

## *William Henshall update*

*In the last issue of the Newsletter (26/3, October 2005), Paul Tubb presented his research on the important Belleek designer, William Henshall. Paul now gives some additional information.*

Since my article on the life of William Henshall was published in the last newsletter the 1851 census has become available on Ancestry.co.uk thus enabling me to confirm some of the surmises made in the earlier piece.



At the time of the 1851 census William was aged 5 and was living at Charles Street, Hanley with father and mother, John and Jane Henshall and his younger brother John, the one who became a confectioner and baker in later life. There is no indication in Charles Street of their sister, Catherine, the one with whom our William was living in 1861, but she is recorded in the house of her grandparents Ephraim and Catherine Blackwell [with her surname spelt Henshaw] at Church Road Hanley along with their two other children.

The father, John, says he was born in Swansea, South Wales as he consistently does in all the census returns but so too does Joseph Henshall the father of the Henshall family living at Pottery Row in Llanelly. This raises the possibility that John and Joseph might be brothers which would make our William and the one we nearly thought it might be in Llanelly cousins.

Some time later this year it is hoped to have the 1841 census of England and Wales available and indexed for searching. There is not the detailed information on this census that there is on the later ones, but useful corroborative information can be found. In particular we might find something to connect John and Joseph Henshall.

*- Paul Tubb*