

## Branch 18

For genealogical information about this branch of the family, contact us. If you would like to be put in touch with other members of branch 18, please ask for your contact details to be passed to Dave Braund the branch co-ordinator.

The story of much of branch 18 is told in the publication *Publican, Purser, Printer and Poet* which is available via the [shop page](#) of our website.

At the top of branch 18 are William Braund and Margery Peacock who married in Stoke Damerel, Devon in 1783. Their seven children were all born in the area round Plymouth docks. William was a mariner and later a victualler in Plymouth, running the Jolly Farmer on How's Lane.

William's origins have still to be confirmed. It is highly likely that he comes from branch 15 of the family, who have their origins in the north Devon parish of Fremington; many branch 15 Braunds were carpenters. William christens his eldest daughter Rebecca, an unusual forename in the Braund family and a prime candidate for William's mother is Rebecca Braund née Kemp of Fremington. DNA also suggests very close links between branches 15 and 18.

William's two sons who survived infancy both went to sea and fought at the Battle of Trafalgar, the younger, Thomas, a midshipman, losing his life. The remaining son, also William, spent his life at sea, becoming a naval purser, before dying of yellow fever in Sierra Leone. Several of the children of William the purser followed their maternal aunt to London. Here John Palmer Braund 1823-1904 set up as a printer's compositor. John and his wife Emma Julia née Keen, had nine children. The eldest of these was William Alfred Braund, a commercial clerk and song lyricist who went by the pen name of Wilfred Mills.