

ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL
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SECTION E

BAILEY

Harriet Bailey, Housemaid at Shooter's Hill ? 1881 Census

BAKER

George Baker, Farm Bailiff, King's Farm 1881 Census

Edward Baker, Agricultural Labourer at King's Farm 1881 Census

BALL

John Howell Ball, Major Contractor and Justice of the Peace, of Doddington House, Woodstock Road, Strood. Among many contracts he was involved in, was the removal of all the piles in the Medway, used to facilitate the construction of the new Rochester Bridge in 1857. This took several years, in the end the piles had to be cut rather than raised.

The two Chatham papers do not quite tally with their facts, especially cause of death

“Chatham News”, 15th August 1885

“DEATH OF MR J.H. BALL

We regret to have to record the death of Mr John Howell Ball, J.P., of Strood, which took place at his residence at Hillside early on Wednesday morning. He suffered from an affliction of the heart, and died somewhat suddenly. The late Mr Ball was in his seat on the magisterial bench on Tuesday, 4th August. The deceased gentleman, who was 73 years of age, was in a large way of business as a railway and dock contractor, and was the principal partner in the firm of Ball and Gammon.

He belonged to the honourable body of men who have risen from the ranks. He was at one time a working man, but by his abilities and perseverance, and unflagging energy he raised himself to a position of influence. He was concerned in many undertakings of considerable magnitude. He built Rochester pier, the Dockyard branch railway, Gillingham pier and wharves, and other large works in the district. A daughter of Mr Ball's married Mr Joseph Maas, the great tenor vocalist. Mr and Mrs Maas were telegraphed for, and were with the deceased gentleman before his death, as were other members of the family. Mr Ball was a staunch Conservative in politics. He will be much regretted.

The funeral of the late Mr Ball will take place in Shorne Churchyard on Saturday. The proceedings will be a strictly private character. The remains of the deceased will be placed in a grave containing the remains of Mrs Ball, who died a few years since.”

“Chatham Observer”, 15th August 1885

“DEATH OF MR JOHN HOWELL BALL, J.P.

The unlooked for death of Mr Ball on Tuesday night will leave an irreparable void in the social circle of these towns,

for although Mr Ball did not enter into ordinary fashionable life, yet no one was more alive to the occurrences and movements of the day. A Conservative, he had the most liberal feeling, guided by a love of truth and justice, and his benevolence was as deep as silent. His daughter Mrs Joseph Maas was with him on Sunday, and left him on Monday under the conviction of his recovery from congestion of the brain, a few days previously.. As a public man Mr Ball was in many ways of service to the city. He was appointed to the commission of the peace for Rochester at the close of the Conservative administration in 1880 and frequently attended the sittings of the Bench, where he showed a thoroughly independent spirit. As a business man, deceased had been very successful. He was 70 years of age”

“Jackson's Oxford Journal” of 22nd August 1885 noted his local Oxford connections:

“DEATH OF MR. J.H. BALL – We have to announce the death on August 11th, at his residence, Doddington House, Strood Hill, near Rochester, after a few days illness, of John Howell Ball, Esq., in the 71st year of his age. The deceased was son of Lieut. Ball of Wolvercote, near this city, and was the owner of considerable property at that place, to which he made a large addition at the sale of the estate of the Duke of Marlborough some twelve months since. Mr Ball was known and much respected by many Oxford citizens, and by his death, the aged poor of Wolvercote have lost a generous benefactor and the village cricket club it's principal supporter.”

Ball's father, William Howell Ball, helped to raise the 93rd Regiment (Sutherland Highlanders, later Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders), during the Napoleonic Wars, even though he was an Englishman. His sister, J.H. Ball's aunt, Ann Ball, was the transcriber's 4x great grandmother.

BLIGH

Jabez Bligh, of Woodlands, Water Colour Artist, son in law of Hannah Garratt, 1891 Census
Although his work does not appear to be of the highest rank, it is still for sale today on the Internet.

BOAKES

Eliza Boakes, Wife of Abraham, of London Road, Farmer of 50 acres, employing 1 man, 1881 Census. Living on own means at Hayes Terrace, 1901, 1911 Census. Born London. (see Plaque inside church)

BOTTING

Thomas Botting, Market Gardener, Shorne Street, 1861 Census

George Botting, Agricultural Labourer of Victoria Cottages 1901 Census

Stephen Botting, Agricultural Labourer of Randall Bottom, 1881 Census; Cement Labourer, same place, 1901 Census. Another of Shorne's notable Cricketers, who played twice for Kent (“The History of Kent County Cricket”, 1907)

BROWN

John Brown, Farmer, Fruit, Hop Grower of Ifield Place, 1901, 1911 Census; Kelly's Directory 1903, 1913.

“Gravesend Reporter”, October 1916

“THE LATE MR JOHN BROWN

The funeral of Mr John Brown, aged 64, who resided at Ifield Farm, Shorne, took place on Wednesday at Shorne Churchyard. The Rev. G.S. Read (Gravesend) and the Rev. R. Tanner, M.A., (Vicar of Shorne), officiated at the church and the graveside, and Mr Vine presided at the organ. Mr Brown was for many years a member of the Parish Council; one of the School managers and overseer, and a trustee of the local charities.

The coffin was of polished oak and brass mounted. Workmen from the farm were the bearers, and they and their wives contributed a large and very beautiful wreath. The chief mourners were: Harold and Donald Brown (sons), Mr Albert Brown (brother), Lieut Beadle and Messrs. F. Hollands and E. Patterson, Junior (nephews), Messrs. W.T., J.M. And E. Hollands, Rev. F.R. Brunskill, and Mr A. Houghton (brothers in law). Those present at the church were Dr Inman, Major Athow, Mr Scriven, Messrs. L. and T. Maclean, Mr Williams, Mr G. Long, Mr T.C. Robertson, Mr A.C. Renton, Mr W. Stickens, and many others. The floral tributes were sent from Mrs Brown (wife), several from members of the family and relatives, the farm employees, Mr W. Hollands, Messrs, Thornton and Manger, Mr Judge, Mr Coolnut and Mr and Mrs Houghton. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. J.T. Cooper and Son, Gravesend. A memorial service will be held at the Primitive Methodist Chapel on Sunday morning by the Rev. G.S. Read.”

At the Memorial Service, the Rev. Read tells us that :

Mr Brown had been much respected and held in the highest esteem by his intimate acquaintances. He had first set up in the grocery business but his health required a change of environment, so he took up farming at Ifield, 19 years previously. "He was upright, scrupulously honest and just in his dealings with men, unselfish, unassuming, sincere and true..... a man of few words.....he loved his home; it was the dearest spot on earth. In his early days he dreamed of the time when he would live at Ifield Farm. In course of time his dream was realised. But the building did not make his home, love did."

Edward Brown, Wood Dealer of 3 Hanbury Cottages, 1881 Census; Market Gardener of the Ridgeway, 1891 Census, same man ?

Alfred Brown, Wood Cutter, 1881 Census; Grocer, Kelly's Directory 1891 and 1903; Gate Maker 1901 Census.

Albert Brown, Wood Dealer, 1901 Census; Dairy Farmer of the Ridgeway, 1911 Census, Kelly's Directory 1913, same man ?

Henry Brown, Office Caretaker at Uralite Works, 1901 Census

BRUNSDEN

G[eorge] Brunsten, Uncle of Harriet Bailey, possibly the Police Constable of Eltham, 1881 Census ?

BURGESS

Harriet Burgess, Widow and Dress Maker of Mill Hill Road, living with William and Eleanor Couchman.

CLARK

Amos Clark, child buried here, Police Constable, in Knightsbridge, Hammersmith and Ealing, 1891, 1901 and 1911 Census, born in Shorne

COOPER

Elizabeth Cooper, Wife of John, an Agricultural Labourer of Higham 1901 Census

COUCHMAN

Jabez Couchman, Agricultural Labourer, Smith Street, 1881 Census; Labourer, Smith's Cottages, 1891 Census and Roadman, Rural District Council, 1911 Census. Married Harriet Buggs at St. Margaret, Rochester in April 1870

FISHER

Eliza Fisher, House Keeper to Thomas Solomon at Queen's Farm, 1861 Census

FOWLE

Arthur Fowle, Master Iron Monger,(Employer) of Darnley Road, Gravesend, 1901 Census; died at his house, "Boxley". Pelham Road, Gravesend.

"Gravesend Reporter", 12th March 1920

"DEATH OF MR A. FOWLE
THE CLOSE OF A USEFUL CAREER

We regret to record the death of Mr Arthur Fowle of Pelham – road, Gravesend, which occurred on Monday last. Deceased who was 56 years old, had been confined to his bed for about a month.

The youngest son of the late William and Louisa Fowle of Boxley, Kent, deceased was a partner in the old established firm of Fowle Bros., ironmongers and tool smiths of King street and Parrock street. Deceased leaves a widow, three daughters and a son, for whom sympathy is felt in their bereavement. One of the daughters is Miss Bertha Fowle*, the talented artist, whose works have been purchased by Her Majesty the Queen. Although Mr Fowle did not take a very prominent part in the public life of the Borough, he did useful and appreciated work in connection with various local

institutions, and was ready to give his support to any movement for the good of the community. He was a valued member of the Committee of the Gravesend Hospital, and some years ago was a churchwarden of Holy Trinity Church. Following a service at St James Church at 12.15 today (Friday) , the interment will take place at Shorne”

* Bertha seems to have specialised in flower paintings, which can be found on the Internet

FRANCIS

Howard Francis, Cement Manufacturer in Hampshire ? 1881 Census, born Lambeth

GARRATT

Hannah Garratt, Widow of **William Garratt**, Farmer of Woodlands, 1865 Post Office Directory. As a Widow she was living on income from houses, etc., 1881 Census.

Robert Garratt, son of above, no occupation ? 1871 Census

GOFF

Thomas Goff, Game Keeper of 2 Earl of Darnley Cottages, 1881 and 1891 Census, Pensioner, 1911 Census.

HILL

Emily Hill, Death Notice in “The Times”

HOLLANDS

Ebenezer Hollands, Farmer, Hop Grower, Green Farm; Holland Brothers, Farmers, Market Gardeners, Graziers, Green Farm, Kelly's Directory 1903, 1913 and 1927

“Gravesend Reporter”, March 17th 1951

“HE CELEBRATED TWO SILVER WEDDINGS
DEATH OF MR. E. HOLLANDS OF SHORNE

The death occurred in Gravesend hospital on Tuesday, after an illness of seven weeks, of Mr. Ebenezer Hollands, of Green Farm, Shorne. He leaves a son, Mr. Frank M. Hollands, and a daughter Mrs H.C. Loft.

Born in Halling, he came to live at Shorne in 1896, where his farm, in which Mr Frank Hollands was given a partnership, now covers 270 acres.

The late Mr Hollands had had an almost unique experience of celebrating two silver weddings. His first wife died in June, 1919, and he married again in March 1921. He was for many years Chairman of Shorne Parish Council, an office now held by his son. He was also Vice – Chairman of the Strood Rural District Council, on which Mr Frank Hollands now serves. He sat on the former Board of Guardians and the Assessment Committee.

A farmer throughout his residence in Shorne, he held, at the time of his death a prominent position with the Rochester Fatstock Association , and was Chairman of the Gravesend and Rochester Agricultural Association for many years.

Very keen on shooting, Mr Hollands was considered to be the best marksman in the district, and continued this hobby until a short time prior to his death.

He leaves also one grandson and one grand daughter and five great grand children. The funeral, at Shorne Church, takes place today (Friday) at 1.45 p. m.”

Thomas Hollands, Farmer, Lower Shorne, Kelly's Directory 1903

HOUGHTON

Joseph Houghton, Baker, Kelly's Directory, 1882 and 1891; Retired Baker 1901 Census.

According to Allen's “History of Shorne”, Houghton was the last Miller to use Shorne Mill. He lived opposite the “Rose and Crown” and was leader of the Primitive Methodists, who to begin with, met in the back of his shop. He bought land in The Street for the Chapel.

Arthur Knights Houghton, Baker 1911 Census, Kelly's Directory 1927

JEFFERY

Eleanor Jeffery, Wife of Joseph, Marine Engineer ? Of Milton, 1901 Census

KENTISH

Henry Kentish, Gardener of Garden Row, 1881 Census

KNIGHTS

William Miller Knight, Paper Maker/ Paper Finisher at St. Neott's, Huntingdonshire, 1851,1861,1871 and 1881Census

Susan Knights was mother of Emily Houghton

LINDSAY

Lydia Lindsay, Dress Maker at St. Pancras, sister in law to Juliet Stubbings, a Lodging House Keeper, 1861 Census

Juliet Lindsay, Retired School Mistress in Northamptonshire, born in London, 1901 Census

MARSHALL

Harriet Marshall, Widow of The Street, sister of Henry Stevens, Agricultural Labourer, 1891 Census

MORRAD

Ann Morrad, Servant to Richard Parsons of Greenhill House, Cobham, Landed Proprietor, born Cobham,1851 Census, Annuitant born at Luddesdown, 1871 Census, same woman ?

ORSBOURN

Charles Orsbourn, Farm Worker, 1911 Census

PRATT

Richard Pratt, Game Keeper of the Mausoleum at Cobham ? 1881 census

RIGDEN

Thomas Rigden, Commercial Traveller, (Ironmongery) of Portland Road, Gravesend 1901 Census

SOLOMON

Stanley Solomon, Farmer of Cheney's Farm 1891 Census

William Simmons Solomon, Farmer at Herne in 1881 Census, 360 acres, employing 14 men and 2 boys; Retired Farmer at Shorne, 1911 Census

STONEHAM

Thomas Stoneham, Carter at Lower Shorne, 1861 Census

THOMPSON

James Thompson, Agricultural Labourer of Mill Hill Cottages 1891 Census

WELCH

George Welch, died December 1921, Estate Labourer, of 2 Ivy Cottages 1881 Census, Labourer, Earl's Estate, 1911 Census

Arthur Welch, Bombardier, Royal Garrison Artillery in Hong Kong, 1911 Census

George Welch, died January 1921, Carpenter's Labourer, 1911 Census

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