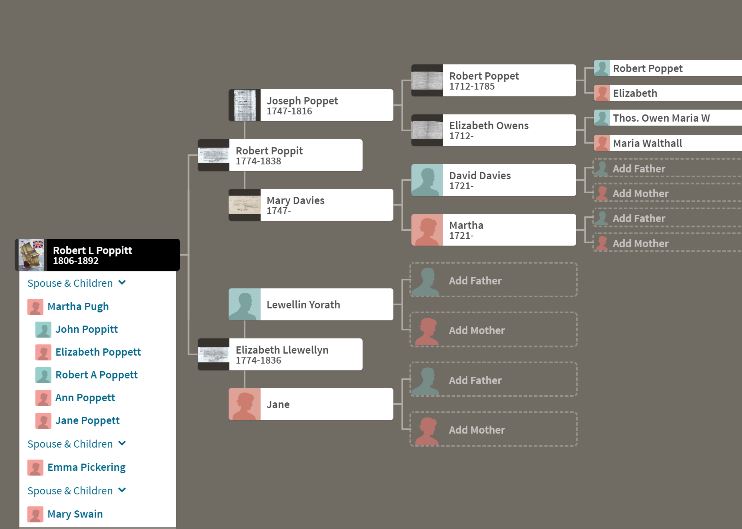
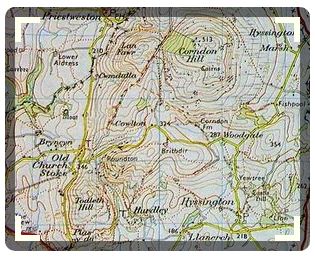
Robert Poppit (1774-1838) was baptized in Hissington[[1]](#footnote-1) and lived his whole life in and around Hyssington, where he was a coal miner.[[2]](#footnote-2)

From PSkellon: Robert’s line can be traced back to a Robert Popitt[[3]](#footnote-3) who was born about 1670 in the Minsterley valley, which runs SW from Shrewsbury, Shropshire[[4]](#footnote-4) (where Robert Popitt was born) to the Welsh border in Montgomeryshire. This valley has been used for lead mining since Roman times.[[5]](#footnote-5) The Poppett men were miners until the late 19th century. Poppitts were churchwardens at St Ethelreadas church in Hyssington[[6]](#footnote-6) and worked the nearby barytes (barium) mines on Corndon Hill[[7]](#footnote-7), known as White Grit, since its use as white pigment in paint prior to titanium dioxide.



source: BBC website

Big Grit [[8]](#footnote-8)White Grit Engine Shaft[[9]](#footnote-9)

Around 1800 the branch including our shared ancestor, Robert Popitt’s father Joseph Poppit, moved to the East Shropshire coalfield around Donnington & Lilleshall[[10]](#footnote-10). Joseph was a Charter Master (gang boss) responsible to the owner for running the mine. His gravestone and several other family ones are still visible leaning against the church wall in Lilleshall.[[11]](#footnote-11)[[12]](#footnote-12)

RLP’s mother Elizabeth Llewellyn died in 1836 and his father Robert Poppit died in 1838[[13]](#footnote-13).

1. England, Select Births and Christenings, 1538-1975 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Peter Skellon [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Per Peter (pskellon): “I am stymied for any records going back from 1670 but intriguingly there is mention of a Rafe Popet in Ludlow in the 1500s” [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/eng/SAL/Shropshire/ShropshireGaz1831L [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/domesday/dblock/GB-328000-294000/page/9>; need to search for records there [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. <http://www.stiperstonesandcorndon.co.uk/the-scheme-area/geology/>; <http://shropshirehistory.com/mining/sshropsof.htm>

   http://fell-finder.blogspot.com/2012/10/corndon-hill-and-stiperstones-shropshire.html [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. https://shropshireblues.wordpress.com/tag/white-grit/ [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. https://shropshireblues.wordpress.com/tag/white-grit/ [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
10. http://www.bbc.co.uk/shropshire/content/articles/2005/07/12/nature\_corndon\_hill\_feature.shtml [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
11. Peter Skellon [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
12. Christine Thomas: Jul 10, 2015 “A few weeks ago I went to Churchstoke and Hyssington to see if there were any gravestones for the Poppetts but I couldn’t find any.” [↑](#footnote-ref-12)
13. Copy of death certificate and burial registry in his profile; hers are likely in Chris099’s tree [↑](#footnote-ref-13)