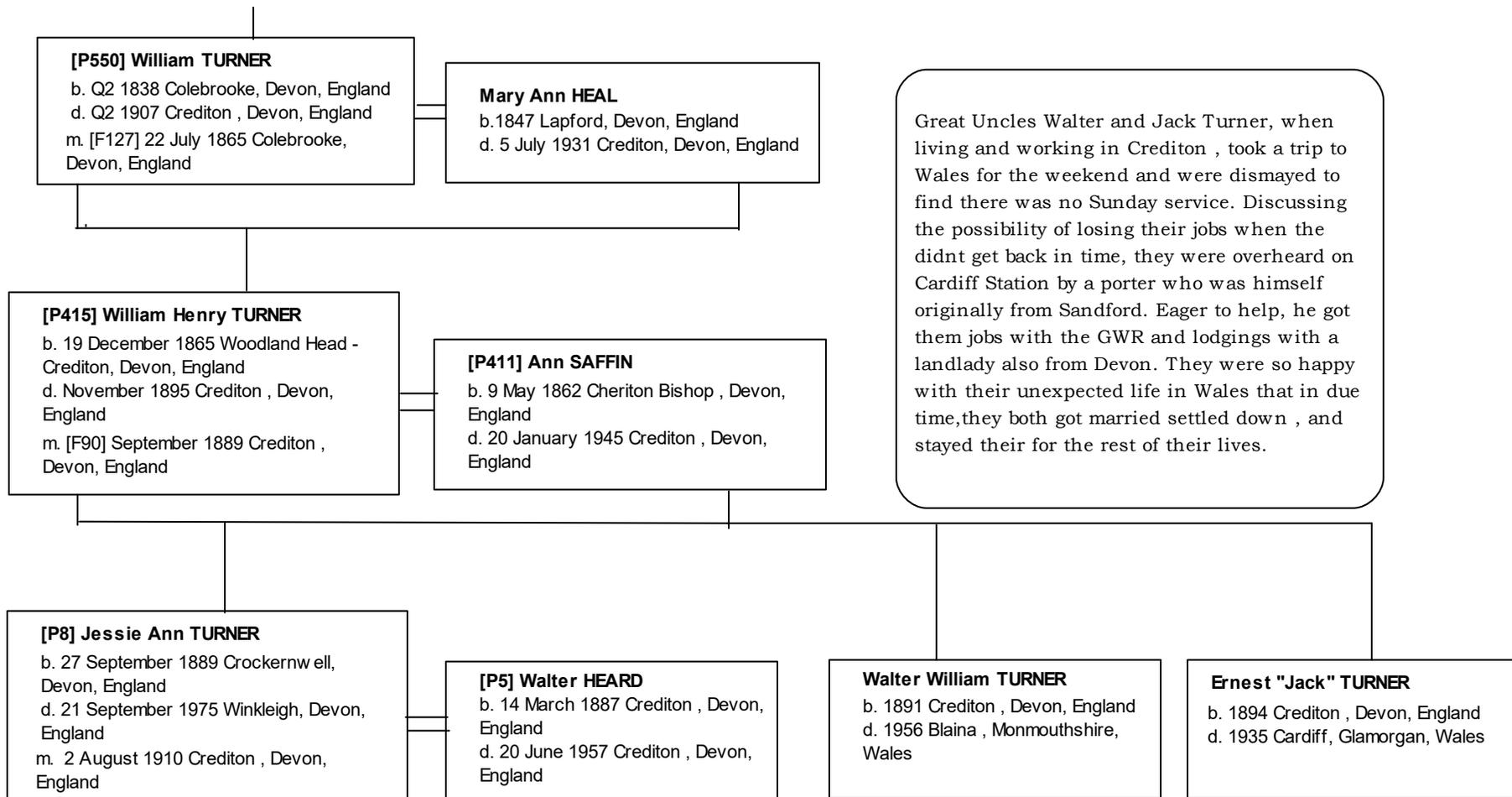


The Turners were very much a Devonian family. The earliest appearance for these ancestors of my paternal grandmother, Jessie Turner, was in the village of Colebrooke near Crediton, where they settled for generations, with occasional moves by one or other of the family to neighbouring parishes or into Crediton. They were farm labourers or domestic servants in the main. Then, unusually for the family, in 1889, great grandfather William Henry Turner started working as a smith and ironmonger, and towards the end of his life, had a smithy at Westwood on the outskirts of Crediton.



Great Uncles Walter and Jack Turner, when living and working in Crediton , took a trip to Wales for the weekend and were dismayed to find there was no Sunday service. Discussing the possibility of losing their jobs when the didnt get back in time, they were overheard on Cardiff Station by a porter who was himself originally from Sandford. Eager to help, he got them jobs with the GWR and lodgings with a landlady also from Devon. They were so happy with their unexpected life in Wales that in due time,they both got married settled down , and stayed their for the rest of their lives.

The Turner Family Tree