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HUMPHREY Family History

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Thomas Humphrey 1771 -

It can only be assumed that Thomas originated from either the Wheathampstead or Harpenden areas as no christening record survives for him and his children were christened in both villages. He married **Frances Millard** on the 4th July 1796 in Wheathampstead witnessed by **John Grocer** and **Joseph Sibley**. A Poor Law document for the village shows that in October 1813 he received 2/- in poor relief.

Children

1. **James** – He was christened on the 23rd July 1797 in Harpenden. He married **Sarah Messer** on the 10th June 1820 in Wheathampstead witnessed by **William Monk** and **John Messer** and then the Plaiter Jane Welch, daughter of **William Lewin**, on the 18th November 1837 witnessed by **John Mondin** and **Maria Hollinsworth**. He was buried on the 23rd September 1862 aged 66 in Wheathampstead. For further information see the next ancestor record.
2. **Mary** – She was born on the 4th August 1799 in Wheathampstead.
3. **Martha** – She was born on the 17th April 1803 in Wheathampstead and christened there on the 9th February 1806. She married **Richard Greenham** on the 18th March 1819 in Wheathampstead. She was buried on the 24th May 1829 in Hatfield.
4. **Maria** – She was christened on the 9th February 1806 in Wheathampstead.
5. **Elizabeth** – She was christened on the 17th September 1808 in Wheathampstead.
6. **William** – He was christened on the 1st March 1812 in Harpenden.

James Humphrey 1797 – September 1862

Year	Place	Address	Relation	Condition	Age	Profession	Birthplace
1841	W'stead	Wheathampstead Hill	Undefined	Undefined	42	Agricultural Labourer	Undefined
1851	W'stead	Wheathampstead Hill	Head	Married	54	Agricultural Labourer	Wheathampstead
1861	W'stead	Village Cottage	Head	Married	64	Agricultural Labourer	Harpenden

James married **Sarah Messer** on the 10th June 1820 in Wheathampstead with whom he had 6 children. Following her burial **James** then married again to the widow **Jane Welch** (nee **Lewin**) on the 14th November 1837. In 1861 a **Reuben Groom** aged 9 was staying with him and listed as his grandson although his parents were a **James** and **Susan Groom**, Susan was the daughter of his second wife from her first marriage.

Children (1st Marriage)

1. **John** – He was born on the 11th November 1820 in Wheathampstead where he was christened on the 3rd November 1820 and buried on the 22nd June 1831, his address recorded as Coleman Green.

2. **Mary** – She was born on the 5th December 1822 in Wheathampstead where she was christened on the 29th December 1822.

3. **James** – He was born on the 25th April 1825 in Wheathampstead where he was christened on the 22nd May 1825. He was still with his parents in 1841 and working as an Agricultural Labourer.

4. **Ann Maria** – She was born on the 20th September 1827 in Wheathampstead where she was christened on the 21st October 1827. She was still at home in 1841 but not shown with a profession.

5. **William** – He was born on the 29th August 1830 in Wheathampstead where he was christened on the 10th October 1830 and buried on the 5th May 1832 in Wheathampstead aged 1½.

6. **William** – He was born on the 23rd January 1833 in Wheathampstead where he was christened on the 31st March 1833 and buried on the 30th December 1838 aged 6.

Children (2nd Marriage)

7. **George** – He was born on the 6th August 1838 in Wheathampstead. He was christened there on the 29th August 1838 and married **Anna Potter**, daughter of the Labourer **William Potter**, on the 15th February 1863 witnessed by **Robert** and **Mary Saxby**. By 1901 he had moved to Dunstable from Wheathampstead where he worked as an Agricultural Labourer.

8. **Charles** – He was born on the 4th October 1840 in Wheathampstead. He was christened there on the 25th October 1840 and married **Emma Mondin**, daughter of the Labourer **Henry Mondin**, on the 25th August 1861 witnessed by his brother **George Humphrey** and **Emma Potter**. He was buried on the 3rd April 1911 in Wheathampstead aged 70. For further information see the next ancestor record.

Charles Humphrey 4th October 1840 – April 1911

Year	Place	Address	Relation	Condition	Age	Profession	Birthplace
1841	W'stead	Wheathampstead Hill	Undefined	Undefined	8m	Undefined	Undefined
1851	W'stead	Wheathampstead Hill	Son	Single	10	Farmer's Boy	W'stead
1861	W'stead	Village Cottage	Son	Single	20	Agricultural Labourer	W'stead
1871	W'stead	Wheathampstead Hill	Head	Married	31	Agricultural Labourer	W'stead
1881	W'stead	Necton Road	Head	Married	39	Labourer	W'stead
1891	W'stead	Wheathampstead Hill	Head	Married	52	Agricultural Labourer	W'stead
1901	W'stead	Wheathampstead Hill	Head	Married	60	Ordinary Farm Labourer	W'stead

The original link to **Charles Humphrey** was made through his address in 1891 being found on the birth certificate of his granddaughter **Annie Dollimore**. He also had 3 grandchildren staying with him all with the surname **Dollimore**.

Children

1. **Mary Louise** – She was christened on the 27th July 1862 in Wheathampstead.
2. **Ellen** – She was born in 1863 but not christened until the 30th August 1868 in Wheathampstead. She married **William Dollimore**, son of **Henry Dollimore**, in 1882. For further information see the next ancestor record.
3. **Rebecca** – She was born in 1864 but not christened until the 30th August 1868 in Wheathampstead where she married the Labourer **Dan Tansley**, son of the Labourer **William Tansley**, on the 8th February 1885 witnessed by **William** and **Emma Lucy Newell**. She was still living at the family home in Necton Road in 1881 but not yet working. She must have remained in the village after her marriage as she was recorded there in 1901.
4. **James** – He was born in 1867 in Wheathampstead and buried there on the 20th March 1873 aged 5.
5. **Emily** – She was christened on the 4th November 1868 in Wheathampstead where she was buried on the 11th November 1868 aged 7 weeks.
6. **Emily** – She was christened on the 27th November 1870 in Wheathampstead. And buried there on the 17th January 1873 aged 2½.
7. **George William** – He was christened on the 30th August 1877 in Wheathampstead where he was buried on the 9th February 1878 aged 10 months.

Ellen Humphrey 1863 -



Year	Place	Address	Relation	Condition	Age	Profession	Birthplace
1871	Wheathampstead	Wheathampstead Hill	Daughter	Single	8	Undefined	Wheathampstead
1881	Wheathampstead	Necton Road	Daughter	Single	19	Straw Sewer	Wheathampstead
1891	Wheathampstead	Wheathampstead	Wife	Married	28	Undefined	Wheathampstead
1901	Harpenden	Willoughby Road	Wife	Married	37	Undefined	Wheathampstead

The first investigations into **Ellen Humphrey** were not successful as the researcher was mistakenly looking for a **Helen Humphries** as indicated by her daughter **Annie**'s birth certificate. She lived in Wheathampstead all her life until she moved to Harpenden with her husband in the late 1890s.

Children

See under **William Dollimore**

