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Dear Bill,

There has always been some degree of doubt concerning the Christian name of the Weston who had the West Horsley property at Dapto.

He has been severally referred to as William Francis and William Frederick WESTON even down to the inscription on his tombstone at St. Luke's at Dapto, and in historical references.

He was the son of Henry Perkins Weston who married firstly Marianne, daughter of Sir Sebastian Bergier de Roverez of Lausanne, Switzerland and secondly, on her death in March 1789 married Jeanne Marie, her cousin daughter of Joseph Bergier de Mont also of Lausanne.

I have obtained an extract from the relevant record of baptism at Lausanne as follows:-

"Baptised at Lausanne in Switzerland April 11th 1793 Francis William son of Henry Perkins Weston Esq and Jeanne Marie his wife, born March 20th 1793 and certified by an extract of the Register of Lausanne and signed by the Minister and Magistracy of Lausanne aforesaid"

So he was Frank and not Bill, which settles that doubt, and a son of the second wife.

During a recent visit to UK it was mandatory that I paid a visit to the village of Horsley in Surrey where I was pleased to meet the present owner of the former Weston manor known as "West Horsley Place", this is the Duchess of Roxburghe. One of the small page boys at Prince Andrew's wedding was a Roxburghe.

And in that connection the very active West Horsley floral society supplied the flowers for the wedding and seventy of the young women members journeyed to London and did the floral arrangements in Westminster Abbey.

So "West Horsley" at Dapto still retains its historical links with English aristocracy.

Yours sincerely

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