

Francis Cupiss of Diss

A man and his 'Constitution Balls'

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Whilst looking at some of my own family history I came across a man named Francis Cupiss. This Cupiss, a name I'd never seen before, piqued my interest and, having found the connection to Diss, it resulted in this short piece of research.

As it happened, I found that this man was actually nothing to do with my family!

Nigel Peacock July 2022

Please note that some of the weblinks point to sites where a fee-paying membership is required.

Some other references have enough information to allow you to find the data using free sites, eg: [FamilySearch](#), [FreeCEN](#), [FreeREG](#), and many others.

Also I would encourage anyone interested in local or family history to become a member of [Diss Family History Group](#).

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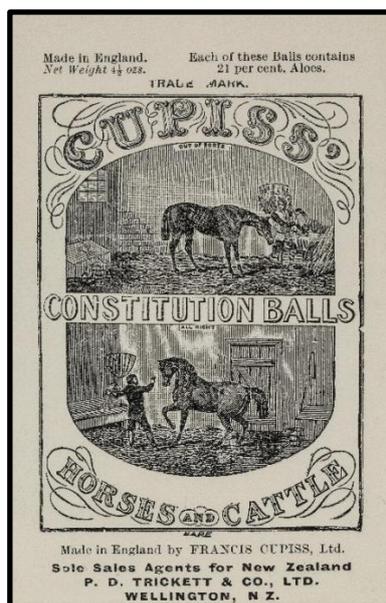
(The photo on the front cover is part of an advertising poster for Cupiss's Constitution Balls.)

Thanks go to John from Cupiss Letter Press for Information about Francis and for permission to include some of his illustrations in this article, the booklet and on the website.

Cupiss of Diss

It all started with the advertisement transcribed below:

CUPISS CONSTITUTION BALLS



In cases of Swelled Legs, Grease, Cracked Heels, Coughs, Colds, Broken Wind, Staring Coat, Influenza, Fattening, Conditioning, Loss of Appetite, Hidebound, Hove or Blown, Epidemic, Distemper, Scouring, Disordered Liver, Rot in Sheep, etc., etc., and in Scouring in CALVES and LAMBS are almost infallible.

They restore the healthy Functions of the Digestive Organs, and fortify and strengthen the constitution, give tone and vigour to the whole system, and prevent the injurious results of over exertion or improper feeding. Bullocks fatten much faster by occasionally having a Ball, and their frequent use. Young animals grow to a larger size and come to earlier perfection with the same quantity of food.

Prepared upwards of 50 years by the late

FRANCIS CUISS, M.R.C.V.S.

Diss, Norfolk.

**Author of the Prize Essay on the
"Diseases of the Liver of the Horse."**

Sold by all Chemists and Patent Medicine Vendors in Packets at 1/9 and 3/6 each. 6 Small Packets 10/-, 6 Large Packets 20/-. 12 Large Packets 38/-; or direct from FRANCIS CUISS, Ltd., The Wilderness, Diss, Norfolk, on receipt of amount.

The Man And His Wives.

The reference to Diss, Norfolk, and my involvement with the Diss Family History Group website, prompted me to find out more about this man, Francis Cupiss.



Francis Cupiss, 1859

Exploring the Census returns for our man, found that he was born in London in 30th Apr 1798¹, possibly in a place called Bishopsgate, but certainly in a part of London. Looking further I found that Francis Cupiss was baptised on 17th May 1798², with parents Philip and Fanny, in St. Ethelburga Church, Bishopsgate, London.

Very little was then found until a marriage between Francis and an Elizabeth Biddell. A licence was granted by the Archdeaconry of Sudbury³, "279 - Francis

¹ Find A Grave, Memorial Inscription, St. Mary's Diss Churchyard: <https://tinyurl.com/mzvr5j2n>

² FindMyPast, England Births & Baptisms 1538-1975: <https://tinyurl.com/2w2pxac6>

³ FindMyPast, Britain, Marriage Licences: <https://tinyurl.com/2p94m5ns>

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Cupiss, of Diss, s. m. [single male], & Eliz^h Biddell, of Bradfield St. George, s. w. [single woman], at same. 2nd Aug., 1826.”, with a marriage at Bradfield St. George on 3rd Aug 1826⁴.

Elizabeth was born in Cockfield in Suffolk on 9 Mar 1799⁵ and baptised there on 23 May 1799⁶. Her parents were given as William and Elizabeth (née Chickall).

The Census in 1841⁷ shows Francis living at Mere Street Diss, aged 43, occupation virtually unreadable but possibly something like chemist, living with his wife Elizabeth (42) and, presumably, their children Thomas (11), William (10), Emily (9) and Catherine (5). Francis's age coincides with his date of birth.

The Electoral Roll for 1846⁸ has Francis living in Mere Street, his qualification to vote is his ownership of a freehold house and land.

Still in Mere Street at the time of the 1851 Census⁹, Francis, aged 52, a chemist and druggist, is living with his wife Elizabeth (52), children Elizabeth (22, a daily governess) and Catherine (14, a scholar), Frederick HARPEN (20, an apprentice), and servants Eliza ADAM (25, a housemaid), Elizabeth SARE (22, a cook) and Eve DOWNING (61, a washer woman).

The 1856 Electoral Roll¹⁰ has Francis, again, living in Mere Street, with qualification to vote being the ownership of a freehold house and land.

At the time of the 1861 Census¹¹, Francis is aged 62, a chemist and veterinary surgeon, living with wife Elizabeth (62), children Elizabeth (32), Amelia (31, a governess), Thomas (30, a chemist and druggist) and Catherine (24), and servants Mary Ann RIVETT (20, a cook) and Ellis CATCHPOLE (19, a house servant).

⁴ FindMyPast, England Marriages 1538-1973: <https://tinyurl.com/yc2izxe4>

⁵ Find A Grave: <https://tinyurl.com/23e5rr8y>

⁶ FindMyPast, England Births & Baptisms 1538-1975: <https://tinyurl.com/2i3ndt88>

⁷ 1841 National Census: HO107 Piece 758 Folio 24 Page 9

⁸ FindMyPast, Norfolk Electoral Registers 1832-1915: <https://tinyurl.com/3e7ath7j>

⁹ 1851 National Census: HO107 Piece 1821 Folio 397 Page 9

¹⁰ FindMyPast, Norfolk Electoral Registers 1832-1915: <https://tinyurl.com/2uzva9dt>

¹¹ 1861 National Census: RG09 Piece 1232 Folio 95 Page 13

Again the Electoral Roll, this time for 1866¹², has Francis still living in Mere Street, with his qualification to vote still being the ownership of a freehold house and land.

Details from the 1871 Census¹³ shows Francis is a widow, aged 72, a chemist, printer and veterinary surgeon, living with daughters Elizabeth (43), Emily (38) and Catherine (35), and servants Eliza GOTTS (19, housemaid) and Hannah U HUGGINS (20, cook).

Francis now being known to be a widow led to finding the death of Elizabeth on 6th August 1866¹⁴ and her burial in Diss on 11th August¹⁵.

As a result of looking at the 1881 Census with Francis again married to an Elizabeth, it prompted the search for a further marriage. This was found between Francis and an Elizabeth Frost¹⁶ dated 4th Dec 1871, registered in Blything District¹⁷ in Suffolk. Elizabeth was a widow upon marriage, her maiden name currently unknown. Elizabeth's birth was 19th Jul 1823 in Bath, Somerset, so some 25 years younger than Francis.)

(The Census for 1851¹⁸ shows Elizabeth as a widow, aged 27, a schoolmistress living in Monkton Farleigh, Wiltshire. She was a governess (47), a boarder in the household of Edward J Alvis (31, Rector of Diss, magistrate and landowner) and his family and servants according to the 1871 Census¹⁹.)

By 1876 Francis, and presumably his new wife Elizabeth, had moved to Victoria Road in Diss, shown on the Electoral Roll²⁰, with voting qualification by the ownership of a freehold house and land on The Wilderness.

¹² FindMyPast, Norfolk Electoral Registers 1832-1915: <https://tinyurl.com/bt7xudcn>

¹³ 1871 National Census: RG10 Piece 1834 Folio 77 Page 7

¹⁴ Civil Registration – Death: 1866 Q3 Depwade Norfolk Vol 4B Page 131

¹⁵ FindMyPast, Norfolk Burials: <https://tinyurl.com/2xkemdpm>

¹⁶ FindMyPast, England Marriages 1538-1973: <https://tinyurl.com/hxzma8jk>

¹⁷ Civil Registration – Marriage: 1871 Q4 Blything Suffolk Vol 4A Page 1612

¹⁸ 1851 National Census: HO107 Piece 1841 Folio 423 Page 1

¹⁹ 1871 National Census: HORG10 Piece 1824 Folio 95 Page 2

²⁰ FindMyPast, Norfolk Electoral Registers 1832-1915: <https://tinyurl.com/bt7xudcn>

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By 1881, according to the Census²¹. Francis is aged 82, a retired chemist, living with his wife Elizabeth (57) and servants Frances GRIMWOOD (19, cook and domestic) and Ann PULFORD (18, housemaid). Their address was now given as Church Street, Diss. (The Wilderness is just off Church Street so may correspond to the address in the 1876 Electoral Roll.)

Francis died in Diss on 11th Jan 1888²², registered in Depwade District²³, and was buried St. Mary's Diss Cemetery on 14th January²⁴.



Two reports from the Ipswich Journal detailed the burial, emphasising just how well-liked Francis was in the town and the considerable regard for him as a businessman. See 'In the newspapers', 1 & 2.

Elizabeth was still living at The Wilderness, Church Street, Diss at the time of the 1891 Census²⁵, a widow, aged 67, with an occupation of printer. With her was her stepdaughter Catherine (49, living on her own means) and servants

²¹ 1881 National Census: RG11 Piece 1966 Folio 83 Page 22

²² Find A Grave, Memorial Inscription, St. Mary's Diss Churchyard: <https://tinyurl.com/mzvr5j2n>

²³ Civil Registration – Death: 1888 Q1 Depwade Vol 4B Page 177

²⁴ FindMyPast, Norfolk Burials: <https://tinyurl.com/37wx8nsj>

²⁵ 1891 National Census: RG12 Piece 1544 Folio 70 Page 16

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Christina SCHOFIELD (24, cook domestic) and Edith COTTON (19, housemaid domestic).

The Electoral Roll for 1896²⁶, Elizabeth is living in The Wilderness, Church Street, Diss, with her qualification to vote being the ownership of a house.

Church Street, Diss was where Elizabeth was living at the time of the 1901 Census²⁷, a widow, aged 77, with no occupation. Staying with her was a visitor Annie C SNOW (single, aged 24, a governess) along with 2 live-in servants Kate NEWSON (27, cook domestic) and Annie NORMAN (25, housemaid domestic).

The Electoral Roll for 1903²⁸, has Elizabeth still living in The Wilderness, with her qualification to vote being the ownership of a house.

Elizabeth died on 3rd May 1904²⁹, registered in Depwade Division³⁰. She was buried³¹ in Diss Cemetery on 7th May 1904.



²⁶ FindMyPast, Norfolk Electoral Registers 1832-1915: <https://tinyurl.com/pznd44m7>

²⁷ 1901 National Census: RG13 Piece 1863 Folio 67 Page 18

²⁸ FindMyPast, Norfolk Electoral Registers 1832-1915: <https://tinyurl.com/4xec4vn4>

²⁹ Diss Cemetery, memorial

³⁰ Civil Registration – Death: 1904 Q2 Depwade Norfolk Vol 4B Page 146

³¹ FindMyPast, Norfolk Burials: <https://tinyurl.com/nhdhubxi>

His Family.

The parents of Francis Cupiss were Philip and Fanny (nee Statham) who married on 14 Jun 1788³² in Barton Blount, Derbyshire.

From Census returns and parish baptism records these are Francis Cupiss's known children:

Francis Philip – b. c.1827, bap. 3 Aug 1827³³ (sometimes referred to as Frances Philip)

Francis Philip Cupiss became a Mason. His 'joining' on 23rd Feb 1859, 'passing' on 23rd Mar, and 'raising' on 18th May. He is listed in the United Grand Lodge of England Freemason Membership Registers³⁴ as living in Grimsby, a surgeon. For Francis, there are many other records relating to his education and medical career - an interesting person in his own right with links to general medical practice, St. Bartholomew's Hospital and Grimsby!

Perhaps worthy of note is the entry for Francis Philip in the London and Provincial Medical Directory of 1865³⁵, "CUPISS, FRANCIS PHILIP, Great Grimsby, Lincolnsh. M.R.C.S. Eng. 1851; L.M. 1852; L.S.A. 1850; (St. Barthol.); Hon. Asst. Surg. 2nd Lincolnsh. V. Artill.; Surg. Gt. Northern and Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnsh. Railway cos.; Grimsby Docks, and Grimsby Borough Police; Med. Ref. several Insur. Cos., formerly Res. Acc. St. Barthol. Hosp." – quite a list of responsibilities!

Elizabeth Fanny – b. c.1828, bap. 18 Aug 1828³⁶ (Diss), m. 17 Jul 1871³⁷ (Henry John CASE, Diss, 1831-1902), d³⁸³⁹. 5 Jan 1926

³² FindMyPast, Dioceses Of Lichfield & Coventry Marriages, 1636-1893: <https://tinyurl.com/z9bj4d5u>

³³ Norfolk Family History Society - NORS

³⁴ FindMyPast, England Freemason Membership Registers: <https://tinyurl.com/mw6d8442>

³⁵ Ancestry, Medical Directories, 1845-1942; <https://tinyurl.com/ubuaf8rz>

³⁶ Norfolk Baptism Project – Diss St. Mary

³⁷ FindMyPast, Norfolk Banns And Marriages: <https://tinyurl.com/ys8ehcvw>

³⁸ Civil Registration – Death: 1926 Q1 Norwich Norfolk Vol 4B Page 159

³⁹ National Probate Calendar: 1926 Page 536

In 1841 according to the Census, Elizabeth then 12 years old, was at school in Palgrave, in what appears to be a small school for young ladies. Also there was her sister Amelia.

Henry John Case was a farmer in Thorndon, Suffolk and in 1881 was living on Hill Farm, Thorndon All Saints, with Elizabeth and 2 servants. By the 1891 Census Henry had retired and, with Elizabeth, was living at Chester Place, St Giles Road, Norwich, and were both still there in 1901.

Amelia – b. 28 June 1829 (Diss), bap⁴⁰. 20 Jul 1829 (Diss), d⁴¹. 18 Oct 1864, bur⁴². 25 Oct 1864 (Diss)

In 1841, Amelia was at school in Palgrave with her sister Elizabeth. She became a governess to the children of Alfred Stead, Rector of Ovingdean, Sussex, as shown on the 1851 Census. Still listed as a governess, Amelia was living back in Diss with her parents in 1861.

Thomas – b⁴³. 5 Sep 1830, bap⁴⁴. 23 Sept 1830 (Diss), m⁴⁵⁴⁶. 2 Oct 1861 (Rose PARVIN, Melton Mowbray), m⁴⁷. 13th Nov 1881 (Mary Ann WINSALL, Lambeth London) , d⁴⁸. c.1911

William – b. c.1831, bap⁴⁹. 16 Dec 1931, m⁵⁰. c.1875 (Sarah Elizabeth BLEAY), d⁵¹⁵². 4th Apr 1914 (Liverpool)

⁴⁰ Norfolk Baptism Project – Diss St. Mary

⁴¹ Civil Registration – Death: 1864 Q4 Depwade Norfolk Vol 4B Page 171

⁴² FindMyPast - Norfolk Burials : <https://tinyurl.com/mrxajxdu>

⁴³ Norfolk Baptism Project – Diss St. Mary

⁴⁴ Norfolk Baptism Project – Diss St. Mary

⁴⁵ FindMyPast, Leicestershire Marriages: <https://tinyurl.com/mry2ntje1>

⁴⁶ Civil Registration - Marriage: 1861 Q4 Melton Mowbray Leicestershire Vol 7A Page 507

⁴⁷ Civil Registration – Marriage: – 1881 Q4 Lambeth London Vol 1D Page 639

⁴⁸ Civil Registration – Death: 1911 Q2 Rochford Essex Vol 4A Page 315

⁴⁹ Norfolk Baptism Project – Diss St. Mary

⁵⁰ Civil Registration – Marriage: 1875 Q2 Pancras London Vol 1B Page 197

⁵¹ Liverpool Mercury, 9th Apr 1914

⁵² Civil Registration – Death: 1814 Q2 Toxteth Park Lancashire Vol 8B Page 240

CUPISS—April 4, at his residence, 62, Mulgrave-street, Liverpool, in his 83rd year, William, the beloved husband of Sarah Elizabeth Cupiss (late of the "Liverpool Mercury"), and youngest son of the late Francis Cupiss, M.R.C.V.S., of Diss, Norfolk. Was interred at St. James's Cemetery on Tuesday.

Liverpool Echo, 9th April 1914

Emily – b. c.1833, bap⁵³. 21 May 1833 (Diss)

Very little can be found about Emily – on-going research

Catherine - b⁵⁴. 8 Sep 1836, bap⁵⁵. 16 Sep 1836 (Diss), m⁵⁶. 12 Sep 1895 (Horace WOLTON, Diss), d⁵⁷. 30 May 1931

WOLTON Catherine of 31 Unthank-road **Norwich** widow died 30 May 1931 Probate **Norwich** 1 September to Arthur Ormiston Lyus solicitor and Clement Gaze auctioneer. Effects £8319 17s. 5d.

National Probate Calendar - 1931

⁵³ Norfolk Baptism Project – Diss St. Mary

⁵⁴ Norfolk Baptism Project – Diss St. Mary

⁵⁵ Norfolk Baptism Project – Diss St. Mary

⁵⁶ FindMyPast, Norfolk Banns And Marriages: <https://tinyurl.com/w39evbxb>

⁵⁷ National Probate Calendar: 1 Sep 1931, 1931 Page 492

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In Business.

From the records available, Francis has had the given occupations of chemist, printer and veterinary surgeon. To date no premises have been found where he had a chemist's shop; maybe this was conducted from his home in Mere Street. No doubt his chemist knowledge went a long way to bring about the formulation of "Cupiss's Constitution Balls", probably what he is best known for.



Advertising poster

As a chemist Francis was knowledgeable about many drugs and "potions". His wife Elizabeth suffered from 'great delicacy of the chest'. He was recorded as endorsing "Roper's Royal Bath Plasters". See in the newspapers, 3.

Francis's involvement in the printing business, "Francis Cupiss found that he needed to wrap and pack his products, as well as advertise them, so he decided

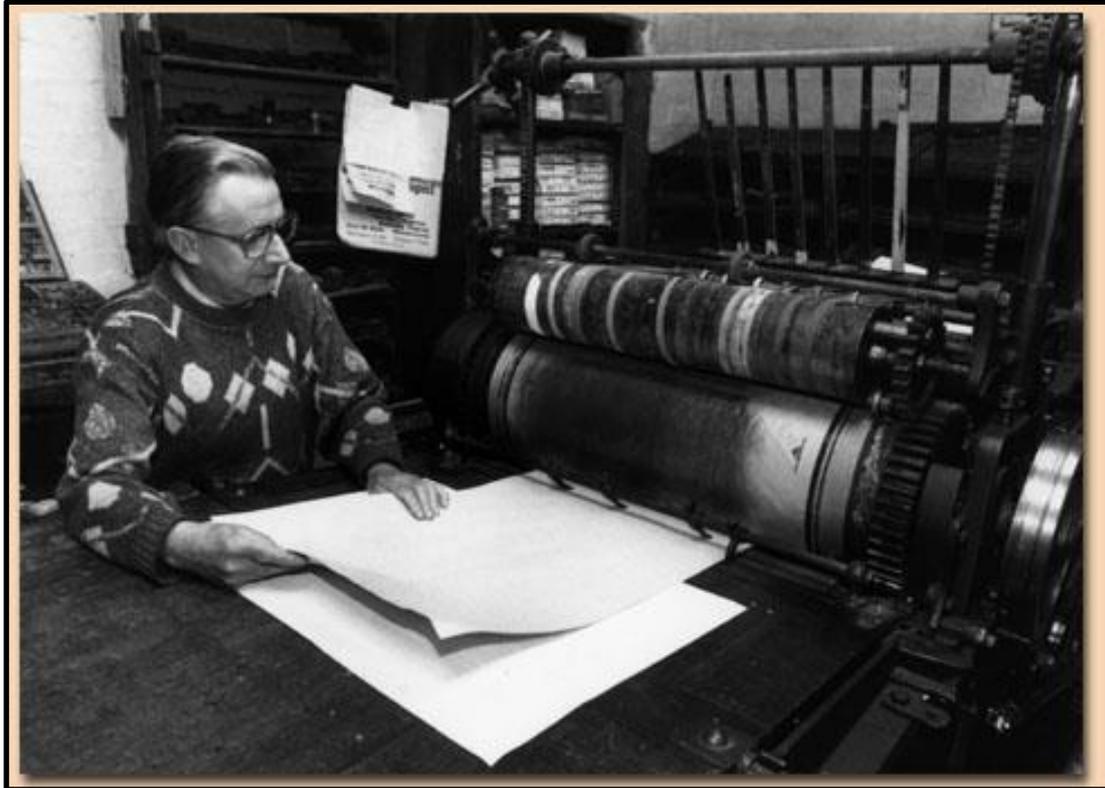
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to incorporate a printing section into the business in 1830.”⁵⁸ Some links to information are:

<http://cupissletterpress.co.uk/>

<https://britishletterpress.co.uk/2021/06/francis-cupiss-diss/>

<http://www.franciscupiss.co.uk/>



The Wharfdale Press

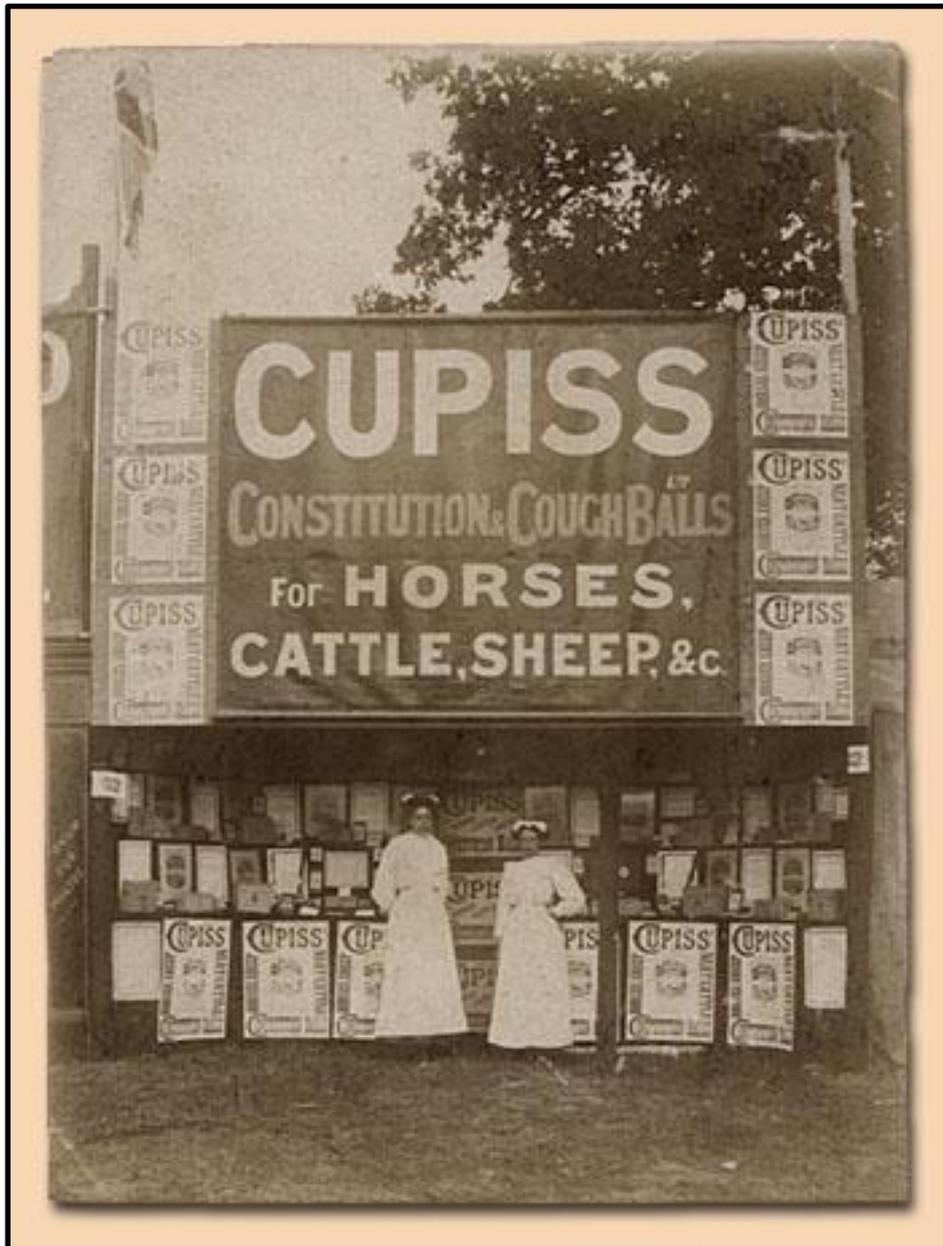
⁵⁸ Cupiss website: <http://www.franciscupiss.co.uk/>



Columbian Eagle Press

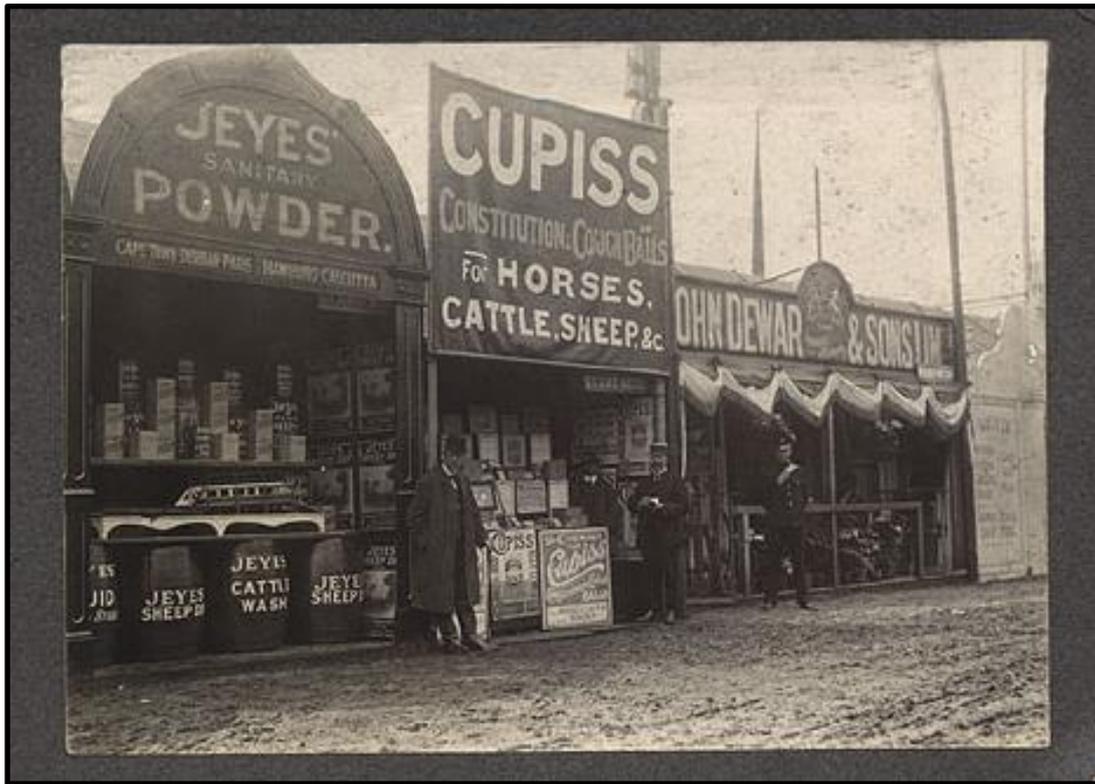
The business is about to close, another trade lost to history. Much greater information can be found at <http://www.franciscupiss.co.uk/>

Francis was a Member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, joining on 11th May 1822. His work on, and production of, his “Cupiss’s Constitution Balls”, made from “Roots, Herbs and Minerals from various parts of the world”, is probably what he is best known for along with his “Ewe’s Friend” and in a book he wrote called “Essay on the Diseases of the Liver of the Horse”. Newspapers all over the British Isles carried reviews and adverts for them. See two local transcribed examples in In the Newspapers, 4 & 5.



Cupiss Trade Stand

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Cupiss Trade Stand (c. 1910)

Cupiss was seen at many Trade and Country shows.

Manufacturers of the celebrated Cupiss Constitution Powder and Balls made to the Original 1830 Formulae of the late Francis Cupiss, M.R.C.V.S. using natural ingredients from around the world

OUT OF SORTS

ALL RIGHT

Francis, possibly eager to retain the trade name of his Constitution Balls, saw a bull named "Sir Cupiss Ball" winning prizes at an agricultural show so he wrote to the bull's owner. This exchange gave rise to a newspaper report. See In the Newspapers, 6.

(2761) . **SIR CUPIS BALL.**

Red with white face, calved June 29, 1863; bred by the late Mr. James Rea, Monaughty Knighton, the property of Mr. P. J. Kearney, Miltown House, Clonmellon, Ireland; got by Sir Benjamin (1387), dam (Sultana) by Grenadier (961), g.d. (Gaylass) by Canute (890), g.g.d. (Gaylass) by Confidence (367), g.g.g.d. — by Charity (375).

The bull was listed in the "Ayton's Herd Book of Hereford Cattle", Volume 6⁵⁹, T. Duckham, 1865, shown above.

Besides these businesses, Francis was involved with financial services. He was the treasurer of the Diss Provident Society, an association of people who pay regular dues or other sums in return for old-age pensions, sickness benefits, etc., and also an agent for the Eastern Counties Permanent Benefit Building Society, which after several mergers it became part of the Britannia Group which is now part of The Co-operative Banking Group). See In the Newspapers, 7.

There is no doubt that Francis was a character; innovative, inventive, helpful. He was an interesting person to research, a side-line from another enquiry!

⁵⁹ Google Books, Ayton's Herd Book of Hereford Cattle, Volume 6: <https://tinyurl.com/mvtw4vuh>

In the newspapers (transcripts).

There were a great many references in newspapers to the Francis whilst living in Diss. The Bury and Norwich Post, The Diss Express and other papers often had articles with reference to him. Some are:

1. The Ipswich Journal, Friday, 13 Jan 1888, page 6

DISS.

DEATH OF MR. FRANCIS CUISS. - One of our oldest and most respected townsmen has been removed from our midst in Mr. Cupiss, who was for many years in business as a chemist, and achieved a world-wide reputation for his renowned horse medicines. Mr. Cupiss was also well known as a printer, notably as having published the first 'Suffolk Stud Book.' On relinquishing the business of chemist some years since he retired to a property in Church-street, Diss, which was afterward demolished by fire, on which occasion a subscription list was opened, and many friends showed substantial sympathy by raising a considerable fund, which was presented to Mr. Cupiss. A handsome residence was erected on the same site, a tablet being inserted with an inscription to the effect that the original building was burned down. The printing branch is still carried on here. The deceased gentleman took the greatest interest in local charities and institutions, whose funds were considerably augmented by his donations. For the past fifty years parish matters received his attention, his signature appearing on the Diss Terrier for 1831 He was Town Warden from 1855, to 1861, and has held the office continuously since 1876. being also known for many years as manager of the Diss Branch of the Eye Savings Bank, and chairman of the Diss Gas Company, which office he resigned only last year in consequence of declining health. Since that time he has gradually become more enfeebled, and an honourable and successful career, extending over a period of 89 years, and marked by quiet unobtrusive Christianity, peacefully closed on Wednesday evening. The funeral will take place on Saturday in Diss Churchyard.

2. The Ipswich Journal, Monday, 16 January 1888, page 5

DISS.

FUNERAL OF MR. CUPISS. - The parish church and churchyard were the scene of an impressive ceremony on Saturday when the remains of the late Mr. Cupiss were laid to rest. The cortege started from the "Wilderness" at 2.45 p.m., being joined by a large number of gentlemen and tradesmen, amongst them being Mr. F. Taylor. M.P., Mr. G Lyus, Mr. G. Lyus, jun., Mr. H. O. Lyus, Mr. H. E. Garrod. Mr. T, E Amyot, the Rev. E. L. Savory, Mr. T. W. Gaze, Mr. C. Farrow, and the Rev. C. U. Manning. Nearly all the shops in the town were closed. The procession was received at the south gates by the Rev. C. R. Manning (rector) and the Rev. A. A. Wilkinson (curate), the former gentleman reading the opening sentences of the burial service. The coffin was of plain oak, with massive brass furniture, and was covered with handsome wreaths of white flowers. The service was choral, and the 19th Psalm having been sung, the lesson was read by the Rev. A. A. Wilkinson. The hymn, "Now the labourer's task is o'er," was also sung. and whilst the funeral cortege was leaving the church Beethoven's " Marche Funebre " was played by the organist (Mr. A. Hemstock) The service at the grave was conducted by the Rev. C. R. Manning. The coffin plate bore the inscription: - "Francis Cupiss, Died January 11th, 1888, aged 89 years. Amongst the members of the family and friends present were Mrs. Cupiss, Mr. Wm. Cupiss, Mr. and Mrs. Case, Miss Emily Cupiss, Miss K. Cupiss, Mr. Herbert Cupiss, Mr. Manfred Biddell (Playford), Mr. G. A. Biddell (Ipswich), Messrs. Herman, A. B. and J. L. Biddell (Playford), Mr. C. Harvey (Stretham). The servants and employees at the printing works also followed in the procession.

3. Hampshire Advertiser, Sat., 19 Jan 1867, page 9

ROPER'S ROYAL BATH PLASTERS.

NOTHING BRINGS ON NERVOUS DEBILITY, PRE-MATURE OLD AGE, AND SHORTENS HUMAN LIFE, MORE THAN DISEASES OF THE CHEST.

UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF THE QUEEN AND THE PRINCIPAL NOBILITY.

ROPER'S ROYAL BATH PLASTERS for Coughs, Asthma, Hoarseness, Indigestion, Palpitation of the Heart, Croup, Hooping Cough, Influenza, Chronic Strains, Bruises, Lumbago, or Pains in the Back, Spinal and Rheumatic Affections, Diseases of the Chest, and Local Pains.

From F. Cupiss, Esq., M.R.V.C., Author of the Prize Essay on the Diseases of the Liver of the Horse.

Diss, Norfolk, March 22. 1851.

Gentlemen, - For the last three winters Mrs. Cupiss has felt a great delicacy of the chest, accompanied with occasional pain, cough, and hoarseness. Having had your valuable Roper's Royal Bath Plaster recommended to her, she made a trial of one, and it was attended with the most beneficial effect, in consequence of which she has made frequent use of them, and invariably with the same good results.

I remain, FRANCIS CUISS.

4. The Ipswich Journal, 13 Mar 1852, page 4

IMPORTANT TO

Proprietors of Horses and Neat Cattle.

AT this Season of the Year, when the changes of the atmosphere render it more productive of Disease, not only In Horses, but also in Neat Cattle, it is of the greatest importance to know of a remedy that may he used with safety and of never-failing efficacy.

CUPISS'S CONSTUTION BALLS

most eminently possess the power of Cure, and by putting the System Into good health, prevent most of the common diseases to which Horses and Neat Cattle are subject.

PREPARED ONLY BY
FRANCIS CUISS, M.R.C.V.S., DISS;

And Sold by all Chemists and Patent Medicine Vendors, in Packets of Six Balls, at 3s.6d. each Packet, with proper Directions and a Pamphlet of Testimonials from many Gentlemen who have used the Balls in various Complaints.

Any Gentleman using the Balls may consult the Proprietor gratuitously, either personally, or by letter, post-paid.

TO FLOCK-MASTERS.

F. CUISS

RESPECTFULLY calls the attention of Flock-Masters to his
EWE'S FRIEND,

For preventing Straining and Draining in Sheep after Lambing, which so often proves fatal.

One dose will frequently prevent it coming on, and two or three doses will cure almost any case, however severe, if taken in time.

CUISS'S EWE'S FRIEND was first introduced amongst his private friends, who found it so valuable a Medicine, that he is induced to make it generally known; and he doubts not but a fair trial will convince the public of its great utility.

The Ewe's Friend is prepared only by F. Cupiss, Chemist, Diss, Proprietor of the Constitution Horse Balls, and sold in packets, from 1s. to 5. each, with proper directions.

Also GANGRENE OILS, a safe and efficacious remedy for Sheep at the time of Lambing, and an excellent application for fresh wounds in horses, and every Kind of Cattle.

The above preparations may be procured of Messrs. Barclay and Sons, 95, Farringdon-street, and of all the Wholesale Patent Medicine Venders in London, and Chemists in the Country.

6. Bury and Norwich Post, 31st Dec 1867, page 2

At the DUBLIN AGRICULTURAL SHOW of 1867, the celebrated Bull, named "SIR CUISS BALL" obtained the FIRST PRIZE. Mr. CUISS, of Diss, Norfolk, thinking the name might have reference to his world-famed CONSTITUTION BALLS, wrote to the Proprietor of the Animal, asking him the question, and was gratified by receiving in reply the following flattering testimonial:-

Miltown House, Clonmellon, September 21th, 1867.

Sir, I found your note here on my return from the Continent, on Saturday evening last. With respect to my bull " Sir Cupiss Ball," that name was given to him owing to your medicines having, in my opinion, saved his life. I bought him, looking very badly, with his dam, at the monthly sale, and on his arrival at my place, he was in a most delicate state; it was then discovered that his dam didn't give him one-tenth of the milk required to keep him in health, and we could not get him to take any other milk, and he would only use the smallest quantity of roots, no cake. A friend of mine then advised me to try your Balls, making four parts of one at first, and increasing gradually until he was able to take an entire one. In a short time his appetite improved, and soon he became able to use as much cake and roots as was necessary; from this period he throve apace, and I never had an animal easier to keep in condition. I exhibited him four times, and he obtained six 1st prizes (that is, four 1st as best of his class, and two 1st as best Hereford Bull shown). I am bound in gratitude to give you any information you require in reference to " Sir Cupiss Ball."

Feeling grateful for the benefit received,

I am, your obedient servant,

To Mr. Cupiss, Diss, Norfolk.

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