

Other members of this group were farmers, who in some cases owned the land ; a few, more adventurous, like their kinsmen of Barnstaple and Bideford, went to sea. The chief names of affinity are Flute, Flavel, Aylwin, and Kennant.<sup>31</sup>

The most noteworthy of the Totnes line was William Henry Punchard, of Bourton Hall, who was born in 1834, eighth in descent from the first Lewis Punchard, and died in 1891. His reputation as an engineer was almost world-wide. Among the numerous works undertaken by him were the Bedford and Northampton Railway ; the Great Marlow and the West Lancashire ; the Windsor and Annapolis, Nova Scotia ; the Glasgow and Cape Breton ; the Sackville to Monckton Section of the Intercolonial of Canada ; the Eastern of Sweden ; the Rio Tinto of Spain ; and other railways in Malta, Tasmania, South Australia, and South America ; the Callao Dock, Peru ; the Grand National Tramway of Buenos Ayres ; and the Harbour of La Guaira, Venezuela. He was also known as a breeder of greyhounds ; his herd of Devon cattle was one of the finest in England ; and his shire horses and pedigree pigs were equally famous. He revived, to a large extent, the fortune of his family, and displayed qualities which had been dormant for many generations. His sons also were civil engineers, the eldest of whom, William Charles Punchard, was born in 1857, and married Beatrice, daughter of William Wilberforce-Wiffen, in 1893.

<sup>31</sup> See Wills and Pedigrees.

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