

"Andrew Midlane is a cousin of mine. His father John was brother to my gt Grandfather Frank. Frank and John's father was one of the notorius 'GANG' of working smugglers out of St Helens and Bembridge.

Andrew, born 1870, in St Helens Ryde was a sailor, who in 1889 married a Welsh girl Mary Jane Morris of Skewen Neath Glamorgan. born 1867 d.1906.

On Mary's death Andrew returned to the Island and in 1908 married Clara Lily Salter b. 1878 Godshill. Whether Andrew knew Clara previously is unknown. He left behind him 3 daughters and 2 sons, all of whom stayed to live in Wales."

*Information submitted by Liz Fowler in August 2011*