Appendix

Mary Caroline Finlen

From her incarceration in the Colney Hatch Asylum on May 4th, 1867, admitted on the 8th, Mary remained there for a decade. She was transferred to the Islington Workhouse, St. John’s Road, on April 29th, 1876. (left) She appears there on the 1881 census as an inmate, described as 'lunatic', aged 45, but erroneously as a 'widow'. (bottom)

On October 3rd, 1882 she was transferred to the Metropolitan Imbecile Asylum, Darenth, [still aged 45], (above right) where she died on June 13th, 1883. See p. 7 See over for more asylum data
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Above - Mary listed as a Methodist

Discharged October 30th 1882 [from Islington to Darenth Asylum] - left and below
Catherine (Kate) Finlen
Kate had appeared on the 1851 and 1861 censuses as living with her brother James but when the children went into the workhouse in 1868 she was living or lodging alone at 37, Catherine/Caroline Street, Islington. In 1871 at the time of the census, she was still single, working as an ‘Ierner’ and lodging at 89, Cloudesley Road, Islington.

In 1881 (below) she was living with John Curling (38) as man and wife. She seems to have died in Jun 1881 (Jun Q 1b/159 Islington) aged about age 40 in Islington, Middlesex, as Kate Curling.
James Finlen junior
In 1871 James was living with his father and two brothers at 3, York Place, Islington St. Clements, Finsbury. At that time he was an errand boy aged 13. Eight years later he appeared in the newspaper, as a victim. Possibly he was working at the "Angel and Crown" rather than drinking there, probably as groom or horsekeeper, which is his later occupation.
August 20 1879 Islington Gazette - Frederick Waterfield, aged 34, a hackney carriage driver of 15, Keen's yard charged with being drunk and disorderly and assaulting James Finlen at the "Angel and Crown" public house - ordered to pay £4 or two months hard labour in the House of Correction.

James isn't traced on the 1881 census but appears to be the James Finlan sentenced at the Clerkenwell court on 1st October 1883 to two years in prison for assault of an officer.

Clerkenwell sessions, James Finlan sentenced to 2 years on 1st October 1883
He then re-appears a year and a half later after suffering an injury, cause not stated;
February 26 (Saturday) 1887 James Finlen, Horsekeeper, admitted to Parish of St. Mary, Islington - Infirmary, aged 26 religion C of E. Kicked by a horse?
James seems to have been a bit of a ruffian and drinker.

October 8 1889 Islington Gazette - James Finlen, aged 30, a horsekeeper, of Holloway Road, was charged by Police constable 169N with being drunk and disorderly at Upper Street, Fined 5s.

Just under three months later, on January 3rd, 1890, he was dead and the following gives an explanation of how it came about.

January 12 1890 The People - A fatal Brawl - Mr. S. F. Langham, City Coroner, held an inquest at St. Bartholomew's Hospital respecting the death of James Finlen, a horsekeeper, aged 29, of no fixed abode. George Kemp, night washer, in the employ of Mr. King, stated that he saw the deceased, who was the worse for drink, go up to the gates of the "Angel & Crown, Upper Street, Islington, and threaten to knock the landlord's head off if he came outside. It was between twelve and one o'clock on Boxing Day, and the house was closed. Mr. Mead, the landlord, came out of the house, and the deceased attempted to strike him with a bottle. Mead pushed deceased and he fell on the pavement. He got up a second time, and again attempted to strike Mead. The potman came out, and prevented deceased hitting Mead, and in the struggle the deceased again fell heavily. Charles Henry Chapman, Government telegraphist, stated that he saw deceased walking away from a crowd outside the Angel and Crown, and when within a yard of the witness he fell heavily onto the back of his head. A constable came up, and the witness examined the man, and found that the base of his skull was fractured. He was then removed to the station on an ambulance, and subsequently to the hospital. The cause of death was laceration of the brain and fracture of the skull. A verdict of accidental death was returned.

I haven't acquired a copy of his death certificate since it seems unlikely that his father would be mentioned upon it, and his address being 'of no fixed abode' suggests that he lived on the street. He had very likely been employed at the "Angel & Crown" for some years but been dismissed for his drunken behaviour, possibly when Mead, the new landlord took over?

His death certificate reference is: 1890 (Mar Q 1C/16 London City). He was just 29 years old.

The Angel and Crown was situated at 5, Sebbons Buildings, North side of Islington High Street.

From around 1879 to the mid 1880's the landlord was Guilietta La Feuillade and her brother Francis. It then passed to Henry John Goldsmith and by 1890 to Reilly Anthony Mead.
William Finlen
There is no trace of William after the 1871 census, in English records [1881 census, apprenticeship documents etc.], apart from his two marriages and the birth of one of his children [p. 5 and 6]. The rest of his story is well covered in the following obituary;

February 24th 1937 - Inverell Times

OBITUARY

Mr. William Finlen.

As briefly mentioned in last Friday's issue another old resident, in the person of Mr. William Finlen, passed away on Thursday night last. His demise has removed an identity that will long be remembered as one who justly earned the respect and goodwill of everyone who knew him.

Born in West Hackney, London, in 1860, he later entered the tailoring trade and served a rigorous apprenticeship, fitting himself for the business career which he followed throughout his life. When serving his apprenticeship work he started at 6 a.m. and finished at 8 p.m. on five days and 10 p.m. on Saturdays and the weekly wage was the princely sum of two shillings and six-pence.

In 1883 he married Miss Martin, who died, leaving an infant baby girl. In 1885 deceased married Miss Jessie Eddy, daughter of Thomas Henry Eddy (who was a brother or the late P. B. Eddy, of Eddy Park, Rob Roy), at Hammersmith, London and shortly afterwards they sailed for Australia, landing the same year in Perth, West Australia, with the baby girl. A fellow apprentice Mr. Edward Berry, who was already residing in Perth, had persuaded him to come out to Australia and join him as partner in a tailoring business in Hay Street, which Mr. Berry had already established. After remaining in Perth for about two years, where the first child of the second marriage was born he decided to leave, his intention was to go to New Zealand, but on arriving in Sydney, he received an invitation from the late Mr. P. B. Eddy, to go to Inverell. He was so taken up with the district that he decided to settle here. The journey from Glen Innes was made in a five-in-hand coach, travelling all night. The late Mr. Finlen was met in the morning by Mr. P. B. Eddy, who took them to breakfast at the Royal Hotel. The subject of this memoir secured premises on the site of the present Body's buildings in the year 1887, and was burned out in the big fire in 1901 losing the total contents of three shops. The business established in 1887 was carried on by deceased until 1934 when he retired, and transferred his interests to his eldest son who had been associated with him in the business for many years. At the time of his retirement the late Mr. Finlen was recognised as the oldest living business identity in Inverell. The deceased was initiated a member of the Loyal Welcome Lodge No 42, M.U.I.O.O.F. Inverell on 12th. April 1888 and elected treasurer in 1904, which office he held up till the time of his death. The office of Past Grand was conferred upon him a few years ago in recognition of his lengthy service as treasurer. The three district officers of the Gwydir district M.U.I.O.O.F. attended the funeral and took part in the guard of honour, both at the church and graveside. The Oddfellows funeral service was read by Noble Grand Bro. E. M. Smith. During his 50 years residence in Inverell the late Mr. Finlen was closely associated with the Methodist Church. He was a trustee and steward during the whole of that time, Sunday school superintendent for 27 years and local preacher up to about four years ago. During his early activities in preaching the gospel he often walked to Gilgai, Long Plain and Swanbrook, completed his service and walked home again, doing 12, 14 or 16 miles. A service was held at the Methodist Church on Saturday afternoon, which was filled with a gathering of citizens representative of every section of the community, evincing the respect in which the deceased was held. The pallbearers were: Ern and Frank Finlen (sons), Percy and Noel Finlen, Keith and Os. Bartle (grand-sons). The mortuary arrangements were in the hands of Messrs. W. G. Gilhome and C. S. Thorley in conjunction. Deceased is survived by his widow, five daughters and three sons, viz.: Mrs. R. L. Gilhome, Mrs. E. C. Bartle, Mrs. W. Syrett, Mrs. F. Bowden (Inverell), Mrs. C. H. Martin (Sydney), Mr. W. W. Finlen, Mr. E. T. Finlen and Mr. F. H. Finlen, all of Inverell.

A sad coincidence was the death of deceased's only brother, Frank, which took place in Sydney three days prior.

William had a successful career and seems to be the only child of James Finlen to have had children himself. Most of his descendents live to this day in the Inverell district of Australia.

Frank Finlen

Apart from his death on February 16th 1937 in Sydney, I have found almost nothing else about Frank. There is no record of his birth, baptism, no marriage and no indication of when he left England. The fact that the only other information to surface is that he arrived in Sydney NSW on 30 Jul 1912 on TSS Maunganui from Dunedin, NZ as a crew member, leads me to think he may have joined the navy [possible the Royal Navy?] as a young teenager.
Mary Caroline Finlen
On the 1871 census of April 2nd, Mary Caroline b. 1863 was living with her 'adoptive' parents, French polisher George Hoppey and his wife Hannah at 3, Crane Grove, Islington, and she is described as their 'daughter'. A lodger at the house is Quested Fagg, 45 a boot maker.

After George Hoppey's death on June 15th 1876 [died a year after being taken to the workhouse], his widow Hannah Hoppey married Quested Fagg (50) a bootmaker, on May 21 1877 at St. James's Church, Croydon. Quested Fagg who was three years younger than Hannah had boarded with the Hoppey's since the 1861 census.

On the 1881 census Mary Caroline (Finlen) is listed as their adopted daughter with surname Fagg, no profession and living at 10, Cambridge Street St. James, Westminster.
There is no trace of Mary Caroline on the 1891 census. Her adoptive mother Hannah Fagg died in 1884 (Mar Q 3a/61 Brentford) and Quested Fagg died April 7 1899 (Jun Q 1d/316 Wandsworth). He left his effects to his final widow, Anna Elizabeth Fagg - no mention of Mary Caroline who had probably either died or married - no record of her found under any of her previous surnames. Could she be the 25 year old cook, single, Mary Finlan who emigrated to Sydney, Australia on the 'Woolloomooloo' on 29th July 1891? If so, she probably made her way to Inverell and her brother William - not traced.

I have researched more on the life of George Hoppey but it is not relevant to the Finlen family.

The Vickers family and Magee/McGee/Gee

James Finlen married Mary Caroline Magee on the 21st January 1858 in Newcastle-upon-Tyne and this is her family tree, beginning with her grandfather.

1) Jonathan Vickers was baptised on 18 October 1766 at Stanhope, the son of Joseph Vickers, and he died in 1856 (Sep Q 10b/21 Newcastle Upon Tyne)
   Married: Stanhope Jun 6 1789 Jane Bainbridge
   Children:
   a) John born 9 October 1790, Stanhope - has a son Jonathan baptised 30 March 1829, Gateshead [and from him there is a line of grocers].
   b) Mary born 29 December 1792 Stanhope
   c) Jane born 31 May 1795 Stanhope

2) Mary Vickers b. 29 December 1792 [Mary Magee born 1793 buried 28 Jul 1863 Newcastle?]  
   Married I: 28 Oct 1814 John O'Hara Gateshead, St. Mary, Durham.  
   Daughter: Jane O'Hara born 1816. - died Newcastle 9 August 1867  
   Married II: 3 Feb 1834 John McGee married Mary O'Hara by Banns at St. Andrews, NUT. left  
   [A John Magee died 1861 (Jun Q 25/268 Newcastle-upon-Tyne) - same?  
   Daughter: Mary Caroline Magee born 1836 [baptism/birth not found but as a Weslyan their records not yet found? - Possibly the Mary Magee registered 1838 (Jun Q 25/335 Newcastle) though a Mary Magee died the same month - child?]

On the 1841 Census of June 6th is Jonathan Vickers aged 73 [1767] Of Independent means, living at Brandling Place, Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne with daughter Mary Gee 44, and granddaughters Jane Gee 20 and Mary Gee 5.

Also on the 1841 census is John McGee aged 40 in the Gaol and House of correction All Saints, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
2) **1851 census** March 30th

When Mary Magee was aged 15 she appeared on the 1851 census at Sandyford Lane, St. Andrews, Newcastle with her grandfather Jonathan Vickers, widower 84 [born 1767 Stanhope, Durham] a retired grocer, his daughter Mary Magee 57 [born 1794 Stanhope, Durham] widow and housekeeper and another granddaughter Jane O'Hara 35 [born 1816 in Scotland] unmarried. The census entry suggests that Mary's father, John Magee was dead, since his wife was a 'widow' but in 1858, on her marriage to James Finlen, he is listed as though still living. The Jane Gee of 1841 could be the Jane O'Hara of 1851 census - a Jane O'Hara died 9 August 1867 (Sep Q 10B/17 Newcastle-upon-Tyne).

John Magee, her father, had possibly been transported to Van Dieman's Land (Tasmania) for theft in 1843. This John had been convicted at Newcastle upon Tyne Assizes and sent for a term of 25 years to Australia on 25th Feb 1842. He sailed on the "Gilmore" on 12th April 1843. He was one of 254 convicts transported on that occasion.

Another John Magee died in Newcastle, aged 80, on 17 Jan 1856 - seems unlikely in view of his age.


In Strawberry Place on the 21st inst. aged 90, Mr. Jonathan Vickers, many years of the firm of Messrs Vickers and Son, grocers, in this town. The deceased when a youth, heard the Rev. John Wesley preach in Weardale, and soon after joined the Methodist society. When about twenty years of age he became a local preacher, the duties of which office, and those of a class-leader, he continued to discharge up to the last two or three years of his life, when age and infirmities alone obliged him to desist. Not long ago Mr. Vickers had in his own congregation at the same time his own daughter, grand-children, and great-grand-children, for his hearers - and what is very remarkable, on one Sunday, in Brunswick-place chapel, he was lately privileged to hear two sermons preached by two of his grand-sons, the Rev. W. M. Punshon and the Rev. John Vickers.
A compilation of James Finlen's addresses from 1850 - 1873:

1850 15, North Street, Fitzroy Square, London - last mentioned there in PP on 13 October 1855

1856 17 February - In Newcastle-upon-Tyne and then on tour in the Midlands and the North.

1856 6 September First notification that Finlen had a new address: 29, Cranbourne Street, Leicester Square, London - his newspaper and bookshop - last mentioned on 20 December 1856. He was in Glasgow before November 29 at his new shop, 22, Nelson Street.

1857 Jan - 16 May 22, Nelson Street, Glasgow (also Jan 5 - Feb 2nd at 53, Trongate, Glasgow - burnt down).

1857 On 19 September and 28 November in Manchester - Manchester Times.

1858 Still owns property at Glasgow at 45, Nelson Street in January. On stage in Ashton-under-Lyne on Monday 18th Jan. 1858. Married in Newcastle-upon-Tyne on the 21st - Finlen's address 6, Egerton Grove, Hulme, Manchester. On 6 Feb 1858 "he has a situation there (M/C) in an Insurance Company" Writes a letter March 8.

1858 4 November - son James born at 6, Egerton Grove, Stretford Road, Hulme, Manchester.

1859 September - Mr. Finlen of Manchester


1861 7 April address 3, Gray's Buildings, Hackney, Tower Hamlets, London

1862 son Frank Finlen born this year. [gaps in the Finlen record - changing fortune and addresses?]

1863 13 November daughter Mary Caroline Finlen born 14, Elmore Street, Islington

1865 18 April son Jonathan Vickers Finlen born 9, Hollingworth Street, Holloway, West Islington

1866 9 October son Lincoln Philip Finlen born 35, Balls Pond Road, Islington East

1867 4 January wife Mary Caroline taken into the Asylum - necessitating a move?

1867 4 October son Jonathan died at 4, Victoria Terrace, Queen's Road, Islington, buried the 18th.

1868 May address: he wrote letter from 48, Great Queen-street [his children in the workhouse]

1868 July 24 at 9, Prince's-row, Newport-market [from earlier] - August 25th

1868 September 9 - writes a letter from 5, Verulam-street, Gray's Inn. [Democratic League HQ]

1869 April occupied a cellar in Tash-street, one of the courts on the east side of Gray's Inn Lane, near Holborn.

1871 2 April, 3, York Place, Islington, St. Clements, Finsbury

1873 52, Litcham Street, Marylebone, St. Pancras

No further known addresses found as yet

1879 Gave a lecture in Barnsley

1888 Lancashire according to G. Howell [who was in Northwich and Runcorn in October 1888]

1889 ill in Warrington hospital - Howell