

## **Edward Emperingham, 494, *Pyrenees***

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Name variation: Empringham

Edward, son of Elizabeth Empringham, spinster of Louth, Lincolnshire, was baptised on 2 February 1834 at St James Parish Church, Louth. Later records say he was born at Horncastle, about 20km away.

Five years later, Elizabeth Emperingham, 20, spinster, died 30 January 1839 at Bag Enderby, Lincolnshire, of Typhus Fever.

The 1841 census for Hagworthingham, Lincolnshire, shows Edward Empringham, 7, living with George Codd, 30, ag lab and Sarah Codd, 40, all were born in the county. Unfortunately, the 1841 census does not show the relationship between the house's occupants. Hagworthingham is about 5km from where Elizabeth Empringham died.<sup>1</sup>

Three years later, at the Lindsey Sessions, Louth, on 22 October 1844. Edward Emperingham, 10, can read and write imperfectly, was charged with larceny. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to one month and whipped. The Calendar of Prisoners at Louth on 22 October 1844 gives more information on Edward's crime.

Louth prisoners. Edward Emperingham, 10, committed 9 August 1844 for stealing, at Horncastle, the sum of Eight Shillings and Sixpence, the property of William Lansdale. Sentenced to One calendar month of hard labour at Louth and privately whipped.<sup>2</sup>

1845 saw Edward in Gaol again:

Edw. Emperingham, from Horncastle, boy, 12 years old, can read imperfectly, committed on 1 March 1845 for absconding from Prison, sentenced to 21 days hard labour, discharged 21 March, his conduct was disorderly.<sup>3</sup>

Louth Prisoners - Vagrants. Edward Emperingham was committed on 4 April 1845 for wandering and begging and sentenced to 14 days of hard labour.<sup>4</sup>

In 1846, Edw Emperingham, from Horncastle, labourer, aged 13, can read and write imperfectly, committed on 26 February 1846 for J & D[Juvenile & Delinquent], sentenced to one-month hard labour, discharged 25 March 1846; his conduct was orderly.<sup>5</sup>

A short time later at Louth, on 4 April 1846. Ewd. Empringham, of Horncastle, who was on the 28<sup>th</sup> ult., committed for one week for begging and was again committed for fourteen days for a repetition of the offence.<sup>6</sup>

He was charged with vagrancy again.

Louth Police Report, 4 April 1846 Edward Empringham, of Horncastle, an old offender, was charged with vagrancy in the streets and sent to the workhouse.<sup>7</sup>

Edward Empringham, discharged on 27 April, was again brought up and charged by Mr Snowden, draper of Mercer-row, with stealing 28 yards of printed calico, which Sergeant Chapman caught him in the act of taking from Mr Snowden's shop door. Committed for trial. He was further charged by Mr Wm Brett, hatter of Mercer-row, with stealing a felt hat from his shop, which was found in his possession.<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> TNA, UK, HO107/636/5

<sup>2</sup> TNA, UK, PCOM2/439

<sup>3</sup> TNA, UK, PCOM2/400

<sup>4</sup> TNA, UK, PCOM2/439

<sup>5</sup> TNA, UK, PCOM2/400

<sup>6</sup> Stamford Mercury, 10 April 1846, p3

<sup>7</sup> Hull Packet, 01 May 1846, p5

<sup>8</sup> Lincolnshire Chronicle, 01 May 1846, p5

At the Spilsby Sessions, Lincolnshire, on 7 July 1846:

Edward Empringham was charged with stealing at Louth on 23 April last, 28 yards of printed cotton, the property of Samuel and David Snowden. On the day stated above, the prosecutors, who keep a draper's shop in Mercers-row, Louth, suspended a piece of printed cotton at their door for sale. On the evening of that day, the prisoner was seen by one of the police about to take away the piece of cotton. He was immediately apprehended with it in his possession. He was further charged with stealing a woollen hat at Louth, the property of William Brett. Transported for 7 years.<sup>9</sup>

The Prison Registers record that Edward Empringham, 13, single, labourer, read and write imp, convicted on 7 July 1846 at Spilsby of stealing cotton and previous conviction. He was sentenced to 7 years. He was received at Millbank Prison on 25 July 1846 from Spilsby Gaol. He had been once before convicted of a felony and 4 times for vagrancy. On 26 December 1846, he was transferred to Parkhurst Prison. He boarded the *Pyrenees* on 12 March 1851 for Western Australia.<sup>10</sup>

On arrival at Western Australia on 28 June 1851, Edward was assigned number 494, issued with a Ticket of Leave, and a description of him recorded.

494. Edward Empringham, 19, 5'7½", sandy hair, hazel eyes, long face, fresh complexion, slight build, tattoos of an axe, E.E.E, S.G.H.S, COD and Mermaid on his right arm, a brickmaker and single.<sup>11</sup>

12 July 1851, the following men will this day be removed from the ship *Pyrenees* to the Prison, including 494. Ed Erpingham (*sic*), from Parkhurst Prison.<sup>12</sup>

15 July 1851. Forty men will proceed to North Fremantle Station tomorrow with tools, including 494. Ed Empringham.<sup>13</sup>

18 August 1851. Worked for James Gallop of Dalkeith.<sup>14</sup>

27 September 1851. No 494 Edward E having joined the Establishment ..... Hospital .... (Bottom of page missing)<sup>15</sup>

30 September 1851. No 494 Edward Empringham and No 565 John Walker, Ticket of Leave Men, having been discharged from Hospital this day, will proceed to the North Fremantle Station.<sup>16</sup>

3 March 1852. Worked for William Curton of Fresh Water Bay

1 May 1852. Worked for J. Weedon of Fresh Water Bay

2 August 1852. Worked for G. Glyde

22 November 1852. Worked for Uriah Stotter.

Edward's sentence expired on 6 July 1853.

He returned to England and joined the Royal Navy before 1859. On the 1861 Census, he was on board the HMS *Impérieuse*, a wooden screw frigate, in Hong Kong. In October 1859, the ship left England for Hong Kong, arriving there in January 1860. She remained for the next two years, operating off the coast of China during the Second Anglo-Chinese War of 1856–1860.<sup>17</sup>

On a list of Officers, Seamen and Marines who are entitled to the China Medal for service in H.M.S. *Impérieuse*, 1860:

Edward Empringham, AB, number 188 on ship's book.<sup>18</sup>

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<sup>9</sup> Lincolnshire Chronicle, 10 July 1846, p3; TNA, UK, PCOM2/439

<sup>10</sup> TNA, UK, HO24/3; HO24/15

<sup>11</sup> SROWA, Acc 128/32

<sup>12</sup> SROWA, Superintendents Orders So1-So3, p56

<sup>13</sup> SROWA, Superintendents Orders So1-So3, p60

<sup>14</sup> Rica Erickson Collection on FamilySearch

<sup>15</sup> SROWA, Superintendents Orders So1-So3, p88

<sup>16</sup> SROWA, Superintendents Orders So1-So3, p89

<sup>17</sup> Wikipedia

<sup>18</sup> TNA, UK, ADM 171/32

On the 1861 census, he was still on board the H.M.S. *Impérirese* in Hong Kong: Edward Empringham, AB, single, age 25½, born in Horncastle, Lincoln. <sup>19</sup>

He was sent to H.M.S *Britannia* on 22 June 1863. This ship appears to have been at Portland in 1862, then Dartmouth in 1863, where she served as residential barracks for cadets. <sup>20</sup>

He married on 19 January 1864 at the parish church of St Saviours, Dartmouth, Devon, by Banns. Edward Empringham, 31, bachelor, mariner, residing in St Saviour's, father unknown Empringham, a malster.

Georgina Maria Frances Gill, 21, spinster, residing at St Saviour's, father Samuel Gill, mariner. Both Edward and Georgina signed the register. Witnesses were Wm Thomas and Julia Linard Callard. Edward calls himself a Mariner, which may indicate that he has left the Navy.

Georgina Maria Frances Gill, 19, gave birth to Jemima Veleminda Barnes Gill on 25 March 1861. On the 1861 census, Georgina and her daughter lived with her parents, Samuel and Mary Gill, and their daughter, Jemima Gill, 21. They resided in Higher Street, St Saviours, Dartmouth. <sup>21</sup>

**Merchant Navy.** Port of Dartmouth. Account of voyages and crew of Home Trade Ship, to be delivered half-yearly to the shipping master at the above port:

*Eclair*, from 30 April to 30 June 1866. Dartmouth to Guernsey, Jersey and St Malo and vice versa, 10 voyages.

Edw Empringham, 32, was born Louth, previous ship was *Margaret Jane*, belonging to Plymouth. He was discharged on 20 March 1866 at Plymouth and joined the *Eclair* on 30 April at Dartmouth as a Fireman.

*Eclair*, from 3 July 1866 to 14 October 1866, made Forty-Eight voyages to and from Dartmouth, Channel Islands and St Malo.

Edward Empringham, 32, born Lincoln, was discharged from his previous ship, *Eclair*, on 30 June 1866, re-joined this ship on 3 July 1866 as a fireman and was discharged at Dartmouth on 16 October 1866 at Dartmouth. His general conduct was good, and his seamanship ability was "a good fireman".

*Emily*, from 1 July 1866 to 31 December 1866, sailed from Dartmouth on 11 August for the Tyne, then to Exmouth, back to Tyne, then to Dartmouth, then to Cardiff, then to Southampton, then to Tyne, arrived on 20 January 1867.

Edward Empringham, 32, from Louth, left the *Eclair* at Dartmouth on 13 October 1866 and joined this ship on 6 December at Dartmouth as an AB. Discharge unreadable. <sup>22</sup>

At the Dartmouth Quarter Sessions in July 1864, Georgina Empringham was a witness in a trial.<sup>23</sup> The following year, Georgina Empringham, 22, died 1 June 1865 at Foss Street, St Saviours, Dartmouth, wife of Edward Empringham, a stoker on a River Steamboat. She died of convulsions for 36 hours.

Edward either lived with or married a woman named Sarah. No marriage has been found. Sadly Sarah Empringham, 23, died 19 March 1867 at Lower Street, St Saviours, Dartmouth, wife of Edward Empringham, a stoker in a River Steamboat. She died of jaundice for 5 weeks and debility for 2 weeks.

On the 1871 census, living at Lower Street, St Saviours, Dartmouth were:

Jemima Gill <sup>24</sup>, head, unmarried, 31, charwoman; Londros Gill, son, 7, scholar; and Velemenda Gill, niece, 10, all born in Dartmouth. <sup>25</sup>

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<sup>19</sup> TNA, UK, RG9/4436

<sup>20</sup> TNA, UK, ADM 171/32

<sup>21</sup> TNA, UK, RG9/1416

<sup>22</sup> South Western Heritage Trust, 1976/ECLAIR/47884

<sup>23</sup> Western Daily Mercury, 20 July 1864, p3

<sup>24</sup> Jemima Gill was the sister of Georgina M. F. Empringham.

<sup>25</sup> TNA, UK, RG10/2093

No further information has been discovered on Edward Empringham.