



Nota bene: In that year 77 AD of the arrival to Britain of young RANSOM (*the name he uses is `Gaius` = he will have two or three more given by his families at his birth*)

...  
the Age and the times he grew up in had been scary about the enlarging Roman Empire & indeed in the City of ROME itself :

the Emperor NERO had gone very mad in the last years of his 14 years reign 54 - 68 AD

...  
*& no one could envisage the future ...*  
*but citizens of the Republic then the Empire understood that ROME ruled their known world*

...

Dr John RAY *Ransom* - **Records** January/February 1960 ...

*“ ... our first British ancestor, we believe he may have had an Italian wife ... we cannot rule that out ...*

he may have had connections in Italy itself  
from his father & friends ... my professional sources point out to me that he almost certainly has entry to the Cult of MITHRAS

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& possibly moved up the Orders a bit ...

He is not poor & certainly owns his SHIP ... he has been out in Palestine taking a Post under Roman administration ... ”

*“ ... think of him as coming from a Civilized World albeit a world become dangerous with the Progress of the reign of NERO ... He brings word from home*

*perhaps*

... but the Roman Army is made up of men from all over its Empire ... Well, he certainly speaks several tongues ... he has lived and travelled about the Mediterranean *and other parts of the Roman Empire*

...

and

*obviously*

has good connections ... he can bring the Fort comfort in the way of NEWS from home perhaps ...

They are dumped in this far away Province of Britain with its cold winters grey skies and rain ...

For most of these soldiers in their early teens to their early 40 years,

comfort of

( *memory of having* )

a home are missing

( *with them* )

at this time ... & the

(*gossip*)

memory of the slaughter of

( *Queen of the INCENI* )

*Boh`aedicea*

-Boou`dicca is

not yet forgot ...”

` ... MITHRAS was a comforting Religion for Soldiers ... (*... it banded them together ...*) it ( *stood for* )

kept them with truth & honour

*within their understanding*

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*it was expected of them*

... A band of men could feel safe with each other ... yet the past reign of NERO in ROME

( *in some measure* )

has eroded this AD 54-68

...

after three Soldier Emperors in one year 69 AD had lost their lives trying to represent the PURPLE

before the year AD 69 was ended

*( there is dragged in the Rural middle-class old soldier - his father trained in Finance ... )*

**an old soldier**

**59 years of age**

**VESPASIAN**

**approved by the Army somewhat is proposed ...**

**& he straightened Administration out ...**

especially seeing to the finances of the Empire ...

**& putting it on even keel ...**

*Life has been smoother for the last 8 years when our ancestor GAIUS Ransom sails up the Thames River to the re-built Settlement of LONDINIUM ... come from a Wedding lasting 2 weeks of his JUTLAND male line ... ( Not to his civilized tastes ... they were grotesquely fat and drank and feasted for two weeks ...they were sick every few hours ... GR )*

1960 - Dr John RAY **Ransom** : “ ... Mr Harold Poulter **at Hollytrees Mansion Museum**

*( 1934-1962 Deputy Keeper Colchester & Essex Museums = Camulodunum Colonia Victricensis ... web site*

*Colchester ... )*

**tells your Detective that he has taught you to look at history from the needs of the household, the necessary trading and things in the markets,**

the village well gossip

...the life of these people with Roman citizenship come from overseas to pleasant enough Britain in the spring and summer ...

but cold wet and freezing snowing in wintertime ...

yet many never left took a grant of land and settled & brought up families ...

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*( ... the streets swept clean and a woman shopping safely in the local Market with her servant & handy-man to buy basic commodities for her kitchen ... this was prized above all ... & children at school or learning from tutor at home ... ) ...*

“ ... He recommended a little book to you and ANDRE some years ago when it was felt the marriage could be taken up again...a young woman wrote the little book before she died early from cancer ... I have read it in America ... ”

( Reference `MEDIEVAL PEOPLE` by Eileen Power `The Menagier de PARIS` 15<sup>th</sup> century  
= The

Goodman of Paris

... Mr Poulter pointing out December 1953 in good Yorkshire humour

` that Andre was

NOT

60 years of age as the Goodman of Paris ...

but still a very

young man - although fiendishly clever - crème-de-la-crème clever

... he had been kept under by a SCOLD ... undermined by the 6 years older first wife

Clara & her brother Maurice -

she

` nabbed `

him at 19 years of age / 1920 ...

HWP

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*( Nota bene : VESPASIAN a good soldier Emperor 59 years of age - chosen 69 AD & he got the finances of the Empire straight in 10 years - dying age 69 years seven months seven days of age in 79 AD ... Law abiding citizens felt safer ... & some feeling of calm is perhaps felt in the edges of the Empire & in this far away Province of Roman Britain -*

The translation of the writer SUETONIUS by Robert Graves/edited Michael Grant/ has some instances of the humour of VESPASIAN 59 years of age when he becomes the Emperor ... ` he did not rail against insults ...

*... the philosopher Demetrius the Cynic banned from ROME happened to meet Vespasian The Emperor with his travelling party he calls out rudeness to him at a town gate ... This had Vespasian merely reply ` there ... there ... GOOD DOG` ...*

*... An earlier insult to Vespasian before he became Emperor by a well of household slave to Emperor NERO is " GO TO PLAGUESVILLE "*

*... this had Vespasian answer the slave years on with the same remark ... and see this former abuser safely from the door ... & there are more remarks on*

***Vespasian`s good natured tolerance***

.  
**DID THIS PLACID TOLERANCE begin to DESCEND on ROMANS with  
CITIZENSHIP who heard of it ?**

...  
The news from the Capital City of ROME & the hearsay about the tolerant Emperor could  
travel about the Army & its Couriers

...  
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When our ancestor `GAIUS` Ransom sails up the River Thames in 77 AD the Roman Empire is  
embarking upon somewhat settled times **- PAX might well  
become something expected even in the far away Province of Roman Britain ... for the  
next 100 years ahead some children born will have only known  
fairly  
peaceful times ...**

**from history & archaeology we now know something of those times ahead from 77 AD -  
Ransom Family all read & write very well the moment they start trading overseas  
- they begin as early as 4**

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**centuries BC from Jutland & then continue Trading into early Christian times AD ...  
the so-called DARK AGES**

...  
*our ancestry shows them to have not been so DARK ...*

We are still Sea Traders in the 19

th  
century and the early 20

th  
century

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Records :  
Captain Liam RANSOM

=  
*see*

[www.greta-ransom.com](http://www.greta-ransom.com)

1937 SUMMER`

... Therefore, a little further on in this genealogy *from records known up to 1969 of our first British RANSOM ancestor*

**Gaius ...**

his words will have you know him a little

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This is where all present day RANSOM family can help

- if you have time to read a little on the 1

st

**century ROMAN EMPIRE AD & its new Province of Britain**

you can try have him,

**our `GAIUS` Ransom**

,

sit at your supper table ...

... A bottle of red wine from Italy Spain or GAUL cook a plain wholesome meal from one of the many basic ROMAN COOK BOOKS printed in the 20<sup>th</sup> century - CAUTION : The Roman world drank

strong red wine

watered -

Rule is 1 part wine to generally 3 parts water/ Neat wine was considered FAST/

also they had no headache pills

... )

“ ...

& from the accurate information we RANSOM have retained of his life YOU his descendants can

ask him questions about his life his times ...



*what is in his mind ...  
certainly he is a good guy ...*  
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**JRR & scholars/  
1950s-1960/1961  
Colne Engaine  
cum  
CAMULODUNUM Colonia Victricensis  
COLCHESTER  
...**

??? ... & RANSOM families working in the fields of history/sciences/ archaeology/ & metal detector enthusiasts/  
**may be able to add more to the life of our First British ancestor & his families down the centuries -**

**especially after he `GAIUS RANSOM`**

**retires from LONDINIUM and moves to SUFFOLK 92 AD buying land near DUNWICH :  
*this was once a useful Port from early BC times but it has lost itself in coastal erosion since early Medieval times ...***

**`GAIUS RANSOM` and his families in the**

**centuries ahead leave many traces of us about Suffolk/Norfolk & up to Montrose Scotland - for instance,**

**there were in 1960 extensive Family Records of the  
RANSOM SCHOOL**

**begun**

*in*

*350 AD*

...

**to see the Family young do not grow up unlettered**

**`... it was wondered ... could it be on the site of the ORATORY the Catholic Boys School, SUFFOLK ...?**

*Records of the above 1934-1939 - **Norwich Medievalists excited are guiding the 23-27 years old Frederick John RANSOM in his leisure work this GREAT GENEALOGY RANSOM ...***

**We live at the little**

**Doomsday Book house at the Old Road, Clacton-on-Sea  
& A-Z the globe**

...

***et al***

...

**In the next centuries our RANSOM Genealogy is able to bring more information upon the so-called years or so of**

**‘Dark Ages’ following on the 400 Official**

Roman Britain administration -

***the sensible system of administration-organization***

***withers as the great Roman Empire crumbles -***

from want of direction & the whole Empire getting too big ...

Yet the sciences stay alive and develop in the new and early Monastic establishments

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& literacy remains the norm in our families Ransom ...