



George Jacob

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George Jacob was born in 1846 in Heacham, Norfolk. He married Kate Greenland (born July 1858 in Lydd, Kent) on 8th March 1882. They had five children, one of whom was Barry's Grandmother Gladys May Jacob (born 1892).

Before he came to Southend, George spent thirty years at sea, including time as a Captain. Barry has inherited some interesting documents from

this period of George's life. Two of George's ships were involved in collisions. One

was the S.S.Valetta, revealed in a hand written inventory of charges due to a collision with S.S. Pelayo in Gibraltar in 1888. Also George left loading documents for S.S. Brinkburn in 1895 and a written account of a collision with S.S. Alvah in 1895. His last voyages took in Madagascar and Cuba so

unusually for this period he was a man who had seen the world!



It seems that the sea life was over for George after the collision with the S.S Alvah and he moved to Southend to start up George Jacob and Sons Cartage Contractor. Five years later he suffered an accident in Queens Road, after which he received mighty damages of £3000.00, but died only 3 years later, after doctors decided that he needed surgery on his stomach. These injuries were probably as a result of the accident.



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Kate lived on to a good age of 92 and died at their family home of 40 Park Road Southend on 3rd November 1950. Barry's parents helped clear the house, but unfortunately a lot of possessions were removed by neighbours before they got there. George had collected a great many items on his travels.

Barry also has some interesting documents on an invention of a Fog Signal by George in 1889, but this was rejected.

Barry also has a letter that was sent from the equerry of the Duke of Connaught (Prince Albert) to George Jacob dated February 5th 1895 in relation to the delivery of a lion to the Duke!

George Jacob is remembered by Barry Bates and was researched by Simon Last.

