

The Martineaus



Harriet Martineau

1802 - 1876

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by Gaby Weiner, 1983.

Harriet Martineau was one of the first of the celebrated Englishwomen of the 19th century. She was an observer of the social scene, and a radical reformer, and in her writings she translated difficult and obscure themes for ordinary people.

Despite an unhappy childhood, circumscribed home life, the death of her fiancé, and though suffering from continued ill-health, including a struggle with increasing deafness, undeterred, she rose above the background of an early Victorian woman, and achieved in her literary career, recognition, prosperity and contentment. She was always thankful for the broad classical education that she had received.

At the age of 19 she became a journalist and wrote on politics and economics. The success of her series: "Illustrations of Political Economy" made her a celebrity at a time when it was practically unknown for a woman to enter this domain. Through the 1830s and 1840s she produced books and articles on the important issues of the day, and eventually she supported her family by her writing.

It is quite correct to use the term "radical" about her:-- as an authority on political economy she advocated the abolition of slavery, economic change, and education for all classes including girls; she was an early feminist, addressing what she called "The Woman Question", writing on injustices to women and advocating their education concerning contraception and family planning. As well she expressed her ideas on the Poor Laws, taxation and theology, presenting a sceptical view of religion. She mingled with the intellectuals of her time, including Wordsworth, the Brownings and Charlotte Bronte, and kept up a long and intimate correspondence with Florence Nightingale due to their similar education and interest in reforms and social improvement.

Harriet Martineau must have expressed much of what ordinary people were feeling but found difficult to express, as well as leading them with progressive ideas at a time when people were thinking about their conditions and about improving them.

A measure of Harriet Martineau's popular following is the fact that Stephen Cuming and Jane Sweet named their first daughter for her.

Entry in Stephen Cuming's note-book

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<p>Stephen Cuming the son of Stephen Cuming Cuming Born May 28th 1846</p>	<p>1851 March 13th George Dawson lectured at the Ohio Institution on old powers "18th Percent of souls from the bible being told by the 1st. loose leaf (page 74)</p>
<p>Martineau Cuming Daughter of Stephen C- Cuming Born May 28th 1846</p>	<p>"26th Short asked a pair of heavy shoes paid 4³ "22 Stephen shoes and applied page 14</p>
<p>This child was named after the Liberal poet & butler Harriet Martineau Alfred Cuming Born on Ballarat Dymps Sep 24th 1864</p>	<p>George Dawson lectured at the Ohio Institution on on Character and Circum- stances a very large audience Mrs Corby moved an amend- ment to the motion for a vote of thanks - viz that he be</p>



Martineau Cuming

The first family Martineau was Martineau Cuming, first daughter of Stephen Cuming and Jane Sweet, born in 1848 in Truro, Cornwall. In 1852 she migrated to Australia with her parents, and the family went to the Ballarat diggings. She was 6 years old at the time of the Eureka outbreak. She used to tell of her vivid recollections of discussions about the diggers' hardships before the Eureka affair and of Peter Lalor being hidden in her parents' tent after the fight. She could point out the spot on Pennyweight Hill where the tent had been.

She married Simon Andrew, a miner, in 1868 and they lived at Clunes, but after his death she and her children went for a while to Simon's brother's family at Mathinna in Tasmania. Later she lived in the old Cuming house at Ballarat East. She died in the Ballarat Benevolent Home in 1932.



Caroline Martineau Pearce

The second Martineau was Caroline Martineau Pearce, daughter of Caroline Sweet, sister of Jane, and William Pearce. She was born at Indigo, Victoria,, in 1862 and in 1882 married William Chapple. She lived all her life in Wodonga and died there in 1943. She was Martineau Cuming's cousin.

Mary Althea Martineau Andrew

Mary Althea Martineau Andrew, daughter of Thomas Andrew and Elizabeth Ellen Knight was born and died in 1871, not so long after the marriage of Thomas' brother Simon to Martineau Cuming, and probably they named their child for their new sister-in-law.

Ellen Martineau Richards

Ellen Martineau Richards was the grand-daughter of James Andrew and Mary Ann Harris. She appears in the 1881 Census as Martineau Richards, aged 3. Her mother, Eliza Richards, 25 years, is their daughter----and so, sister of Simon Andrew, Martineau Cuming's husband. Ellen Martineau's Birth Certificate names her in full, born on the 2 July 1877, at Voguebeloth, Cornwall, her mother Eliza Richards (née Andrew), and her father John Richards, a miner.

Ellen Martineau Richards was married on 4 May 1899, at the age of 21 years, in the Wesley Chapel in Redruth, to Richard Nettell, a gold miner, 24 years, both living in Voguebeloth at the time of their marriage. Her uncle William, and cousins Clara and Annie were witnesses. Before their marriage Richard had been to California gold mining, and possibly to the West Australian gold-fields.

A few days after their marriage, the couple emigrated to the USA, and in the 1910 Census of the USA they are living in Jackson City, California, a gold-mining town on the edge of the Sierra Nevada, and Richard is a Top-man for a gold mine. They have had one child who is no longer living. In 1909 Ellen Martineau made a trip back to Cornwall, as she returned to New York, by herself, in the steamer 'St Louis'. Later, in 1918, when Richard registered for military service, they were living at Richmond near San Francisco where Richard worked as an Auto-Mechanic. Later still they moved to Los Angeles.

After Richard died, in 1934 Ellen Martineau married Walter Arnd, (who had been their lodger). and in 1936, aged 58, she became a naturalised US citizen. She died in Los Angeles on the 4th April 1945 at the age of 67 years.



c. 1900

Annie Martineau Andrew

Annie Martineau Andrew, was the daughter of Henry Andrew, younger brother of Simon and Thomas Andrew. Henry and his wife Annie James migrated to South Australia, and their daughter Annie Martineau was born in Moonta in 1878. She was called "Mart". She married James Major and they had a son Reginald. She died in 1960 in Port Adelaide.

She was the fifth in the family to have the Martineau name and was the niece of Martineau Cuming and Simon Andrew.



Mary Althea Martineau Andrew

The next daughter of Thomas Andrew and Eliza Ellen Knight was given the same names as the daughter who died. This Mary Althea Martineau Andrew, called "Martie", was born in Clunes in 1878. She went with her family to Mathinna in Tasmania where her father, Thomas, was manager of the New Golden Gate Mine.

In 1911 the family moved to South Africa, mining in Johannesburg. There Martie married Arthur Rice, an Australian, and they had one child, Ellen Martineau Tangye Rice. Her husband was killed in the War in 1917. Martie and Ellen remained in South Africa till 1921 when they made a visit to Tasmania, staying with her step-relatives, the Baker family, in Launceston. They then returned to Britain and Martie lived in Redruth in Cornwall while Ellen attended school in Cheltenham in Gloucestershire.

In the latter part of her life Martie lived on Jersey in the Channel Islands. She made her Will there in February 1940, when the Second World War was becoming very serious for France and Britain. She lived through the German occupation of the Islands, and she died in St Helier on Jersey in March 1948.



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Martineau Marriott Cuming

Martineau Marriott Cuming, born at Horsham in 1881, was the daughter of Stephen Cuming and Jane Sweet's second son Alfred, and Hannah Marriott Stanfeld. She was named for her aunt Martineau Cuming.

She died in 1887 at the age of 6.

Martineau Annie Craze

Martineau Annie Craze, the daughter of John Craze and Sarah Andrew, (the youngest sister of Simon and Thomas Andrew), was born on the 29th October 1893 in Strahan, Tasmania, but she died there on the 17th December 1893.

Edith Martineau Webster, born at Kew in 1899, was named for her grandmother Martineau Andrew. She grew up in Kew, went to Glenferrie Primary School, then MLC, and worked for a while in the office of the Tramways Board in Melbourne where she met Jim Walker. They were married in 1926 and built their home in Canterbury, and there raised their family of three boys, Donald, Ian and Douglas. She died on the 8th January 1996.

She said that she disliked the name Martineau when she was young.

Edith Martineau Webster



c. 11 yrs

7 Feb 1988



28 Sept 1921

Annie Martineau Andrew

Another Annie Martineau Andrew, born in 1900, also at Moonta, was the daughter of Harry Andrew, the son of Henry Andrew and Annie James, and the niece of the elder Annie Martineau, and great-niece of Martineau Cuming.

She was called "Martie". She married Clyve Luke, and their three children, Verna, Ralph and Enid, were born in Moonta. She died in Adelaide in 1980.



Florence Martineau Phillips

Florence Martineau Phillips, called Fov, was also named for her grandmother Martineau Andrew. She was the eldest daughter of Edith Ellen Andrew and Henry Phillips. She was born in 1909 at Sandstone, in W.A. where her father was mining. Later the family returned to Stawell where she and her sisters grew up. She married Gerald Rowe and they farmed in Pomonal. They had three children - Ray, Alan and Nancy. She died 9 October 1998.



Mary Althea Martineau Andrews Baker

Mary Althea Martineau Andrews Baker, (called Martie), was born in 1904 in Mathinna, Tasmania. Her mother was Alberta Stoneman, step-daughter of Thomas Andrews. Alberta took the name "Andrews", (as it had by then become in Tasmania), and must have felt a very close connection with her step-family to give her daughter all these family names, (and to leave out her mother's names, Stoneman and Knight).

Martie married Hugh Steward and they lived in Sydney. After Hugh died in 1926 she returned to Tasmania and was a P.O. telephonist in Launceston right up to the time when she died suddenly in May 1963. So the Martineau name had not only spread to the Andrew/s family, but came also into the Baker family.

Ellen Martineau Tangye Rice

My Autograph Colours

I sometimes write in pink
I sometimes write in blue
But Carrie I don't think
you'll mind
If I write on cream to you

Not very straight
for a small girl of 17

Ellen Rice

25th June 1921

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It's not very tidy
but still it is very
sincere

A few autographs
sent

This is the name given to their only daughter by Martie Andrews and Arthur Rice. She was born in South Africa, probably in Johannesburg, in 1912. After her father was killed in the war in 1917, she and her mother probably stayed in Johannesburg as they sailed from Cape Town for Australia in 1921. They visited their relatives, the Bakers in Launceston, where Ellen wrote in her step-aunt, Carrie Baker's, autograph book.

On returning to Britain, Ellen attended Cheltenham Ladies' College in Gloucestershire, she which entered aged 13 in September 1926 and left at the end of the summer term in 1932. She had a distinguished school career with Credits and Distinctions in many subjects, became a College Prefect in 1931, and in that year passed the Oxford and Cambridge Higher Certificate. She was awarded a scholarship for English to Oxford, and was also offered a scholarship for English to Cambridge as well as a particular award of a Scholarship of £100 per annum for three years.

In 1938 she married John Innes-Crump, a Flying Officer in the RAF, and they lived at various Air Force stations in Britain, and in 1943 they were in Canada where John did a stint of training with the RCAF in Montreal. They had two daughters, the first in 1940, and the second after the War in 1945. (Both these girls also attended Cheltenham Ladies' College, 1954 --- 1962). During the war Ellen was a member of the Women's Auxiliary Air Force.

They must have had a posting to Malaya, as in September 1948, Ellen sailed from Singapore with her two daughters, Janet and Mary, for Britain giving as their destination on the Passenger List St Helier, Channel Is. where she would have wound up her mother's affairs.

In Britain again, with her husband now a Group-Captain, in the 1950s, they moved around various stations --- Yorkshire, Worcestershire and perhaps Kent. After John Innes-Crump died about 1961, Ellen lived for a long time in Rolvenden near Cranbrook in Kent, where she died in 1976.

Ellen's daughter Janet married and had two children.

Betty Martineau Morris

She is the great-granddaughter of Sarah Andrew, youngest sister of Simon and Thomas Andrew, and John Craze. Her parents were Beatrice Mary Craze and Cecil Morris who were married in Tasmania in 1929. Betty Martineau was born between 1930 and 1933, and lived with her parents until she was at least 21, as she appears on the 1954 Electoral Roll for Sheffield on which her occupation is given as Teacher.



7 May 1993

Kinta Martineau Walker

Kinta Martineau Walker, born 1968, daughter of Fay Hampton and Don Walker, was born and grew up in Castlemaine. She took a B.A. degree at Melbourne University, then trained as a Librarian. At present, 2007, she is in charge of the Kangaroo Flat Library, and lives with her husband, Lindsay Dickson at Lockwood near Bendigo. She was named for her grandmother Edith Martineau Webster.



23 Aug 1952

Helen Christine Webster Martineau

The next Martineau is Helen, née Webster, born in 1941, daughter of Muriel Bell and Don Webster, who took the name Martineau as a surname. She has adopted it officially. She writes: "I chose the name with a sense of its history when I was teaching and performing in movement and dance and wanted a suitable 'artistic' name. I was pleased to find the right one within the family and it was an added interest to me that Martineau had such a fascinating history both before and within our family. I decided to keep the name for professional reasons. I thought this was particularly appropriate as writing is becoming increasingly important in my life."



25 Apr 2007

Martineau Fay Byrne

The latest Martineau is Martineau Fay Byrne, born 5th April 2000 in Castlemaine, daughter of Tamsin, (née Walker) and Patrick Byrne. She is the great-great-great-granddaughter of Martineau Cuming. She lives with her family on their bush block near Sedgwick, and goes to school in Castlemaine.

The Martineaus

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| 1. Martineau Cuming | b. 1848
d. 1932 | Truro, Cornwall
Ballarat East, Victoria |
| 2. Caroline Martineau Pearce | b. 1862
d. 1943 | Indigo, Victoria
Wodonga, Victoria |
| 3. Mary Althea Martineau Andrew | b. & d.
1871 | Clunes, Victoria |
| 4. Ellen Martineau Richards | b. 1877
d. 1945 | Voguebeloth, Cornwall
Los Angeles, California. |
| 5. Annie Martineau Andrew | b. 1878
d. 1960 | Moonta, South Australia
Port Adelaide, S. A. |
| 6. Mary Althea Martineau Andrew | b. 1878
d. 1948 | Clunes, Victoria
Jersey, Channel Islands |
| 7. Martineau Marriott Cuming | b. 1881
d. 1887 | Horsham, Victoria
Horsham, Victoria |
| 8. Martineau Annie Craze | b. & d.
1893 | Strahan, Tasmania |
| 9. Edith Martineau Webster | b. 1899
d. 1996 | Kew, Victoria
Canterbury, Victoria. |
| 10. Annie Martineau Andrew | b. 1900
d. 1980 | Moonta, South Australia
Adelaide, South Australia |

The Martineaus

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| 11. Mary Althea Martineau Andrews Baker | b. 1904
d. 1963 | Mathinna, Tasmania
Launceston, Tasmania |
| 12. Florence Martineau Phillips | b. 1909
d. 1998 | Sandstone, Western Australia
Stawell, Victoria |
| 13. Ellen Martineau Tangye Rice | b. 1912
d. 1976 | South Africa
Rolvenden, Kent. |
| 14. Betty Martineau Morris | b. ca 1930 | Sheffield, Tasmania |
| 15. Kinta Martineau Walker | b. 1968 | Castlemaine, Victoria |
| 16. Helen Christine Webster Martineau | b. 1941 | Melbourne, Victoria |
| 17. Martineau Fay Byrne | b. 2000 | Castlemaine, Victoria |

Joseph 1810 Mary
SWEET = PENHALE

Stephen 1845 Jane
CUMING = SWEET

Caroline 1858 William
SWEET PEARCE

Caroline Martineau ①
CUMING
1848-1932

Caroline Martineau ②
PEARCE
1862-1943

Hannah = Alfred
STANFELD CUMING

Carrie = William
ANDREW WEBSTER

Edith = Henry
ANDREW PHILLIPS

Martineau Marriot
CUMING ⑦
1891-1887

Edith Martineau = Jim
WEBSTER ⑨
1899-1996
WALKER

Don
WEBSTER = Muriel
BELL

Florence Martineau
PHILLIPS ⑫
b. 1909
d. 1945

Don = Fay
WALKER HAMPTON

Helen Christine
WEBSTER/MARTINEAU
b. 1941 ⑬

Kinta Martineau
WALKER ⑮
b. 1958

Tamsin WALKER = Patrick BYRNE

Martineau Fay BYRNE b. 2000 ⑯

The Martineaus

DJW March 2014

James 1839 Mary Ann
ANDREW HARRIS

Henry 3.
ANDREW

John
RICHARDS

= Elizabeth
ANDREW

Sarah 5.
ANDREW

= John
CRAZE

Simon
ANDREW

Annie Martineau
ANDREW ⑤
1878-1960

Ellen Martineau
④ RICHARDS
1877-1945

= Richard
NETTELL

③ Annie Martineau
CRAZE
b.d. 1893

Beatrice Mary
CRAZE

= Cecil Reynolds
MORRIS

Betty Martineau
MORRIS ⑭
b.c. 1930

The Martineaus.

We are fortunate to know how the name Martineau came to be used in our family, because of the entry in Stephen Cuming's note-book now held in the Gold Museum in Ballarat: "Martineau Cuming Daughter of Stephen and Jane Cuming Born July 1st 1848 This child was named after the Liberal Poet and writer Harriett Martineau." She was the first family Martineau.

The Cuming family migrated to Australia in 1851 and ended up on the Ballarat Goldfields. After the Eureka affair the 6 year old Martineau was set to watch for Peter Lalor and the Cumings assisted Lalor's journey to Geelong.

Later Jane Cuming's sister, Caroline Sweet, named her daughter Caroline Martineau Pearce, - the second family Martineau.

Martineau Cuming eventually married Simon Andrew, also from Cornwall, and they mined at Clunes. Altogether five women, direct descendants of Martineau Cuming, have been given the name and another one has taken Martineau as her surname.

The name, originating with the Cumings, spread into the Andrew family in Australia, and one of Simon Andrew's sisters, still in Cornwall, also used the name for her daughter, so the name returned to Cornwall !

There are now 17 family Martineaus of whom we know. March 2014.

In Norfolk there is a Martineau Society which studies Harriet Martineau's family, and whose members were pleased to know how Stephen and Jane Cuming and their descendants have honoured the memory of Harriet.

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