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**Kathleen (Tunaley) Pennington: the Bankruptcy and Fall of husband Rev.**

**Walter Pennington.**

**Information kindly provided by Dr. Jane Holmes**

(As compiled by Phil Tunaley)

N.B.: Evidence, not included in this article. indicates Walter Pennington was suffering from a progressive illness over a considerable period of time.

**London Evening Standard: 27<sup>th</sup> May 1880**

Bankruptcy Court

(Before Mr. Registrar MURRAY)

IN RE THE REV. WALTER PENNINGTON -This was an application by Mr. Tilley for the appointment of a Receiver and for an injunction under a petition for liquidation presented by the Rev. Walter Pennington of Longridge-road, Kensington, clerk in holy orders. The object of the application was to protect certain furniture which had been removed to Taylor's Repository, and a sale of which was apprehended. There was a claim set up to the furniture by Nicholson's Discount Company, in respect of an advance of 700l., but the Debtor stated that he had not given a bill of sale to the company. There was a bureau containing memoranda and private papers to which he required access for the purpose of preparing a statement of affairs. - His Honour, after hearing the affidavit, said that the Debtor appeared to have executed some memorandum as to the nature of which he knew nothing. He would appoint a Receiver and grant an injunction until after the first meeting. - The liabilities were roughly estimated at about 5000l.

**Daily News (London) 30<sup>th</sup> June 1880.**

The Police Courts

GUILDHALL. - Mr. James Mortimer the proprietor and editor of the *London Figaro* was summoned before Alderman Cotton, M.P. for publishing in that periodical a libel on the Rev. Walter Pennington, the Vicar of St. Phillip's, South Kensington. – Mr. Edgcome appeared for the complainant; and Mr. George Lewis jun., for the defendant. - When the case was called on, Mr. Edgcome said this summons was taken out against Mr. Mortimer for a libel that had appeared in that Journal against the complainant of a very serious character. It charged him with simony, which would subject him to various consequences in the ecclesiastical courts, and other offences of a very grave nature. He must say that when the matter was brought before Mr. Mortimer he at once, with a readiness that was a credit to journalism, expressed his readiness to put an article in his next paper withdrawing every imputation against the complaint. Under those circumstances he wished to withdraw the summons. - Alderman Cotton wished to know which paragraph of the article he complained of. - Mr. Edgcome said the first paragraph charged him with simony and purchasing a vacant living and presenting himself to it. - Alderman Cotton said he thought that simony was allowed now. - Mr. Edgcome replied that it was not, and if the imputation were true the complainant would be subject to very heavy penalties. The next charge it contained was he preached in a language that was not decent, which was a very serious matter, and the third was that he had done all he could to create a division among the congregation, all of which charges would render him liable to very serious consequences. Mr. Mortimer was, however, not the writer of the article, and he knew nothing about it until it appeared. He was now anxious to recall all that had been said in it, and under those circumstances he wished to withdraw the summons. – Alderman Cotton observed that he was glad to see so amicable a settlement, and allowed the summons to be withdrawn.

N.B. From Wikipedia: "Simony is the act of selling church offices and roles or sacred things".

### **Liverpool Echo: 30th June 1880**

#### **Charge of Libelling a Clergyman**

James Mortimer, proprietor and editor of the *London Figaro*, was yesterday summoned at the London Guildhall Police Court for publishing a libel on the Rev. Walter Pennington the vicar of St. Phillips, South Kensington The defendant having expressed anxiety to withdraw all the statements in the article objected to, the prosecutor was permitted to withdraw the summons.

### **17 April 1883 London Gazette**

**The Bankruptcy Act, 1869**

In the London Bankruptcy Court.

In the Matter of Proceedings for Liquidation by Arrangement or Composition with Creditors, instituted by Walter Pennington, formerly of 116, Lexham-gardens, but now of 51, Longridge-road, Kensington, in the county of Middlesex, Clerk in Holy Orders.

Notice is hereby given that a General Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Walter Pennington will be held at the offices of Messrs. .A.C..Palmer and Co., Chartered Accountants, 7 and 8, Railway Approach, London Bridge, S.E. on Wednesday the 25th day of April 1883, at three o'clock p.m. to consider proposal received from the debtor to the effect that out of the profits of the living coming to the hands of the Trustee under the writ of sequestration issued and tested on the 27th day of May 1880, and now in force, there shall be paid to the debtor, by way of an allowance, for the maintenance of himself and family for a period of two years from the present time, and thenceforth during the continuation of the liquidation, so long as the debtor shall be not in residence and not officiate, such a sum as will be equivalent to one half part of such profits; and that the remaining moiety or half-part be retained by the Trustee and applied by him in a due course of administration; and if such resolution or resolutions be come to, to consider the propriety of approving and if deemed desirable to approve an agreement which will be submitted and read to the meeting, and made between the debtor of the one part and the undersigned Trustee of the other part; and if such a agreement be approved to pass such other resolutions as may be necessary for authorising the Trustee to carry such an agreement into effect, with or without modifications to be from time to time approved by the creditors of the said debtor.

Dated this 16th day of April 1883.

AUGUTUS C. PALMER, Trustee.

**Probate Record dated 6th August 1883.**

**TUNALEY Catherine****Personal Estate £20**

"Administration of the Personal Estate of Catherine Tunaley late of Peckham House, Peckham in the County of Surrey. Widow who died 22 May 1883 at Peckham House was granted at the Principal Registry under the usual Limitations to Charles Spencer Houlder of 6 and 7 Barbican in the City of London, Solicitor the lawful Attorney of Kathleen Constantia Pennington (Wife of the Reverend Walter Pennington, Clerk) the Daughter and only Next of Kin now residing in Belgium".

N.B. Death Certificate for Catherine and Peckham House's own records give date of death as 29th May 1883.

**7 September 1883 London Gazette****The Bankruptcy Act, 1869**

In the London Bankruptcy Court.

In the Matter of Proceedings for liquidation by Arrangement or Composition with Creditors, instituted by Walter Pennington, formerly of 116, Lexham-gardens, but now of 51, Longridge-road, Kensington, in the county of Middlesex, Clerk in Holy Orders.

The creditors of the above-named Walter Pennington who have not already proved their debts, are required on or before the 20th day of September 1883 to send their names and addresses and the particulars of their debts or claims to me the undersigned Augustus Cufaude Palmer of 7 and 8, Railway Approach, London Bridge, in the county of Surrey, Chartered Accountant, the Trustee under the liquidation, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of the Dividend proposed to be declared.

Dated this 5th day of September, 1883.

AUGUTUS C. PALMER, Trustee.

**London Echo: 18<sup>th</sup> October 1883.**

Before the same registrar an application was made in the case of the Rev. Walter Pennington, to confirm a scheme of arrangement under the 28<sup>th</sup> section. The debtor who officiated at St. Phillip's Kensington, petitioned the Court in May 1880, describing himself as of 6 Melrose Gardens, Kensington,, clerk in holy orders. The debts were £4173 6s. 11d and the assets £815. At a meeting recently held the creditors agreed to a scheme of arrangement, whereby, after providing for the relinquishment of certain claims, the debtor should be granted his order of discharge upon the payment of a composition of 2s 6d.in the pound, together with all costs and charges within 21 days secured. Mr. Holder applied to confirm the scheme; but his Honour .was of opinion that it was bristling with objections and declined to make an order. The application was therefore refused.

**15 January 1884 London Gazette**

**The Bankruptcy Act, 1869**

In the London Bankruptcy Court.

A First and Final Dividend of 2s 6d in the pound has been declared in the matter of proceedings for liquidation by arrangement or composition with creditors instituted by Walter Pennington formerly of 116, Lexham-gardens, but now of 51, Longridge-road, Kensington, in the county of Middlesex, Clerk in Holy Orders and will be paid by me at the offices of Messrs.A.C.Palmer and Co., 7 amd 8, Railway Approach, London Bridge, S.E. ,Chartered Accountants, on or after Wednesday the 9th day of January 1884, between the hours of 11 and 2 .

Dated this 5th day of January, 1884.

AUGUTUS C. PALMER,Trustee.

**July 13<sup>th</sup> 1884**

**Death of Walter Pennington**

Walter died July 13<sup>th</sup> 1884, Bethlem Hospital, St. George's Fields, Southwark.

**13<sup>th</sup> November 1884 . The Times.**

Walter John O'Sullivan Pennington and Maude Edith Pennington elected to boys' and girls' clergy Orphan Schools.

Walter emigrated to Canada ca. 1888.

Maude Edith also emigrated to Canada, date unknown. She married Frederick William Grove (1865-1953) 19/3/1896, Halifax Nova Scotia, and there were two known children:

Frances E. Grove (1897-1993) and Lewis James Grove (1908-1992).

Maude died 1914, Halifax, Nova Scotia. Buried Beaverbank, N.S.

**1891 Census**

Kathleen (Tunaley) Pennington, aged 33 years, classed as a servant in the 1891 census, working as a cook for a "Clerk in Holy Orders" in Bethnal Green.

Meanwhile, the two youngest children Eric and Effie were living in an infant orphan asylum in Wanstead, Essex.

**9<sup>th</sup> July 1894.****Second Marriage of Kathleen Constantia Pennington (Tunaley).**

In 1894, 10 years after Walter's death, Kathleen married again to Henry Charles McCormack, listed on marriage certificate as "cattle dealer". Marriage took place on 9th July 1894, Deptford, Middlesex. Kathleen's late father Thomas Snape Tunaley listed on certificate as "Gentleman".

**Kathleen d. 1901 - death registered West Ham, Essex.**

