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Eagleton

In researching my **EAGLETON** families I have recently become aware that I might have a connection with an **EAGLETON** family in Wheathampstead: i.e. - **John EAGLETON** and **Mary Higham** (Hyam, Hyams, Frain, Frains) married 30 Oct **1780**, Wheathampstead (from LDS records)...

Sarah, christened 24 Dec **1780**

Maria, christened **1788**

Charlotte, christened 2 Oct **1794**

Philice, christened 25 Mar **1798**

William, christened **1802**

James, christened 1807

all the above christened in **Wheathampstead**...

William of **1802** married a **Mary Wilson WOODWARD** in **1824** at St Albans, Hertfordshire - they later emigrated to **Australia** (where I sit as I type)... From a recently acquired family photo, in the possession of **William's** descendants, this **William** called my gg grandfather, cousin - "my" **EAGLETONs** are mostly associated with Kent, and "my" **Benjamin EAGLETON b1833** Southwark, Surrey also emigrated to Australia...

If there is anyone there who has an interest in, or knowledge of this family, could you please pass on this message - I would very much like to know how the two branches might be connected...

Regards, Ben Eagleton

added Sept. 2008

Ellingham

What a surprise-- I stumbled across this site, so have been sitting here for ages just printing out the info for my Mum, **Kathleen Pinder-nee Ellingham**, born and raised in Wheathampstead, she is now **86** & lives in **Melbourne**

My Mother was very interested to read the news, but can't add any photos. She was born at the **Factory house** at the folly in **1916**, & went to school at St. Helen's where she went on to be **Head Girl**. **Fred Ellingham**, her Dad, was the **Manager** at the **Factory House** (hats) at the Folly, owned by **Osborne of Luton**, next to the **Chapel**. My grandparents actually lived there. **Kath & Mary**

Ellingham were both born there. It was a big 4 bedroom home. My great aunts-**Lill Smith & Maude Hunt** were milliners, at that time too.

They later lived at "**The Willows**" Lower Luton Rd. - 2 houses down from the Cherry Trees. (I can't imagine that old place being any thing but a pub!)

Mum's brother **Bill** still plays the **organ at the Folly**, he lives in Harpenden. I've e-mailed the site to my cousin in Poole, so she can show her Dad when he goes down. Mum's other brother **Eric** is aged 94.

My Great Gran was **French**, & she lived up the **Folly fields**. My Mum married at St Helen's in 1936 to **Ray Pinder**, then they moved to **Luton**, where I was born in **1937**. My Grandad died at **92** & he rode his bike up to that time. Gran was **88**. All **French's & Ellinghams** buried at St. Helens.

I can't add much more Brian at this stage, only my own memories of cycling to Gran's from Warden Hill, along the "Bottom Road, as it was called, past Lady Ludlows, & that stinkin sewerage joint --happy days!

Carol -

There may not be any links to the family above but the 1881 census for Wheathampstead gives

At Pickford Mill Cottages
Thomas ELLINGHAM, 55 (Laborer)
Maria ELLINGHAM 55 (Charwoman)
Daniel ELLINGHAM 13 (Newspaper Boy Street Seller)

1851 Census -

Ellingham at Bury Green:

John Ellingham, Wid, 60, Late Gardener, b Totternhoe, Beds

Mary Ellingham, dau, Unm, 26 bonnet Sewer b Whstd

Ephgrave

My 4x Grandfather was **Thomas Ephgrave** who owned **Herons Farm** in Gustard Wood. He married **Elizabeth Kilby 29th July 1812** in Wheathampstead. I am trying to find out the name of his parents. If you have any information to hand I would appreciate it. I have the Last will and Testament for **Thomas** and **Elizabeth** plus a transcript of **Elizabeth's** who survived her husband. My family line is via **Fredrick**.

On the **1851** census via Ancestry there is a miss spelling the entry is **Ephriam** whereas on the CD ROM purchased from Hertfordshire County Council - "Hertfordshire Families" - it is correct for Herons Farm.

As previously stated I have drawn a blank regarding Thomas' parents. Any information regarding this would be most welcome.

Tony Ephgrave

added June 2007

From the **1881 census**

Brogdell Gustard Wood, Wheathampstead.

George EPHGRAVE M 80 M Wheathampstead, Hertford, England Rel: Head Occ: Retired Farmer

Phebe EPHGRAVE M 78 F Wheathampstead, Hertford, England Rel: Wife

Sandridge,
John EPHGRAVE M 68 M Watton, Hertford, England Rel: Head Occ: Blacksmith & Grocer
Eliza EPHGRAVE M 68 F Wheathampstead, Hertford, England Rel: Wife
Walter EPHGRAVE M 44 M Sandridge, Hertford, England Rel: Son Occ: Blacksmith
Mary EPHGRAVE U 36 F Sandridge, Hertford, England Rel: Daur
Charles N. EPHGRAVE 1 M France Rel: Grand Son

Gustard Wood, Wheathampstead,
James WILLIAMS M 37 M Uxbridge Rel: Head Occ: Builder & Decorator Partnership With
J.F.Owen 32 Men 2 Boys In Employ
Emily WILLIAMS M 37 F Haslemere Rel: Wife
Ellen Bradly WILLIAMS 14 F St Marylebone Rel: Daur
Emily Marie WILLIAMS 12 F St Marylebone Rel: Daur Occ: Scholar
Charles Albert WILLIAMS 9 M St Pancras Rel: Son Occ: Scholar
Edith Mary WILLIAMS 8 F St Pancras Rel: Daur Occ: Scholar
Thomas Henry WILLIAMS 6 M St Pancras Rel: Son Occ: Scholar
Infant WILLIAMS 1 m M Wheathampstead Rel: Son
Emmeline SMITH 19 F Monks Risboro Rel: Serv Occ: Cook & C
Sarah EPHGRAVE W 65 F Wheathampstead Rel: Serv Occ: Nurse (Dom)

There is mention of a graves at St Helen's Wheathampstead for **George Ephgrave** who died
December **1882 aged 83** and his wife **Phoebe aged 87 (September 1887)**
also a **Thomas Ephgrave died aug 28 1849 aged 20**
William Ephgrave died Nov 11 1847 aged 23

Ewer

The militia list for Wheathampstead gives **Thomas Ewer** as a farmer's son **1760/1762** & as a farmer
1763/5 with address at either just **Wheathampstead** or **The Cross**.

I have seen a transcription of the Wheathampstead register which gives the following baptisms (all sons
of **John & Mary**) -

5 Sep 1748 John
28 Jul 1751 William
15 Apr 1753 Deacon
5 Oct 1752 James
24 Nov 1754 Thomas

Also 1600 -1700 3 entries and the burial of **Thomas**. son of John 24 Nov 1754.

John & Mary are my direct ancestors and I can't their births or marriage.

John was probably too old for militia service in 1760. **Tom** took over the farm (which farm?) about
1762/3.

Maybe **Tom** is a brother of John. Anyway **Ewer** is very uncommon and it seems unlikely that the 2 are
not related somehow. **Does anyone know any more??**

I'd be delighted to pad out this Wheathampstead connection

Michael Ewer, Rugby England -

1851 Census -

Ewer – no Ewer's listed in 1851 Whstd

I have been sent the Early Wheathampstead Families page by a cousin in NZ. Looking for her own family tree she discovered my maiden name. I have researched my **Ewer** family in **St. Albans** back to 1758. Mother Mary had 3 sons (John b 1792 James b 1793 Thomas b 1800).
Sorry I can't help with any earlier dates but may be able to fill in some branches.

Mary Jarrett (nee Ewer)

Note added Oct 2004

Fensom

1851 Census -

James Fensom, Head, Mar, 50, Ag Lab b Kimpton
Maria Fensom, wife, 52, b Whstd
Eliza Fensom, dau, 13 straw plait, b Whstd
Charlotte Norris, dau, wid, 29, straw plait, b Kimpton
Wm Norris, grandson, 9m b Harpenden
Thomas Lawrence, son-in-law, mar, 22, Ag Lab b Harpenden
Ann Lawrence, wife, 20, b Whstd
Mary Lawrence, grandau, 1 b Whstd

Fitzjohn

My G.G.Grandfather lived (near) the **Swan Inn** Wheathampstead from about **1845 to 1857**. He was **John Fitzjohn b.1819 in Harpenden**. He moved to Wheathampstead with his wife **Eliza Woodward b. Kimpton 1824**. John was an agricultural labourer and Eliza did straw plaiting. They had four children in their cottage near the Swann Inn:

George born 1846

Eliza born 1848

Charles born 1850

Thomas b.28-aug-1852 ,my g.grandad

Their next three children were born in Harpenden so they must have moved back there in about 1858. Johns parents were both from Harpenden , they were Thomas Fitzjohn b 1775 and Ann Hubbins b 1782

Graham Fitzjohn -

added Dec 2005

Floyd

I have found **Charles Floyd** in **1881** living with his wife **Harriet** and two children **James** and **William** at the **Horse and Jockey**. Was he a publican there or else just living there.

My grandfather **Charles William Floyd** lived in one of the houses that were demolished near **Butterfield Road**, these looked directly onto the road that leads to Harpenden. He was Known as **Wag**, **Charlie** or **Titch**. My grandmother was **Mary Woods** and she lived there with my grandfather and her mother. My grandfather worked on local farms and at one time lived in a cottage behind the Crooked Chimney.

If anyone has any information or can point me in the direction of finding families from Wheathampstead I would be very grateful.

Steven Floyd email - jamstew@btinternet.com

added Oct 2008

Note from webmaster - From St Helens memorials records Charlie Floyd died July 29th 1899 aged 71; also William Floyd died Sept 20th 1902 aged 26,

French

I have just looked at your web site and was very interested to see the family French. My mothers grandfather was a **William French** born at **Kimpton** in 1866 and died in 1931. Do you have any information about him? My mother never knew him. I lived at Wheathampstead for a few years during the seventies, so am familiar with the area.

Additional family members of **William French** that I have are:

Brothers and sisters:

Thomas b1858

Annie b1860

Emily b 1862

John b 1863

Walter b 1868

William's parents were **James French** and **Sophia Snoxall** m 1854 and I believe they lived at Church End in Kimpton.

James ' parents were **Thomas French** and **Mary Chambers** m 1813

William enlisted in the **Royal Garrison Artillery** in **1885** and served for 26 years. He married **Jane Nicholls** in **Nasirabad** and had 2 children **Charlotte Sophia** and **Florence Hilda**. On his return to this country he worked for **JW Green** brewery in Luton and then became the licensee of the **Royal Standard** pub in Luton.

Hope you can help, Many thanks Paula Dugdale
submitted *19 Oct 2002*

submitted by Alec French 14 Feb 2003

Descendants of Charles French

- 1-Charles FRENCH b: 1763, d: 1831, Peters Green
- +Mary BUNYON b: 1764, d: 1837, Peters Green, m: 25 Jul 1786, **Wheathamstead**
- 2-Mary FRENCH b: 10 Nov 1786, (**Wheathamstead**)
- +William JOINER , m: 18 Oct 1804, Kimpton
- 2-Thomas FRENCH chr: 18 Dec 1791, Kimpton, d: 1850, Peters Green
- +Mary b: 1791, Kings Walden, d: 1865, Kimpton
- 3-James FRENCH chr: 3 Sep 1815, Peters Green, d: 1889, Kimpton
- +Mary Anne ADAMS , m: 8 Dec 1838, Kimpton, par: Richard ADAMS and Unknown
- +Sophia SNOXALL b: 1828, Kimpton, d: 1895, Kimpton, m: 1854, Kimpton, par: William SNOXALL and Unknown
- 4-Eliza FRENCH chr: 6 Apr 1856, Kimpton, d: 1875, Kimpton
- 4-Thomas FRENCH chr: 4 Apr 1858, Kimpton
- +Mary BURGESS b: 1851, m: 23 Dec 1882, Kimpton, par: Vince BURGESS and Unknown
- +Unknown
- 5-Annie FRENCH chr: 20 Sep 1885, Kimpton
- 4-Annie FRENCH chr: 5 Feb 1860, Kimpton, d: 1869, Peters Green
- 4-Emily FRENCH chr: 3 Feb 1862, Kimpton, d: 1862, Kimpton
- 4-John FRENCH chr: 1 Nov 1863, Kimpton
- 4-William FRENCH chr: 3 Dec 1865, Kimpton
- 4-Walter FRENCH chr: 2 Aug 1868, Kimpton
- +Agnes Charlotte GOUGH , m: 1 Oct 1892, Kimpton
- +Unknown
- 4-Emma FRENCH chr: 23 Aug 1840, Kimpton
- 4-James FRENCH chr: 20 Jul 1842
- 4-Louisa FRENCH chr: 7 Sep 1845, Kimpton

+Charles DAY b: 1845, m: 30 Nov 1872, Kimpton, par: William DAY and Unknown
 4-George FRENCH chr: 4 Mar 1849, Kimpton
 3-Thomas FRENCH chr: 23 Nov 1817, Kimpton
 +Mary b: 1817, St. Pauls Walden
 4-Hannah FRENCH chr: 30 Jan 1842, **Wheathampstead**
 3-George FRENCH b: 18 Mar 1820, Peters Green
 +Emma PURTON
 4-Ann Sara FRENCH b: 1853, Luton
 3-William FRENCH chr: 10 Aug 1823, Kimpton
 +Hannah DAY , m: 29 Dec 1844, Kimpton, par: John DAY and Unknown
 3-Hannah FRENCH b: 1830
 +Henry BANGS b: 1828, m: 7 Jun 1856, Kimpton, par: Edward BANGS and Unknown
 3-Joseph FRENCH b: 1833
 +Harriet BANGS b: 1834, m: 7 Jun 1856, Kimpton, par: Edward BANGS and Unknown
 +Unknown
 4-James FRENCH chr: 3 Aug 1856, Kimpton
 4-George FRENCH chr: 2 May 1858, Kimpton
 4-Eliza FRENCH chr: 3 Jan 1860, Kimpton
 4-Henry FRENCH b: 1865, West Hyde, d: 1890
 4-Amy FRENCH chr: 3 Nov 1867, Kimpton
 4-Jane FRENCH chr: 5 Feb 1871, Kimpton
 4-Elizabeth FRENCH chr: 1 Nov 1874, Kimpton
 4-Arthur FRENCH chr: 19 Nov 1876, Kimpton, d: 10 Jan 1877, Kimpton
 3-Charles FRENCH b: 1836, Kimpton
 +Maria SHADBOLT chr: 30 Oct 1836, Kimpton, m: 18 Sep 1869, Kimpton, par: George SHADBOLT
 and Elizabeth BURTON
 4-Walter FRENCH chr: 5 Dec 1869, Kimpton
 4-Annie Maria FRENCH chr: 5 Jan 1873, Kimpton
 4-Frederick Thomas FRENCH chr: 19 Mar 1876, Kimpton
 2-Elizabeth FRENCH chr: 26 Feb 1797, Kimpton
 +John GATHARD , m: 26 Nov 1814, Kimpton
 2-James FRENCH chr: 10 Aug 1799, Kimpton
 2-John FRENCH chr: 16 May 1802, Kimpton, d: 1842, Peters Green
 +Judith b: 1787, Kings Walden, d: 1863, Peters Green
 3-Fanny FRENCH b: 1821, Kimpton
 2-George FRENCH chr: 28 Jun 1806, Kimpton
 +Eliza b: 1811, Luton
 3-Emma FRENCH b: 1833, Luton
 +Unknown
 4-Jane FRENCH b: 1852, **Wheathampstead**
 3-Charles FRENCH b: 1840, **Wheathampstead**
 3-James FRENCH b: 1844, **Wheathampstead**

For more comprehensive details visit
<http://www.alec.french.btinternet.co.uk/index.htm>
 (updated Jan2011)
 compiled by Alec French -



1851 Census -
 French at Brewhouse Hill

George French, Mar, 45, Carpenter b Kimpton
Elizabeth French, wife 40 b Luton, Beds
Emma, Dau un 20 Straw Plait, b Luton
Charles, son, 11 scholar b Whstd
James, son 8 scholar b Whstd

French at Gustard Wood :
William French, Mar, 29, Ag Lab, b Whstd
Hannah French, wife, 28 Straw Plait b Beds (nee Day)

French at Amwell:
William French, Head, Unm, 33, Ag Lab b Kimpton
Sarah French, Mother, Wid, 53, Straw Plait, b Kimpton

Gale

My Great grandfather **Amos Gale** had a pub.

The story my grandfather, always told, was that his father **Amos Gale** owned either a brewery and a couple of pubs, or vise-versa. [I can't recall which] However, due to a court case of some sort, he lost the lot. My grandfather certainly had lots to say about " b...y lawyers" as a result of his beliefs. Amos's wife was **Mary Ann Gale** [nee **Brown**]. They had **9 or 10 children** the first born about **1878**.

My Grandfather [his son] was born 'near Wheathampstead' in **1889** as was the last brother, born in **1900**. I have a photo believed to have been taken outside the door of the pub, of **Mary Ann** and **Bert** the youngest son, who looks to be about 10 years old. We previously thought the photo was in Luton. There is also a photo of **Amos**, but it is a rather poor one.

The story went, that Great grandfather Amos would go out for business, in the horse and cart, and return after many hours, having had a drink at every pub on the way home again. ["the horse knew it's way home"]
Amos died in **1936** in **Wheathampstead**. Where did you find out that Amos had been the publican and have you any idea of how long he was the publican? If you follow up on the court case angle; know how I could research that from here in **Australia**, or have any other information, I would be very grateful as it would help my family tree research.

I believe there are still **Gale descendants** still living in Wheathampstead somewhere but I don't know how to find them, and someone said they may also have owned the common/green

I look forward to receiving a reply from you soon
Regards **Margaret Murray (nee Gale)**

Contribution 31st May 2004

Hi, have really enjoyed looking round your site, especially reading all the stories about the families from the area. I am researching my family tree and I could have links with the **Gales of Wheathampstead**. Especially the **Ernest born 1885**, anyone who knows anything about **Ernest Gale** in particular who he married please contact me, Thanks and keep up the good work
Mandy -
South Yorkshire, UK contributed 13 January 2005

Gathard

I am trying to find the correct first name and the maiden name of the wife of **Thomas Gathard** (born about **1795** and most likely at Wheathampstead, Hertfordshire. According to the LDS IGI he married **Hannah Huntley** at **Wheathampstead** on the 15th Oct **1808**. They had five children; **Ann**, **Charles**, **Charlotte**, **Sarah** and **Eliza**. When I check the LDS IGI for a birth date, place and parents of Hannah, I can only find the name **Ann Hunt** born at Wheathampstead in **1788**, which

would tie in date and place-wise. Is there anyone out there who could you please tell me **Thomas Gathard's** wife's name etc please? I know that Hannah was often substituted for Ann in the old days, but is there in fact a Hannah Huntley, or should the surname be Hunt. In the **1851** census she is shown as **Ann Gathard**, Washerwoman, residing with her husband, **Thomas**, at the home of **William** and **Eliza Wren** and 3 children at High Street Wheathampstead (HO 107/1713) Your help would be most appreciated.

Sincerely Colin Smith, Western Australia

added 14/5/2008

Hello, I noticed that the name **Gathard** is shown in the list of early Wheathampstead families. I don't know much about my family history. However my father **Sidney Kenneth Gathard**, who was born in **1910** lived in St Albans, and went to St Albans School before the war. His father was called **Sidney**, but that is as much as I know. Perhaps my antecedants are from Wheathampstead, since it is in the same area.

If any of you can add to my knowledge I would be grateful.

John Gathard email - catse7en@tinyworld.co.uk

1851 Census -

Gathard at High St.

Thomas Gathard, Father-in-law, Mar, 68, Ag Lab, b Whstd

Hannah Gathard, Mother-in-law, wife, 60, Washerwoman, b Whstd

In-laws to William Wren, Head, Mar, 30, Ag Lab b Hatfield

Eliza Wren, wife, 28, straw plait, b Whstd

With 3 other Wren children all b Whstd

Gatward

I'm trying to trace any links of the Gatward family which I noticed is listed in Wheathampstead. I'm particularly interested in **Frank Gatward** (My Grandfather) who came up to **Hoby Leicestershire** and married into the Henson family. I'm also aware that we have links with Gatwards that lived in **Slough**.

Any information gratefully received. Kind regards

Jonathan Gatward -

1851 Census -

Gathard at High St.

Thomas Gathard, Father-in-law, Mar, 68, Ag Lab, b Whstd

Hannah Gathard, Mother-in-law, wife, 60, Washerwoman, b Whstd (nee Huntley)

In-laws to William Wren, Head, Mar, 30, Ag Lab b Hatfield

Eliza Wren, wife, 28, straw plait, b Whstd (nee Gathard)

With 3 other Wren children all b Whstd

Gill

The Census of **1901** gives one of my past relatives as being the owner of **THE WALNUT TREE** in Church Street. It was apparently a **Colin Houivelle Gill**. The Census also mentions his wife who was a **Sarah Ann Gill** and also worked in the pub. They had a daughter called **Ada Lucy Gill** who in **1901** was 18 years old and lived with them. **Colin** was 44yrs and **Sarah Ann** was 45yrs old. It also says **Colin** was a **Publican** AND a **Boot Maker** ! It is **Sarah Ann** who is the more direct relative as her

maiden name was **Abraham**. She was born in **Portsmouth** (as I was too) along with many relatives. She was the daughter and 7th child of my Great Great **Grandfather** a **George Lucy**.

Sarah Ann and **Colin** were married in **Portsmouth** in May **1882** and I know they lived in **Chelsea** in the **1891 Census**. However, I don't know when they moved in to the pub or how long they were there. I hope you find the above of interest and again apologise for any inconvenience of contacting you.

Best wishes Gordon Abraham

Jan 2012

In **1909** **Ada Lucy Gill** married **William Hill** at **Romford** in Essex; he was a **bootmaker**. Two years later they were living at 30 Victoria Road Romford and **Colin Hoinvelle Gill** and **Sarah Gill** were visiting. **Colin's** profession is shown as **bootmaker** (not publican). He and Sarah had been **married for 29 years** and had had **4 children** but only **Ada** was still living.

In **1911** the publican at the **Walnut Tree** was **Thomas Boyle** born in **Cork**. He was a licenced victualler and grocery store keeper. On the Wheathampstead History page there is a picture of the Walnut Tree pub taken in the early 1900's. Next door is a shop described as a sweet shop. Perhaps in **Colin Gill's** time it was a bootmaker's workshop.

Anthony M. Carter

Jan 2012

Goodman

I thought that you may like these pictures for your site. They are of my Great grandparents **John** and **Charlotte** (nee **Summerfield**) **Goodman** and their sons **Frank**, **Philip** and **Andrew**. They lived at **The Folly** in **Wheathampstead** from **1875** until **1912** (may be longer) **John** was a **carpenter** and **Charlotte** was a **bonnet finisher**. **John** was born in **Barbados** in **1840** and **Charlotte** came from **Dunstable** where her family had lived for many years. Hope that this will be of interest.

Yours Rebecca Fuller, nee Goodman - email n50gaf@cm776ss.fsnet.co.uk

(Click on image below to see larger version, then click **Back** in your browser to return to this page.)



John and **Charlotte** (nee **Summerfield**) **Goodman** with their sons **Andrew** **Frank** and **Philip**



Frank Goodman and **Maude Day** possibly a wedding photo.

Goodship

Other surnames included: Ansell, Briars, Cain, Carter, Cherry, Goodship, Henley, King, Munt, Needham, Odell, Sell, Slough, Todd, Waldock, Wells

submitted by Anthony M. Carter

14 Dec 2008

Gray

Descendants of James Gray (born Abt. 1795) includes **Wilsher** name also.
Submitted by Judy Jones

added May 2009

Phoebe Brown
(contributed by Paul Goodwin)



I am a grandson of **Francis George Gray** (also known as **Frank**) who was born in **Wheathampstead** around **1879** and was killed in action in World War I on 24th October **1918** near Arras, France.

From the **1881** census I have established that he was the son of **George Gray** (born abt **1852**) and **Mary S. Gray** (**Sophie?**). He also had brothers **George F. Gray** (abt **1877**) and **Walter Gray** (abt **1880**). They lived at **84 Cherry Trees** in Wheathampstead. All of them were born in Wheathampstead.

I met "**Uncle Walter**" who, I believe, lived in **Southampton** and was a steward on one of the ocean-going liners.

But I would like to know what relation they are to **Herbert Gray** who also lived in **Wheathampstead** but was born in **Harpenden**. I met "**Uncle Herbert**" in about **1975** in **Wheathampstead** and understood him to be one of my grandfather's brothers – but that does not now appear to be the case. **Herbert Gray**'s father was another **George Gray** (married to **Susan**) who was born in **Harpenden**. The family were living at **The Three Horse Shoes** in Harpenden Common in 1901.

Can anyone shed any light so that I can complete work on my family tree?

Francis A. (Frank) Gray -

contributed 11 May 2005

(added 12/5/05) By the way, I have just been looking at the **1861** census and find that my grandfather's father, **George Gray (1852/1853)** was son of **Charles Gray** (born **1819**). **Charles** and his wife **Ann** lived with their 6 children in "**Beer House, The Red Cow**". I also note that another **Charles Gray**, one of **Herbert Gray**'s brothers, was the proprietor of the **Red Cow in 1901** ("Wheathampstead in 1901)

From The Herts Advertiser & St Albans Times – 17th March 1944
(added 15/5/2005)

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"An Interesting link with the past has been severed by the death, which occurred on Thursday of last week, at his home, ' Fern Cottage,' The Hill, Wheathampstead, of **Mr. Edward Gray**. He was **95** years of age and was believed to be Wheathampstead's oldest inhabitant. Born at the "**Red' Cow**" beer-house, just opposite his home, he was one of an original family of **twelve children** of the former licensee. A sister (**Mrs. M. S. Westwood**) is the present licensee and she and a brother and sister are now the only survivors

of the family. The late **Mr. Gray** was a **railway worker** for many years. On retiring, he devoted himself to gardening, but for many years had been blind. Since the **death of his wife fifteen years ago**, a son **Mr. L. Gray**, and his **wife and two children**, had lived with him. The funeral took place on Tuesday in the 'Parish' Churchyard, the first part of the service being held in the **Congregational Church**, which **Mr. Gray** formerly attended. It was conducted by the **Rev. J. Henderson**, who also officiated at the graveside. The mourners were **Mr. and Mrs. L. Gray** (son and daughter-in-law). **Mrs. Walter Gray** (sister-in-law), **Messrs. Harry and Tom Westwood** and **Mr. Herbert Gray** (nephews), **Mrs. Herbert Gray**, and **Mrs. P. Glenister** and the **Misses Doris and Gladys Westwood** (nieces)."

Groom

GROOM – FURR– WOROLD/BURRALL– SHARP – PATERNOSTER – COX

I can trace my **GROOM** line to Wheathampstead through repeated references in the 1851 – 1901 censuses. **George GROOM** and his wife, **Elizabeth FURR** both hailed from **Wheathampstead** – were married in St. Helen's on 28 January 1835. But, all their children were born in **Waltham Abbey** between 1837 and 1849.

However, while in England (August 2003), I had a look at the 1851 Census for Wheathampstead (trying to leave no stone unturned). I found 3 GROOM entries for Wheathampstead [Reference H.O. 107/1713, Folios 12 and 55].

The details are [Name, Age, Occupation, Born]
Folio 12, Page 16
James GROOM, 35, Agricultural Labourer, Wheathampstead
Suzanna GROOM, 37
William GROOM, 5
James GROOM, 3

Folio 12, Page 17
*Thomas GROOM, 64, Agricultural Labourer, Wheathampstead
*Ann GROOM, 65, Straw Plaiter, Wheathampstead
Thomas GROOM, 30, , Wheathampstead
Ann GROOM (Daur in Law), 30, , Wheathampstead

Folio 55, Page 21
Charles GROOM, 29, Agricultural Labourer, Wheathampstead
Ann GROOM, 30

* Also found that a **Thomas GROOM** married **Ann SHARP** at St. Helen's on 12 October 1802.

Then I found this site and with Melissa's assistance, found-
George GROOM was the son of **Thomas** and **Ann** (married 1802; 64 and 65 years old in the 1851 census);

His wife, **Elizabeth FURR**, was the daughter of **James FURR** to **Sarah WOROLD (BURRALL?)** (married St.Helen's on 26 February 1803);

Thomas GROOM (christened St. Helen's on 4 July 1779) was the son of **James GROOM** and **Mary COX** (married St.Helen's on 18 February 1778);

While, **Ann SHARP** (christened St. Helen's on 22 April 1781) was the daughter of **John SHARP** and **Susanah PATERNOSTER** (married St.Helen's on 26 June 1779).

I have also established that **James** (35) and **Charles** (29 in the 1851 census) were the younger brothers of my **George** (Upshire, Essex, 1851).

I can also add to my Wheathampstead families-

12 October 1802 marriage of **Thomas GROOM** to **Ann SHARP**;

In all a connection of more than 60 years back to the 1770s.

Needless to say, I will be continuing to track my Wheathampstead connections.

Regards, Peter Horler -

One Mile, Queensland, Australia

added Feb 2004

Halsey

I am researching my family history and find that my gg grandfather **James Halsey** was born in W/h in **1830** and later married **Matilda Elizabeth Moulder** of **Ayot/SL**. Do you know of any records that I could look up to find out more?

Thanks. david halsey

1881 Census (part of census showing some born in Wheathampstead)

16 Guildford St, Luton, Bedford, England

Marr Age Sex Birthplace

William HALSEY M 51 M **Wheathampstead**, Hertford, England Rel: Head Occ: Bricklayer

Elizabeth HALSEY M 52 F Newport Pagnell, Bedford, England Rel: Wife Occ: Finisher (Straw Hat)

Sarah HALSEY U 17 F Luton, Bedford, England Rel: Daur Occ: Machinist (Straw Hat)

Edward HALSEY 16 M Luton, Bedford, England Rel: Son Occ: Confectioners Slab Boy

George Street No 51, Luton, Bedford, England

Marr Age Sex Birthplace

Sarah HALSEY U 48 F **Wheathampstead**, Hertford, England Rel: House Keeper (Head) Occ: Housekeeper

Frederick HALSEY U 12 M St Albans, Hertford, England Rel: Scholar Occ: Scholar

85 Church Street, Luton, Bedford, England

Marr Age Sex Birthplace

Charles HALSEY M 38 M **Wheathampstead**, Hertford, England Rel: Head Occ: Stone Mason

Emma HALSEY M 39 F Luton, Bedford, England Rel: Wife Occ: Bonnett Sewer

Sarah Jane HALSEY U 16 F Luton, Bedford, England Rel: Daur Occ: Finisher

Florence Emily HALSEY 14 F St Albans, Hertford, England Rel: Daur Occ: Straw Plait Machinist

William George HALSEY 8 M St Albans, Hertford, England Rel: Son Occ: Scholar

Joseph Henry HALSEY 6 M St Albans, Hertford, England Rel: Son Occ: Scholar

George Thomas HALSEY 4 M Luton, Bedford, England Rel: Son Occ: Scholar

Walter Henry HALSEY 6 m M Luton, Bedford, England Rel: Son

Emily HALSEY M 28 F Wolverhampton, Stafford, England Rel: Sister In Law

George TEARLE U 27 M Dunstable, Bedford, England

1851 Census at Wheathampstead (and some notes)

Village

James **HALSEY**, 20, Lodger, Ag Lab, b **Whstd** (1831)

living with Edward & Hannah **ROW** both 61, Ag Lab, & 2 sons all b **Whstd**.

Village

Joseph **HALSEY** 50, Wid, Cordwainer b **Sandridge** (1801)

Joseph **HALSEY** 31 Un, Son, Lab, all b **Whstd** (1820)

Sarah 28 un, Hatmaker (1823)

Wm 22 un Lab (1829)

John 18 un Lab (1833)

Susan 16 un Hatmaker (1835)

Mercy 13 un Hatmaker (1838)

Charles Barnes **HALSEY** 8 g-son (1843)

George B **HALSEY** 5 g-son (1846)

Eliza B **HALSEY** 1 g-dau (1850)

The above family is Joseph **HALSEY** m Elizabeth **SMITH** Dec 3, 1819 **Whstd**.

The Grandchildren are the children of Charles Halsey & Sarah.

And quite likely James **HALSEY** above would fit into this family.

Richard Halsey..

My questions relate to my family history. **Richard Halsey** (wife **Mary**) first appears in **1731** in **Canterbury** where he is a servant to Dr Edward Wake, a Canon of the Cathedral. Dr Wake had previously been Rector of **Wheathampstead**. I have searched Kent and Sussex for **Richard** without feeling comfortable about any of those who I have found, I have now found the **marriage** of a **Richard Halsey** to a **Mary Plumley** in North Mimms in **1729** - both bride and groom were said to be "of **Wheathamstead**". The North Mimms incumbent (a Vicar) was one "Atkins" or "Alkins"..

First - As Rector of **Wheathampstead** was the **Rev'd Wake** active in the locality in **1729**? I do not know when he was appointed to his position as Prebendary at **Canterbury**. I am aware that Rectors were often (if not usually) absent from their livings, employing curates to perform their parish tasks.

Second - If so, is there any evidence as to the **Rectory** in which he lived.? Could it have been **Wheathampstead** ? I have the Wheathampstead PRs and parish chest films on order from the LDS in the hopes that they may provide clues..

Third - Could **Richard Halsey** have been his servant in **1729** and moved with **Dr Wake** to Canterbury? A new rector was not appointed until **1732** which is the year of Dr Wake's death - at Canterbury, where he is buried in the cathedral.

As a footnote to this, upon the death of **Dr Wake**, **Richard** was very quickly found another job by the Cathedral Chapter as Greenkeeper for the Precincts. I wonder if this action was so promptly taken because he had been a loyal servant to **Dr Wake**, i.e. had served him previously at **Wheathampstead**?

Jim Halsey

Added 11 Sept 2008

Web master's note: Edward Wake was rector at Wheathampstead from 1708 according to plaque in St Helen's church.

Harding

My father was **Bryan Harding**, he was born 24.12.1921 at The Crescent, New Marford, Wheathampstead and died at Ross on Wye, Herefordshire 17.8.2004 aged 82. He married **Jean** in **1948** and they had three children, **Pauline**, **Raymond** and **Louis**.

Picture on right - **George Fenwick Elias Harding** (standing) Herts Yeomanry 1914-18. Seated man **Charles Collins**.

George Fenwick Elias Harding's parents - Elias Harding b. 5.9.1850 St Marylebone, Middlesex & Mary Ann White b. 1852 Clophill

Elias Harding's parents - Henry Harding b. 10.10.1810 possibly South Petherton, Somerset & Harriet Scadding b 28.10.1804 (or 1806) possibly at Loders, Dorset **Or** Harriet Scetting b abt 1810 South Petherton, Somerest Married 23.3.1830

All this information has been gathered from Family members, Family Bible, Wheathampstead Village web page (early names **Carter**) submitted by Arthur Holdford. Census returns, LDS website, www.Rootsweb.com.



I will be pleased to hear from anyone who has more information especially relating to the **Harding / Scadding / Scetting** families.

Pauline Masters, nee Harding. Email - pmasters108@msn.com

contributed Jan 2006

Harvey

Read your article with great interest, on pubs in and around Wheathampstead.

Dolly & Dave Harvey who ran the **Prince of Wales** were my **Uncle & Aunt**. Before them My **Grandfather** and **Grandmother** ran the pub. I believe they took the pub on in **1933** moving from Gustard Wood. My Grandmother died in **1938**, but my Grandfather carried on running it until he died in **1952** which is when **Dolly & Dave Harvey** took over. My Grandparents names are **William & Emma Harvey**. **Emma** was formerly a **Catlin** (Very much a local name). **William** was originally from **Stockton on Tees** but arrived in Herts with the Royal flying corps during WW1, meet **Emma** and decided to stay south when he came back from war. (Photo of pub on right taken of c1950)



My father was born in **Gustard Wood** in **1929 Robert Harvey** so he was brought up in the **Prince of Wales**. He has great memories of the pub. I am trying to do my family trees at the moment both **Harvey** and **Catlin** so am glad to share my info with you.

Philip Harvey. Ware Hertfordshire. - *(added 13 May 2005)*

Hecker

Thank you for your message regarding Wheathampstead. I think my ancestors' stay there was probably quite short. The name is Henry Teush **HECKER** and he was a **clergyman** who moved around a bit. I know he was at Wheathampstead for the birth of three of his children **Henry Charles Teush Hecker** in 1844, **Frances Lily Teush Hecker** in 1847, and **Margaret Eliza Teush Hecker** in 1849.

From 1868 until his retirement he was near Lutterworth, Leics. I would be interested in any church records with mention of clergymen in the 1840s. I would also be interested to hear if anybody has transcribed the parish registers for that period.

Patricia Hamilton -
Aalesund, Norway

1851 Census -

Hecker at High St.

Henry Tousle Hecker, Mar, 44, M.A. Curate of Whstd, b Hornsey, Herts

Emma C.T. Hecker, Dau, 8, Scholar b Sevenoaks, Kent

Charles H.T., son 6 scholar b Whstd

Frances L.T., dau 3 b Whstd

Margaret E, dau 1 b Whstd

With 3 servants

Hillen

With the help of 'Google', my husband, who is researching our family history, has recently happened on your website about Wheathampstead pubs. I was very interested to see this, because **James Hillen**, of whom you show a [picture as a former landlord](#) of the '**Rose & Crown**', was my great-grandfather. His wife was indeed called **Lucy**. He died in about **1932**, shortly before I was born, but my mother spoke of him as a very cultured man.

My mother, nee **Doreen Hillen**, lived at the **Rose & Crown** during her teens. I had always understood that her parents, **Stanley and Sophia Hillen**, were the licensees - indeed, I did not know until now that **James and Lucy** had lived there at all, still less that the license had been in **James'** name. This does however make sense, bearing in mind that at that time **Stanley** would have been in the trenches. **James** would by then have been in his late 60s, so it may be that he started to take a back seat after **Stanley** returned from the war. **Stanley and Sophia Hillen** also had a son **Hubert**.

I think my grandparents left there (for **Croydon**) around **1922-3**. I was taken to see the pub (from the outside) about **1947**. My recollection is that it was then still a pub, although rather a tired-looking one! I don't really recognise it from the picture. Is that a gravestone in front of the front door?!

Please let me know if there is any further information you think I might be able to provide.
Yours sincerely, Sheelagh Trebilcock

Horne

A very interesting site. I enjoyed browsing. My grandmother taught at the local school and after their marriage my grandparents, **Mabel and Ernest Horne** ran a **grocery shop** until about **1920**. My mother **Mary** and her uncle **Donovan** were both born in Wheathampstead so I grew up with tales of life before the great war.

My grandmother was in the village **Glee Club**.

Best wishes Anne Fraser <
Bristol,

submitted 11 June 2005

Hooper

I was absolutely stunned when I stumbled across your website! I was on a genealogy list and someone was very kindly going to take a photo of **The Bull** and send it to me in Australia because my husband's great great great Grandparents owned it back in the **1830's onwards** and I found what I wanted here!! Their names were **William and Joannah HOOPER**. I hope that you don't mind but I printed a copy of the picture of the pub?

I really must thank you for a marvelous site. It has helped me tremendously to get an idea of what Wheathampstead was/is like.

Update - 24 October 2000

Here is a brief summary of what I know about my **HOOPER** family!

William HOOPER and Joannah (no dates yet) owned the Bull, Wheathampstead between at least **1839 and 1852**. By 1855 Mrs J HOOPER owned it in her own right. By 1881, according to the census it was owned, or at least run, by one Eliza HOOPER. As yet I have no idea how Eliza fits in to my tree, if at all.

They had children **Jane** (c.1813, m.1853, d.1860), **Emma** (c.1817), **William Robert** (c.1819), **Lavinia** (c.1820), **Ann Elizabeth** (c.1822) and **Harriet Emily** (c.1825). They were all christened in Wheathampstead as far as I know except Jane who was christened at Hatfield. I have descendents of Jane and her husband **John George Fordham BLOW** as they are my husband's direct line. As yet I have nothing further on the other children of William and Joannah.

Jenny (Wyong, NSW, Australia). email - daveandjenny@dingoblue.net.au

1851 Census -

Hooper at The Bull Inn:

Joanna Hooper, Head, Wid, 67, Innkeeper b Truro, Cornwall

Eliza, dau, un 38, Governess, b Penzance, Cornwall

Frances, dau, un 33 Governess b Ingestre, Staffs

Jane, dau, un 31 Dressmaker b Hatfield

Ann E, dau, un 25 Governess b Whstd

With 1 Lodger & 2 servants.

Howard

Any information about The coffee shop in the High Street run by **Eliza Howard** (I have a picture) but would like any other info, also **The Boot** Photo or info around **1870-1885**.

Trying to find any photo's of ancestors as I have none at the moment'

Eliza Howard born **1836** Marford run coffee shop

William Howard 1830 Hackney

Isabel 1868/69 Wheathampstead

Louisa 1877 Wheathampstead also run coffee shop High street

Charles.w 1875 Don't know what happened to him

Harry 1862 apparently he was a gardener in Wheathampstead I know he was an apprentice with a John Watson Hatfield Road. Was this a nursery or big house any photo's would be appreciated.

Mrs. Howard who owned the **Raisins** in **1948**, I would like some more info about her please i.e. first name .

William Henry Howard was a tailor between **1860-1885** in Wheathampstead would like any relevant information photos etc.

I have now discovered my Great Aunt **Louisa Howard** married **Henry George Westwood** the blacksmith could you add this on too please. Louisa Maria Howard married Henry George Westwood would like a photo or information about Louisa if there is any. I have her on Censuses but I would like to know a bit about her life if anyone knows also any **children** Henry and Louisa had.

Thank you, Linda

Humphrey

1851 Census -

Humphrey at Wheathampstead Hill:

James Humphrey, Mar, 54, Ag Lab b Whstd

Jane Humphrey, wife, 54, Straw plait, b Whstd

George, son, Un, 12, Farmers boy, b Whstd

Charles, son, 10, Farmers boy, b Whstd

Mary Lewin, sister-in-law, un, 56, straw plait, b Whstd

At Grove Farm

William Humphrey, Servant, Unm, 16, Horsekeeper b Flamstead

Servant to Thomas House & family, Farmer

Hulks

I am tracing the genealogy of my father's maternal line with much of the research centred on Wheathampstead.

My grt grt grandfather **Thomas Hulks** was born in **Wheathampstead** (abt 1835). His parents were **Joseph and Eliza Hulks**. Thomas married **Sarah Chittenden** in 1856 in **Burmarsh Kent**, but all of their 7 children were born in Wheathampstead. **George 1857, Harriet 1858, Henrietta 1863, Joseph 1866, Thomas 1869, Fanny 1871, Elizabeth 1874**.

I have not searched the parish records yet, but have found various family members in the **census 1871 - 1891** living at **The Bull, Bull Yard** and Bull Inn, Wheathampstead.

Would anyone have any connections or information on the **HULKS** family ?

Regards

Viv Buck

Dorset-England

Hulks family update 25/01/05 by Viv Buck

Joseph **HULKS** born about 1809 Welwyn HRT. Died 6/2/1886 Wheathampstead.

Married Eliza **HALSEY** 24/12/1832 Hatfield HRT. Children from this marriage (traced so far)- all born Wheathampstead.

Jane 1835-1838

Thomas 1835

Eliza 1838

Sarah 1843

Susan 1845

Lydia Anne 1849 (married **William SIMPSON 1871**)

Isaac 1853 (married **Jane MUNT 1876**)

Jacob James 1856

1851 Census Bull Yard, Wheathampstead

Joseph Hulks, Head, Mar, 42, Ag Lab, b Whstd (1809)

Eliza Hulks, wife, 36 Straw Plait, b unknown, Essex (1815)

Thomas, son Unm 17, Ag Lab b Whstd (1834)

Joseph, son 9, Ag Lab b Whstd 9 (1842)

Sarah, dau 7, Scholar b Whstd

Susan, dau, 5 scholar b Whstd

Lydia, dau 2 b Whstd

1851 Bull Yard

Joseph Hulks 1 H M 42 Ag Lab Wheathampstead HRT ***

Eliza W M 36 Straw plait K N ESS

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| Thomas | 2 S un 17 | Ag lab | Wheatampstead | HRT | ** |
| Joseph | S un 9 | " | " | | |
| Sarah | D un 7 | scholar | " | | |
| Susan | D un 5 | " | " | | |
| Lydia | D un 2 | " | " | | |

1861 Bull Inn Yard

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|-----------------------|--------|------------|----------------|----|
| Sarah Elizabeth Hulks | H M 24 | seamstress | Burmarsh | KT |
| George Thomas | S un 4 | " | | |
| Harriet Elizabeth | D un 2 | | Wheathampstead | |

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|--------------|---------|--------|----------------|-----|
| Joseph Hulks | H M 52 | Ag lab | Welwyn | HRT |
| Eliza | W M 47 | | Ilford (great) | ESS |
| Lydia | D un 12 | | Wheathampstead | |
| Isaac | S un 7 | | " | |
| Jacob | S un 4 | | " | |

1861 Lamar House ,Wheathampstead

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| Thomas Hulks | serv M 26 | Groom | Ayot St Peters | HRT |
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1871 The Bull sch. 73

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|-----------------------|----------|-----------|----------------|----|
| Sarah Elizabeth Hulks | H M 33 | Laundress | Burmarsh | KT |
| George T | S un 14 | Ag lab | " | |
| Harriett | D un 12 | | Wheathampstead | |
| Henrietta | D un 8 | scholar | " | |
| Joseph J | 3 S un 6 | " | " | * |
| Thomas J | S un 2 | | " | |
| Fanny M | D un 5 | mths | " | |

sch 77

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|--------------|--------|--------|--------|-----|
| Joseph Hulks | H M 62 | Ag lab | Welwyn | HRT |
| Eliza | W M 58 | | Ilford | |

1871 Lamer Park

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| Thomas Hulks | Serv M 36 | Daily coachman | Whe'stead | |
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1881 Bull Yard sch 52

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|--------------|---------|-----------|----------------|----|
| Thomas Hulks | H M 46 | Gardener | Ayot St Peters | |
| Sarah | W M 44 | Laundress | Burmarsh | KT |
| Harriett | D un 22 | Ass " | Wheathampstead | |
| Joseph | S un 14 | Scholar | " | |
| Fanny | D un 10 | " | " | |
| Elizabeth | D un 7 | " | " | |

Sch 50

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|--------------|--------|-------------|--------|--|
| Joseph Hulks | H M 72 | Labourer | Welwyn | |
| Eliza | W M 68 | Needlewoman | Ess | |

Sch 53

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| Isaac Hulks | H M 27 | Labourer | Wh'stead | |
| Jane | W M 25 | Straw plaiter | " | |
| Joseph | S un 4 | | " | |

1891 Bull Inn

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|--------------|--------|----------|----------------|--|
| Thomas Hulks | H M 56 | Gardener | Ayot St Peters | |
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| Sarah | W M 54 | Burmarsh Kt |
| Annie | GD un 7 | Scholar Whe'stead |

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| Isaac Hulks | H M 37 | Horse carter | Wh'stead |
| Jane | W M 35 | | " |
| Joseph | S un 14 | House boy | " |
| Frederick | S un 8 | Scholar | " |
| Minnie | D un 4 | | " |
| Lizzie | D un 2 | | " |

1901 High Street sch 56

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|--------------|---------|----------|----------|
| Thomas Hulks | H 66 | Gardener | Wh'stead |
| Fanny | D un 31 | | " |

Sch 57

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|-------------|---------|-----------------|----------|
| Isaac Hulks | H M 45 | Carter on farm | Wh'stead |
| Jane | W M 44 | | " |
| Joseph | S un 23 | nursery manager | " |
| Frederick | S un 18 | gardener | " |
| Minnie | D un 13 | | " |
| Cecil | S un 8 | | " |

*** Joseph Hulks 1809-1886 = 3x grt grandfather

** Thomas Hulks 1835- ? = 2x grt grandfather

* Joseph Hulks 1866-1910 = grt grandfather

from Viv Buck Jan 2008

Johnson

I would like to update information gathered, regarding my grandfathers family below. He had a brother and sister

Henry born 1875 (South Blackwood Wales)

Henrietta born 1877(Wheathampstead). **Henrietta** married an **Ephraim Joseph**

King on 3 November 1900. They had 4 children

Hilda May born 1902

Olive Mary born 1903

Ephraim Joseph 1904

Arthur Henry born 1907

My great grandmother **Mary Ann Johnson**, her father was **William Grey** or (**Gray**) and her mothers name was **Mary Ann Nash**.

Mary Ann was born at **Kimpton Holt Wheathampstead** about **1855**

Any further information about my family would be appreciated

Margaret Osborne (nee Johnson)

added June 2011

I am looking into my Grandfather's family. He was born **Robert George French Johnson** in **1879** to **Mary Ann Johnson** at **The Folly** Wheathampstead to which I think her mothers name was **Louisa (1840?)**

Mary Ann Johnson (My Great Grandmother) was a Straw Plaiter she was born I think **1861**.

Thank You

Margaret Osborne (nee Johnson) email -

added Jan 2010

Joyner / Joiner

I have been checking back to the families in Wheathampstead website every now and then over the past few year and am impressed to see how the genealogy links have developed since last popped in. I am inspired to write given that recent UK census research shows my family history is further entwined in Wheathampstead than I had previously believed. The surnames of **Joyner / Joiner, Gray, Pinder and Phillips** are all part of my family history and these names also appear on the Wheathampstead website but are tantalisingly empty.

The earliest I have managed to delve back so far is to my Great Great Great Grandfather - **John Joyner** (sometimes spelt **Joiner**) born **Hitchin** (or **Keston** or **Preston**) **1815** prob died **December 1898**. It seems that he lived in **Wheathampstead** for much of his life. He married **Sarah** (unknown) born **Preston 1814** prob died **June 1873**, and they had at least 7 children:

Jana b circa **1835 Preston, Herts**

Frederic b circa **1843 Preston, Herts**

Matilda b circa **1845/9 Preston, Herts**

Edward b circa **1848 Great Gaddesden**

Sidney b September **1853 Wheathampstead** - married **Mary** (unknown) b circa **1859 Wheathampstead**

Henry b circa **1851 Wheathampstead** prob died December **1872**

Charles b circa **1857 Wheathampstead**

Finding more details on these people has proved difficult but it seems that one of the daughters married a **Pinder** and produced some children as the **1881** census details **John** (now a widower) living on **Wheathampstead Hill** with his Daughter **Matilda** and **three Grandchildren**:

John Pinder b circa **1868 Antrim**

Charles Pinder b circa **1870 Antrim**

Elizabeth Pinder b circa **1872 Antrim**

Sidney Joiner, my Great Great Grandfather, married **Mary** and they had two sons; **Percy Edward** b Jan **1887** and **Harry Hugh Joiner** b circa **1888**, both boys were born in **Wheathampstead**. The family left **Wheathampstead** at some point and moved to **Roehampton** where **Sidney** ran his own **Boot** makers (clearly a skill he would have gained in **Wheathampstead**). **Percy Edward Joiner** immigrated to **Canada (Winnipeg)** in the early **1900's**. I have quite a large collection of his correspondence during this time and he was staying with or emigrated with an Aunt and Uncle of the family. **Percy** returned to **Europe** in **1914** and died fighting with the **Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry** on 2nd June **1916** (Battle of Mount Sorrel). His brother **Harry** managed to survive the war and he married **Ethel** (Unknown) and they continued the **Joiner** line which eventually came my way. I am fairly confident that one of the wives in this history was a **Gray** from **Wheathampstead** since I have family memorabilia that relates to **James Gray** b **1836 Wheathampstead** and **Arthur Gray** b **1865 Wheathampstead**. The **Gray's** lived next door to the **Joyner's** on **Wheathampstead Hill** in **1881**.

My researches slowly move on but if these names jolt anyone I'd be grateful to hear from them. In particular I'd like to learn:

1. Who were the Parents of **John Joyner** b circa **1815 Hitchin**
2. The Maiden name of **Sarah Joyner** b circa **1814 Preston** (wife of **John Joyner**)
3. The Maiden name of **Mary Joiner** b circa **1859 Wheathampstead** (wife of **Sidney Joiner**)
4. What happened to **Jana, Frederic, Matilda, Edward, Henry** and **Charles Joyner**
5. Who were the Mother and Father of **John, Charles** and **Elizabeth Pinder**
6. What happened to **John, Charles** and **Elizabeth Pinder**
7. Who were the relatives that **Percy Joiner** stayed with in **Winnipeg**?

Thanks and Regards, Simon Joiner