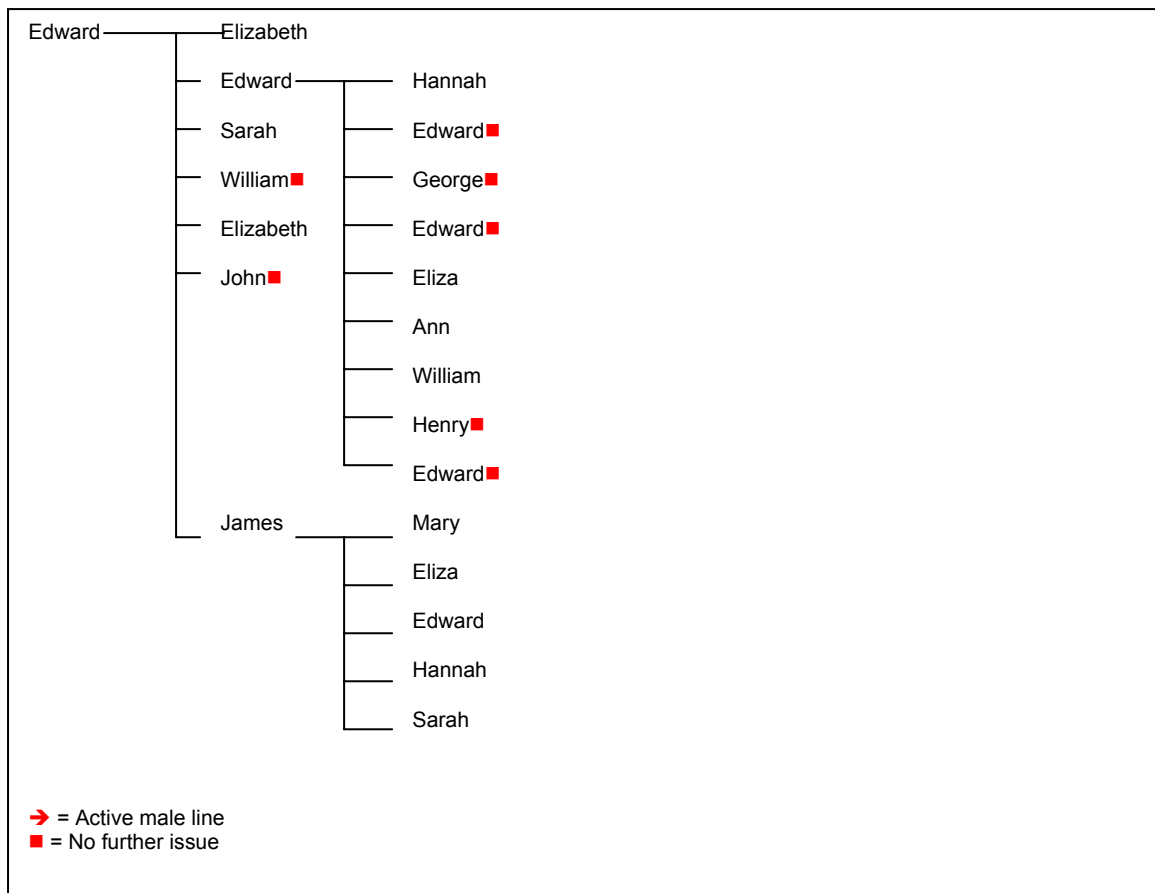


Edward of Foulness, 1785 to 1900



A very limited tree with only substance contributed by Mick Prior in January 2005. The family starts out in Canewdon, and moves to Bradwell, Steeple and St Lawrence over the course of a century. Quite possible that all male lines died out just after turn of the century; if they did persevere it was in Kent, not Essex. Note that although progenitor Edward seems to have originated in Foulness and Beards lived there in numbers around his probable date of birth, there is no record of a relevant baptism.

1. Edward of Foulness

Edward Beard. Described as 'of Foulness' in 1812¹. Married Elizabeth Gould (born in Burnham²) on 14 October 1812 in Canewdon³. They remained there until around 1817, but lived in Bradwell until at least 1827⁴ before moving to Steeple, and then by 1851 to St Lawrence. It seems likely that this is the Edward who was buried in Steeple on 10 December 1837, putting his birth at 1785⁵. Elizabeth was buried in Steeple on 1 May 1866; this puts her birth date at 1788⁶.

Children of Edward and Elizabeth were

- i. Elizabeth Beard. Baptised 22 August 1813 in Canewdon⁷. Elizabeth died aged only two months and was buried in Canewdon on 10 October 1813⁸.
- ii. Edward Beard. (*See 2a. Edward of Canewdon*)
- iii. Sarah Beard. Baptised 23 June 1816 in Canewdon⁹. Still living with mother in Steeple in 1861¹⁰.
- iv. William Beard. Born c.1817, buried 11 Jan 1838 in Steeple¹¹.
- v. Elizabeth Beard. Baptised 23 Jun 1822 in Bradwell¹², buried 4 March 1838 in Steeple¹³.
- vi. John Beard. Baptised 3 Aug 1823 in Bradwell¹⁴, buried 2 Sep 1827 in Steeple¹⁵.
- vii. James Beard. (*See 2b James of Bradwell*)

¹ Canewdon parish registers

² 1851 Census of Steeple

³ Canewdon parish registers

⁴ Bradwell Parish Registers

⁵ Steeple Parish Registers D/P 384/1/5

⁶ Steeple Parish Registers D/P 384/1/5

⁷ Canewdon parish registers

⁸ Canewdon parish registers

⁹ Canewdon parish registers

¹⁰ 1861 Census of Steeple

¹¹ Steeple Parish Registers D/P 384/1/5

¹² Bradwell Parish Registers

¹³ Steeple Parish Registers D/P 384/1/5

¹⁴ Bradwell Parish Registers

¹⁵ Steeple Parish Registers D/P 384/1/5

2a. Edward of Canewdon

Edward Beard. Born in Canewdon¹⁶. Baptised 23 July 1815¹⁷. Married Sarah Boulwood¹⁸ (born Steeple 1816¹⁹). The couple seem to have been living in Steeple between 1836 and 1844²⁰. Working as a labourer in St Lawrence in 1851²¹, but back in Steeple by 1861, apparently without his wife²². None of the family appear on the 1871 census, but by 1881 Edward, his wife and son George are all found in Bradwell in the employ of James Porritt on Sand Beach Farm²³ Edward and George were back in Steeple by 1891²⁴. In 1901 Edward remains in Steeple, 'retired on own means'²⁵

Children of Edward and Sarah were

- i. Hannah Beard. Baptised 26 Feb 1836 in Steeple²⁶. married George Prior on 27/09/1856 in Steeple²⁷. Last known address was in Bourne Green²⁸ Buried at Southchurch Trinity Church, Hannah in 1906²⁹
- ii. Edward Beard. Baptised 25/08/1839 in Steeple³⁰. Buried 03/04/1842 at Steeple³¹
- iii. George Beard. Born 1841 in Steeple³². Working as a labourer in 1841³³. Still living with father in Steeple in 1861³⁴, and with parents in Bradwell in 1881³⁵, and father thereafter until at least 1901³⁶
- iv. Edward Beard. Baptised 19/02/1843 in Steeple³⁷. Buried 06/10/1843 at Steeple³⁸
- v. Eliza Beard. Baptised 26/05/1844 in Steeple³⁹. Buried 08/08/1844 at Steeple⁴⁰
- vi. Anne Beard. Born in St Lawrence⁴¹. Baptised 10/08/1845 at Steeple⁴². Still living with father in Steeple in 1861⁴³
- vii. William Beard. Born in February 1851 in St Lawrence⁴⁴. Does not appear on the 1861 census⁴⁵
- vii. Henry Beard. Baptised 07/07/1854 in Steeple⁴⁶. Buried 23/07/1854 at Steeple⁴⁷
- viii. Edward Beard. Baptised 23/09/1855 in Steeple⁴⁸. Buried on 14 Sep 1856 at Steeple⁴⁹.

¹⁶ 1851 Census of St Lawrence

¹⁷ Canewdon parish registers

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¹⁹ 1851 Census of St Lawrence

²⁰ Steeple Parish Registers

²¹ 1851 Census of St Lawrence

²² 1861 Census of Steeple

²³ 1881 Census of Bradwell

²⁴ 1891 Census of Steeple

²⁵ 1901 Census of Steeple

²⁶ Steeple Parish Registers D/P 384/1/4

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³¹ Steeple Parish Registers D/P 384/1/5

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2b. James of Bradwell

James Beard. Baptised 24 Jun 1827 in Bradwell⁵⁰ Living at 'Stargate Wick' in Steeple in 1851, an agricultural labourer⁵¹ Still living with mother in Steeple in 1861⁵² Married Mary (born Steeple c.1839) before 1861⁵³ Still living in Steeple in 1881⁵⁴; both alive and living in St Lawrence in 1901⁵⁵

Children of James and Mary were

- i. Mary Ann Beard. Born c.1861 in Steeple⁵⁶ Working as a servant to Edward Owen in Foulness in 1881⁵⁷
- ii. Eliza A Beard. Born c.1864 in Steeple⁵⁸. Working as a servant to Stephen Hart, grocer of Tillingham in 1881⁵⁹
- iii. Edward J Beard. Born c.1866 in Steeple⁶⁰ or St Lawrence⁶¹. Still living with parents in 1881⁶² Possibly the James Beard married to Emily and working as a gardener in Knockholt, Kent in 1901⁶³
- iv. Hannah Beard. Born c.1868 in Steeple⁶⁴ or St Lawrence⁶⁵. Still living with parents in 1881⁶⁶
- v. Sarah L Beard. Born c.1871 in Steeple⁶⁷ or St Lawrence⁶⁸. Still living with parents in 1881⁶⁹

⁵⁰ Bradwell Parish Registers

⁵¹ 1851 Census of Steeple

⁵² 1861 Census of Steeple

⁵³ 1861 Census of Steeple

⁵⁴ 1881 Census of Steeple

⁵⁵ 1901 Census of Kent

⁵⁶ 1861 Census of Steeple

⁵⁷ 1881 Census of Foulness

⁵⁸ 1871 Census of Steeple

⁵⁹ 1881 Census of Tillingham

⁶⁰ 1871 Census of Steeple

⁶¹ 1881 Census of Steeple

⁶² 1881 Census of Steeple

⁶³ 1901 Census of Kent

⁶⁴ 1871 Census of Steeple

⁶⁵ 1881 Census of Steeple

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