

Client Query :

“Can you find the birth of my great grandmother Susan Goodwin Eyre who married on 14th September 1885 in the parish of Cheltenham in Gloucester, to William Brazener. Her father's name is given as John Eyre, Carpenter”.

Results :

The client's great grandmother Susan Goodwin Eyre was born on 24th February 1863 in St. Pancras, Middlesex. This exact date has been confirmed on the 1939 Register, put together at the beginning of WWII in order to distribute identity cards¹.

Her birth was registered as Susannah Goodwin Eyre in Jun Qtr 1863, Pancras Registration District, Vol. 1 / Pg. 29. This is possibly a phonetical error on the part of the registrar, although the name Susan and Susanna(h) have been known to be used interchangeably².

The marriage certificate of her parents John Eyre and Ann Kemble on 24th October 1858 reveals one of the witnesses to be a woman named Susan Goodwin³. This is highly likely the reason for Susan's naming choice. She was probably a friend or relative of John and Ann.

The certificate can be purchased using the above details from the **General Register Office (GRO)**. Full certificates are £11.00 however PDF scans can be ordered for £7.00. This is useful if the document is for genealogy curiosity instead of legal purposes⁴.

¹ 1939 Register. Charlton Kings, Gloucestershire. BRAZENER, Susan G. 1939 England and Wales Register. www.ancestry.co.uk : accessed 16 Oct 2022.

² Births Index (CR). England. Jun Qtr 1863. Pancras Registration District. EYRE, Susannah Goodwin. Vol. 1b. Pg. 29. England & Wales, Civil Registration Births Index, 1837-1915. www.ancestry.co.uk : accessed 16 Oct 2022.

³ Marriages (CR). 24 Oct 1858. England. St. Pancras, Middlesex. EYRE, John / KEMBLE, Ann. London, England, Church of England Marriages and Banns, 1754-1938. www.ancestry.co.uk : accessed 16 Oct 2022.

⁴ <https://www.gov.uk/order-copy-birth-death-marriage-certificate> : accessed 16 Oct 2022.