

# SPURGEON BAPTISTS TEA POT

## **BACKGROUND AS EMAILED TO JOHN BANK BY PAULINE BELL (AUTHOR OF SEVERAL WORKS REGARDING JAMES DIXON)**

A little background as to where this came from - I am cleaning out my parent's house after my dad passed away in April. My mom passed away 6 years ago. Many pieces of furniture in their house are antique pieces they acquired when they purchased a house in Bellingham, WA back in the 1950's. The lady that owned the home, Myra Fisher Brown, couldn't take her furniture with her and happily gave them most of her possessions in the house. My parents moved to Spokane, WA in 1965 and brought the furniture with them as well as many of her books, family letters, pictures, etc. I found this teapot tucked away in a cupboard in the kitchen. I've never seen it before so it's been up there for 48 years and hasn't seen daylight since.

I love to do genealogy searches so I looked for Myra and found out she was born in Ireland and married James Brown who was born in England. I haven't been able to find much of anything on James like parent names, siblings, etc. Myra's estimated birth year is 1895 and James' is 1872.

The note in the teapot (I attached a picture) says:

This tea-pot is almost 150 years old coming down through the generations. The Rev Charles & John Spurgeon of the great Spurgeon Baptist Tabernacle London England were frequent visitors at the "Brown" home & it was from this tea-pot that they had their afternoon tea. Spurgeon's followers built the great London Tabernacle in 1861 wherein he continued to preach to thousands till 1891. He died 1892 at the age of 58 years. The address in the top right, 2622 Ellis St, is Myra and James Brown's address in Bellingham.

An internet search for Charles Spurgeon tells me that he was fairly prominent in England. I wasn't sure of any connection between the Browns and Spurgeon so I put in the search words "Spurgeon London Brown" and found a man named Archibald G. Brown who is noted as a friend of Spurgeon's and was pastor of the same church after Spurgeon died.

I obviously can't say for sure that this is the same Brown family referred to in the teapot note but it is quite a coincidence. The books that my parents have from the Bellingham home are all religious based so that may lend some credence to it being the same family. Just a guess...









JAMES SHEPHERDSONS  
LONDON  
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JACK L SCOTT IN HIS SHEFFIELD BOOK GIVES 1851 – 1879 FOR THIS MARK OF  
JAMES DIXON & SONS  
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