

Fox – James Timelines

Richard James of Esher married Sarah and their children were Joseph James and Benjamin James (both wine merchants of Finsbury Place) and a daughter Elizabeth (James) Reave. His son-in-law was William Reave, brother of James Reave, both of Fordingbridge, County of Hampshire. Richard James of Esher died in 1799.

Joseph Fox (born 1758 and aged 34 in 1792) and Joseph James Sr. (born about 1759 and aged about 33 in 1792) were contemporaries and their children were born between 1792 and 1807. Joseph James was a wine merchant living in the Finsbury area. These two men, in partnership with the builder Anthony Morland of Hackney, built several houses in South Street just west of Finsbury Circus at the corner of Ropemakers Street. Finsbury was a burgeoning area at this time and popular with physicians before they began the move to Harley Street.

The suspicion that Joseph James' sister Elizabeth was the mother of Joseph Fox's "natural" children is an unlikely conjecture and no data can be found to provide any support for this idea.

The census of 1841 for Esher infers that the dates and places of birth of the children of Joseph James Sr. and his wife Hannah (nee Waring) (not to be confused with her daughter Hannah Waring James) are:

Sarah Barrett James circa 1796	London, Middlesex	
Hannah Waring James circa 1799	London, Middlesex	1881 census states Finsbury
Joseph James circa 1802	Esher, Surrey	
Emma James circa 1804	Esher, Surrey	
Olivia James circa 1807	Esher, Surrey	

Emma James was married to Morris Reynolds also living in Esher

This indenture regarding the properties on South Street made 13 August 1824 between Joseph Fox of the first part and Joseph James the younger, Sarah Barrett James, Hannah Waring James and Emma James of the second part and Joseph James the elder of Esher of the third part. Reciting a certain Indenture of settlement bearing date on or about 19th November 1792 between Joseph James the elder by his then description of Joseph James of Finsbury Place, Moorfields in the County of Middlesex, Wine Merchant and Hannah his wife of the one part and John Biddle of Esher aforesaid Esquire and the said Joseph Fox of the other part after reciting certain articles of agreement bearing date of 3rd April then last past being the articles entered into previous to the marriage of the said Joseph James the elder with Hannah his then wife before her marriage Hannah Waring, spinster

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