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## Early Families of Wheathampstead - Page 1

Ansell Arnold Bailey Barnes Boon Bowles Bozier Bracey Gray  
Brothers Bruton Burg Burgess & others Carter Catley Catline & others  
Chennells Cobb Cole Collins Crawley Dawes Deamer & Swallow  
Dollimore Dorban Dunham Dunkley

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### Ansell

**CHARLES ANSELL** was born about **1811** and died **14 July 1880** at Nomansland Wheathampstead. His mother was **ANN ANSELL** and his sister was **PHOEBE ANSELL**. Charles was a farm labourer. He married first **MARY WARNER** **4 September 1842** at Hatfield. She was born about **1814** in Hatfield and died **19 August 1852** in Wheathampstead. No children of this marriage have been found. Second he married **NAOMI CATLEY** **15 February 1857** in Wheathampstead. She was born about **1821** and died **18 November 1913** in Gustard Wood Wheathampstead (see my entry under Catley).

Children of **CHARLES ANSELL** and **NAOMI CATLEY** are:

1. **EMMA CATLEY** born **28 November 1842** in the Union Workhouse St Michaels St Albans and christened at Wheathampstead **10 October 1852**. She married **ABEL ADAMS** **3 May 1863** at Wheathampstead. **Abel** was born **23 October 1834** at Wheathampstead. They had a daughter **ROSE ADAMS** born about **1864**. Emma died at St Albans **16 July 1898**.
2. **MARY CATLEY** born **28 May 1852** at Wheathampstead. She was recorded in the 1861 census as **Mary Ansell**. In **1871** she was living with her sister Emma in St Albans St Peter. She married **FREDERICK BANFIELD** **1 January 1873** at Patricroft, Lancs. Their children were **Emily, Elizabeth, Arthur** and **Albert**. She died **29 April 1940** at Peel Green, Eccles, Lancs.
3. **JOHN CATLEY** born **9 December 1855** at Wheathampstead died **5 March 1856** aged 3 months.
4. **CHARLES ANSELL** born about **1858** was later a railway worker. He married **LOUISA GIDDINS**. She was born about **1856** at Hatfield Herts. Their children, all born at St Albans, are:
  - a. **MARY ANSELL** born **1881**. She married **JESSE ALBERT PUGH** in **1905** and they had a daughter **Maisie Pugh**.
  - b. **FRED ANSELL** born **1883**. He married **MABEL ANNIE HAWKINS** **20 July 1908** at St Albans and they had a daughter, **Constance Mabel Rita Ansell** born **25 September 1913**.
  - c. **EMMA ANSELL** born **1886**. She did not marry.
  - d. **EDITH ANSELL** born **1888**.
  - e. **ANNIE ANSELL** born **1891**.
  - f. **CHARLES ANSELL** born **1893**. He married **EMILY E. KEEN** in **1913**. They had a daughter and three sons.
  - g. **ALFRED ANSELL** born **8 August 1895**. He was twice wounded during the Great War and in 1918 was awarded the Military Medal for gallant conduct. Later he was a platelayer on the railway. He married **EMILY DICKINSON** **24 June 1922** and they had two daughters **Irene F. Ansell** born **26 December 1922** and **Gwendolyn Ansell** born **7 October 1924**. Alfred died **8 February 1982** at London Colney, Herts.

5. **WILLIAM ANSELL** born about **1861** at Wheathampstead. He was a bricklayer. He married **MARY ANN ODELL** in **1881**. She was born **1859** in Wheathampstead. William died **2 November 1932** and Mary **16 December 1933**. Their children are:
- a. **ELIZABETH ELLEN ANSELL** christened 27 November **1881** at Wheathampstead. Known as Betty. She married **FRANK MUNT** in **1913**. Their children were **Ruth** and **Rita** (twins) and **Vincent**.
  - b. **WILLIAM FREDERICK ANSELL** was born **1884** at Wheathampstead. He was originally a bricklayer. Known as Bill. He married **BLANCHE MAY WALL** (known as May) in **1909**. They immigrated to **Canada**. Their children were **Frederick** and **Rita** (born in England), **Mildred**, **Albert**, **Mae** and **Ethel**. **William** died **January 1944** at Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan.
  - c. **EMILY ANSELL** christened 31 October **1886** at Wheathampstead. She was also known as **Dot**. She married **JAMES W. SAUNDERS** in **1918**. They had no children.
  - d. **BERTHA NAOMI ANSELL** born **8 August 1889** at Brewhouse Hill Wheathampstead. She married **EDWARD GEORGE GOODSHIP** **22 April 1916** at Wheathampstead. She died of pneumonia aged 32 on **7 January 1922** at Notting Hill, London. Bertha Naomi Ansell and Edward George Goodship are my maternal grandparents.
  - e. **VINCENT ALBERT ANSELL** born **1892** at Wheathampstead was a bricklayer. He followed **William** to Canada. In December **1914** he joined the 28th Canadian Infantry. He was engaged in heavy fighting in the Ypres sector and on the Somme, and was wounded and taken prisoner. After repatriation and demobilisation he returned first to Wheathampstead then to Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. Later he returned to England, married **ROSA COOPER** in **1930** and had a daughter **June** born **1931**. He died **2 October 1932**.
  - f. **HAROLD VICTOR ANSELL** was born **1892** at Wheathampstead; he later lived in Hounslow, Middlesex. He worked for the London Passenger Transport Board with whom he took out a patent on "Improvements in or relating to Chair Seats." He married **ALICE M. ARCHER** in **1918**. Their son **VINCENT A. ANSELL** was born **28 September 1920** and their daughter **AUDREY** was born **27 May 1928**.
  - g. **MARION BEATRICE ANSELL** b. **1894** at Wheathampstead. She was christened **Miriam** and called **Mirry** or **Peg**. She married **EUSTACE C. SLOUGH**. Their children were **Joan** and **Frank**.
6. **JAMES JOSEPH ANSELL** born about **1864** was later a farm labourer and gravedigger. He married **MARGARET MARDELL**. She was born about **1861** in Welwyn. Their children, all born at Wheathampstead, are:
- a. **CHARLES ANSELL** born **1885**. His son **Robert Ansell** was born in **1925**.
  - b. **ARTHUR THOMAS ANSELL** born **1888**. He married **ROSA BURTON** **29 December 1909** at Wheathampstead. There were four children: **Gladys Lydia** born **16 May 1910**, **Arthur Kenneth** born **9 February 1912**, **Douglas** born **3 July 1914**, and **Cecil Thomas** born **26 May 1916**. (**Arthur**) **Thomas** was killed in action 30 November **1917** at the Battle of Cambrai. He is commemorated on a memorial in St Helens Church, Wheathampstead.
  - c. **LIZZIE LYDIA ANSELL** born **1891**. She married **WILLIAM G. FREEMAN** in **1913**.
  - d. **ANNIE NAOMI ANSELL** born **1893**. She married **EDWARD DAYTON** in **1915**.
  - e. **MAGGIE ANSELL** born **1895**. She married **CECIL HILLIARD** in **1921**.
  - f. **ALBERT JOHN ANSELL** born about **1898**. He died 6 December **1954**.

Contributed by **Anthony M. Carter** -  
with valuable assistance from **Fred Ansell**, **Lesley Boot** and **Maggie Haynes**.

(3 Nov 2008)

Dear Brian,

I finally made it to Wheathampstead on Saturday but did not attempt to link up with you as I was accompanied by two members of the extended Ansell family. Charles and Naomi Ansell had three sons born 1858-1864 and our party included a representative from each of these lines. There are two sons of one of the brothers buried at St Helens. Albert we knew of and he had no kids. The other is William (1902-1977), buried with wife Annie (1901-1989). We had only just discovered William's existence through the 1911 census. His wife's full name was probably Annie Rosina Hills with the marriage in 1922. I have tried searching for children but got rather a lot of hits so perhaps there was another Ansell-Hills couple in the area. There is, however, a Raymond Ansell among them, born 1934. You mentioned Ray's widow last year and it did not ring any bells. Now it does.

On my branch Marion Ansell married Eustace Slough. We found their gravestone and that of their son and daughter-in-law, Frank Ansell Slough and Nellie June, who was born Seaman. These graves look quite well groomed so perhaps their kids Elisabeth and Alan are still living nearby.

I was quite overwhelmed by all the new impressions. Maggie remembered the cottage at Gustard Wood (beside the golf course) where her grandma brought up 4 kids on a widow's pension. Her husband was the A.T. Ansell on the war memorial. This group of cottages is almost certainly where so many of my Catley, Ansell and Goodship families once lived.

However, despite excellent guides, I still do not know the location of the Fenwick Owen brickworks and no-one could explain what is meant in the census by New Marford and Old Marford. Thus there is still much for you to show me on my next visit.

All the best, Anthony

(4th March 2009)

## Arnold

added May 2008

The first record that I have traced for the Arnold family of Wheathampstead is:

**James Arnold 1767-1855**, married in Harpenden (1801) to **Sarah Carter** from Hatfield, born in **1779**. 9 children:

1 **Ann Arnold 1804-1884**.

2, **Sarah Arnold 1806-?**, 1822 married **Andrew Odell**

3, **Joseph Arnold 1808-1877**, married **Rebecca ?** from Reading, lived in the London area - 3 children.

4, **Eliza Arnold 1810-1810**.

5, **William Arnold 1812-?**

6, **Albert Arnold 1815-1887**

7, **Mary Arnold 1821-1892** married **John Spriggs** in **1850**, had 2 children.

8, **Charles Arnold 1822-1894** married **Harriet Dolling** in **1849**,

13 children. On their Marriage Cert **Charles** was a groom, his father a

Miller and his father in law as a Publican at I believe The Goat PH, Sopwell Lane, St.Albans.

9, **Thomas Arnold 1818-1888** married in Sandridge to **Elizabeth Hedges** in **1852**. 3 children -

**George**, (my great grandfather) **Joseph** and **Julia**. This last one married a Henry Humphreys and produced a large number of children.

There are **Arnold's** in Codicote that have been there for centuries - a TV programme on Codicote that Michael Woods did a few years ago, had documentary evidence, back to the 1200's, however I have found no trace of anything to link my family.

I can provide more names of children etc and more details from the various census returns.

Vic Arnold

March 2011

## Bailey

### William and Mary Bailey

The first thing to note is that neither was from Hertfordshire. He was from **Houghton** and she came from **Totternhoe**; both are in Bedfordshire. They probably were married at Totternhoe 13 November 1820. The bride's name is transcribed as **Mary Fowlks**. **William** son of **John** and **Mary Bailey** was baptized at Houghton Regis 4 August 1793. **Mary** daughter of **John** and **Ann Fooks** was

baptized at Totternhoe 28 November 1802. **William** was a farm labourer and **Mary** a straw plaiter. The census returns suggest 9 children but a son died before the census and probably a daughter was married as the surname is unusual for Wheathampstead. The following dates are from the IGI transcription of Wheathampstead parish registers:

1. **Frances Bailey** who married **William Wilsher** 30 May 1828.
2. **Anne Bailey** born 22 March baptized 4 May 1823. She probably married **James Rolph** at Sandridge 14 July 1844.
3. **William Bailey** born 10 March 6 May 1827; died 18 July 1831.
4. **Elizabeth Bailey** born 10 December 1829 baptized 10 January 1830. She was a dressmaker in 1851.
5. **John Bailey** born 20 December 1831 baptized 15 January 1832.
6. **Mary Bailey** born 11 January baptized 23 March 1834.
7. **Amy Bailey** born 5 January baptized 13 March 1836.
8. **George Bailey** born 1 May baptized 3 June 1838. In 1851 **George** was a live-in servant at **Cross Farm**. The grandson living with **William** and **Mary** in 1861 may have been **George's** son. He married **Lizzie Farr** 4 August 1885.
9. **James Bailey** born 10 April baptized 17 May 1840
10. **Charles William Bailey** baptized 7 August 1842. He was an agricultural labourer in 1851.
11. **Harriet Bailey** born about 1846. She was a bonnet sewer in 1861.

Anthony M. Carter *email:*

*18 Aug 2010*

I am presently tracing my family tree and have discovered a relative living at **Ayres End**, Wheathampstead. His name was **William Bailey** and he was an agricultural labourer. His wife was called **Mary**. This is all the information that I have, at present, but I am trying to find out more about him.

Ros Coombes nee Bailey

*submitted 29 April 2010*

## **Barnes**

*submitted May 2002*

I am helping my uncle **Alfred Barnes** to find out more information about his great great grandfather **James Barnes** who lived at **1 Lamar Way** Wh'sted in **1861** until 1871?????. He was a retired glazier who had lived in Peckham in 1842 and retired to Wh'sted with his wife **Mary**. She died in **1852** and is buried in St Helens churchyard.

He is trying to establish when James and his widowed sister **Maria Merril** died and if they were both buried in St Helen's churchyard. We have found the grave of James wife **Mary** who died in **1852**. Do you have any information or other photographs of this period that might relate to the above. On the **1861 Census** he was living in **Lamar Lane** with his sister, **Maria M**, a visitor, his **7 year old granddaughter** and a servant girl. Any help you can give would be very helpful since my uncle lives in Cornwall and is just up for a few days in Radlet. Tel 01923 859834 if you have any information about the above.

*update 1 June 2002*

'Manuscript entitled **'The Narrative of a Tour, 1842'** written by **James Barnes (1794 -1871??)**, a London glazier living in Peckham, Surrey in **1842**. he and his wife **Mary (Buried St Helen's Churchyard 1852)** travelled over 1000 miles using their own chaise and pony from July to October 1842. Covered 13 counties from London to Kent, along the coast

to Dorset, through Somerset and back home via Bucks., Herts. through to Peckham' - The manuscript has been researched in some depth by **Alfred Barnes**, great, great grandson of **James**. Approaching publishers in about 3 months for possible publication. Alfred now lives in Cornwall

Many thanks. Kind regards Leslie McCann

Webmaster comment: 1881 Census for Wheathampstead shows Marian BARNES Unmarried aged 21 - Visitor. Also buried 13 Feb 1926 aged about 70 in St H Churchyard. Also buried in St H churchyard were James W T Barnes died 16 Nov 1952 aged 75 and Eliza Jane Barbes died 1 Feb 1960 aged 85 'Reunited'. However Leslie believes these are not related to their family of interest.

#### 1851 Census -

Barnes : Lamer Lane:, Whstd  
James Barnes, 57, Retired Glazier b London City, London  
Mary Barnes, wife 61 b Glenham, Suffolk  
Hannah England, Serv. Unm, 18, House Servant, b Sandridge, Herts

#### Boon

I've spent a great deal of time tracing the genealogy of my husband's (and children's!) family, and much of it is centred on **Wheathampstead**. The name **Boon** comes up in one of your stories, and I've verified that a **John Boon** (grandfather to **Ernest**, who was my husband's grandad) was in the **1881 census**, and listed as having been born in WHS. Prior to that, there are *LOTS* of **Boons** - back another **150 years**. Why is it, then, that we are unable to find any trace of them in the local graveyard? We tried **St.Helen's**, but after three hours, no luck. Someone mentioned **another place (in a woods?)**, but no luck finding it. Anyone have any ideas? All assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Susan Boon  
Orangeville, Ontario, Canada - 01:37:51 Friday 27 September 2002

#### 1851 Census -

Boon: at Gustard Wood  
John Boon, Mar, 27, Ag Lab, b Whstd  
Ellen Boon wife 51, b Redbourn  
James Mathews son-in law, Mar 22 Ag Lab, b Kimpton  
Eliza Mathews Dau-in-law Mar 20 b Kimpton  
Thomas Wheeler son-in-law Unm 17 Ag Lab b Whstd  
Henry Wheeler son-in-law 15 Ag Lab b Whstd  
John Wheeler son-in law 6 b Whstd

Another Boon at Gustard Wood  
Henry Boon, Mar, 72 Ag Lab b Whstd  
Elizabeth Boon wife, 63 b Southwold Beds  
Henry Boon son, unnm, 20 Agr Lab b Whstd  
Maria Webb, lodger, unnm 26, straw Plait, b Redbourn

#### 1901 Census searched just by surname and Wheathampstead (showing age, where born, occupation)

Alfred Boon 21 Herts Wheathampstead, Gravel diggers  
Arthur Boon 30 Herts Wheathampstead , Gravel digger  
Fred Boon 1 Herts Wheathampstead  
George Boon 27 Herts Wheathampstead , Ordinary agricultural labourer  
James Boon 32 Herts Wheathampstead , Woodman  
Lydian Boon 61 Herts Kimpton  
Sarah Boon 39 Herts Wheathampstead

#### Bowles

My name is **Ron Bowles** and I was born in **Bride Hall Cottage** in **1933**. My parents were in the employ of **Sir Gerald and Lady Lenanton** and I have many fond memories of the time I spent growing up in **Ayot** and going to the village

school. When I became a young man Sir Gerald gave me the use of the room above the barn for me to make my radio controlled model aircraft which I still do. My sister **Margaret** and I ended up living at **Bride Hall**, she was in service there and **Lady Lenanton** felt safer having a man in the house due to passed burglaries. My sister **Margaret** married **Brian Seeby** from **Wheathampstead**, my sister **Mary** married **Bill Field** from **Wheathampstead** and she worked at the **Brocket Arms** for many years. My youngest sister **Sylvia** moved away but later came back with her husband and settled in **St. Albans**. I married in **1959** and with my wife **Yvonne (South)** from **Hemel Hempstead** and immigrated to **Australia** and we are both now retired and live on a property at **Karangi** about 12klms from **Coffs Harbour**. As kids I was great friends with the **Penny's** from **Ceasers Road** and still keep in touch with **Tony** and his wife **Barbara** who now live in **Devon**.

I remember the **Welbike** being used by the army during the war when they occupied **Bride Hall**. The **Welbike** was specially developed for airborne forces by the **Research Station at Welwyn** in Hertfordshire. It was used during the war by the troops that were occupying **Bride Hall**.



The Welbike was specially developed for airborne forces by the Research Station at Welwyn in Hertfordshire. The handlebars and saddle-pillar folded down onto central frame to allow easy storage into a CLE container. Which could then be dropped from the wing pylons of the C-47, or the Whitley, or any other machine which could hook a container on. One man could then lift it out of the container, unfold it and ride off within a few minutes of it landing. The Welbike was not a success however, as it was too small and the little wheels (12.5 inch) fell into potholes or stuck in shallow mud. The machines were found to be more useful in message carrying around the dispersed transit camps and mounting airfields. After the war they were marketed with some success as the "Corgi" civilian machine, and were given a two-speed box for road use. It bought into fashion the scooter.

I have many stories I could tell of those years which I will never forget.

**Ron Bowles.**

*December 2009*

I stumbled across the picture on your web page associated with reminiscences about the **Welbike**. The picture is wrong for two reasons: firstly, the bike in the picture is a Corgi, built by Brockhouse in Southport for civilian service after the second world war and later sold in the USA as an Indian Papoose (after Brockhouse bought Indian); secondly, although a very small number of Corgis may have been sold to (and used by) the US air force as airfield runabouts after the war, it's wrong to present them as a military machine (which the Welbike certainly was).

Alan Rawlinson  
Senior lecturer in online journalism  
University of Central Lancashire

*March 2011*

**Bozier**

Subject: Records for **Laurence H Bozier**

I have, recently, been looking at **Bozier's** data to expand the information on the Kimpton Roll of Honour (which I originally produced in 2001/2) and came across the Wheathampstead information.

I am informed that the **Boziers** lived in a cottage in Kimpton Church Lane and I assumed that Laurence would have been born there. Kimpton is within the Hitchin registration district and his birth was recorded in the April to June records Vol 3a page 1485 (**dob 19.04 1921**)

Photo evidence shows he was an Assistant Patrol Leader in the 1st Kimpton Scout Troop around 1935/6. He became a Sgt in the RAF Reserve being W/Op/Air gunner in a Lancaster, taking part in a 133 plane raid on **21/22 June 1944** was shot down and all crew killed. Crew buried in **Lanklaar Community Cemetery graves 1 – 7.**

Pictures available on Kimpton web site – History – roll of honour

Parents were

Herbert 1879 Kimpton – March 1952

Matilda 1879 Codicote - No death date so far

Regards

Dennis Clarke - updated Oct 2012

Family tree of **Bozier** and associated names stands at approx 475 names at present. I would be pleased of any enquiries or information concerned with **Boziers** in **Wheathampstead**. I am also interested in info about **Gustard Wood** and **The Folly**.

The extent of my research stretches from about 1800 to the year 2000. I know of Boziers in Greenwich, Deptford, Berkshire, these I know are connected, and a recent addition from Australia.

Russell Bozier

#### **1851 Census -**

Brozier at Gustard Wood spelled Boshier

James Boshier Mar 33 Gardener b Whstd

Emma Boshier wife 22, b Whstd

Julia Boshier Dau 6 m b Whstd

Another Bozier at Gustard Wood:

Ann Bozier , Head, Unm, 29, Straw Plaiter, b Whstd

Thomas Bozier, Brother, Unm 20, Ag Lab, b Whstd

#### **1901 Census** searched just by surname and Wheathampstead (showing age, where born, occupation)

A Bozier 29 b Wheathampstead Herts

Arthur Bozier 14 Wheathampstead Herts

Elizabeth Bozier 44 Wheathampstead Gustard Wood Herts

Eva Bozier 1 Wheathampstead Herts

Frank Bozier 8 Wheathampstead Herts

Fred Bozier 13 Wheathampstead Herts , Farm labourer

George Bozier 39 Wheathampstead Herts , Farm stock man

Harry Bozier 12 Wheathampstead Herts

Henry Bozier 12 Wheathampstead Herts

Henry Bozier 30 Wheathampstead Herts , farm labourer

Herbert Bozier 8 Wheathampstead Herts

John Bozier 46 Wheathampstead Gustard Wood Herts , Stockman on farm

Lily Bozier 10 Wheathampstead Herts

Lizzie Bozier 35 Wheathampstead Herts

Mabel Bozier 10 Wheathampstead Herts

Martha Bozier 7 Wheathampstead Herts

Mary Bozier 48 Wheathampstead Herts

Percy Bozier 3 Wheathampstead Herts

Percy Bozier 12 Wheathampstead Herts

Phyllis Bozier 5 Wheathampstead Herts , General labourer  
Thomas Bozier 39 Wheathampstead Herts , Ordinary agricultural labourer

## Bracey / Gray

Hello! My paternal grandfather was **George Gray** (grocer in Harpenden) who married **Alice Maud Bracey**, born in Wheathampstead in **1880** in July **1901**, at St Nicholas in **Harpenden**. (to see photo of the wedding party click thumbnail picture on right - then click 'Back' on browser to return to this page .) Alice's mother was **Maria Bracey**, a bonnet-maker in **1881**, mother of 5 children but apparently never married.



**Thomas Bracey**, Maria's brother, lived on **Wheathampstead Hill**, as Maria did, a few houses away, in **1881**, with his wife **Charlotte**, and in that census he is shown as **Thomas Bracey (Gray)**. I don't know the significance of that and would be glad to hear from anyone who does. The mystery of Alice's (and her siblings') father remains unsolved, but I haven't given up. If anyone reading this has any Bracey or Gray information, however trivial, I shall be **MOST** interested to hear from them.



In the photo above these are some of the names as my late father, Bert Gray of Harpenden, gave them (but his accuracy is not guaranteed):

**Standing, left to right:** Unknown; Bert Bracey; Unknown (possibly Maria Bracey); Unknown; George Gray's sister May; H. Howe; the bridegroom George Norman Gray; Unknown; George's brother, H.S. Gray; Unknown Bridesmaid (possibly Betty Byrd); Unknown; Unknown.

**Seated, left to right:** Unknown; George Gray's mother, Mary Ann nee Best; George's sister Floss; George's sister Ethel; the bride Alice Maud Bracey; Unknown; Unknown.

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**All of these households were at Wheathampstead Hill, Wheathampstead for the 1881 Census**

(Name, Marr, Age, Sex, Birthplace)

**Danil BRACEY** M 67 M Saundridge Rel: Head Occ: Labourer  
George BRACEY 29 M Wheathamstead

**Joshua BRACEY** M 59 M Harpenden Rel: Head Occ: Shepherd  
Sarah BRACEY M 58 F Wheathamstead Rel: Wife  
Phebe C. BRACEY 14 F Wheathamstead Rel: Daur Occ: Straw Plaiter  
Lilly BRACEY 6 F Wheathamstead Rel: G Daur Occ: Straw Plaiter  
Henry PHILLPOTT W 61 M Codicote Rel: Lodger Occ: Labourer

**Maria BRACEY** U 35 F Wheathamstead Rel: Head Occ: Bonnet Maker (Mill)  
Charles BRACEY 10 M Wheathamstead Rel: Son Occ: Shepherd  
Earnest BRACEY 6 M Wheathamstead Rel: Son Occ: Scholar  
Burt BRACEY 2 M Wheathamstead Rel: Son  
Alice BRACEY 6 m F Wheathamstead Rel: Daur

**Thomas BRACEY ((GRAY))** M 30 M Wheathamstead Rel: Head Occ: General Labourer  
Charlotte BRACEY M 28 F Wheathamstead Rel: Wife Occ: Laundress

**Edward BRACEY ((GRAY))** M 28 M Wheathamstead Rel: Head Occ: Agricultural Labourer  
Ann BRACEY M 26 F Wheathamstead Rel: Wife Occ: Wife  
Emily BRACEY 7 F Wheathamstead Rel: Daur Occ: Scholar  
Lizey BRACEY 5 F Wheathamstead Rel: Daur  
Mary MITCHEL W 62 F Preston, Hertford Rel: Mother In Law Occ: Straw Plait Sewer

**1851 Census -**

Bracey, Daniel at Whstd Hill  
Bracey, Daniel, Mar, 36, Bricklayers Labr, b Sandridge  
Mary A Bracey, wife, 36 b Whstd  
John Bracey, son-in-law, 15 agr lab b Whstd  
Francis, son 12 Ag Lab b Whstd  
Edith, dau, 7, all b Whstd  
Maria, dau 5  
Anne dau 3  
Thomas son 2  
infant son 1 wk = probably George

**Brothers**

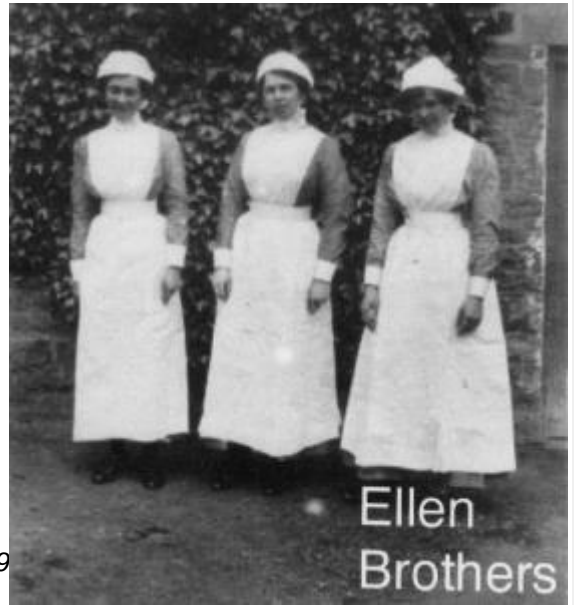
Here are 3 photographs - One is of a crowd outside The Nelson pub on VE day, Harold Smith my uncle is just in front of the door to the right with a cap on his head. Mrs Ellis, Mrs Dear, and I think but not sure that Harold Goodship is also in the photo. Also Aida & Lou the managers at that time are sitting in the front.





This picture is of my Uncle Harold Smith sitting on the steps of 86 Marford Road with my cousin Raymond.

Also my Auntie Ellen Brothers when she was a nurse in the first world war. (My father was born in the Ship Pub in about 1895.)



Hope this will all help towards the website.  
Regards Diane Taylor (nee Brothers).  
email

*contributed April 2009*

I stumbled across your very interesting site when looking for info on Wheathampstead pubs.

I have been doing a trawl through the available census forms on the net in search of the "**Brothers**" branch of my family. They link to several of the pubs in question. (I am fairly certain about the info, the names and dates certainly tie up).

The earliest reference is in the **1861** census, my Great, Great, Great Grandfather **Abraham Brothers**, aged 67, "Retailer of beer and shoemaker" (wife **Elizabeth 60**, and children **Sarah 23**, **Abraham 2**, and **John 18**) - all residing at the **Royal Exchange**.

In **1881**, living at the **Royal Exchange** was **Abraham Brothers** (The younger) his wife **Sarah**, his sister also **Sarah**, and children **Elizabeth**, **Ellen**, and **Henry**.

As the first **Abraham Brothers** was quite old at the time of the **1861** census I guess that it is possible that the family were involved with the **Royal Exchange** for a long period in the **1800's**.

In **1881**, **John Brothers**, son of the 1st **Abraham**, with wife **Rhoda** is running "**The Cherry Trees The Travellers Friend Beer House**" **John** is described as a beerhouse keeper. I've gone thru the children below, but in addition there was **Rhoda's** father **George Rowe**, 60, labourer.

In **1891**, **John Brothers**, son of the 1st **Abraham**, by now a widower, shows up in **The Ship** with sons including **John**, **Abraham**, **Isaac**, **Mark**, **Mathew**, **Jacob**, - (must have been working his way thru the Bible until his wife died). Daughter **Elizabeth**, and sister **Sarah** who had moved from the **Royal Exchange**. Although the family apparently ran the pub, **John** is listed as a gardener. I guess pubs then were not a full time job.

By the **1901** census, the references peter out, my "**Brothers**" line moved to a more military course, although my Great Grandfather **Frederick Brothers**, Bisley marksman, and son of the second **Abraham** returned to pub keeping after a long army career. He took on the **Falcon** at **Royston**, and apparently went bust within 12 months.

I don't know if this is of use/interest for your site. At least the **Brothers** family must have been well known around your area.

Best regards, Kevin Delaney--  
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*Contributed 9 May 2005*

*updated 7 Dec 2006*

The continuation from Kevin Delaney's write up of the **Brothers** family goes like this:-

The **John Brothers** that owned the **Ship Pub** who was a widower, then married again to a **Rosie** who had two children - another **Harry John Brothers** (called John) who was my father, and **Ellen** his sister my aunt. My father was born in the **Ship Pub** in **1894** and he married when he was 40yrs old, and I am his daughter now 72yrs of age. My name was **Diane Brothers** I now am **Diane Taylor**, and I was evacuated during the war at **Wheathampstead** with my aunt who was **Helen Smith & Harold Smith** her husband. We lived at **86 Marford Road**. **Rosie** is buried in Wheathampstead church yard. My father left Wheathampstead when he was about **14** years of age and moved to London to become a telegraph boy, and his sister stayed in Wheathampstead all her life, and that is how I became evacuated there during the war.

I went to school at St Helen's when **Mr Housden** was headmaster. One day in **1944** I was up all night with pains in my stomach and being sick, so my Aunt went to the village and called up **Dr Smallwood**, who came immediately to our house with my Aunt in his car. He immediately diagnosed peritonitis. It was a thick foggy morning, but between Dr Smallwood and my aunt they cradled a chair with their arms, and took me straight to the then **Oster House Hospital** where they performed the operation at once.

When my mother and father came up from London and spoke to the surgeon, he told them that I would have had only about 20 minutes to live, so between **Dr Smallwood** the surgeon and my aunt they saved my life.

Kind regards, Diane Taylor.

*added 16/5/2005*

1851 Wheathampstead - Royal Exchange  
Abraham Brothers, 57, Boot & Shoemaker & Beerseller, b Holwell, Beds (1794)  
Eliza Brothers, 50 wife b Whstd (1801)  
Sarah 18 dau (1833)  
Diana 15 dau (1836)  
Abraham 11 son (1840)  
John 8 son (1843)

Note: Abraham Brothers married Elizabeth Peacock Aug 14, 1824 Wheathampstead  
They also bapt Elizabeth Brothers 1824 & Ann Brothers 1828 d 1832

## **Bruton**

My Father was born in **BATFORD** in **1922** at the **Gibraltar Castle Public House**. I am researching the family history - his name is **Arthur BRUTON**. **Arthur BRUTON senior** was landlord to my knowledge between **1901** and until his death in **1934**. His parents were **Frederick and Ann (nee ARNOLD)** who lived at the **thatched cottage** at **Batford Mill**.

Other **BRUTONS** lived at the **Red Cow** in **Cold Harbour** - **William and Sarah** with children, **Margaret** and **Hephzibah**. If anyone is interested in the history of the **Gibraltar Castle** I may be able to help. I do have a photograph of **Batford Football Club** in **1907-8 season**. Names of players **F.Chennells, H. Woodfield, G. Warwick, F. Church, G. Williams, A. Archer, E. Archer, T.A. Archer, Jas. Gunnell, W. Gunnell, W. Shadbolt, G. Course (Captain) Mr. W. Bellamy (Hon.Sec) and Mr. A. Bruton (Treasurer)** who was my grandfather. I am not sure whether **Batford** would fall within the area of interest for **Wheathampstead** families but someone may find a connection and if so I would be pleased to hear from them.

J.A.Drury (nee Bruton)

## Burg

**Wheathampstead Brewery** - Can anyone tell me if this building is still in existence? I was looking through a photograph album that belonged to my great aunt the other day and found a small snap with the words 'Wheathampstead Brewery 1903' underneath it. On looking very carefully I could make out the words over the door '**Harriet Elizabeth Burg** (my great aunt) licensed common brewer and dealer in beer'.

I was aware that the family had been brewers in Lincolnshire in the 19th century but I was not aware of any Hertfordshire links. Can anyone tell me anything about the history of this brewery or when my family's involvement with it began or ended?



As far as I know, no one in the family ever lived in Wheathampstead. At the turn of the century, when the picture was taken, my great aunt lived with her parents, my great grandparents, in London. The family was originally from Lincolnshire but moved to Jersey in the 1870s and then moved to London in the 1890s. I believe my great aunt must have inherited the business from her father or grandfather: my great great great grandfather **Henry Bugg** had a brewery and a number of pubs in and around Spalding.

I don't believe my great grandfather ever 'soiled his hands' with trade. He described himself as a gentleman and was a qualified doctor of medicine, although he never practiced as such, and it was he who changed the family name from **Bugg** to **Burg**. So the family's involvement with the brewery must have been a very hands off one. However I would very much like to know what happened to the business -was it sold and if so, when and to whom?

I had a look at the 1881 Census, which I have on CD, out of interest. I found a brewhouse on Brewhouse Hill but none of the names associated with it was familiar to me. It would be nice if someone could fill in the blanks on this aspect of my family history

Lesley O'Connell

(Webmaster's note - the picture is clearly Barton House in Brewhouse Hill although nearest part is now houses)

## Burgess & others

Found your site while trying to locate the place name Gustard Wood (as the **Shambrook** records for the Herts 1881 census had got a blank in the county section). I'm tracing a large number of family names including 4 on your list, which may or may not tie into Wheathampstead families. I have compiled fairly large general files of people with the same surnames as my family. Four are surnames on your list; **Burgess; Foster; Rolf** and **Shambrook**.

I welcome contact with other people interested in researching these names. E-mail me at [Brian@bedis.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:Brian@bedis.fsnet.co.uk)

### 1851 Census -

Burgess, at The Swan Inn  
Charles Burgess, Mar, 37, Innkeeper, b Tewin, Herts  
Maria, wife, 33 b St. Margarets (Stanstead)  
Alfred W. Hewson, son-in-law 7 scholar, b Whstd  
Laura Hewson, dau in law 6 scholar b Whstd  
Edward Hewson son-in-law 2 b Whstd  
Frederick Burgess son 2m b Whstd  
family living with 2 servants and 3 lodgers

**1901 Census** searched just by surname and Wheathampstead (showing age, where born, occupation)

Amos Burgess 26 b East Hyde Beds, Gardener

Emily Burgess 27 b Harpenden Herts

## Catley

**WILLIAM CATLEY** married **SUSANNA CARTER** at **St. Katherine Creechurch**, City of London on 17 April **1792**. They had moved to **Wheathampstead** by **1802**. William was a **shoemaker**; he was born about **1768** and buried at Wheathampstead 25 September **1823** aged **55**. Susanna was the daughter of **William and Rebecca Carter**. She was born at Wheathampstead 22 August **1768** and buried there 8 March **1834**.

Children of **William** and **Susanna** were:

1) **JOSEPH CATLEY** was christened 2 June **1793** at St Mary Whitechapel, London. He married **ELIZABETH WAGSTAFF** 8 December **1812** at St Peters, St Albans. Their daughter **ELIZABETH** was christened 29 January **1813** at St Marys, Watford. They have not been traced in Hertfordshire later than this.

2) **WILLIAM CATLEY** was born about **1798** probably in London. He married **NAOMI BUNYAN** 26 November **1820** at **Codicote** Herts. She was the daughter of **THOMAS** and **ELIZABETH BUNYAN** born 16 October **1798** and christened 9 June **1799** at Bethel-Independent Welwyn. **William** was a bricklayer by trade. A Removal Order for **William Catley** and family from Wheathampstead to St Katherine Creechurch, City of London, was issued 26 May **1834**. It was suspended because he was unfit to travel and indeed he was buried at Wheathampstead 22 July **1834** aged 36 years. Three years later **Naomi** died and was buried at Wheathampstead 8 December **1836** aged 39 years. They left three teenage daughters:

- **NAOMI CATLEY** was born **1821**. She married **CHARLES ANSELL** on 15 February **1857**. She had three children before her marriage and three thereafter (see my entry under Ansell). She died 18 November **1913** aged 92 at Wheathampstead. She is my great great grandmother.
- **LYDIA CATLEY** was born about **1824**. On 11 February **1840**, when she was sixteen and at Hitchen Union Workouse, she was the subject of a Removal Order from **Codicote** to St Katherine **Creechurch**, London. She was at City of London Union Workhouse in **1851** and probably died there in **1854**.
- **ELIZABETH CATLEY** was born about **1826**. She married **WILLIAM LAMBLEY**, a gas meter maker, 9 June **1865** at **All Hallows** Barking, London. After his death she lived at St Albans with her niece **EMMA ADAMS** (nee **Catley**). She died there in **1912**.

3) **ELIZABETH CATLEY** was born 24 June **1802** at Wheathampstead and **buried** there 4 September **1826** aged **23** years.

4) **SARAH CATLEY** was born 2 June **1805** at Wheathampstead. She was a domestic servant in Kimpton and on 24 April 1851 married the village blacksmith **EDWARD TOMLIN** who had become a widower. They had no children of their own.

The Catley family was quite separate from the Catlin family and the surname existed in Wheathampstead only for the first 40 years of the nineteenth century. Their Ansell descendents live there still as well as in Canada, Australia, France and Denmark.

Contributed by Anthony M. Carter

May 2008

## Catline & others

In the 18th and 19th centuries, my direct ancestors from Wheathampstead, specifically from Gustard Wood [or from Kimpton], were named **Swallow, Henley, Hopkins, Catline, Read, Woods, Crawley, Hawkins**. Colateral branches include **Lovell, Studman, and Thompson**.

I would be happy to correspond with anyone who has forbears from these same families or who has information about the social history of **Gustard Wood**. When my studies are readied in a suitable form I would be happy to link them or make them available through your site.

Thank you.

Tony Hughes (New York NY).

#### 1851 Census -

Catlin at Gustard Wood:

George Catlin Head, Unm 37 Agr Lab b Whstd

living with 2 unnm lodgers Susan Studman 47 and Ann Swallow 8

#### Carter

#### 1851 Census -

Carter at Gustard Wood

William Carter, Widower, 74, Carpenter journeyman, b Whstd. (wid of Mary Olds)

Next Door:

William Carter (s/o Wm Carter & Mary Olds) Mar 42 Ag Lab b Whstd

Caroline Carter wife 35 Straw Plait b Kimpton

Amelia dau 9 straw plait b Whstd

Ann M dau 6 straw plait b Whstd

Moses son 1 b Whstd

Carter at Gustard Wood: (George is the s/o Wm Carter & Mary Olds)

George Carter, Mar 37, Ag Lab b Whstd

Mary Carter, wife 36 b Sandridge (nee Cobb)

Caroline, dau 12 straw plait, b Whstd

Sarah dau 9 straw plait b Whstd

Mercy dau 4 b Whstd

William son 1 b Whstd

#### Carter

Between 1881 - 1895 **George Carter** was Landlord of The Park Hotel, No-mans Land (1881 with first wife **Margaret** , in 1891 with second wife **Sarah**. He died 9/11/1895). His son, also named George Carter, was listed at the Nelson Inn in 1901. George and his son, George, were born in Hertford and Bromley respectively

Contributed by, Dan Foster GGG Grandson of George the elder.

*Contributed April 2012*

#### Carter

Gt Grandfather William Carter had 4 sisters. The following is from the 1861 census.

1861 Census: Gustardwood, Wheathampstead.

George Carter 49 head ag lab Wheatmst

Mary " 46 wife Sandridge

Caroline " 20 dau plaiter Wheat.

Sarah 19 " "

Mercy 13 " "

Henry 9 son "

William 7 " "

Charles 2 "

Emma 1 dau

*Contributed by Linda*

*Shields Feb 2014*

#### Chennells



21 The Hill, Wheathampstead  
Built by Mr. Jesse Chennells

The picture includes Mr & Mrs Wilkie from New Zealand on a visit (Yvonne Wilkie being a Chennells descendant).

photo taken 25/7/2013

**The initials J C are part of the railings  
above the front door**

I was reading through some of the transcripts of old articles and noticed the one about four sisters visiting, one of which claimed to be 106. This was in **The Hert Advertise & St Albans Times 1876 Oct 7th p.8**. The 106 year old would have been **Sarah (Allen) Ward**. Her sister **Charlotte (Allen) Paul** would have been about **84** (died the year following this article, **1877**) was married to **William Paul** of Sandridge, and they were the parents of **Charlotte Allen Paul** who married **Jesse Chennells**. In the **1871** census, **Sarah Ward** is listed as living with her sister **Keturah Lines**, aged **84**, in **Wheathampstead**. So those are three of the four sisters. If anyone should know anything about them and/or who the fourth was, I am obviously interested. Attached is a picture of **Sarah**, age **104 1/2** or **103** (a little confusing). On the back of the picture is written " **Mrs. Sarah Ward, Aunt of Charlotte Allen Paul (Chennells), sister of Charlott Allen (Paul), at 104 1/2** when this photo was made she could walk ten miles, keep house, read and do fine straw plaiting without glasses"

The fourth sister would probably have been **Dinah Allen Barker**, b. **1797** d. **1879**, married to **James Barker**. In addition, there were four other **Allen** sisters ; **Ann 1781-1858** m. **Edward Rainsden**, **Elizabeth b. 1783**, **Rebecca 1789-1867** m. **James**



Aunt of Charlotte Allen Paul (Chennells),  
sister of Charlotte Allen (Paul)  
died at 104 1/2 - when this photo was  
made she could walk 10 miles, keep  
house, read, and do fine straw plaiting  
without glasses

Mrs Sarah Ward  
age 103.

**Dunham, and Maria 1791- m.Francis Dunham.**

contributed by

*Sept 2010*

**Charlotte Beatrice Chennells** is 7th adult from the right in the back row peering over shoulder of man. **Jesse Chennells** and his second wife **Charlotte Allen** (nee **Paul**) had 11 children. There were also 7 children to his first wife **Phillis** (nee **Gray**) - total of 18 children as far as I know. **Charlotte** would have been about 17 years old here. Photo taken prior to her marriage in **1900** and shows 20 family members.

I feel the younger children are probably grandchildren. I wonder if anyone can identify any others?

Regards

**Yvonne Wilkie** email

*added Aug 2010*

Gentleman with hand on railing is **Jesse Chennells** with his second wife, **Charlotte**, just behind him. He was a lay preacher at the United Reform Church. Also shown is his son **Frederick Horace Chennells** and next to him **Lionel Bruce** (died 1908). **Lionel** and his wife **Jesse** were buried in front of the United Reform church in Wheathampstead.  
*added Sept 2010*



**Jesse Chennells & family - Gibraltar Lodge Wheathampstead c. 1895/8**



The Gibraltar Lodge was demolished to make way for the road called Gibraltar Lodge (Batford)



This may be a bit of a shot in the dark, but, looking into the **CHENNELLS** families of **Great Gaddesden/ Berkhamstead**, I have been wondering whether the **Wheathampstead CHENNELLS**<sup>1</sup> come from the same stock and whether all of them had not, at some time earlier, perhaps at the beginning of the 18th c., moved from the **Whaddon** area in **Buckinghamshire**. Perhaps you know of a person in the area who may be especially interested in research into the **CHENNELLS** family and its origins. If so, I should be most grateful for a contact address. My interest is that my **CHENNELLS** brother-in-law and nephews come from this **Great Gaddesden** line and I am aiding them in research.

With thanks, Stephen

**Descendants of William Chennells** contributed by September 2003

(Section on **Charlotte Beatrice Chennells** updated in Sept 2010 with information from Yvonne Wilkie, New Zealand

<sup>1</sup> William Chennells b: 1734 d: January 31, 1808 +Hester (Ester) Lines b: 1736 d: 1821 in Wheathampstead  
<sup>2</sup> Mary Chennells b: December 22, 1761 in Wheathampstead, Hertfordshire, England +William Bolton

2 Sarah Chennells b: 1763 +William Dunnham  
2 Ann Chennells b: February 12, 1765 in Wheathampstead, Hertfordshire, England  
2 Francis Chennells b: September 28, 1766 in Wheathampstead, Hertfordshire, England  
2 William Chennells b: March 13, 1768 in Wheathampstead, Hertfordshire, England d: 1829 +Amelia b: 1801 in Tewin, Hertfordshire, England d: Aft. 1831 in Wheathampstead  
3 Jesse Chennells b: April 28, 1821 d: June 21, 1902 +Phyllis Gray b: Unknown d: Bef. 1862  
4 Jesse Thomas Chennells b: April 1850 d: Abt. 1900  
4 William George Chennells b: November 05, 1851 d: April 11, 1897  
5 Nellie Chennells b: Abt. 1880  
5 Tricie Chennells b: Abt. 1882  
4 Phyllis Chennells b: March 1853  
4 Ellen Chennells b: August 1854  
4 Jesse Ernest Chennells b: February 04, 1856 d: Unknown +Grace Jane Brewster b: Abt. 1867 in Kent Dover d: Unknown  
5 Jesse William Chennells b: 1892 in BMD Woolwich 1d 1222 qt end 1892 d: 1893 in BMD Woolwich 1d 894 qt end Dec 1893  
5 Phyllis Chennells b: 1890 in 1901 census age 11 born London, Woolwich  
4 Edwin Chennells b: May 25, 1858 in Whetstone d: Unknown in Anerley near Croydon, Surrey +Alice Harriet Coxhead b: May 09, 1861 in St. Marylebone, London, England d: Unknown  
5 Ada Chennells  
5 Blansker Chennells b: 1885  
5 Reginald Horace Chennells b: February 28, 1886 in London, Hackney d: April 06, 1953 +Edith Barbara Emma Stone b: May 25, 1893 d: April 19, 1964 \*2nd Wife of Reginald Horace Chennells: +Emily Marion Wilkinson  
5 Irene Chennells b: 1888  
5 Madeline Chennells b: 1890  
5 Dorothy Chennells b: 1892  
5 Leslie Chennells b: 1893 in Surrey, Balham  
5 Ellaline Chennells b: 1895  
5 Hubert Walter Chennells b: 1897  
4 Albert Henry Chennells b: January 26, 1860 \*2nd Wife of Jesse Chennells: +Charlotte Allen Paul b: September 06, 1835 d: March 29, 1919  
4 Louise Blanche Chennells b: January 07, 1863 in Wood Green, England d: Aft. 1934 in Newark, NJ +Charles Millard b: July 03, 1860 in Shoreditch, St. Leonard's, London, England d: December 10, 1899 in Allegheny City, PA  
5 Jesse Charles Reginald Millard b: August 13, 1893 in Newark, NJ d: March 10, 1955 in Staten Island, NY +Gladys Cornish Barr b: June 10, 1893 in Bloomfield, NJ d: Unknown  
5 Philip Sidney Millard b: April 30, 1896 in Clifton Ave, Newark, NJ d: 1967 in Orlando, Orange, FL +Jennette Rhoda Kent b: 1909 in Newark, NJ d: 1981 in Orlando, Orange, FL \*2nd Husband of Louise Blanche Chennells: +George Whitehead  
4 Arthur George Chennells b: March 04, 1864 in Wood Green, England  
4 Kate Alice Chennells b: January 17, 1866 in Wood Green, England +Friedrich Whilhem Reiche b: Abt. 1866 d: Bef. 1934  
4 Frederick Horace Chennells b: November 02, 1867 in Wood Green, England d: Unknown +Jessie Battson b: Abt. 1867 d: Unknown  
5 Edward Chennells b: Abt. 1912  
5 Mary Chennells b: Abt. 1913  
5 Jesse Chennells b: Abt. 1914  
5 Walter Chennells b: Abt. 1916 d: Unknown +Ruby Pallett b: Abt. 1916 d: Unknown  
5 Gladys Chennells b: Abt. 1917  
5 Marjorie Chennells b: Abt. 1918  
4 Thomas Austin Chennells b: July 17, 1869 in Wheathampstead, Hertfordshire, England d: Unknown +Clara Edith Long OR Annie Feenie  
5 Jesse Norman E Chennells b: 1895 in BMD 1d 840 Camberwell qt end June 1895  
5 Alfred A B Chennells b: 1897 in Camberwell 1d 843 qt end Mar 1897  
5 Edwin John Chennells b: 1900 in BMD Camberwell 1d 958 qt end Jun 1900 d: 1900 in BMD 1d 573 qt end Sep 1900  
5 Albert Victor Chennells b: 1901 in BMD Camberwell 1d 996 qt end Mar 1901  
5 William Leonard Chennells b: 1902 in BMD 1d 979 qt end Sep 1902  
4 Leila Maud Chennells b: May 03, 1871 in Wheathampstead, Hertfordshire, England d: November 03, 1878 in date given by Louise Blanche Chennells  
4 Minnie Azeila Chennells b: December 18, 1872 in Wheathampstead, Hertfordshire, England d: Aft. 1946 +Frank St. Clair Brown d: Bef. 1934  
4 Edgar Allen Chennells b: October 12, 1874 in Wheathampstead, Hertfordshire, England  
4 Walter Harry Chennells b: July 19, 1876 in Wheathampstead, Hertfordshire, England +Florence Mary Jackson b: May 11, 1879 in Netheredge Rd, Sheffield, England d: January 09, 1942  
5 Vera Chennells b: December 29, 1903 in Sheffield, England d: 1986 +Val Pierce b: Abt. 1900 d: Unknown  
5 Sidney Austin Chennells b: January 05, 1905 in immigration shed, Saskatoon, Canada d: Unknown +Margaret Keele b: Abt. 1905 d: Unknown  
5 Irene Chennells b: 1908 d: 1965 +Jack Keene b: Abt. 1908 d: Unknown  
5 Allan Chennells b: 1915 d: 1987 +Beth b: Abt. 1915 d: Unknown  
4 Charlotte Beatrice Chennells b: June 26, 1878 in Wheathampstead, Hertfordshire, England d: March 02, 1951 Auckland NZ + August 15, 1900 in St Helens Church Wheathamstead Charles Roger Hammond Davy b: January 14, 1872 d: June 13, 1943 Auckland NZ  
5 Charles Roger Hammond Davy b: September 30, 1901 in Stoke Newington England d: April 15, 1934 Auckland NZ + June 02, 1926 Flora Stringer b: February 01, 1904 d: July 09, 1993  
5 Jesse Edward Davy b: February 24, 1903 in Harpenden England d: March 30, 1958 Auckland NZ + October 14, 1933 Clara May Elmbranch b: Abt 1895 d: June 02, 1992  
5 John Baxter Davy b: August 01, 1904 in New Southgate England d: March 19, 1983 Auckland NZ + Georgiana Alleyne Litchfield b: April 04, 1900 d: August 18, 1976  
5 Felix Caughey Davy b: January 15, 1906 in New Southgate England d: April 28, 1980 Auckland NZ + March 23, 1937 Myrtle May Giles b: September 28, 1913 d: August 04, 1987  
5 Charlotte Elizabeth Davy b: May 17, 1908 in Hither Green Lewisham Kent England d: July 31, 1990 Auckland NZ + March 18, 1933 Gordon Wellesley Attwood b: January 30, 1897 d: May 29, 1985  
5 Joseph Allen Davy b: February 02, 1910 in Lewisham England d: April 24 1992 Auckland NZ + August 08, 1942 Louisa Bell b: March 18, 1910 d: July 06 2005  
5 Marie Helen Davy b: September 20, 1916 in Auckland NZ d: March 13, 2000 Tauranga NZ + September 07, 1946 Frank Ernest Parker b: Abt 1915 d: October 20, 1974  
5 Benjamin Davy b: October 16, 1920 in Auckland NZ d: July 08 2003 Auckland NZ + July 27, 1946 Ruita Martin b: July 13, 1920 d: November 26, 2009  
4 Charlotte Beatrice Chennells b: June 26, 1878 in Wheathampstead, Hertfordshire, England +Charles Roger Hammond Davy b: January 14, 1872  
5 Charles Roger Hammond Davy b: September 30, 1901 d: Unknown +Flora Stringer b: Abt. 1900 d: Unknown  
5 Jesse Edward Davy b: February 24, 1903 d: Unknown +May Elmbranch b: Abt. 1903 d: Unknown  
5 John Baxter Davy b: August 01, 1904 d: Unknown +Georgina ? b: Abt. 1904 d: Unknown  
5 Felix Caughey Davy b: January 15, 1906 d: Unknown +Myrtle Giles b: Abt. 1906 d: Unknown

5 Charlotte Elizabeth Davy b: May 17, 1908  
 5 Joseph Allen Davy b: February 02, 1910 d: Unknown +Louise Bell b: Abt. 1910 d: Unknown  
 5 Marie Helen Davey b: Abt. 1912 d: Unknown +Frank Parker b: Abt. 1912 d: Unknown  
 5 Benjamin Davey b: Abt. 1913 d: Unknown +Ruita Martin b: Abt. 1913 d: Unknown  
 4 Lionel Bruce Chennells b: May 20, 1881 in Wheathampstead, Hertfordshire, England d: October 01, 1900  
 3 George Chennells b: August 19, 1822 in Wheathampstead, Hertfordshire, England d: 1883 in BMD St. Albans 3a 262 qt end Sep 1883  
 3 Amelia Chennells b: February 04, 1824 d: 1830  
 3 Adam Thomas Chennells b: January 29, 1826 in Wheathampstead, Hertford, England d: Unknown in New York +Sarah Garret b: February 12, 1829 in Richmond, Va d: Unknown  
 4 Amelia Chennells b: 1851 in Virginia d:1921 +Thomas A Burleigh b: Bet. 1845 - 1855 d: Unknown  
 4 Thomas D. Chennells b: 1854 in Virginia d: 1862  
 4 Arabella Chennells b: 1857 in Virginia +Frederick Fielding  
 5 Adelaide Fielding b: 1882 d: 1885  
 5 Warren C. Fielding b: 1885 d: Unknown +Florence Moulton b: Abt. 1885 d: Unknown  
 5 Howard Fielding b: 1887 d: Unknown  
 5 Franklin Fielding b: October 04, 1890 d: Unknown +Ruth Reinisch b: 1889 d: Unknown  
 4 George B. Chennells b: September 1860 in Virginia d: Unknown +Minerva Robinson McCabe b: Abt. 1860 in Virginia d: Unknown  
 5 Elliot M. Chennells b: September 02, 1883 in NY d: October 1971 in FL  
 5 Clifford G. Chennells b: October 07, 1885 in Manhattan, NY d: Unknown  
 5 Edna Maud Chennells b: October 14, 1887 in NY d: Unknown +J T Bennett b: Abt. 1884 d: Unknown  
 5 Harold William Chennells b: September 19, 1890 in NY d: 1935  
 5 Doris Chennells b: June 05, 1894 in NY d: September 12, 1989 in New canaan, Fairfield County, CT +Harold Stevens Gardner b: Abt. 1894 d: Bef. 1989  
 5 Mildred Chennells b: August 18, 1896 in NY d: Unknown +Friedman b: Abt. 1890 d: Unknown \*2nd Husband of Mildred Chennells: + Leslie "unknown" b: Abt. 1890 d: Unknown  
 5 Ruth Chennells b: October 16, 1898 in NY d: 1916  
 5 Miriam Chennells b: June 22, 1901 in NY d: June 1984 in New York, NY  
 5 Franklin Chennells b: November 24, 1904 in NY d: February 1986 in NY +Peggy "unknown" b: November 24, 1904 d: Unknown  
 4 Adelaide Chennells b: May 19, 1864 in New York d: May 16, 1892 +William Wilson McClelland b: Abt. 1864 d: Unknown  
 5 Flora McClelland b: Abt. 1884 d: Unknown  
 5 Malcolm McClelland b: Abt. 1885 d: Abt. 1885  
 5 William Fredrick McClelland b: January 25, 1889 d: Unknown  
 4 William F. Chennells b: 1868 in England d: 1927 +Emma C. Butler b: Abt. 1868 d: Unknown  
 5 George Chennells b: Abt. 1889 d: Unknown  
 5 William Chennells b: Abt. 1890 d: Unknown  
 5 Harriet Chennells b: Abt. 1891 d: Unknown  
 4 Alice Maude Chennells b: 1874 d: Unknown  
 4 Edward Milton Chennells b: 1878 d: Unknown +Florence Moore b: Abt. 1878 d: Unknown  
 5 Milton Chennells b: December 04, 1903 in New York d: May 1971 +Margaret b: May 02, 1905 in New York d: November 15, 1993 in Tenafly Bergen NJ  
 5 Margaruite Chennells b: May 02, 1905 d: November 15, 1993  
 5 Mabel Chennells b: February 18, 1906 d: November 23, 2001 +Frank Paul Guth b: Abt. 1900 d: Unknown  
 5 Virginia Chennells b: July 06, 1907 in NY d: July 20, 1983 in Waterbury, CT +Stanley Kovel b: Abt. 1900 d: Bef. 1983  
 5 Roy Chennells b: June 13, 1912 in NY d: September 1981 in Beachwood, Cuyahoga, OH +Dorothy b: March 31, 1916 d: February 1995 in Beachwood, Cuyahoga, OH  
 OH  
 3 Willm. Frederic Chennells b: 1827 +Mary b: 1820  
 3 Thomas Chennells b: 1829 d: in Australia +unknown  
 4 unknown Chennells  
 4 unknown Chennells  
 3 John Chennells b: April 22, 1830 d: December 31, 1905 +Anne Joyner b: April 20, 1841 d: December 09, 1914  
 4 Nellie Chennells b: July 01, 1867 d: October 06, 1943 +George Nash b: June 07, 1851 d: June 09, 1923  
 4 Frank Chennells b: October 07, 1876 d: July 24, 1950 +Stella b: May 26, 1883 d: June 18, 1921  
 5 Minnie Chennells b: Abt. 1911  
 5 Edward Frank Chennells b: February 08, 1913 d: September 22, 1968 +Kitty May b: December 14, 1916  
 5 Joyce Chennells b: Abt. 1915  
 5 Lena Chennells b: Abt. 1915 \*2nd Wife of Frank Chennells: +Maggie b: Abt. 1880  
 5 John Chennells  
 5 Una Chennells  
 5 Roy Chennells  
 2 Margaret Chennells b: April 22, 1770 in Wheathampstead, Hertfordshire, England  
 2 Maria Chennells b: January 31, 1772 in Wheathampstead, Hertfordshire, England  
 2 Hester Chennells b: January 18, 1774 in Wheathampstead, Hertfordshire, England  
 2 John Chennells b: November 23, 1775 in Wheathampstead, Hertfordshire, England d: 1776  
 2 Samuel Chennells b: June 11, 1777 in Wheathampstead, Hertfordshire, England d: 1777  
 2 Rebecca Chennells b: May 28, 1780 in Wheathampstead, Hertfordshire, England

## 1851 Census -

### Chennells at Whst Hill

Amelia Chennells Wid, 50 Farmer of 80 acres employing 4 b Tewin, Herts

George Chennells son, unnm 28 Farmers son b Whstd

John son unnm 20 Farmers son b Whstd

John Mumford lodger unnm 40 Butcher Master b Hertford, Herts

### at Wheathampstead Street

Ann Chennells Head, Unm 86, Annuitant b Whstd

Esther Chennells, Sister Unm 77 Annuitant, b Whstd

at Brewhouse Hill  
William Chennells Mar, 23 Farmers son b Whstd  
Mary Chennells, wife 31 b Whstd

**1901 Census** searched just by surname and Wheathampstead (showing age, where born, occupation)

Annie Chennells 59 b London  
Charlotte Chennells 66 b Sandridge Herts  
Frank Chennells 24 b London Wheathampstead, Clerk in Post Office  
Frederick Chennells 33 b Wood Green Midx, Cabinet Maker  
Jessie Chennells 79 b Wheathampstead Herts, Butcher & farmer  
John chennells 70 b London Islington, Chemist & Grocer

I found your website while looking for information on **WILLIAM CHENNELLS**. I do not have location information for him, only that he married **ELLE KELLCHER** and they had a daughter, **BEATRICE ELIZABETH aka TRIXIE**. She was my great grandmother on my maternal grandfather's side.  
Thanks

*added Jan 2006*

## **Cobb**

We have traced our family back to Sandridge. The first **Cobb** we have found who went to Gustard Wood was **Mary Cobb** when she married **George Carter** in 1839.

**1841 Census Susanna Cobb** of Sandridge, Caroline and Benjamin. in Gustard Wood (he was 12 and an agricultural labourer).

**1877 Caroline** married **William Hale**.

**1852 Benjamin** married **Sophia Young** of Kimpton. 1883 Sophia joined the Congregational Church. 1887 Benjamin also joined and later became a lay preacher. Children - Carline, Sarah, Fanny, Susan, Herbert & Elizabeth.

**1894 Herbert** married **Anne Burton** (related to the **Thompsons**). 1912 Herbert (the father) was in the Gustard Wood Minstrel Group organised by Miss Robins. Annie belonged to the Mother's Union and Wheathampstead Women's Institute. Children - Elizabeth, Bessie, Herbert (known as Bert)

**1933 Bert** married **Doris Holland**. Children - Rita, Patsy, Raymond, Janet. As older villagers would know **Bert Cobb** ran the 'Serenaders' Concert Party for many years. Patsy still lives in Wheathampstead.

**1901 Census** searched just by surname and Wheathampstead (showing age, where born, occupation)

Annie Cobb 31 b Herts Wheathampstead  
Benjamin Cobb 71 b Herts Sandridge, Ordinary agricultural labourer  
Bessie Cobb 2 b Herts Wheathampstead  
Herbert Cobb 32 b Herts Wheathampstead, Ordinary farm labourer  
Lizzie Cobb 6 b Herts Wheathampstead

## **Cole**

My ancestor, **James Cole** is the one mentioned in this web page. My grandfather, **Charles Percy Cole**, was born to **James Cole** and **Sarah** (nee **Booth**) **Cole** in Water End house (after the census of 1881) and emigrated to **Canada after 1900**. My grandfather is mentioned in the census of **1885**. I am told that other **Cole** ancestors of mine are buried in **St Helene's** churchyard.

David Cole email:

*22 February 2005*

From the series of "Hertfordshire Monumental Inscriptions" for Wheathampstead (1944)

**At the United Reformed Church**

ILMO **James William Cole**/ who died July 5th **1923**/ aged 72 years/ "Resting"/ also/ **Edith Sarah**/ eldest daughter of the above/ who died April 6th **1930**/ aged 50 years/ "Thy will be done"/ also **Sarah Ann** loving wife/ and mother of the above/ who fell asleep July 5th **1939**/ aged 84 years.

**At St Helen's Church**

**Leslie W Cole**/ 15.5.1903 - 18.2.1982/ and/ **Stella O Cole**/ 6.1.1902 - 6.3.1983/ "Reunited"

**Collins**

**\*\* 1851 Census -**

At Holly Bush Hall:

Mary Welch Head, wid, 65, charwoman b Whstd

Francis Collins son Mar 26 Ag Lab b Whstd

Ann Collins wife 31 b Kimpton

William Collins grandson 3 b Whstd

George Collins grandson 0 b Whstd

Edward Welch, Son of the Widow 19 Ag Lab b Whstd

**\*\* Note:** Thank you for the web page. It has been most helpful. However, the entry under **Collins** is likely an error. The surname appears to be **Catlin** but the t in **Francis Catlin** was not crossed and the name has been transcribed as **Collin**. The other members of the **Catlin** family do have the t crossed. Francis **Catlin** is found with **Mary Welch** in **1841** and **1861**. In all likelihood, **Mary Welch** was b. **Catlin** or **Catline**.

With kind regards, Anthony Carter, Odense, Denmark

**Deamer & Swallow**

Just visited your web page and found my direct family **John Deamer** my Great Grandfather. Living at **Cross Farm**, I visited there several years ago and the same family owned as did in the census, they kindly let me see that in the early 1900s Deamers were noted as working during the harvest periods. They still had the wage records

**Charles** was known as **George** and went on to live to be over 100 and I have newspaper articles from the Harpenden paper confirming this. There were further children **Bertie**, **Rose**, **Lizzie**, **William** (my Grandfather) and **Ezra**. I met him aged 99 when he lived in Wheathampstead near the post office.

Regards, Brian Deamer

*contributed May 2006*

What a good site. You are certainly getting known I was told about it by a contact in America! I have two families on the list of old Wheathampstead Families - Swallow and Deamer. **Susannah Deamer** married **George Swallow** 25 July **1797** at **Wheathampstead**.

Both my grandparents were born in **Harpenden**, **Arthur Goodyear** and **Ellen Louisa Swallow**. My grandfather was born 'Near the GNR Station, Harpenden'. I had ancestors living at Leyton Road, Harpenden, Breadcroft and Cravells Road.

Christine Abbott  
08 June 2002

**1851 Census -**

Deamer at Gustard Wood

Phebe Deamer, Wid, 70, Straw Plait, b Kimpton  
George Deamer son unnm 36 Ag Lab b Kimpton

**1881 Census** (2 households)

Dwelling: Horse & Jockey Marford

George DEAMER M 58 M Codicote Rel: Head Occ: Labourer

Ann DEAMER M 50 F Albury Rel: Wife

Herbert DEAMER 14 M Codicote Rel: Son Occ: Labourer

Katy DEAMER 8 F Wheathamstead Rel: Daur Occ: Scholar

Arthur DEAMER 5 M Wheathamstead Rel: Son Occ: Scholar

Dwelling: Cross Farm

John DEAMER M 32 M Kinsbourn, Hertford, England Rel: Head Occ: Farm Labourer

Mary DEAMER M 31 F Hunsdon, Hertford, England Rel: Wife Occ: Sewer(Str)

Frederick Charles DEAMER 8 M Thrailsend, Hertford, England Rel: Son Occ: Scholar

John Joseph DEAMER 5 M Wheathamstead, Hertford, England Rel: Son Occ: Scholar

Charles DEAMER 2 M Wheathamstead, Hertford, England

**1901 Census** searched just by surname and Wheathampstead (showing age, where born, occupation)

Annie Deamer 75 b Herts Albury

Arthur Deamer 25 b Herts Wheathampstead, Bricklayer

Eliza Deamer 53 b Herts Wheathampstead

Fanny Deamer 27 b Beds Lily

Herbert Deamer 3 b Herts Codicote, Gardener domestic

Owen Deamer 18 b Islington London, Bricklayer



**Crawley**

My Grandfather **Leonard Crawley** was born in Wheathamstead in October **1887** to **Samuel Crawley** and **Amy Crawley** (nee Frost). He was number 5 of 7 children. He is buried in St Helen's just inside the gate from the High Street along with his father.

I attach a scanned copy of **Amy Crawley** together with a grandchild but no date is known but Amy died

in **1912**. You will just about see a poster in the window advertising the Sunday School Anniversary and mention of a **Mr R Hawkins** and a public meeting. Unfortunately I cannot see any date visible but you may know whether there was a significant anniversary around the turn of the century.

My Uncle Jack Crawley now almost 93 has many other photographs that he is looking out for me.

Contributed by **Len Aspell** (son of **Irene Amy Crawley** who was the daughter of **Leonard Crawley**)

[New email info. from Daphne Ballard in March 2016:

In the photograph of Amy Crawley outside no 3 Wheathampstead Hill the baby in the Photo is of my mother Gladys Elizabeth Skeggs daughter of Kate Skeggs.

I would like to add that my mother Gladys Elizabeth Skeggs lived at 3 Wheathampstead Hill with her mother Kate and brother Frederick (their father died in 1910). Gladys lived there until her marriage in 1930. After Amy died Samuel Crawley moved in with his daughter Kate Skeggs and family he lived with them until his death in 1927. The photo of Amy Crawley with her granddaughter Gladys was taken in 1911.

Best wishes From Daphne Ballard granddaughter of Kate (nee Crawley) a sister of Leonard.]

## Dawes

I'm looking for any information on the following "**Dawes**"

My Great great Grandfather **Richard Dawes** (b **1821** in Codicote) who married **Ann Field Smith** in **1850** and lived in **Wheathampstead** with there family **William (1851)**, **Ellen (1854)**, **Betsy (1856)**, **James (1859)**, **Ann (1851)**, **Richard** my Great Grandfather (**1863**) and **Sarah (1868)**

My Great Grandfather **Richard** married **Emily Hill** in **Ayot St Peter** in **1887** and lived in **Nomansland** with there children **Arthur (1890)**, **Bertha (1892)** and **William (1895)**

**Richard** (snr) had a brother **David (b1825)** who I believe married **Mary Ann East** and started there family off in **Wheathampstead Augusta (b1855)** and **Alfred (1858)**

## Dawes

An article from the Hert's Advertiser 14<sup>th</sup> June 1985 - Profile

### **Firmly rooted in a rural way of life**

By Ronald Riggs

We sat in the cosy inglenook of the **16<sup>th</sup> century cottage** next to the **Nelson pub**, in Marford Road, Wheathampstead, and Bess, a border collie, came up wagging its tail. The old red brick glowed where it caught the sunshine and **Dickie Dawes** looked very much at home in his fireside chair.

And so he should, for he was born in the cottage, his mother was born there and so was her mother – no family has its roots deeper in the ancient village.

"You should have been here last week," said Dickie. "We've just reared **twin lambs** from two-days-old. They were fed on the bottle – and my girls took them for walks down the village on a collar and lead. There was a tear or two when the had to go back to the farm."

**Dickie, who is 56**, has the stamp of an outdoor man. And a home-loving man, for who could help identifying with a house which has been the family home for **generations?**

The part of the cottage which is **400-years-old** has a **preservation order** on it. A side part was added a mere **200 years ago** and a still later extension, adjoining the sitting room, was completed only three years ago.

Like most other Wheathampstead children, **Dickie** went to the **village school**. The headmaster was notoriously "very handy" with the cane and under his strict supervision the pupils bent to their desks, minded their Ps and Qs and **left at 14**, reasonably educated.

Dickie went to **work on the railway** at the **Hatfield depot of the LNER**. "I began depot of the LNER. "I began as an **engine cleaner** and **cycled** to work at **6 am**, I didn't much care for the oil and the dirt, but I couldn't have met a finer bunch of men anywhere. The pals I made on the railway I've stuck with through life."



Dickie's career seemed set. He became a **fireman and then a driver**. He'd take a train from **Hatfield to Leighton Buzzard**, stopping at various country stations.

"**Wheathampstead was a model Victorian station** and I was sorry to see it go. Now I'm the **parish grass-cutter**. I look after the mound where the station house used to be and if I have a minute, I walk where there is a trace of the **old platform** beneath the vegetation. Then the memories come flooding back."

Dickie and his chums would explore the village lanes, finding wild flowers and greeting familiar characters.

"**Bernard Shaw** was a great walker and if we chanced to meet him he would nod and say "**Good morning, persons.**" I always thought that a little odd and now my schoolboy son uses the expression." (the picture shows **Dickie Dawes and friends engine drivers** - their names L to R are **Dicky Dawes, Joe Payne, Jack Richardson and A J Wilson**).

Dickie **retired from the railway in 1966 after 21 years service**. "**Beeching** was dropping his axe all over the place and I decided to start up on my own. In my spare time I had worked on farms, so **I bought my own tractors and ploughs** and the farmers were glad to employ me.

"I still do all the cultivation for **Mr Titmuss, of Herons Farm, Gustard Wood**, where **350 acres** of arable land keeps me fully occupied."

Sadly the Wheathampstead he knew has changed over the years. "Something has gone out of the village, with all the new developments," said Dickie. "**I once knew everyone** I met in the High Street, but now they are mostly strangers and I can even walk into my local without seeing anyone I know."

Dickie was **christened, confirmed and married to Brenda Osborn**, the post mistress's daughter, at **St Helen's Church**. As a boy, he sang in the **choir**.

The couple have two girls, and a boy – **Kareen, 13. Wendy, 12. and Richard, who is 15**. "They all attend **Wheathampstead School** and with luck will finish their education before any threatened closure takes place."

It was getting dusk as we sat talking and Dickie recalled the days when **the cottage was lit by lamp-light**. Outside, there was only the moon for company in the sequestered lane.

"We'd **sit in the inglenook** and have a merry time, **playing the tin whistle and singing**. Lovely times, they were when the Christmas spirit lingered on through the year."

He brought **two framed photographs** from another room. They had been taken within the space of only a few years, from exactly the same spot. One showed the side of **the cottage and the Nelson pub nestling at a bend in a leafy lane**. The other was bleak-looking by comparison, with **a tarmac road stretching into the distance**. All the greenery had gone.

Dickie said: "We are frequent visitors to Porlock, in Somerset, where there is still the unchanged countryside. If miracles could happen I'd like to fly over the rooftops and drop this little cottage into one small corner of it."

## Dollimore

Dollimore's came from Wheathampstead

**James Dollimore & Elizabeth Welch** (c Mar. 27, 1779 d/o **Joseph Welch & Elizabeth Newson**) married 1801 at Wheathampstead. Their children are all born at Wheathampstead

**Margaret** b 1802

m **William Morgan** 1824

**Julia** 1806

m **Frederick Hall Faircloth** 1825



**Sarah** 1808 died 1808  
**Elizabeth** 1809 m **Thomas Alburn** or **Arburn** 1831  
**Charles** 1812 m **Susannah Wood** 1831  
**Sarah** 1814 died 1816  
**James** 1816  
**Benjamin** 1821 died 1822  
**Joseph** 1823  
**Sophia** 1804-died infant

Also **John Dollimore** m **Ann Threader** Dec. 26, 1818 Wheathampstead

Also **James Dollimore** (of Wheathampstead) m **Maria Lines** 1812 Harpenden. **Maria Lines** (b Jan. 10, 1790 Harpenden) is the d/o **Joseph Lines & Sarah**.

Also **Henry Dollimore** b 1818 Codicote m **Ann Day** and son **George Dollimore** b 1851 Whstd

If you have any information, or think you may have a connection, please e-mail me.

Pam Dollimore

#### 1851 Census -

Dollimore at Gustard Wood:

Henry Dollimore Mar, 27 Agr Lab b Codicote

Ann Dollimore Wife 21 b Kimpton (nee Day)

George Dollimore son 3m b Whstd

## Dorban

The following limited information I do know the following from basic national census records:

**1. William Dorban** - Born abt 1796 - Wheathampstead, Herts (William was shown as an agricultural labourer and probably died 1850 – 60) Married Susan.....? Born abt 1800 - Wheathampstead, Herts (Susan shown on 1861 census as washerwoman for farmer Charles Lattimore, )Wheathampstead

Son (2) **William** Dorban - Born abt 1836 – Gustard Wood, Herts

At least 4 other children **Sarah** 1830, **Ann** 1832, **Jane** 1834 and **Mary** 1840

**2. William Dorban** - Born abt 1836 – Gustard Wood, Herts Died 1927 (89) (William was shown boarding as an agricultural labourer at Reed Hall

Farm, Wheathampstead in 1851, in 1861 he was married to Caroline and living with her parents at Kimpton, in 1871 and 1881 he was a ploughman at Ballslough Farm in Kimpton. In 1901 census he is shown as Farm Foreman / Farm Bailiff living in Hitchin, Herts age 63.) Married **Caroline Hawkes** - Born abt 1834 -Kimpton, Herts Died after 1901. She was one of at least 5 children of **George** (abt1796) and **Mary** (abt1796) **Hawkes** of Stevenage and Welwyn, Herts respectively.

Son (3) **Edwin Dorban** - Born abt 1862 0 Kimpton, Herts

At least 6 other children **Louisa** 1864, **Albert** 1866, **Emily** 1868, **Lizzie** 1872 – 1934, **Florence Elizabeth** 1874, **Frederick** 1876

**3. Edwin Dorban** - Born abt 1862 - Kimpton, Herts - became a wheelwright but moved away from the area around 1900. Died 1924 Oundle, Northants (63)

Edwin Dorban is my great grandfather on my mothers side.

Kind regards, Peter Turner

## Dunham

I am tracing **2 sets of Dunhams**. My research indicates the following:

### LINE 1

**William Dunham** and **Sarah (Chennels)**. Had a son **James**

**James Dunham** and (I think) **Rebecca (Allen)** had a son **Charles** was born to in **Wheathampstead 1827** and he married **Ruth** in **London** in **1849**

**Charles Dunham** and **Ruth Randall** had a son **Frederick** in **Codicote** in **1849**. I think **Charles** died quite soon after as I can't find any more children and **Ruth** re-married in **1861** to **William Dunham** and they had a child **Mary Sophia**.

**Frederick James** married **Ellen Jane Goodwin** – he produced up to **18 children** I have the names of 16 – **Ellen, Florence, Mary, Emily, Frederick, Alf, Maud, Henry, Kate, William, George, Alice, Ada, Rose, Ernest and May**. Some were born in **St Albans** and some **Wheathampstead** they lived at the **Freetrader, High St, Wheathampstead** moving to **Hamwell (Amwell)**.

**Frederick James 2nd marriage** was to **Clara (Latchford)** and they had a child **\*Ada** born in **1889**. **Fred** and both his **wives** are buried at **St Helens** in **Wheathampstead**

**\*\*Henry George (Harry) Dunham** and **\*Ada Dunham** married in **1910** at **East Hyde Church**

**Harry** and **Ada** lived from late **1910's** in **Cold Harbour Lane** they had a son **Arthur** (my grandfather) born **September 1910** he married my grandmother **Constance Elizabeth Hilliard** in **1937** they had two children **Robert** and **Brian** in the **1940's** they moved to **Salisbury Road** moving to **100 Lower Luton Road** in **1965**.

### LINE 2

The other side of the family are also **Dunham**, just to confuse matters they are as follows:-

**Samuel Dunham** was possible born late **1700** early **1800** had a son **Reuben** was born approx **1824**. I cannot find any information on **Reuben** except he died in **1875** aged **52**.

**Reuben Dunham** married **Sarah Elizabeth (Wright)** and had a son **Samuel** was born in **1846** in **Wheathampstead** the other children were **William, Elizabeth, Caroline, Emma, Sophia, Henry, George, Mary Ann, Charles and Harriet** most, all except **Samuel** and **William** were born around the **East Hyde** area. They lived around **Peters Green** area with **Sarah** living at **Perry Green** in **1881** (**Samuel** died in **1875**).

**Samuel Dunham** married **Maria (Whitworth)**, the children were **Alice, William, Jane, Ann, Mary, Alfred, John, twins Eliza and \*\*Harry** born **1887**, **Arthur** and **Samuel**. They were all born in **East Hyde/Peters Green** area. They lived around **East Hyde** area and in **1901** they were in **Cold Harbour**

\* and \*\* this shows where the two families came together.

Richard Dennison

added 14 March 2005

added 3 May 2005

I am researching my gr-grandmother's family - she was **Mary Ann Sophia DUNHAM** born 14 November **1873** in **St Albans**. Her parents were **Frederick James DUNHAM** and **Ellen Jane**

**GOODWIN.** Frederick and Jane had at least **11 children** before **Ellen died in 1885.** **Frederick then married Clara LATCHFORD** and went on to have at least another 5 children. The **DUNHAMs** lived in **Wheathampstead** for many years and I have managed to trace the family back to **James DUNHAM** who was **baptised** on 20 Nov 1790 in Wheathampstead.

I would love to hear from anybody with a link to this family.  
Dorothy Stephenson

*further addition 23 July 2005*

When I have traced the family back through the censuses I have found that the family lived in **The Ship** for many years.

In **1861** the occupier was **James Dunham, age 72** and described as a bricklayer and **retailer of beer.**

In **1871 James' son William** lived there, although he is only described as a bricklayer.

In **1881 William's stepson Frederick James Dunham** was the occupier. Again, he was not described as a publican (he was a carpenter by trade). **Frederick** was my gr-gr-grandfather. Frederick's father **Charles**

**Dunham** died when Fred was very young and his mother subsequently married her brother-in-law, William.

By **1891** Frederick had moved out of the **Freetrader** and was living at **Hamwill (Amwell?) Farm Cottages.**

As far as I know the family had nothing further to do with the pub.

Dorothy Stephenson

*contributed 20 Oct 2008*

I have been researching my husband's family history for about two years now.

I have traced back to his 3xG Gran, **Rebecca Dunham** who was born in **1835** in St Albans. She was the daughter of **Willam Dunham** and **Sarah** (nee **George?**) who married at **St Stephens, St Albans 13/4/ 1834.** Sometime after **Rebecca** was born **William & Sarah** moved to **Clerkenwell,** North London, but subsequent children were baptised at **St Michael in St Albans,** and in the Church records their abode being noted as **Clerkenwell,** London.

I believe that the **Dunham** family can be traced back to two brothers, as **Land Tax** records dated **1757-1829** that I looked at on a visit to HALS that I made in April this year, mention a **Richard & Benjamin Dunham** located at **North Side, Wheathampstead.**

I would be interested to hear from anyone researching the family, especially as three **William Dunham's** are born approx the same time, and although they are obviously related, it would be nice to be able to clarify one line from another!

Sue Cooper

## Dunkley

Have just found your great site and read it right through. Read through **Gay O'Neils** piece on **Lines** the Blacksmiths, and her extract from Volume V, which stated that **Robert Dunkley** had the Harpenden Smithie prior to Mr. **Lines**, who had it in **1860s** and **70s.** Haven't yet tracked Robert's origins, but he married **Martha Ivory** 12 Aug **1799** and they had daughters **Elizabeth, Maria, Eliza, Ann** and **Elenor,**

between **1802** and **1820.** **Maria** married **Isaac Luck 1836,** **Eliza** married **William Hale 1837,**

and **Ann** married **Solomon Bradshaw 1835,** all at **St Peters,** in **St Albans,** each being witness at each other's marriage. **Maria** and **Issac** had a daughter **Mary Ann** in **1836,** and **Maria** died in **1843.** My G/G/Grandmother's name

was **Mary Ann Dunkley,** and she gave her father as **Isaac Dunkley** on her wedding cert. 30 May **1862,** again

at **St Peters, St Albans,** but no **Isaac Dunkley** is to be found in the area, however, as above, **Maria Dunkley** married

to **Isaac Luck,** so wonder if **Maria's Mary Ann** was brought up by her **Dunkley** grandparents, and therefore opted to use her grandparents surname, and is thus one and the same as my G/G/Grandmother.

Would be interested to hear from anyone with any of the above family connections, I have found two other **Luck/Dunkley** marriages, also **Dunkley/Peacock,** and another **Dunkley/Ivory.** Other family names in

area **Lonnan/Lunnan & Lee (Redbourn)**, **Pearce (St Albans)**, **Sexton (Hemel)**. Again, a lovely site, knew the area well as a teenager cycling and revisit when visiting family.

Antony Dunkley ex St Albans now Devonport, NZ