris. In the Presence of us, A. Chatteris, Edith E. Chatteris. Priest-in-charge

Mabel was drowned, along with her sister Coralie, when the SS Kurdistan sank in 1910 on its way from England to Basra, presumably to rejoin Frank after a visit home. Reportedly as a consequence, Frank suffered a nervous breakdown in 1912 and was sent home from Baghdad.

He joined up in 1914 and was posted to the 9th Lancers as an officer's batman, being deemed unsuitable for other duties. In mid-1915 he was transferred to the 4th Rifle Brigade, at which at that time was stationed at Ypres, having been involved in the 2nd

Battle of Ypres which had ended earlier in the year. He was hospitalised in late 1915 after 4 months in France and discharged unfit for service in 1916.

He married Annie Emma ('Nan') Kipling in 1917 and she returned with him to Persia (Hamadan) from 1919 until 1921, when Frank was made redundant. He died from sprue apparently contracted whilst in Persia, at Hastings in 1927.

Nan and Frank Langridge (front) in Persia

Nan Langridge did not remarry and was 101 when she died in 1989.

Bibliography: "*In Search of Stanley Gibbons*". John Holman. Gibbons' Stamp Monthly, Jul/Aug 1990.

George Langridge & Co

George Langridge & Co was a firm of Bristol corset-makers. According to an advertisement in the Bristol Mercury in 1825, the firm was set up in 1821. They were fairly constant advertises in the Mercury for many years thereafter.

LONDON-HOUSE,
61, CASTLE-STREET, BRISTOL.

GEORGE LANGRIDGE & Co., FASHIONABLE STAY-MANUFACTURERS (Wholesale and Retail), return their most grateful thanks to the Ladies of Bristol, Clifton, and their Vicinities, for the liberal support conferred on them since their commencement in Business (now four years), and beg leave to inform them, that they have opened a Shop,

No. 26, LOWER ARCADE,

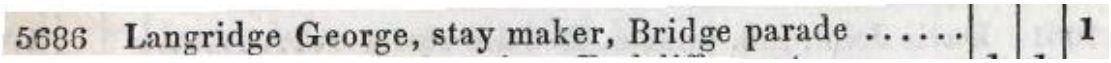
with an extensive Assortment of the best made White and Coloured STAYS, in great variety of Shapes; London-made MILLINERY, ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS, &c., of which they respectfully solicit an inspection, as they will be sold on the lowest possible Terms, for Ready Money.

☞ Wholesale House, 61, Castle-Street, where Orders are executed to any extent, at the shortest notice.

N.B. Several Hundred Pairs of STAYS, *soiled in making*, to be sold at half value.

*** *A number of young Women wanted, as Out-door Apprentices.*

According to the 1851 census, George Langridge was born in Lambeth in 1795 and, by 1851, was a 'stay manufacturer' employing over 230 people in his factory and outlets. He was living in Bedminster, just outside Bristol.



5686 Langridge George, stay maker, Bridge parade ..... | | | 1

Electoral Register, Bristol St Thomas, 1837

GEORGE LANGRIDGE & CO.

MANUFACTURERS AND WEAVERS

OF THE

SYMMETRICALLY FORMED

PARIS CORSET,

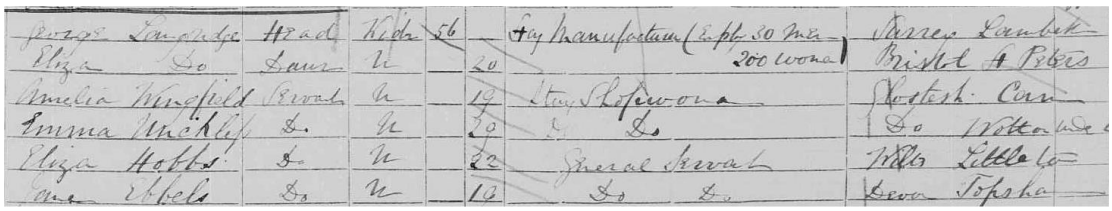
WITHOUT SEAM OR GUSSET,

AVON CLIFF HOUSE,

BRISTOL.

N.B.—Ladies sending the dimensions of the Waist may have the above sent for approbation any distance, by reference or Post Office order.

1852



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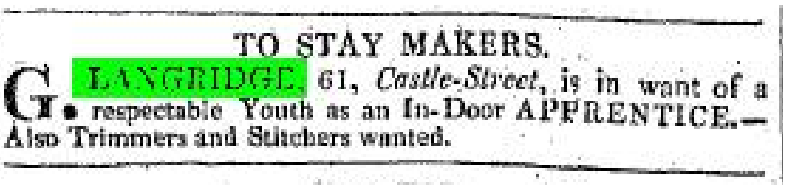
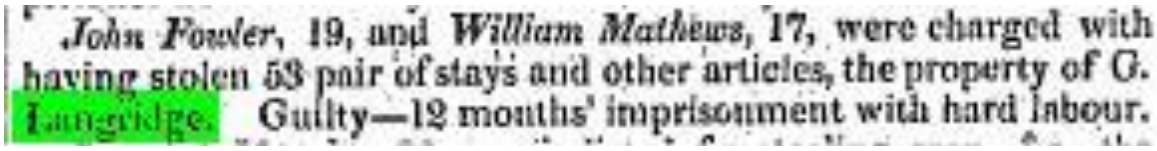
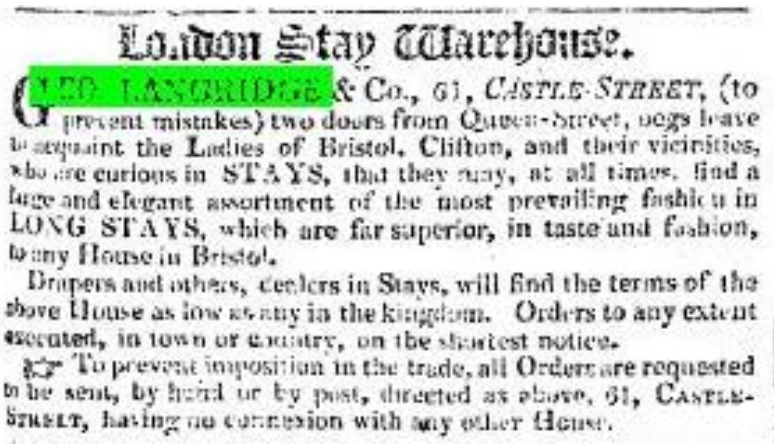


TO STAY MAKERS.

G. LANGRIDGE, 61, *Castle-Street*, is in want of a respectable Youth as an In-Door APPRENTICE.—Also Trimmers and Stitchers wanted.



John Fowler, 19, and *William Mathews*, 17, were charged with having stolen 53 pair of stays and other articles, the property of G. Langridge. Guilty—12 mouths' imprisonment with hard labour.



London Stay Warehouse.

GEO. LANGRIDGE & Co., 61, *CASTLE-STREET*, (to prevent mistakes) two doors from Queen-Street, begs leave to acquaint the Ladies of Bristol, Clifton, and their vicinities, who are curious in STAYS, that they may, at all times, find a large and elegant assortment of the most prevailing fashion in LONG STAYS, which are far superior, in taste and fashion, to any House in Bristol.

Drapers and others, dealers in Stays, will find the terms of the above House as low as any in the kingdom. Orders to any extent executed, in town or country, on the shortest notice.

☞ To prevent imposition in the trade, all Orders are requested to be sent, by hand or by post, directed as above, 61, CASTLE-STREET, having no connexion with any other House.

The firm moved twice over the next 20 years, once to Bridge Street and then in 1851 to Wine Street

FRENCH AND ENGLISH STAY DEPOT

REMOVED from BRIDGE-STREET to

No. 60, WINE - STREET, BRISTOL.

GEORGE LANGRIDGE & CO., STAY AND CORSET MANUFACTURERS, in order to meet the increasing requirements of their business, have REMOVED their RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT from 15, Bridge-street, to more central and commodious Premises, at No. 60, WINE-STREET, where they invite the Ladies of Bristol, Clifton, and their environs, to inspect one of the largest, best-manufactured, and most fashionable Stocks of STAYS in the Kingdom.

G. L. & Co., being the largest manufacturers in England, are enabled to offer to the Public all those advantages which an extensive Wholesale House must necessarily possess over Retail makers and dealers. Their Materials are purchased for cash at the first English and Foreign Markets, and in such quantities as command the lowest prices. Their Workpeople are well skilled, and superintended by competent overlookers; and, as regards Modes and Shapes, G. L. & Co. not only receive regularly from their London and Foreign Correspondents the newest Metropolitan and Continental Fashions, but the improvement of the Corset is a subject ever engaging the attention of themselves and Artistes employed by them.

Among other Novelties, G. L. & Co. invite attention to the following:—The NEW PARIS CORSET, wove without a seam, is distinguished for the elegance of its shape, for the impossibility of its ripping, and for the elasticity of its material, which admits of perfect adaptation to the figure, and yields support without pressure.

THE INVALID CORSET is a new and valuable invention, which REQUIRES NO LACING. It is fastened by means of a new arrangement of front clasps, and has been highly approved of by the Faculty. The NEW SELF-LACING STAY is also a novel improvement; it saves the time and inconvenience resulting from the old mode of threading numerous eyelets; the operation of lacing being performed instantaneously The ROYAL VICTORIA STAY, manufactured from an improved description of Coutille, and made without Gussets, is patronised by her Majesty and most of the nobility, and unequalled for the neatness of its appearance, is a handsome and useful Stay.

An extensive Stock of cheap but useful GIRLS' and WOMEN'S STAYS, both White and Coloured, adapted to all classes of Wearers.

WOMEN'S COLOURED, from 1s.; Strong Make (recommended), 2s. 6d.
WOMEN'S WHITE, " 2s.; Strong Make (recommended), 4s. 6d.
PARIS-WOVE CORSETS, " 6s.; Very best quality .. .. .. 16s. 6d.

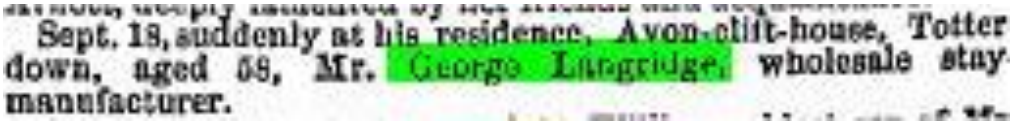
G. L. & Co. desire particularly to call the attention of Ladies to their Satteen and Coutille Corsets at 10s., being half the price charged by other Houses.

*** Upwards of 1000 Pairs of various Stays, a little soiled in making, at less than half price.

Stays made to order at the shortest notice, and Ladies waited upon by competent Assistants.

Please Notice the Address—60, WINE-STREET.

George Langridge died unexpectedly later that same year, his wife Eliza having predeceased him in 1847.



Sept. 18, suddenly at his residence, Avon-cliff-house, Totterdown, aged 58, Mr. George Langridge, wholesale stay manufacturer.

AWFULLY SUDDEN DEATH.—It is our melancholy duty this week to record the death, under painfully sudden circumstances, of one of our principal manufacturing tradesmen, Mr. George Langridge, stay-manufacturer, of Avon-cliff-house, Totterdown. Mr. Langridge had recently emerged from a severe and dangerous illness, and it was hoped that he was progressing favourably towards recovery. On Sunday he was able to drive out in his pony phaeton, to visit one or two of his most intimate friends, and since that time he has been able to take part in the conduct of his manufactory. On Thursday evening he wrote a business letter to one of his sons, who was in London, and to another of the travellers of the firm. At about half-past eight o'clock he said he did not feel quite so well, and would retire to rest early, and he almost immediately went up to bed. Some time after that he complained of feeling rather worse, and desired the man who attended upon him to go to his medical attendant and say so, but so little apprehension did he feel of immediate danger that he told him he need not hurry himself, and that his surgeon might use his discretion about coming up to see him. In about a quarter of an hour after that he was taken much worse, and messengers were immediately despatched for medical assistance. At about half-past nine o'clock he said he knew it was his last seizure, and, addressing a son and daughter, who were in attendance upon him, he faintly articulated "Love one another," and almost immediately expired. The deceased gentleman was fifty-eight years of age, and has left nine children to lament his loss. As a tradesman his reputation stood deservedly high, and his social and domestic virtues endeared him most to those who knew him best. His death was occasioned by heart disease of considerable standing.

Bristol Mercury - Saturday 20 September 1851

In his will he appears to have left money to sons Charles, Richard and James but his business solely to James, although James and Richard subsequently took on the business (although not without an auction of stays and, it world seem, closure or sale of the Wine Street premises).

This is the last Will and Testament
of me George Langridge of Avon Cliff House in the City of Bristol
Stay Manufacturer First I direct all my just and Legal debts funeral and

No. 60, WINE-STREET.
UPWARDS OF 3000 PAIRS OF STAYS.

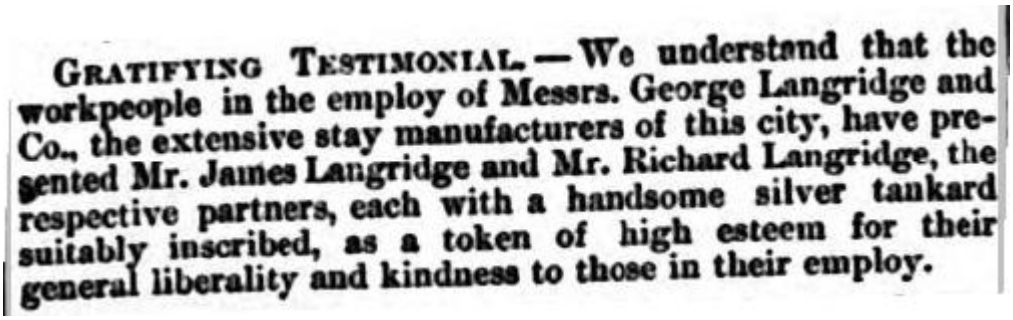
MR. JOHN NAISH has been favoured with instructions from the Executors of the late George Langridge, Esq., to SELL by AUCTION, without reservation, on the Premises, 60, WINE-STREET, Bristol, on THURSDAY Next, November 15, and following days,

The whole of the extensive STOCK, consisting of upwards of 3000 Pairs of STAYS, in every variety of Shape and Material, both White and Coloured. To be sold in Lots suitable for Private Families and the Trade generally. Together with a few TRADE FIXTURES.

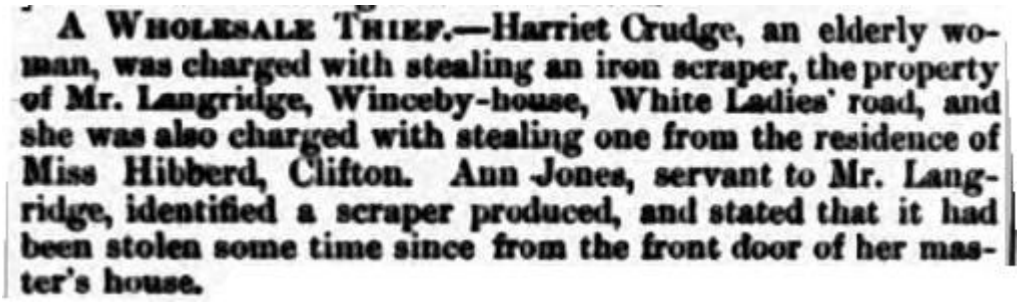
The Sale will commence each Morning at Eleven o'clock precisely.

WEST OF ENGLAND STAY MANUFACTORY, 15, BRIDGE-STREET, BRISTOL.

JAMES & RICHARD LANGRIDGE, in succeeding their late Father, beg gratefully to acknowledge the very liberal support extended to him for so long a period, and respectfully announce to the Ladies and Female Inhabitants of Bristol and Clifton, that they purpose continuing the Business as above, in all its branches, under the Firm of GEORGE LANGRIDGE & COMPY. J. and R. LANGRIDGE having been the only persons engaged with their late Father in conducting the West of England Stay Manufactory, are fully conversant with every department of the business, and as neither attention nor perseverance will be wanting on their parts, they feel confident of being able to afford complete satisfaction to all who may favour them with their commands.


GRATIFYING TESTIMONIAL.—We understand that the workpeople in the employ of Messrs. George Langridge and Co., the extensive stay manufacturers of this city, have presented Mr. James Langridge and Mr. Richard Langridge, the respective partners, each with a handsome silver tankard suitably inscribed, as a token of high esteem for their general liberality and kindness to those in their employ.

Bristol Daily Post - Tuesday 18 September 1860


A WHOLESALE THIEF.—Harriet Crudge, an elderly woman, was charged with stealing an iron scraper, the property of Mr. Langridge, Winceby-house, White Ladies' road, and she was also charged with stealing one from the residence of Miss Hibberd, Clifton. Ann Jones, servant to Mr. Langridge, identified a scraper produced, and stated that it had been stolen some time since from the front door of her master's house.

Bristol Daily Post - Monday 06 February 1860

Bristol Police Court.

YESTERDAY.

Magistrates present—Messrs. Naish, Lane, and Leonard.

Jemima Valentine, a young girl about sixteen years of age, was charged with being found wandering about Clifton-down, on Sunday evening, she having no means of subsistence. The accused said she had worked for Mr. Langridge, as a stay maker, but had left it because she could not get sufficient to maintain herself; she had slept one night partly on the down and partly in a shed; she did not return to her lodgings, because she could not pay them. The Magistrates directed that she should be taken to the relieving-officer for Clifton.

Bristol Daily Post - Tuesday 10 July 1860

A Good Example.—We understand the workpeople, numbering upwards of 200, in the employ of Messrs. George Langridge and Co., the extensive stay manufacturers of this city, in addition to the holiday, are to be generously paid their full wages for the day, on the occasion of the marriage of the Prince of Wales. We hope such an example will be generally followed.

Bristol Daily Post - Thursday 12 February 1863

TRADES' PROTECTION SOCIETY MEETING.

Last night the annual meeting of the members of the Bristol, West of England, and South Wales Trade Protection Society, was held at the society's offices, Whitson-chambers, Nicholas-street, Mr. J. Langridge, president, in the chair.

Bristol Daily Post - Friday 27 February 1863

Fire in Temple-street.—Yesterday morning a fire which, had it not been for its speedy discovery and the prompt measures taken to extinguish it, would have destroyed a large amount of property, broke out on the premises of Messrs. G. Langridge and Co., the well-known stay manufacturers, of Temple-street. It originated in an apartment near the entrance to the manufactory, known as the packing-room, and it was discovered by one of the workmen, who immediately raised an alarm. Buckets of water were procured and thrown on the flames, and by the aid of Messrs. Hare's fire engine the fire was put out. The damage done amounts to about £20, a quantity of paper and a number of packing cases being destroyed. Messrs. Langridge are insured in the West of England and Royal Exchange offices. The fire is supposed to have been caused by the over-heating of a flue. Many of the girls employed in the factory escaped by climbing over the roof to the adjoining premises.

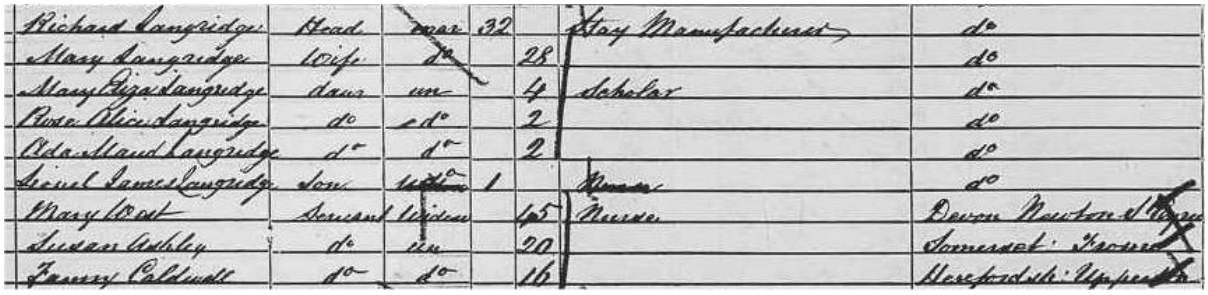
Bristol Daily Post - Wednesday 08 July 1868

WANTED, good MACHINE HANDS. Can have constant employment by applying to George Langridge and Co., 102 and 103, Temple-street. [2708

Bristol Daily Post - Monday 20 April 1868

March 29, Sidney Gibbons, infant son of Mr. James Langridge, Winceby-house, Clifton.

Bristol Daily Post - Friday 30 March 1860



Richard Langridge	Head	mar	32		Hay Manufacturer	do
Mary Langridge	Wife	do		28		do
Mary Eliza Langridge	daur	un		4	Scholar	do
Rose Alice Langridge	do	do		2		do
Ada Maud Langridge	do	do		2		do
Lionel James Langridge	Son	with	1		Nurse	do
Mary Coat	Servant	Widow		45	Nurse	Devon Newton St Cyres
Susan Ashley	do	un		20		Somerset Frome
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And here is a description of Richard's property in 1873.

THE BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1869.
IN LIQUIDATION.
KEYNSHAM, SOMERSET.
VALUABLE FREEHOLD VILLA RESIDENCES AND LAND.

MESSRS. J. and S. B. PARSONS have received instructions from the Trustee under the Liquidation of the affairs of Mr. John Belsten to SELL by AUCTION, without reserve, at the WHITE LION HOTEL, BROAD-STREET, Bristol, on THURSDAY Next, August 14th, at Two for Three o'clock in the Afternoon, subject to such Conditions of Sale as shall be then and there produced, and either in One or Three Lots, as may be determined on at the time of Sale,

THE EQUITY OF REDEMPTION
Of and in the undermentioned Valuable FREEHOLD MESSUAGES and LAND.

All that MESSUAGE or Tenement, called *Avon-bank*, with large Garden and Lawn in front thereof, situate at DURLEY-HILL, KEYNSHAM, in the occupation of Richard Langridge, Esq., at the yearly rent of £18.

All that MESSUAGE or Tenement, adjoining the last mentioned Premises, called *Beaufort-villa*, with a large Garden and Lawn in front thereof, and now void.

All that Close of PASTURE LAND, adjoining and in front of the two last-mentioned Dwelling-houses.

The Houses are recently erected in the most substantial manner, and each contains on the ground-floor dining, drawing, and morning-rooms, as well as back and front kitchens and china pantry, spacious cellars underneath; and on the first floor, five bedrooms and servants'-room, as well as a bath-room and w.c.

The Houses are amply supplied with both sorts of Water. They command varied and picturesque views of Lansdown, the River Avon, and the surrounding country, and are approached from the Turnpike-road by a drive, prettily laid out with shrubs, and protected by a Lodge.

The Close of Land contains a valuable Quarry of Stone. *Avon-bank-villa* is subject to an Annual Ground-rent of £8, and *Beaufort-villa* to one of £6.

For further particulars and for orders to view, apply to Mr. BELSTEN, Keynsham; to the Auctioneers, Nicholas-street, Bristol; or to MESSRS. FOX AND WHITTUCK, Keynsham, or 35, Corn-street, Bristol.

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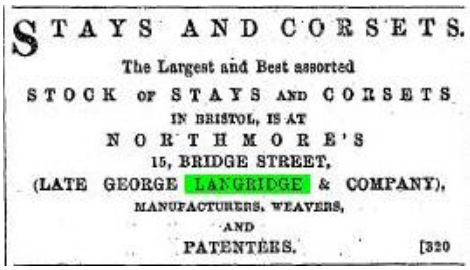
At some point, the business traded under the name of Northmore's (see adverts from 1859/60 below)



STAYS AND CORSETS.

The Largest and Best assorted
STOCK OF STAYS AND CORSETS
IN BRISTOL, IS AT
NORTHMORE'S
15, BRIDGE STREET,
(LATE GEORGE LANGRIDGE & COMPANY),
MANUFACTURERS, WEAVERS,
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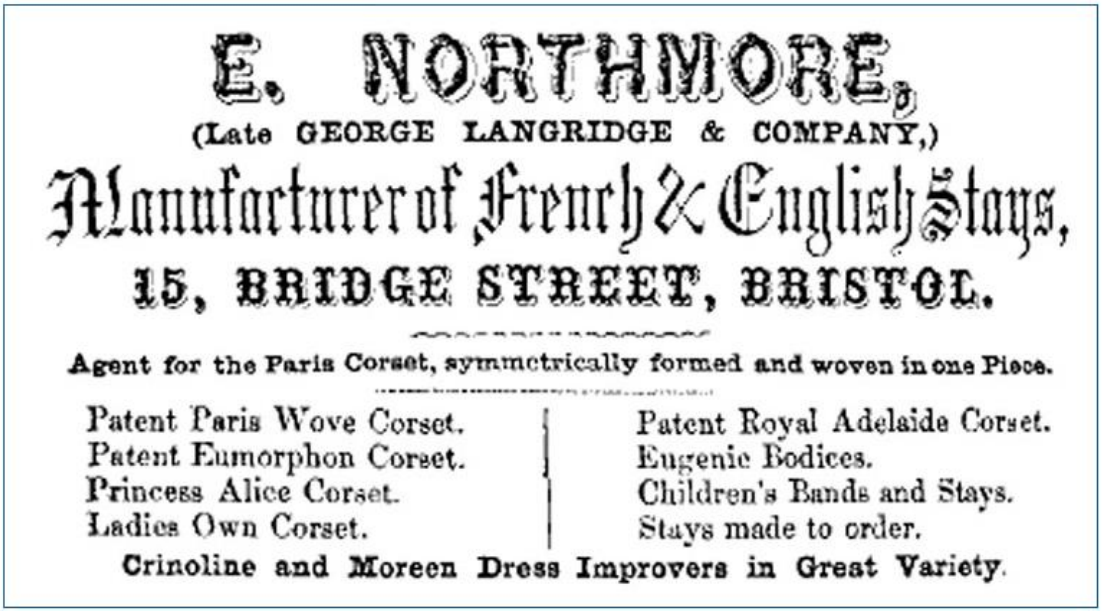


E. NORTHMORE,

(Late GEORGE LANGRIDGE & COMPANY,)

Manufacturer of French & English Stays,

15, BRIDGE STREET, BRISTOL.

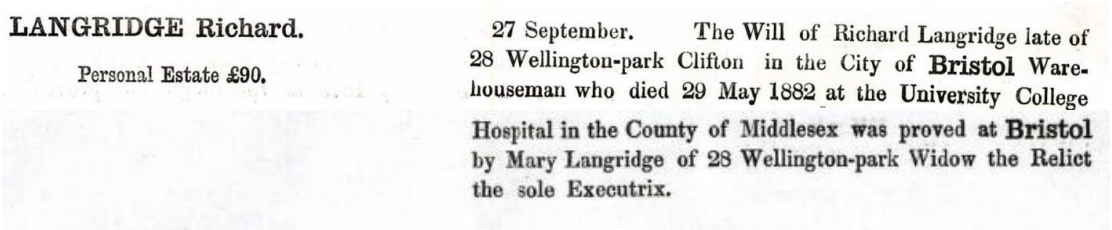
Agent for the Paris Corset, symmetrically formed and woven in one Piece.

Patent Paris Wove Corset.
Patent Eumorphon Corset.
Princess Alice Corset.
Ladies Own Corset.

Patent Royal Adelaide Corset.
Eugenic Bodices.
Children's Bands and Stays.
Stays made to order.

Crinoline and Moreen Dress Improvers in Great Variety.

When the firm ran into difficulties shortly thereafter, Richard's fortune suffered just as his brother James's had. He died in 1882, the year after James, and also left only £90.

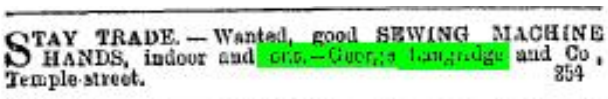


LANGRIDGE Richard.

Personal Estate £90.

27 September. The Will of Richard Langridge late of 28 Wellington-park Clifton in the City of Bristol Warehouseman who died 29 May 1882 at the University College Hospital in the County of Middlesex was proved at Bristol by Mary Langridge of 28 Wellington-park Widow the Relict the sole Executrix.

In 1882, the firm (presumably under new ownership) was still advertising for staff



STAY TRADE.—Wanted, good SEWING MACHINE HANDS, indoor and out.—George Langridge and Co., Temple-street. 354

but by 1886 the game was finally up .

Sales by Auction.

TO MANUFACTURERS, WAREHOUSEMEN, AND OTHERS REQUIRING SPACE.

EXTENSIVE FREEHOLD PREMISES,

Free from Ground Rent, commandingly situate in TEMPLE STREET,

Near the Joint Railway Station, and facing Victoria Street, the main thoroughfare leading thereto.

MESSRS

ALEXANDER, DANIEL, SELFE & CO.

will SELL by AUCTION, at the BANK AUCTION MART, CORN STREET, Bristol, TO-MORROW (THURSDAY) April 29th, punctually at Three o'clock, in one Lot (subject to Conditions to be then and there produced),

The above Important and Valuable

FREEHOLD PREMISES,

Known as Nos. 102 and 103, TEMPLE STREET, having a frontage there of 45 feet and extending in depth 173 feet, or thereabouts. These Premises were for many years in the occupation of Messrs George Langridge and Co., Stay and Corset Manufacturers, whose successors still rent a moiety of the Premises on the right hand side of the gateway at the front entrance, at the moderate annual rental of £120.

The other moiety of the Premises, now ready for immediate occupation, comprise an Office facing the street, numerous Work and Store Rooms, with large Warehouse in the rear, having two stories above, approached by two separate staircases, and offering considerable advantage to any one requiring spacious and light rooms for the manufacture and storage of goods.

The entire Property covers an area of 6370 feet, or thereabout, and possesses in all three Offices, several Work and Store Rooms, Boiler House, Smith's Shop, Shed, good Hauling Way, large Warehouse, with Machine Room and Work Room above.

The Premises are wholly free from Ground Rent, and may be viewed daily from Ten till Four o'clock, by cards to be obtained of the Auctioneers.

For further particulars apply to the AUCTIONEERS, Bank Chambers, Corn Street, Bristol, and 34, Old Jewry, London, E.C.; CHARLES HENRY LANE, Esq., Solicitor, Broad Street, Bristol; or to

Messrs LANFEAR & STEWART,
Solicitors,
110, Cannon Street, London, E.C.

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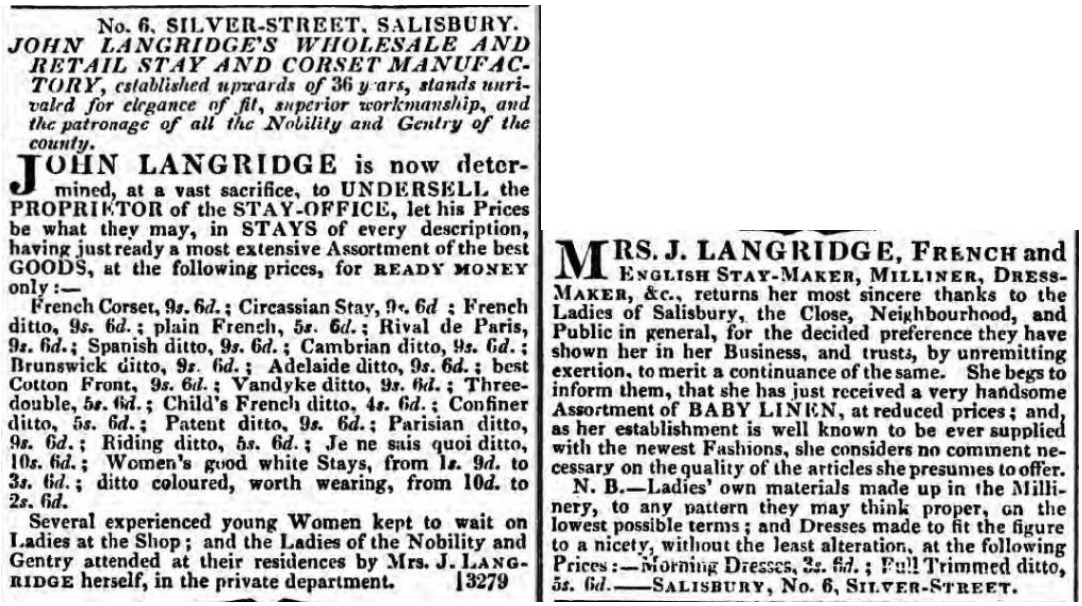
Appendix 2

Within a few years of taking over the business in 1828, John faced competition…



No. 6, SILVER-STREET, SALISBURY.
JOHN LANGRIDGE'S WHOLESALE AND RETAIL STAY AND CORSET MANUFACTORY, established upwards of 36 years, stands unrivaled for elegance of fit, superior workmanship, and the patronage of all the Nobility and Gentry of the county.

JOHN LANGRIDGE is now determined, at a vast sacrifice, to UNDERSELL the PROPRIETOR of the STAY-OFFICE, let his Prices be what they may, in STAYS of every description, having just ready a most extensive Assortment of the best GOODS, at the following prices, for READY MONEY only:—

French Corset, 9*s.* 6*d.*; Circassian Stay, 9*s.* 6*d*; French ditto, 9*s.* 6*d.*; plain French, 5*s.* 6*d.*; Rival de Paris, 9*s.* 6*d.*; Spanish ditto, 9*s.* 6*d.*; Cambrian ditto, 9*s.* 6*d.*; Brunswick ditto, 9*s.* 6*d.*; Adelaide ditto, 9*s.* 6*d.*; best Cotton Front, 9*s.* 6*d.*; Vandyke ditto, 9*s.* 6*d.*; Three-double, 5*s.* 6*d.*; Child's French ditto, 4*s.* 6*d.*; Confiner ditto, 5*s.* 6*d.*; Patent ditto, 9*s.* 6*d.*; Parisian ditto, 9*s.* 6*d.*; Riding ditto, 5*s.* 6*d.*; Je ne sais quoi ditto, 10*s.* 6*d.*; Women's good white Stays, from 1*s.* 9*d.* to 3*s.* 6*d.*; ditto coloured, worth wearing, from 10*d.* to 2*s.* 6*d.*

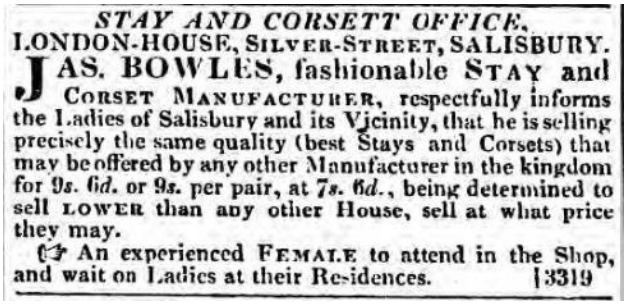
Several experienced young Women kept to wait on Ladies at the Shop; and the Ladies of the Nobility and Gentry attended at their residences by Mrs. J. LANGRIDGE herself, in the private department. |3279

MRS. J. LANGRIDGE, FRENCH and ENGLISH STAY-MAKER, MILLINER, DRESS-MAKER, &c., returns her most sincere thanks to the Ladies of Salisbury, the Close, Neighbourhood, and Public in general, for the decided preference they have shown her in her Business, and trusts, by unremitting exertion, to merit a continuance of the same. She begs to inform them, that she has just received a very handsome Assortment of BABY LINEN, at reduced prices; and, as her establishment is well known to be ever supplied with the newest Fashions, she considers no comment necessary on the quality of the articles she presumes to offer.

N. B.—Ladies' own materials made up in the Millinery, to any pattern they may think proper, on the lowest possible terms; and Dresses made to fit the figure to a nicety, without the least alteration, at the following Prices:—Morning Dresses, 3*s.* 6*d.*; Full Trimmed ditto, 5*s.* 6*d.*——SALISBURY, No. 6, SILVER-STREET.

Salisbury and Winchester Journal - Monday 26 March 1832

…which advertised in the same edition of the newspaper.



STAY AND CORSETT OFFICE,
LONDON-HOUSE, SILVER-STREET, SALISBURY.

JAS. BOWLES, fashionable STAY and CORSET MANUFACTURER, respectfully informs the Ladies of Salisbury and its Vicinity, that he is selling precisely the same quality (best Stays and Corsets) that may be offered by any other Manufacturer in the kingdom for 9*s.* 6*d.* or 9*s.* per pair, at 7*s.* 6*d.*, being determined to sell LOWER than any other House, sell at what price they may.

☞ An experienced FEMALE to attend in the Shop, and wait on Ladies at their Residences. |3319

In response, Mrs Langridge, seems to have set up an emporium for the summer season in Weymouth.

WEYMOUTH.

UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF THE MOST EMINENT OF THE FACULTY.

MRS. J. LANGRIDGE, (from LONDON,) at 82, St. Mary Street, has the honour to inform the Nobility and Gentry, that she has at her Rooms entirely New Patterns of PARISIAN and ENGLISH CORSETS, extremely elegant in shape for the present style of English and Parisian Costume.

Mrs. L. submits to the notice of Ladies her much improved Parisian Corset, and fashionable full-boned Stay, so exceedingly easy, that the most delicate constitution may wear them with great advantage, being a general support, without particular pressure in any part.

She likwise begs to call the attention of Ladies to her newly-invented Washing Elastic Stay, expressly to prevent pressure at the chest, so destructive to the health of growing children, and young ladies whose figures are forming. These Stays are particularly recommended by Mrs. Peter George, to ladies practising the Grecian exercises, being calculated to assist in producing that ease and elegance for which her Pupils are so distinguished; they are extremely beneficial for all Pulmonary Complaints, and are highly recommended by the most eminent of the Faculty.

☞ Spinal supporting Stays, and Elastic Bands, of every description.

*** A splendid and most elegant Assortment of every kind of Baby Linen.

Dorset County Chronicle - Thursday 28 June 1832

UNPRECEDENTED SUPPORT.

PROLONGATION OF VISIT.

WEYMOUTH.

UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF THE MOST EMINENT OF THE FACULTY.

AND LADIES OF THE HIGHEST DISTINCTION.

MRS. J. LANGRIDGE, (from LONDON,) feels herself impressed with sentiments of the warmest gratitude to the Ladies of Weymouth and Dorchester, for the high degree of patronage they have bestowed upon her during her sojourn in those Towns, and particularly for the great kindness she has experienced from them in their recommendations of her CORSETS, &c., to their Friends. She trusts that such flattering attention has not been misplaced, but, deeply impressed upon her heart, it will ever be an incentive to further exertions to merit their favour.

In consequence of the unparalleled encouragement bestowed upon Mrs. L., and the solicitations of many Ladies of distinction, she has been induced to prolong her stay at Weymouth for another fortnight, during which period, she trusts to experience the same preference, as it will still be her care to merit it, by continuing that attention which she has ever been desirous of paying, and keeping a splendid assortment of different patterns in Corsets, &c. It will be impossible for Mrs. L. to keep open her establishment at 82, St. Mary Street, Weymouth, after the above period, but, from the repeated expressions of gratification bestowed by those who have honoured her with their commands, and which can only have resulted from the superiority of her Manufacture, she flatters herself that she shall not be thought presumptuous in soliciting a continuance of patronage, at her Manufactory, at No. 6, Silver Street, Salisbury, where all orders will meet with the most prompt and minute attention.

During the remainder of her stay at Weymouth, her Rooms will still present the same Variety of those entirely New Patterns of Parisian and English Corsets, which, from the extreme elegance of their shape, in the Newest Style of English and Parisian Costume, have so excited the notice of the Nobility and Gentry; and also, an Assortment of French Bustles, now so necessary to the Formation of a Fashionable Figure.

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Dorset County Chronicle - Thursday 06 September 1832

John, however, became bankrupt the following year and had to sell up.

SILVER-STREET, SALISBURY.

To Stay-Manufacturers, Shopkeepers, and the Public in general.

FOR SALE by AUCTION, on the Premises, without reserve, by C. NORTON, on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, the 18th, 19th and 20th days of June, 1833, at eleven o'clock (under an Execution from the Sheriff of Wilts),—All the STOCK in TRADE, BABY-LINEN, and neat HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE of Mr. John Langridge, Stay-Maker, &c.; consisting of upwards of 2000 pair of French pattern and other Stays, finished and unfinished; about 300 dozen of bright and Block Steel Busks; a large stock of materials for the trade; ticks, calico, fine jeans; quantity of sewing silk and cotton; a large quantity of wooden busks; a great variety of fine baby-linen, whalebone, shop-fixtures, counters, glazed sashes, show-glasses, large nest of drawers, cutting boards, and fittings for cutting-room.——The HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE is good, and will be sold the last day of sale.

A capital Pony and Gig Harness.

Catalogues may be had at the Auctioneer's, New-street, and place of sale. [1716

Salisbury and Winchester Journal - Monday 17 June 1833