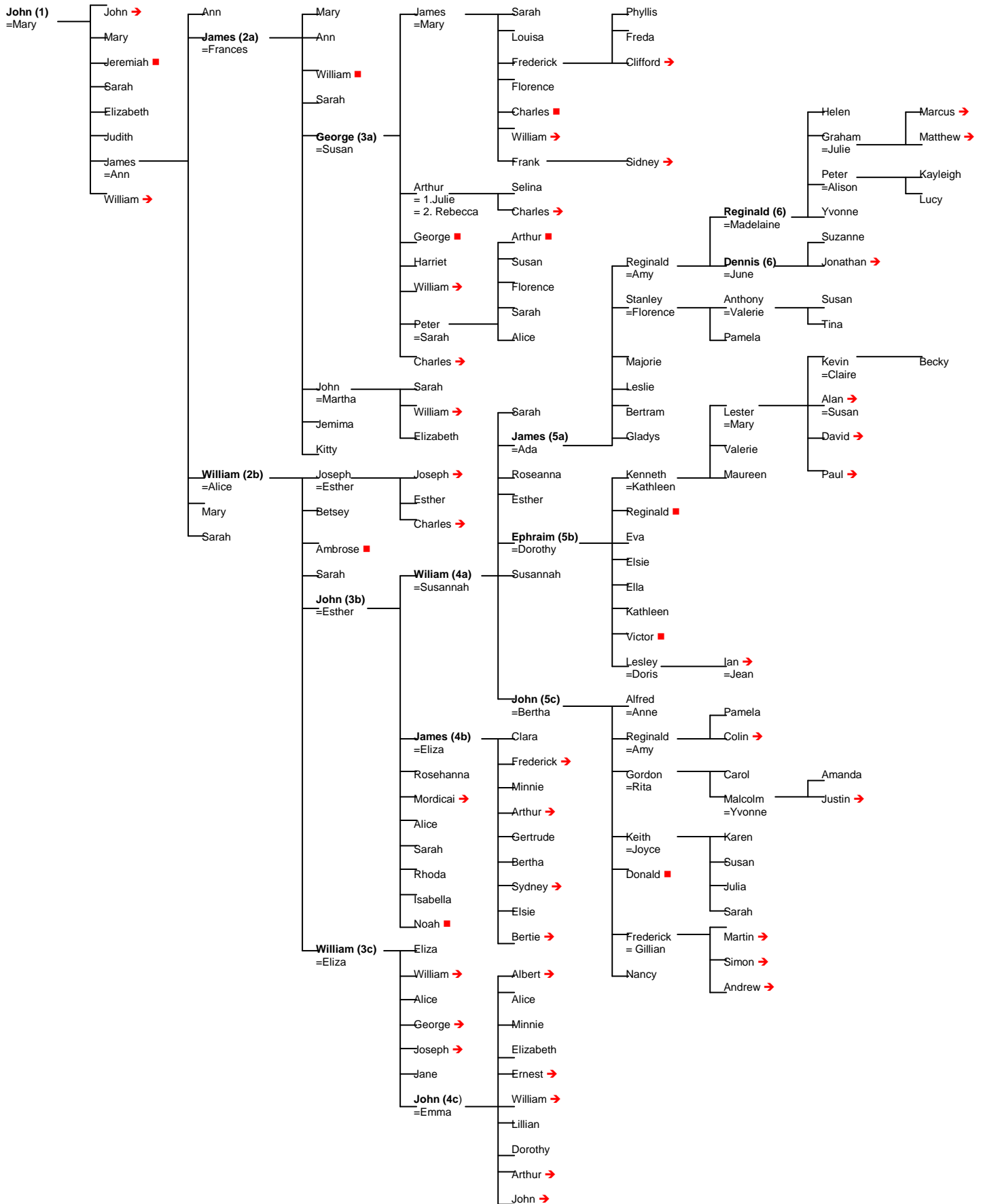


# The Easterlings – Descendants of John of Roxwell, 1700 to 2000.



→ = Active male line  
 ■ = No further issue

This tree was begun with information from my father Dennis Beard<sup>1</sup> sometime in the 1980s, and was added to by my late uncle Reginald Beard, my cousins Peter and Alison Beard<sup>2</sup>, and my fathers cousins Pamela Beard and David Brown (son of Gladys Beard), all of whom descend from of James of Magdelane Laver (5a).

The known family at that time was relatively small, but following a random mailshot in 1992, a response from Doris Beard<sup>3</sup> - who is possibly the wife of Leslie Beard, son of Ephraim the Blacksmith (5b) - put me in touch with Doris Bailey<sup>4</sup>, the daughter of Esther Beard and granddaughter of William, or Cully the Poacher (4a). Doris presented me with a comprehensive tree tracing virtually all the descendents of Cully, Beard and otherwise.

Doris put me in touch with Gordon Beard<sup>5</sup> a son of John of High Easter (5c) and who was able to supply further dates and add some colour. Further help still came from Pamela Wainman<sup>6</sup>, the great great granddaughter of Betsey Beard, the daughter of William of High Easter (2b) and through her Joyce Smith, who married the grandson of Louisa Beard, the granddaughter of George of High Easter (3a). More recently detailed information about various individuals has come from Walter Perrin<sup>7</sup>, the grandson of John of Chignal St James (4c)

I think that the study presented here is pretty accurate as I have checked much of it against parish registers and census records at the Essex Records Office. I hope to verify the rest and ultimately obtain the relevant certificates proving the line. Memories are recorded as accurately as they were remembered, but some tales will have to remain unsubstantiated; it was reckoned for example that an ancestor of William "Cully" Beard (possibly his great grandfather) had been involved in smuggling up on the coast at Clacton<sup>8</sup>

The family so far researched now spans ten generations. And the work has proved what was always conjectured; the Easterlings were a long standing and simple Essex family:

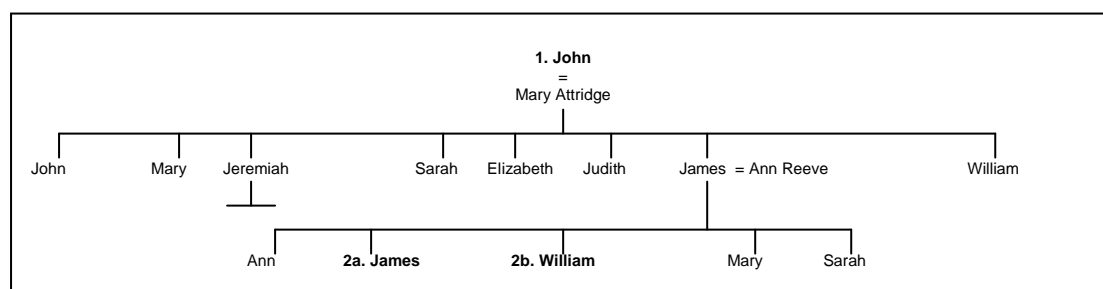
- For the first two hundred and fifty years of their existence recorded here, virtually none of the Easterlings moved more than ten miles from the family's point of origin in Roxwell;
- During the first two hundred years, only Ephraim of Good Easter was employed as anything other than an agricultural labourer.
- Approximately one quarter of the known 74 male Easterlings were named either William, John or James, despite the use of 48 names in total and a move away from traditional names in the twentieth century

The origin of the family beyond John of Roxwell is hard to place. Certainly ancestry in Roxwell itself is not supported by parish registers. He has a possible ancestor in William of Good Easter, who was known to have had issue in that parish between 1709 and 1711. William himself has a possible ancestor in Christopher Beard, who is known to have lived in Good Easter between 1680 and 1722, but both his name and the fact he left money in a will associates him more closely with the Beards of the Canfields and Rodings than those of the Easters. John of Roxwells father could have been the John Beard who is known to have married in 1695 in Writtle, but an equally likely candidate is found in John Beard who married in 1704 in Great Dunmow. Unfortunately, parish registers thus far do not offer anything conclusive.

Jon Beard, 3 April 2002

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## 1. John of Roxwell



JOHN BEARD. Married MARY ATTRIDGE (c.1712-1801) in Good Easter on 10 Nov 1731. Buried in Roxwell on 20 May 1768<sup>9</sup>.

Children of JOHN and MARY BEARD are<sup>10</sup>:

- i. JOHN BEARD  
Baptised in Roxwell on 5 Aug 1733
- ii. MARY BEARD  
Baptised in Roxwell on 14 Sep 1735
- iii. JEREMIAH "JEREMY" BEARD  
Baptised in Roxwell on 13 Feb 1736. Farm worker. Buried in Roxwell on 27 Jan 1811<sup>11</sup>.
- iv. SARAH BEARD  
Baptised in Roxwell on 23 ec 1739. Married Samuel Gibbons on 21 Oct 1764<sup>12</sup>.
- v. ELIZABETH BEARD  
Baptised in Roxwell on 6 Mar 1742. Married Abraham Goward on 19 May 1762<sup>13</sup>.
- vi. JUDITH BEARD  
Baptised in Roxwell on 25 May 1746.
- vii. JAMES BEARD  
Baptised in Roxwell on 14 Oct 1750. Married ANNE REEVE (1760-1831) of High Easter on 16 Nov 1783 in High Easter. Buried 26 May 1819<sup>14</sup>.

Children of JAMES and ANN BEARD are:

- i. ANN BEARD  
Baptised in High Easter on 8 Jun 1788.
  - ii. JAMES BEARD  
Baptised in High Easter on 26 Sep 1790. *See 2a James of Pleshey*
  - iii. WILLIAM BEARD  
Baptised in High Easter on 10 Feb 1793. *See 2b William of High Easter*
  - iv. MARY BEARD  
Baptised in High Easter on 1 Jan 1797.
  - v. SARAH BEARD  
Baptised in High Easter on 13 Apr 1800. Married Samuel Day on 15 Oct 1821 in High Easter<sup>15</sup>.
- viii. WILLIAM BEARD  
Baptised in Roxwell on 13 July 1754.

<sup>9</sup> Good Easter Marriages ERO D/P 57, Roxwell Burials ERO D/P 288

<sup>10</sup> Roxwell Baptisms ERO D/P 288/1/7

<sup>11</sup> Roxwell Burials ERO D/P 288

<sup>12</sup> Roxwell Marriages ERO D/P 288

<sup>13</sup> Roxwell Marriages ERO D/P 288

<sup>14</sup> High Easter marriages ERO D/P 46, High Easter Burials ERO D/P 46

<sup>15</sup> High Easter marriages ERO D/P 46

Other than his burial in Roxwell in 1768, all that is really known of John Beard is that he married Mary Attridge in Good Easter in 1731, and lived thereafter in Roxwell where they are known to have had eight children between 1733 and 1754. Given that Mary was 19 when they married, and that she outlived her husband by some 30 years, we may roughly put Johns birth date at between 1700 and 1712.

The evidence surrounding John and Marys offspring is also a little sketchy. Their eldest son, John, may possibly have moved to Margaretting at some point, returning briefly to Roxwell in 1769 to marry Mary Allen<sup>16</sup>. Youngest son William could feasibly be identified with the William who is found settled with wife Ann and children Elizabeth and Sarah in Great Waltham in the 1780s<sup>17</sup> - the Beards certainly would have been familiar with Great Waltham as Frances, the wife of Williams nephew James, was born there. There is no record of either Mary or Judith after their baptisms, but we know that Sarah and Elizabeth married Samuel Gibbons and Abraham Goward respectively in Roxwell in the early 1760s. Jeremiah was employed as a farm worker and appears to have died without issue<sup>18</sup>.

The picture is slightly clearer regarding third son James; he had moved from Roxwell to High Easter by 1783, marrying Ann Reeve of that parish (James of Roxwell was born in 1750, and James of High Easter died in 1819 aged 68, so they are almost certainly the same person). James and Ann probably struggled to raise the five children they had between 1788 and 1800, being described in parish registers as 'paupers' in 1790 and 1793<sup>19</sup>. Anne Reeve is something of an enigma, as it seems an Ann Reeve went through Banns with one John Hayden, but though the tax went through in October 1783 there is no record of a marriage.

There is one interesting note concerning James Beard. On the 11<sup>th</sup> August 1787, labourer Jeremiah Smith allegedly broke and made entry to a property in High Easter, and stole a purse containing several golden guineas to the value £1 16s 11d (approximately £134 by todays reckoning) belonging to James Young. Smith was declared not guilty of breaking and entering, but guilty of the theft, and appears to have been "transported beyond the seas" to Australia after six months in Chelmsford prison. The incident is of note, as James Young was lodging with James Beard<sup>20</sup>.

The only information we have about any of James and Ann's daughters is that Sarah married Samuel Day in 1821. However we do know something more of sons James and William (see *2a. James of Pleshey* and *2b. William of High Easter*)

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<sup>16</sup> Roxwell Marriages ERO D/P 288

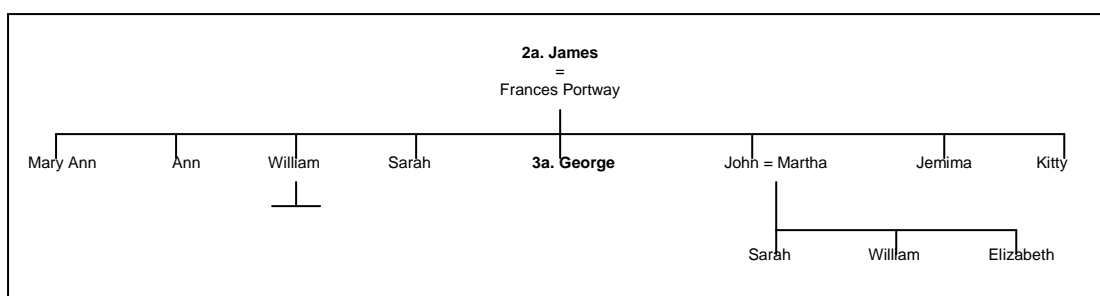
<sup>17</sup> Great Waltham Baptisms ERO D/P 121,

<sup>18</sup> Roxwell Burials ERO D/P 288

<sup>19</sup> High Easter Baptisms ERO D/P 46

<sup>20</sup> <http://freepages.history.rootsweb.com/~qarter1/smithier.htm>

## 2a. James of Pleshey



JAMES BEARD. (Son of JAMES and ANN BEARD *See 1. John of Roxwell*). Baptised in High Easter on 26 Sep 1790. Agricultural Labourer. Married FRANCES "FANNY" PORTWAY of Great Waltham in High Easter on 25 Apr 1815. Buried High Easter 6 July 1853<sup>21</sup>.

Children of JAMES and FRANCES BEARD are<sup>22</sup>:

- i. MARY ANN BEARD  
Baptised in Pleshey on 20 Jul 1817. House servant in Good Easter in 1841. Married John Sweeting in High Easter on 8 Nov 1844<sup>23</sup>
- ii. ANN BEARD  
Baptised in Pleshey on 28 Nov 1819.
- iii. WILLIAM BEARD  
Born in Pleshey c.1819. Agricultural Labourer. Never married<sup>24</sup>.
- iv. SARAH BEARD  
Baptised in Pleshey on 21 Apr 1822. Married Abraham Warder of Pleshey on 26 Feb 1841 in Pleshey<sup>25</sup>.
- v. GEORGE BEARD  
Baptised in Pleshey on 14 Nov 1824. *See 3a. George of High Easter*
- vi. JOHN BEARD  
Baptised in Pleshey on 1 Apr 1827. Agricultural Labourer. Married MARTHA WARDER (born 1834) in High Easter in 1856. Living in High Easter in 1861, but gone by 1881<sup>26</sup>.

Children of JOHN and MARTHA BEARD are<sup>27</sup>:

- i. SARAH BEARD  
Born c.1859. Married Walter Tween of Pleshey on 7 Dec 1878 in Pleshey<sup>28</sup>.
- ii. WILLIAM BEARD  
Born in High Easter c.1862
- iii. ELIZABETH BEARD  
Born in High Easter c.1866. Living in Bridge Row, Chelmsford in 1881<sup>29</sup>
- vii. JEMIMA BEARD  
Baptised in Pleshey on 2 Aug 1829. Living in Springfield by 1851<sup>30</sup>. Married Frederick Smith in High Easter on 21 Nov 1851<sup>31</sup>.
- viii. KITTY BEARD  
Baptised in Pleshey on 4 Dec 1831. Buried in High Easter on 24 Aug 1848<sup>32</sup>.

<sup>21</sup> High Easter marriages ERO D/P 46, High Easter burials ERO D/P 46

<sup>22</sup> Pleshey baptisms ERO D/P 149/1/4, Good Easter census 1881

<sup>23</sup> Good Easter Census 1841, High Easter marriages ERO D/P 46

<sup>24</sup> Good Easter census 1881

<sup>25</sup> Pleshey marriages ERO D/P 149

<sup>26</sup> High Easter marriages ERO D/P 46, High Easter census 1861 and 1881

<sup>27</sup> High Easter census 1861 and 1871

<sup>28</sup> Pleshey marriages ERO D/P 149

<sup>29</sup> Chelmsford census 1881

<sup>30</sup> Springfield Census 1851

<sup>31</sup> High Easter marriages ERO D/P 46

<sup>32</sup> High Easter burials ERO D/P 46

James (1790-1853), grandson of John of Roxwell, married Frances Portway of Great Waltham in High Easter in 1815, and was found in Pleshey working as an agricultural labourer shortly after<sup>33</sup>. They had seven children there, but moved back to High Easter sometime between 1841 and 1848<sup>34</sup>. This must have been an agreeable move, since this branch of the Easterlings was to revolve around that parish for at least the next hundred years. James himself died in 1853, but Frances lived to be at least 81 years of age<sup>35</sup>.

James and Frances eldest daughter Mary Ann was employed as a house servant in Good Easter by 1841. She disappears to marry John Sweeting sometime after that, but her brother William who was in the same parish at the same time was still to be found in Good Easter in 1881, working as an agricultural labourer on Elbows Farm. Whilst registers do not give Williams baptism and he states that he was born in High Easter on one census return, by 1871 he was claiming birth in Pleshey, and his birth date places him closely with this family. He never married<sup>36</sup>. Sister Kitty died aged just 17 in 1848 for reasons unknown, whilst sister Sarah married Abraham Warder in 1841.

The youngest son of James and Frances, John, married Martha Warder (possibly sister of Abraham Warder, above), moved to Whites Lane in High Easter by 1861, and had three children; Sarah who went on to marry Walter Tween in 1878, William and Elizabeth. However Martha died sometime between 1866 and 1871, and John and the children had left High Easter by 1881, possibly to Pleshey where eldest daughter Sarah was living in 1878. In Elizabeths case it was to live with Sarah Humphreys in Bridge Row in Chelmsford, probably as a servant<sup>37</sup>.

George, the second son of James and Frances is discussed below (*see 3a George of High Easter*)

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<sup>33</sup> Pleshey Census 1841

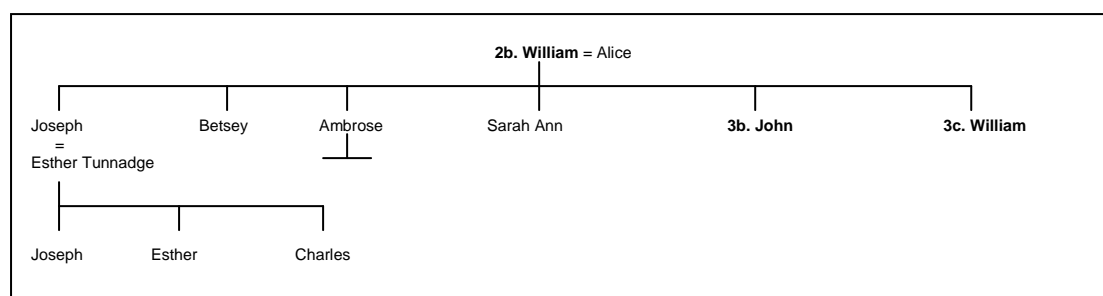
<sup>34</sup> Pleshey Baptisms D/P 149/1/4, Pleshey Census 1841, High Easter Burials ERO D/P 46

<sup>35</sup> High Easter Census 1871

<sup>36</sup> Good Easter Census 1841, 1861, 1871, 1881

<sup>37</sup> High Easter Census 1861, 1871

## 2b. William of High Easter



WILLIAM. (Son of JAMES and ANN BEARD See 1. *John of Roxwell*). Baptised in High Easter on 10 Feb 1793. Married ALICE. Labourer. Buried in High Easter on 7 Feb 1853.

Children of WILLIAM and ALICE BEARD are:

- i. JOSEPH BEARD  
Baptised in High Easter on 11 Jan 1813. Married ESTHER TUNNAGE. Lived in High Easter until at least 1863; in High Roding by 1871. Died on 16 Aug 1873 in High Easter<sup>38</sup>.

Children of JOSEPH and ESTHER BEARD are:

- i. Three Tunnage Stepchildren, Frederick, Charlotte, and Christopher
  - ii. JOSEPH BEARD  
Born in High Easter c.1856. At home until 1871.
  - iii. ESTHER BEARD  
Born in High Easter c.1860.
  - iv. CHARLES BEARD  
Born in High Easter c.1863
- ii. ELIZABETH MARY "BETSEY" BEARD.  
Baptised in High Easter on 14 Oct 1814. Married Simon Chipperfield in High Easter on 11 Nov 1837. Widowed that year; married James Sweeting in 1838.
  - iii. AMBROSE BEARD  
Baptised in High Easter on 24 Nov 1816. Never married. Lived in High Easter until at least 1881.
  - iv. SARAH ANN BEARD  
Baptised in High Easter on 7 Jun 1818. Buried in High Easter on 26 Jan 1852.
  - v. JOHN BEARD  
Baptised in High Easter on 15 Aug 1819. See 3b. *John of Good Easter*
  - vi. WILLIAM BEARD  
Baptised in High Easter on 24 April 1831. See 3c. *William of Broomfield*

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William (1793-1853), second known grandson of John of Roxwell, stayed in High Easter when his brother James left for Pleshey, marrying Alice (who was possibly a Holgate and born 1793) c.1812 and having six children there with her. Little more is known of William than that he was, as virtually all Easterlings were, an agricultural labourer. We do know however that Alice (born 1793) lived to be at least 89<sup>39</sup>, and there is a strong possibility that she worked as a midwife in High Easter as Ephraim's daughter Elsie seemed to think so, and the 1881 census describes Alice as "late nurse"<sup>40</sup>.

<sup>38</sup> Death Certificate

<sup>39</sup> High Easter Baptisms ERO D/P 46, High Easter Burials ERO D/P 46, High Easter Census 1841, 1861, 1881

<sup>40</sup> Derek Bircher, April 2002; Census of High Easter 1881

Their eldest son, Joseph (1813-1873) married Esther Tunnadge (b.1824) in 1853/4. She was apparently was very recently widowed, as Joseph appears on the census with three step children in 1861. Given their respective ages at the time they married, it is unlikely that Joseph and Esther had any issue beyond the three Beard children recorded in 1871 shortly after they had moved on to High Roding, Joseph, Esther and Charles<sup>41</sup>. Joseph died of an inflammation in 1873<sup>42</sup>, and by 1881 all but one of the family have vanished; only daughter Esther remains, visiting with Frederick and Charlotte Edmondson in West Ham, possibly Esthers stepsister<sup>43</sup> and her husband. Her mother Esther may possibly have been in the service of Joseph Sewell of Great Dunmow at this point.

William and Alices daughter Elizabeth Mary (or more commonly "Betsey") married Simon Chipperfield in 1837, but she was to remarry to James Sweeting in 1842 as Simon died half way through 1838. In both cases Betsey had conceived before marriage and it has been suggested therefore that she "had a great time chasing round the haystacks"<sup>44</sup>. Sister Sarah Ann (1818-1852) never married, dying aged only 36<sup>45</sup>. Brother Ambrose didn't marry either; he still lived with his parents in 1841, but had moved to the Cock and Bell pub by 1861. Alice may have started to ail shortly after this date, as Ambrose was back at home looking after his elderly mother in 1881<sup>46</sup>.

This leaves John and William, the third an fourth sons of William and Alice, who are covered in later sections (*see 3b. John of Good Easter and 3c. William of Broomfield*)

Given that the family of James of Pleshey and William of High Easter were for some period of time co-existing in the same parish, and later in adjoining parishes, we must presume that Beard cousins and second cousins must still have known each other fairly well and constituted a significant community within the Easters. In 1861 there were six separate Beard households and twenty four individual Beards in the two Easters.

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<sup>41</sup> High Roding Census 1861, 1871

<sup>42</sup> Death Certificate

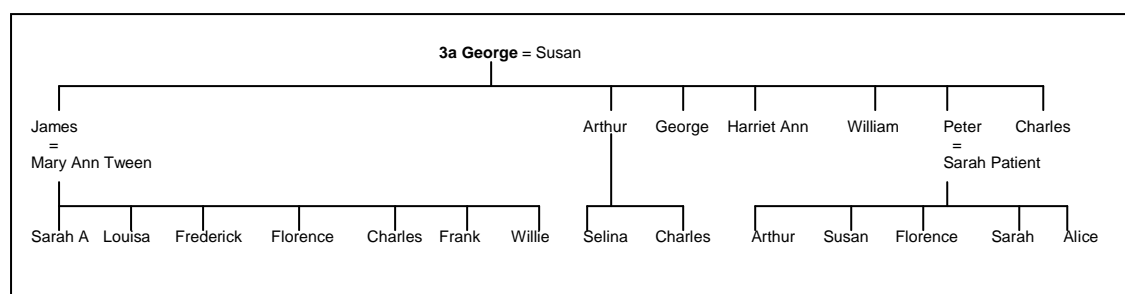
<sup>43</sup> West Ham Census 1881

<sup>44</sup> Pamela Wainman

<sup>45</sup> High Easter Burials ERO D/P 46

<sup>46</sup> High Easter Census 1841, 1861, 1881

### 3a George Of High Easter



GEORGE BEARD (son of JAMES and FRANCES BEARD. See 2a James of Pleshey). Baptised in Pleshey on 14 Nov 1824. Married SUSAN "SUSANNAH" WATERMAN (born c.1832) in High Easter on 24 December 1857. Living in High Easter from 1854 to 1881.

Children of GEORGE and SUSAN BEARD are:

- i. JAMES BEARD  
Born in High Easter c.1854. Agricultural labourer. Married MARY ANN TWEEN of Pleshey on 24 December 1873 in Pleshey. Living in High Easter 1881-1901.

Children of JAMES and MARY BEARD are

- i. SARAH A BEARD  
Born in Pleshey c.1875. Left family home by 1891.
- ii. LOUISA BEARD  
Born in Pleshey c.1879. Left family home by 1891. Married William Forbes Moses Ellis. Died in Whipps Cross Hospital, London
- iii. FREDERICK BEARD  
Born in High Easter c.1882. Still living at home and an agricultural Labourer in High Easter in 1901

Children of FREDERICK BEARD are:

- i. PHYLLIS BEARD
- ii. FREDA BEARD
- iii. CLIFFORD BEARD
- iv. FLORENCE BEARD  
Born in High Easter c.1885
- v. CHARLES BEARD  
Born in High Easter c.1888. Suffered eczma, impetigo and ultimately died of related septicemia in High Easter on 16 November 1893<sup>47</sup>
- vi. WILLIAM "WILLIE" BEARD  
Born in High Easter c.1895
- vii. FRANK BEARD  
Born in High Easter c.1896

Children of FRANK BEARD are:

- i. SIDNEY BEARD
- ii. ARTHUR JAMES BEARD  
Born in High Easter c.1857. Agricultural labourer. Married JULIA WAKERLING in Pleshey on 16 Nov 1878. She died shortly afterwards. Married REBECCA. Died of tuberculosis on 6 May 1883

<sup>47</sup> Death certificate

Children of ARTHUR BEARD are

- i. SELINA EMMA BEARD  
Baptised in Pleshey on 2 Aug 1879. Seemingly died by 1881.
- ii. CHARLES BEARD  
Baptised in Pleshey on 25 Mar 1883.
- iii. GEORGE BEARD  
Born in High Easter c.1858. Agricultural labourer. Died on 21 October 1883 in Radley Green, Writtle<sup>48</sup>.
- iv. HARRIET ANN BEARD  
Born in High Easter c.1860. Married Arthur Blows (1858-1941) in High Easter on 25 Dec 1880. Buried in Dagenham on 27 June 1913
- v. WILLIAM BEARD  
Born in High Easter c.1864
- vi. PETER BEARD  
Born in High Easter c.1867. Married SARAH ANN PATIENT (born 1866) in High Easter on 25 Oct 1890. Peter died by 1910. Sarah Ann remarried in 1910 to Frederick Chapman, and was still alive in the 1940s

Children of PETER and SARAH ANN BEARD are:

- i. FREDERICK GEORGE BEARD  
Born in High Easter c.1887. Actually a Patient and Peters stepson<sup>49</sup>, but appears to have adopted Beard name. Living in Broomfield 1905. Joined army 1905.
  - ii. GEORGE H BEARD  
Born c.1892 in High Easter
  - iii. ARTHUR J BEARD  
Born c.1893 in Aythorpe Roding. Private in the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Essex regiment. Died on 17 Aug 1915 at Gallipoli, possibly as part of the Allied rive from Suvla. Commemorated at the Helles Memorial in Turkey.
  - iv. SUSAN MARIE ANN BEARD  
Born c.1896 in Aythorpe Roding. Married gardener Patrick Charles Green of Great Waltham in High Easter on 10 Jan 1920
  - v. FLORENCE ELLEN "FLORRIE" BEARD  
Born c.1897 in Aythorpe Roding. Married William Caleb Hoare of Standon, Hertfordshire in High Easter on 30 Apr 1921
  - vi. SARAH ANN BEARD  
Born c.1898 in Aythorpe Roding. Married Frederick Amos Devenish, sawyer, of 6 Mill Road Chelmsford, on 30 Oct 1926
  - vii. ALICE ELIZABETH BEARD  
Born c.1902. Married Victor Ernest Little in High Easter on 2 Oct 1926
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- vii. CHARLES BEARD  
Born in High Easter c.1868. Army 28 Dec 1886 to 27 Dec 1898

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The second son of James and Frances, George (b.1824) worked as an agricultural labourer and between 1854 and 1869 had seven children in High Easter by his wife Susan Waterman (who was possibly from Barnston)<sup>50</sup>. The family home was 'Beards Cottage' in Acreland Green which still stands today, although it did not get this name until the Beards were long gone. George purchased the property c.1824 shortly after he had married Susan. How he

<sup>48</sup> Death Certificate

<sup>49</sup> High Easter Census 1901

<sup>50</sup> High Easter Baptisms ERO D/P 46, High Easter Census 1861

could afford a £40-£50 cottage on wages of around 8/- to 10/- per week is something of a mystery<sup>51</sup>.

George and Susans eldest son James (an agricultural labourer by the age of 12 or 13) married Mary Ann Tween, and they lived just further down the road to Pleshey in Acreland Green from Beards Cottage. Their offspring included one Louisa Beard (1878-1953)<sup>52</sup> who married William Ellis and moved to Walthamstow. It is remembered that “they had a plum tree in the garden which never bore fruit and every year Louisa would complain about it. The children bought a bag of fruit and tied it to the branches – she was quite taken in”<sup>53</sup>. Frank Beard, third son of James and Mary, joined up on November 9<sup>th</sup> 1917 with the 11<sup>th</sup> Battalion Essex Regiment and saw service at Lens on April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1918. He survived the war and was demobilised on February 29<sup>th</sup> 1919. His younger brother William Beard joined the Essex Yeomanry on August 12<sup>th</sup> 1915. He fought in the battles of Arras and Villers-Bretonneux and survived to be demobilised on February 28<sup>th</sup> 1919.<sup>54</sup> Anecdotally “this Willie, so family rumour has it, lived with a Miss Beard” apparently “his brothers wife”. They may have had a son and two daughters, none of whom benefited from Willies will<sup>55</sup>. James and Mary also had a son Charles (1888-1893) who died aged only five of septicemia, which appears to have been the result of eczma and impetigo<sup>56</sup>.

His sons James, Arthur and George appear to have followed their father in working the land, and were all doing so by the age of 12 or 13. Harriet, William, Peter and Charles appeared to have been attending school until around the age of 10<sup>57</sup>. Harriet went on to marry one Arthur Blows<sup>58</sup> and was living in Radley Green in 1883<sup>59</sup>.

Peter (who attended school until around the age of 10 but was working the fields by 13) was to marry Sarah Ann Patient and had set up a household in Beards Cottage by 1891. Peter had died by 1910, as that year his widow married again, to Frederick Chapman; Sarah is known to have lived until at least the 1940s, “an amusing character who until advancing age prevented her attended every funeral in Pleshey and High Easter”<sup>60</sup>. Their son George lived in the cottage until his death in or shortly after 1971. He never married, and worked most of his life at Wheats Farm (where he is pictured c.1910). He seldom if ever went beyond High Easter and Pleshey, and though described as “a very careful man” who was reputed to save up his wage packets and only open them when he needed money, once offered to pay the pea-pickers wages for the day due to a temporary lack of funds on the employers behalf. He was a cheerful soul, and seemed happy with his garden and dog<sup>61</sup>. Georges end is subject to rumour; it is known for a fact that in 1971 he was bedridden and his over zealous dog Tina temporarily thwarted the efforts of friends, relatives, a nurse, a doctor and the police to get him out of the cottage and to St Michaels Hospital in Braintree<sup>62</sup>. A neighbour in High Easter said that George “had made the house in to quite a pigsty and lived and slept in a small space just in front of the living room fire” and “went of his rocker one night and was running around the road starkers! He was taken to hospital where he died”<sup>63</sup>. Since he was bedridden quite possible George did live in one room and was having difficulty looking after the Cottage; however his alleged antics in the road seem slightly hard to believe given his condition. Frederick George Beard, eldest of the brothers, is only known by his army record, but we know he was not a big man, with a 33 inch chest, 5ft 2inches tall, and weighing in at 114lbs. He joined the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion of the Essex Regiment in 1905. The 1901 census shows that Frederick was not Peter’s natural son, but certainly he adopted the Beard name by the time he had reached manhood. Peter and Sarahs third son, Arthur James Beard, also joined the forces and became Private 2707 1/5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Essex Regiment. He was the second man in the Great War to be killed in action from High Easter. Arthur was only 22 and died of wounds

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<sup>51</sup> Letter from Derek Bircher, April 2002

<sup>52</sup> Joyce Smith

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<sup>54</sup> ‘High Easter through the 20<sup>th</sup> Century’ by Derek E Bircher p.19

<sup>55</sup> Joyce Smith 29/9/2001

<sup>56</sup> Death Certificate

<sup>57</sup> High Easter Census 1861, 1871, 1881

<sup>58</sup> Janet Buck, descendant of Harriet Ann Beard

<sup>59</sup> Death Certificate of brother George Beard

<sup>60</sup> Letter from Derek Bircher, April 2002

<sup>61</sup> Letter from Derek Bircher April 2002

<sup>62</sup> Dunmow and District Observer 29 Januray 1971

<sup>63</sup> Joyce Smith, 29/9/2001

while serving in the Gallipoli landings on August 17<sup>th</sup> 1915 and was buried at sea. However, his name is recorded on the Helles Memorial<sup>64</sup>.

George and Susans son William apparently moved on to fresher fields. The path of youngest son Charles, may be described in some detail. He worked initially as a labourer and joined the Essex Regiment at Warley on 28 December 1886 aged 18. His twelve years in the militia included (after a two month bout of Scarlet Fever in 1887) a period in Malta between Mar 1890 and October 1892, and India between October 1892 and December 1894, taken by HMS Himalaya. Charles was small by modern standards, at 5ft 3in high and 120lbs with a 33in chest.

George and Susans second son, Arthur (1857-1883), who is the same as the James Arthur who married Julia Wakeling in Pleshey in 1878 and had one daughter, Selina Emma there in 1879<sup>65</sup> curiously appears to have been made a widower without children at only 25<sup>66</sup>. He then had a son Charles by his second wife Rebecca in Pleshey in 1883, but happiness was again shortlived, as Arthur died on 6 May 1883 of 'phthisis', a wasting disease which was probably pulmonary tuberculosis. There is a chance that wife Rebecca was a Young, since brother in law Joseph Young was present when Arthur slipped away<sup>67</sup>.

The third son of George and Susan, George (1858-1883), met a similar fate to his brother Arthur. At 25 years, and already pensioned off from the army (presumably as a result of his condition), George also fell ill with 'phthisis', and appears to have died at the home of his sister Harriet in Radley Green<sup>68</sup>.

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<sup>64</sup> High Easter through the 20<sup>th</sup> Century' by Derek E Bircher p.19

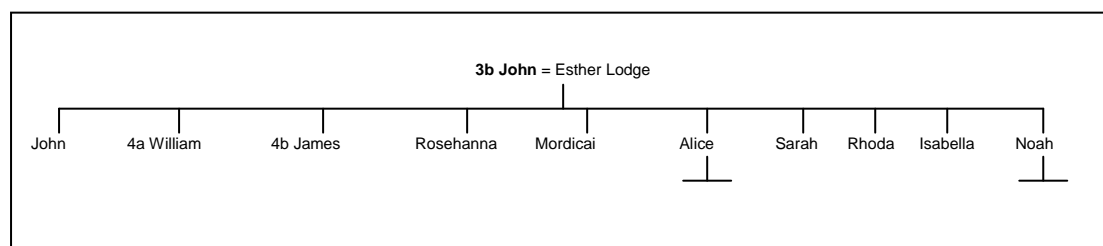
<sup>65</sup> Pleshey Marriages D/P 149/1/7 and Pleshey Baptisms D/P 149/1/4

<sup>66</sup> Pleshey Census 1881

<sup>67</sup> Death certificate of Arthur James Beard

<sup>68</sup> Death Certificate

### 3b. John of Good Easter



JOHN BEARD (Son of WILLIAM and ALICE BEARD. See *2b William of High Easter*). Baptised in High Easter on 15 Aug 1819. Married Esther Lodge in Great Dunmow on 16 Sep 1849. Died 27 December 1868 in Good Easter spinal disease<sup>69</sup>. Buried Good Easter in 1869.

Children of JOHN and ESTHER BEARD are:

- i. JOHN BEARD, later to become JOHN LODGE  
Baptised in Great Dunmow on 14 Oct 1849, probably born c.1847.
- ii. WILLIAM BEARD  
Baptised in Great Dunmow on 14 Oct 1849. Probably born 1848. See *4a Cully the Poacher*  
JAMES BEARD  
Baptised in Good Easter on 16 Jul 1854. See *4b James of Chignal Smealey*
- iii. ROSEHANNA BEARD  
Baptised in Good Easter on 16 Jul 1854. Still living with parents 1871
- iv. MORDICAI BEARD  
Baptised in Good Easter on 24 Oct 1858. Agricultural labourer. In army 1876 to 1888. Married EMILY HARMAN on 25 December 1884 in Great Warley. Married LOUISA BRETT in South Hanningfield 1887.

Child of MORDICAI and LOUISA BEARD is:

- i. ERNEST JOHN BEARD  
Born in Mundon on the Hill in 1892
- v. ALICE BEARD  
Baptised in Good Easter on 24 Oct 1858. Buried in Good Easter on 13 Dec 1865
- vi. SARAH BEARD  
Baptised in Good Easter on 10 Jun 1860. Married Walter Tween.
- vii. RHODA BEARD  
Baptised in Good Easter on 25 Jun 1862. Married John Gabriel Taylor?
- viii. ISABELLA BEARD  
Baptised in Good Easter on 22 Jun 1865

Child of ISABELLA BEARD

- i. ELSIE SARAH BEARD  
Born c. 1895. Married Alfred William Little in High Easter on 16 October 1915.
  - ix. NOAH BEARD  
Baptised in Good Easter on 22 Sep 1867. Buried in Good Easter on 27 Aug 1868
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<sup>69</sup> Death certificate

John (1819-1869) was the great grandson of John of Roxwell, and third son of William of High Easter. He died in Good Easter in 1869, apparently aged 46, which does not tie in with his birth date in High Easter<sup>70</sup>. It could therefore be presumed that these were in fact two different people. However the 1861 census records Johns age as 40, which would have put his birth date at 1821 and age at burial at 48<sup>71</sup>, so it is likely that John (or his family) simply couldn't remember exactly how old he was. John married Esther ("Hester" born 1828) Lodge in 1849<sup>72</sup>, and worked as an agricultural labourer. Though 56 may appear to constitute a fairly short existence, it is as well to remember that in the 1840s life expectancy didn't stretch far beyond the mid-40s. Esther outlived John and went on to marry similarly widowed George Tween in Pleshey in 1876. This marriage demonstrated a closeness of kind, as her late husbands cousin George stood witness for her, he himself having a daughter in law and nephew in law drawn from the Tween family. One wonders if Esthers remarriage was short-lived, for an Esther of a comparable age and place of birth is found working for Joseph Sewell in Great Dunmow as a servant in 1881<sup>73</sup>?

The first two born of John and Esther were both baptised on the same day in 1849 in Great Dunmow as John and William "Beard late Lodge"<sup>74</sup>, the implication being that both were from a previous marriage of Esthers and not of Beard blood. Certainly brother Mordicai tells us in 1876 that John used Lodge as a surname rather than Beard (and is therefore not discussed here). But whilst the 1861 census clearly describes John (junior) as "son of wife"<sup>75</sup> whereas William never appears as anything other than Beard, was born one month after John and Esthers wedding, and there is a good three year age gap between the two brothers. William could have been recorded as "Beard late Lodge" in error as a consequence of baptism alongside a half brother (accidents do happen; siblings James and Rosehanna were baptised as Baird<sup>76</sup>). Interestingly, not only were both John and Esther from High Easter, but third son James was born there in 1852, implying that they did not throw down roots in Dunmow for long. Did they simply go there to avoid the disgrace of having an illegitimate child (William) in their home parish? William and James are discussed in further detail below (*see 4a.Cully the Poacher and 4b.James of Chignal*)

John and Esthers other children, Rosehanna, Mordicai, Alice, Sarah, Rhoda, Isabella and Noah were all born in Good Easter between 1854 and 1867. Both Alice and Noah met untimely ends in childhood<sup>77</sup>. Though census and baptism do not match, it appears that Sarah married Walter Tween in the late 1870s, and Mordicai (who is described as Walters Tweens brother in law) is found living with them in Pleshey 1871. Mordicai's profession was "soldier on furlough"<sup>78</sup>. He enlisted in the Essex militia in Chelmsford in 1876 aged 18, and served until 1888. Mordicai, who was 5ft 5in', 153 lbs and of 'muscular build', served at home throughout his military career, no doubt helping his relationship with Emily Harman, who he married in 1884. Mordicai stated on his discharge that he was bound for Downham. His marriage to Emily did not last long, for in 1887 he is found marrying Louisa Brett in South Hanningfield. Mordicai and Louisa had their first child Ernest John in Mundon on the Hill in 1892. Confusingly, only the year before Mordicai gives his name in the 1891 census as 'George', though given his date and place of birth and wifes name we certainly have the right person, so perhaps this was a middle or adopted name?

Rhoda also disappears after 1871, apparently to marry John Gabriel Taylor, a fireman, in 1882<sup>79</sup>. Isabella (Bella) and Rosehanna are remembered as "two tubby old dears, full of fun"<sup>80</sup>, though there is certainly a story to Isabella as she moved temporarily to Bethnal Green and while there she had at least one child called Elsie. Both must have returned to High Easter as on October 16th 1915, Elsie, father "unknown", married Alfred William Little.

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<sup>70</sup> High Easter Baptisms ERO D/P 46, Good Easter Burials ERO D/P 57

<sup>71</sup> Good Easter Census 1861

<sup>72</sup> Mystery source!, possibly a descendant of Rhoda

<sup>73</sup> Great Dunmow Census 1881

<sup>74</sup> Great Dunmow Baptisms ERO D/P 11

<sup>75</sup> Good Easter Census 1861

<sup>76</sup> Good Easter Baptisms ERO D/P 57

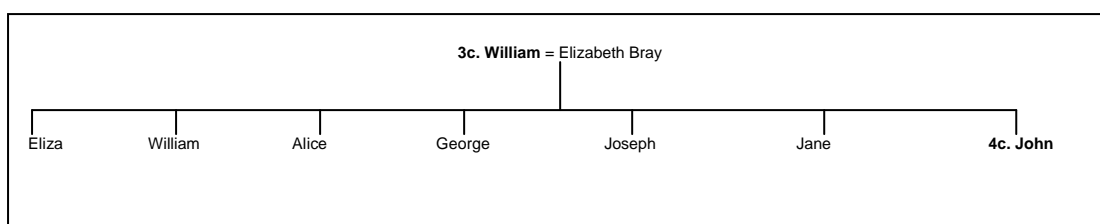
<sup>77</sup> Good Easter Baptisms ERO D/P 57, Good Easter Burials ERO D/P 57, Census 1841, Census 1861

<sup>78</sup> Pleshey Census 1871

<sup>79</sup> Mystery source!, possibly a descendant of Rhoda

<sup>80</sup> Letter from Doris Bailey, granddaughter of Cully the Poacher

### 3c. William of Broomfield



WILLIAM BEARD (Son of WILLIAM and ALICE BEARD See 2b *William of High Easter*). Baptised in High Easter on 24 April 1831. Agricultural Labourer. Married ELIZABETH “ELIZA” BRAY (born 1834) in High Easter on 22 October 1853. Lived in High Easter until at least 1856. Moved to Broomfield by 1859. Eliza dead by 1881, by which time family in Springfield.

Children of WILLIAM and ELIZA BEARD are:

- i. ELIZABETH “ELIZA” BEARD  
Born in High Easter c.1854
- ii. WILLIAM BEARD  
Born in High Easter c.1856. Baptised in Broomfield 26 Apr 1856
- iii. ALICE ELIZABETH BEARD  
Baptised in Broomfield on 30 Jan 1859.
- iv. GEORGE BEARD  
Baptised in Broomfield on 14 Nov 1863. Army barracks in Warley by 1881.
- v. JOSEPH BEARD  
Baptised in Broomfield on 26 Jan 1862
- vi. JANE BEARD  
Baptised in Broomfield on 24 May 1864
- vii. JOHN BEARD  
Born in Broomfield on 28 Aug 1867. Baptised in Broomfield on 24 Nov 1867. Bricklayers labourer. Married Emma Alice Patient (born c.1873 in Springfield) in Chelmsford on 12 Sep 1903

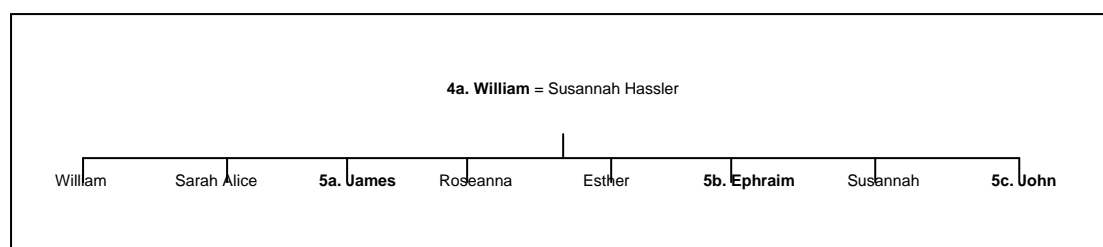
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William (b.1831) had married Eliza by the time he was 23, and they had set up home in Broomfield c.1856/9. There they had five of their seven children<sup>81</sup>. By 1881 the family had moved to Springfield. William was a widower working as a grain porter, with daughter Jane acting as housekeeper. The same census finds son George living in army barracks in Little Warley<sup>82</sup>. Youngest son John is discussed below (See 4c.*John of Chignal St James*).

<sup>81</sup> Broomfield Baptisms D/P 248/1/6

<sup>82</sup> Springfield Census 1881

#### 4a. Cully the Poacher



WILLIAM "CULLY" BEARD (Son of JOHN and ESTHER BEARD See 3b John of Good Easter) Baptised in Good Easter on 14 Oct 1849. Agricultural labourer. Married SUSANNAH HASSLER (buried Good Easter 1905) in Good Easter on 11 Apr 1869. Living in Good Easter in 1871, living in Mashbury at least between 1879 and 1881. Living at Hopkins Farm in High Easter during 1930s. Died c.1935

Children of WILLIAM and SUSANNAH BEARD are:

- i. WILLIAM BEARD, later to become William Hasler
- ii. SARAH ALICE BEARD  
Baptised in Good Easter on 17 Mar 1872. Married Samuel Day
- iii. JAMES BEARD  
Baptised in Good Easter on 1 Mar 1874. See 5a James of Magdalen Laver
- iv. ROSEANNA BEARD  
Baptised in Good Easter on 9 Jan 1876. Married Scot Kenneth MacKintosh. Moved to South Africa, then New York. After his death, married Italian Louis Patricola. Moved to Italy, back to UK, and ultimately returned to New York. Died c.1984
- v. ESTHER BEARD  
Baptised in Good Easter on 8 July 1877. Lived in France for ten years around turn of the century. Went to India and married James Sweeting. Living in Burma by c.1911. Back in the UK after 1918. Died c.1947
- vi. EPHRAIM BEARD  
Born in Mashbury. Baptised in Good Easter on 22 Sep 1878. See 5b Ephraim the Blacksmith
- vii. SUSANNAH BEARD  
Born in Good Easter on 18 Sep 1885, and baptised there 22 Nov 1885. Married Frank Gandy
- viii. JOHN BEARD  
Born in Good Easter on 14 Mar 1888, and baptised there 27 May 1888. See 5c John of High Easter

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Every family has a character, and for the Easterlings it was William of Good Easter, great great grandson of John of Roxwell. He was known as "Cully" because of his curly hair, and often dubbed "the champion poacher of Essex"<sup>83</sup>. He married Susannah Hassler (1849-1905) in 1869.

Cully was well remembered in Good Easter, where he lived all of his married life, for the time he went to smoke a swarm of bees out of a thatched roof, but instead set the thatch on fire and burnt the cottage down<sup>84</sup>.

He was forced at 78 to sell his house in Good Easter to one Mr Coates who owned the Village Stores, under threat of being thrown into a pond. He reluctantly relented and moved in with his youngest son John who was struggling to raise a family on Hopkins Farm<sup>85</sup>. An 80

<sup>83</sup> Letter from Doris Bailey, 20/3/1992

<sup>84</sup> Letter from Derek Bircher April 2002

<sup>85</sup> Letter from Gordon Beard, grandson of Cully the Poacher, 23/6/1992

year old Cully is remembered walking eleven miles from High Easter to Chelmsford to sell the sack full of rabbit skins he carried on his back<sup>86</sup>.

Cully was equally well remembered for his donkey and trap<sup>87</sup>, but by the time he had moved to Hopkins Farm (c.1933) he was driving "a unique wheel chair which was propelled by turning two handles like bicycle pedals with his hands", and steered "by moving his back in a curved support which turned the single rear wheel"<sup>88</sup>. Another story has Cully killing rabbits with a catapult and launching a dog to retrieve them from this a cart, all while on the move<sup>89</sup>.

It seems that he often added to his shopping list a small bag of ground ginger. When the lady asked him what he used it for he told her he always put a pinch in his tea, and that is what kept him going.

He stayed at Hopkins Farm "a couple of years more clad in leather buskins and a moleskin long overcoat which...was crawling with live honey bees, for he was always busy tending his sons bees, and often brought wild swarms home that he caught in the hedgerows"<sup>90</sup> With Johns wife Bertha (paradoxically Bertha was Cullys stepdaughter as well as daughter in law - she was daughter of Helen Beaney, a London shoemakers widow who Cully took on as a housekeeper after Susannahs death. Possibly he married her; he certainly lived with her until her death<sup>91</sup>.) about to add to the family again Cully moved in with his daughter Sarah Day at Cottons Cottage in High Easter, her husband Sam having recently died. Cully "dropped dead whilst digging Sarahs garden aged 86.

Sarahs son Charlie remembered that four days after he had mastered the workings of his chair Cully announced he was off to the Spotted Dog on the Dunmow Road. An innocent enough start saw Cully journey from there to Great Dunmow, Takely, Great Canfield, High Roding and finally the Lamb at Aythorpe Roding and the King William IV at Leaden Roding before going home. Quizzed by an anxious family that evening, Cully "in a happy mood" explained that he had been "visiting a lot of old friends"<sup>92</sup>. Apparently when he had his donkey and cart such visits to the pub were more straightforward as the donkey would always know the way home. Apparently Cully also liked visitors at his home to leave feeling merry, so he would serve half pints of his home made wine which you had to drink through a straw<sup>93</sup>.

Cully and Susannahs first son William was born outside of wedlock in 1869 in Chelmsford and his baptism was recorded as Hassler, a name he retained<sup>94</sup> - and as such his lineage does not appear here. As already mentioned Sarah Alice married Samuel Day (their names echoing her great aunts marriage in 1821).

Esther worked for ten years as a nanny in France, and then went to India to marry her cousin James Sweeting. They moved to Burma thereafter where they spent seven years before returning to England after World War One<sup>95</sup>. She lived to be around 70 years old. Susanna ("Susan") married one Frank Gandy<sup>96</sup>.

Rosehanna who married a Scot named Kenneth MacKintosh, and appears to have gone with him to South Africa and then to New York. After Kenneths death she married a second time to an Italian name Louis Patricola, went to Italy with him, returning to England after his death and ultimately ending her days back in New York again<sup>97</sup>. She was visited by her grand nephew Reginald in the 1980s who said that she was "as bright as a button", and indeed she lived to be an extraordinary 108<sup>98</sup>.

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<sup>86</sup> Letter from Gordon Beard, 15/4/1992

<sup>87</sup> Picture of William at Pump Green in High Easter c.1925

<sup>88</sup> Letter from Gordon Beard, 15/4/1992

<sup>89</sup> Conversation with David Brown, 14/4/1995

<sup>90</sup> Letter from Gordon Beard, 23/6/1992

<sup>91</sup> Ibid

<sup>92</sup> Letter from Derek Bircher, April 2002

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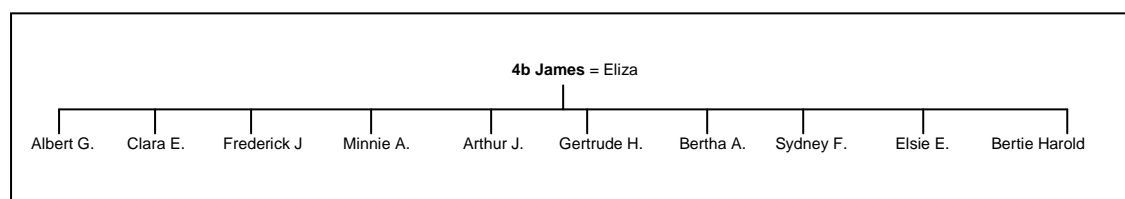
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<sup>98</sup> Conversation with Reginald Beard, great grandson of Cully the Poacher, and Letter from Doris Bailey 20/3/1992

Sons James, Ephraim and John are discussed below (see *5a. James of Magdalan Laver*, *5b. Ephraim the Blacksmith* and *5c. John of High Easter*)

#### 4b. James of Chignal Smealey



JAMES BEARD (Son of JOHN and ESTHER BEARD See *3b John of Good Easter*) Born c.1852. Baptised in Good Easter on 16 Jul 1854. Married ELIZA. Lived in Writtle (1882-1885), Great Waltham (1887-1897) and Chignal St James (1900)

Children of JAMES and ELIZA BEARD are:

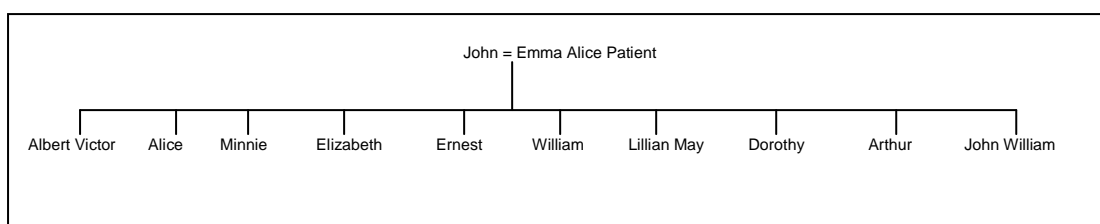
- i. ALBERT GEORGE BEARD  
Baptised in Chignal Smealey on 24 Sep 1882
- ii. CLARA ELIZABETH BEARD  
Baptised in Chignal Smealey on 9 Sep 1883
- iii. FREDERICK JAMES BEARD  
Baptised in Chignal Smealey on 25 Jan 1885
- iv. MINNIE ALICE BEARD  
Baptised in Chignal Smealey on 3 Apr 1887
- v. ARTHUR JOHN BEARD  
Baptised in Chignal Smealey on 14 Apr 1889
- vi. GERTRUDE HANNAH BEARD  
Baptised in Chignal Smealey on 12 Apr 1891
- vii. BERTHA ANNIE BEARD  
Baptised in Chignal Smealey on 19 Mar 1893
- viii. SYDNEY FRANK BEARD  
Baptised in Chignal Smealey on 16 Sep 1894
- ix. ELSIE ELLEN BEARD  
Baptised in Chignal Smealey on 25 July 1897
- x. BERTIE HAROLD BEARD  
Baptised in Chignal Smealey on 9 Aug 1900

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James (born c.1852) was the third son of John of Good Easter, and the great great grandson of John of Roxwell. He was born in Good Easter and remained there until at least the late 1860s. By 1881 he is found lodging with one George Ruffell in Chignal St James, but shortly after this he married Eliza and appears to have spent four or five years in Writtle. Between 1898 and 1897 the family lived in Great Waltham, but by 1900 they were living in Chignal Smealey, the parish where all nine of their children were baptised<sup>99</sup>

<sup>99</sup> Chignal Smealey Baptisms ERO D/P 351/1/4

#### 4c. John of Chignal St James



JOHN BEARD (Son of WILLIAM and ELIZABETH BEARD. See 3c. *William of Broomfield*).  
Baptised in Broomfield on 24 Nov 1867. Married EMMA ALICE PATIENT in 1903

Children of JOHN and EMMA BEARD are:

- i. ALBERT VICTOR BEARD  
Baptised March 1898. Married Sep 1901 MAUD BATES. Remarried Feb 1917 CLARISSA OWEN
- ii. ALICE BEARD  
Married William Bates
- iii. MINNIE KATE BEARD  
Born 1899. Baptised 12 Aug 1902 in Writtle. Married Jim Bernard, then Jack Bernard.
- iv. ELIZABETH ELLEN BEARD  
Baptised 11 March 1905 in Chignal St James
- v. ERNEST JAMES BEARD  
Born 26 April 1908 in Writtle. Baptised 14 Sep 1915 in Chignal St James.  
Married IVY INCE
- vi. WILLIAM BEARD  
Baptised Writtle
- vii. GEORGE BEARD  
Baptised 14 Sep 1915 in Chignal St James. Married ENA ROBERTS.
- viii. LILLIAN MAY BEARD  
Baptised Writtle
- ix. DOROTHY ELSIE BEARD  
Born 26 Aug 1912 in Writtle. Baptised 14 Sep 1915 in Chignal St James.  
Married Walter Perrin in Chelmsford on 26 July 1931
- x. ARTHUR SIDNEY BEARD  
Baptised in Writtle on 18 Sep 1919. Married FLORNCE NORTHGATE in Battersea on 25 Aug 1945
- xi. JOHN WILLIAM BEARD  
Baptised 14 Sep 1915 in Chignal St James

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John Beard joined the Militia (4<sup>th</sup> Battalion Essex regiment) whilst working full time with Mr Fincham of Baddow Road attending to the towns sewers. This would have meant pay and food whilst on weekend drills and annual camps. He was recruited into regular service in February 1884. With a 34 inch chest, standing 5ft 3in and weighing 124lbs, a giant he was not. He sported two tattoos on his left arms, one of a man with a pipe in his mouth and a bracelet around the wrist.

He joined the 39<sup>th</sup> of Foot, Dorsetshire Regiment, and Private 910 found himself in Dorchester, Aldershot and later Chatham, from where on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1885 he set sail aboard HMS Crocodile (a ship designed for long haul transport of forces) to join the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion in India. On the voyage John would have mixed with veterans and called at places such as Gibraltar, Malta and Suez.

After docking in Bombay John was transported by rail to Peshawar, and would have been based two miles west of the walled town which consisted 70,000 Moslems, Hindus and Sikhs. In May 1885 the battalion relocated to Cherat, only thirty miles south west of Peshawar, but 4,500 feet up on the end of the Khattack mountain range. Here Private Beard was confined to hospital for fifteen days with 'ague'. They returned to Peshawar in November 1885.

The Dorsetshires next destination on 8 January 1886 was Aden. It was here that a troublesome hernia developed, possibly as the result of an accident whilst on duty. In December 1886 John returned from overseas to Southampton on HMS Juma; his injury led to transfer to the army reserve on 18 February 1891, and he returned home.

He found work as a bricklayer, which would either have required a very good truss, or perhaps his condition was not quite as bad as diagnosed. Sometime before June 1898 he met and courted Emma Alice Patient. With their widely different experience of life (she a member of the Salvation Army, a noted singer at the Citadel and firmly against the demon drink, he an infanterer who liked his beer) this would have made an interesting union. They set up home together at the end of Chignal Road in Writtle, and since this was next to the Bethel Baptist Church which stood just inside Chignal St James parish, and only a short walk from the Pig and Whistle and Three Elms public houses, this would have suited both tastes. Work would have been a three mile walk into Chelmsford for John, on a road which would have been unmade and in a poor state of repair, often snowbound or flooded. The children attended Chignal School a couple of miles away.

John did not share his wife's enthusiasm for religion, and demonstrated his feelings by throwing her 'Army' bonnet on the fire in order to stop her from attending a meeting. Against this he organised his health insurance through the Salvation Army.

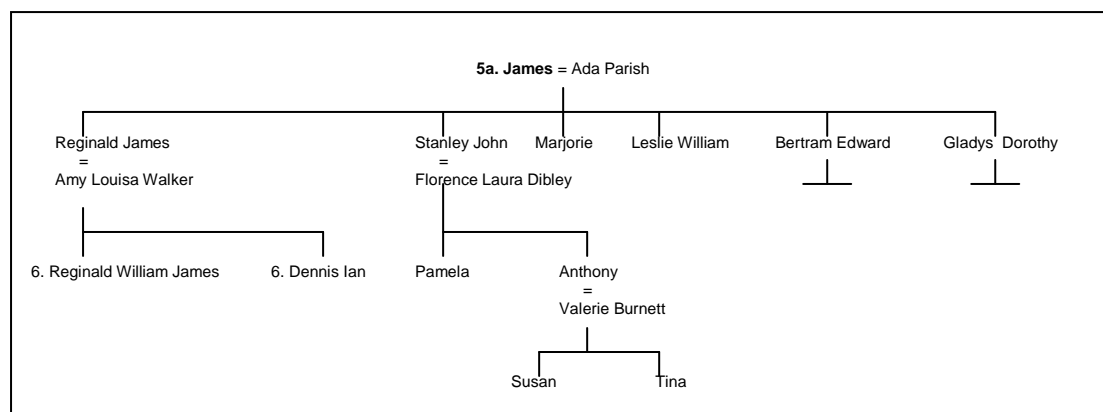
At the ripe age of 48 and in response to the Great War, John was mustered into the Royal Defence Corps, and on 22 March 1915 became 11631 Private J Beard. All his service was spent in and around East Anglia, and leave must have been granted, as children John, William and Ernest were all conceived whilst he was in uniform. His first posting was as a local guard with 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion Essex regiment, and whilst on duty he fell asleep for which was tried by a District Court Marshal. The 56 day sentence was reduced by the General Officer Commanding, with a further four days remission granted for good behaviour. After being returned to duty he spent time with the 44<sup>th</sup>, 56<sup>th</sup> and 66<sup>th</sup> RCD companies, and daughter Dorothy remembered her father galloping with the rest of his unit past their cottage in Chignal Road dragging their guns behind them on exercise.

In August 1917 John spent two months down with pneumonia, and coughing resulting from his chest condition caused a rupture. The re-emergence of the hernia led to his medical discharge on 20 Oct 1918. He lived the rest of his life in his cottage, dying there in his fifty seventh year of heart failure<sup>100</sup>

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<sup>100</sup> Walter Perrin

## 5a. James of Magdelan Laver



JAMES "JIM" BEARD. (Son of WILLIAM and SUSANNAH BEARD *See 4a Cully the Poacher*). Born in Good Easter on 4 Jan 1874. Described as a milkman and living in Moulsham, Chelmsford in 1895. Moved to White House Farm in Great Baddow by 1896. By 1935, working as a gardener. Married ADA ELIZABETH PARISH (Born 1872. Died 22 Sep 1940. Buried in Magdelan Laver), who was at the time working as a servant, in Magdelan Laver on 5 Oct 1895. Died 1956, buried Magdelan Laver.

Children of JAMES and ADA BEARD are:

- i. REGINALD JAMES BEARD.  
Born in Great Baddow in 1896. Baptised Magdelan Laver 13 Jun 1896. Traction Engine Driver. In army 1915 to 1919. Married AMY LOUISA WALKER of Bobbingworth in 1923 (Born 16 Feb 1897 in Bobbingworth. Buried in Chipping Ongar) who at the time worked in Pyers Drapery Store in Epping. Became steam engine driver for council. Died 1974. Buried in Chipping Ongar

Children of REGINALD and AMY BEARD are:

- i. REGINALD WILLIAM JAMES BEARD  
Possibly born High Ongar 1926. Baptised Magdelan Laver 5 Jan 1926. *See 6. Reginald and Dennis Beard of Ongar*
  - ii. DENNIS IAN BEARD  
Born in Shelley, Ongar 11 Apr 1935. *See 6. Reginald and Dennis Beard of Ongar*
- ii. STANLEY JOHN "SHONK" or "TATERS" BEARD  
Born in 1901. Roadman. Married FLORENCE LAURA DIBLEY of Magdelan Laver on 30 Nov 1935. Died 22 Feb 1965. Buried Magdelan Laver.

Children of STANLEY and FLORENCE BEARD are:

- i. PAMELA "PAM" BEARD  
Born 1937. Marrie Alan Porter
- ii. ANTHONY "TONY" BEARD  
Born 30 Jan 1940. Married VALERIE BURNETT. Died 19 Aug 1990. Buried in Magdelan Laver

Children of ANTHONY and VALERIE BEARD are:

- i. SUSAN BEARD
  - ii. TINA BEARD
- iii. MARJORIE BEARD  
Born 1902. Married Alfred Stock. Died May 1991. Buried Magdelan Laver.

- iv. LESLIE WILLIAM "LES" BEARD  
Born 1903. Served aboard HMS Ajax in 1920s. Lived at Magdelan Laver. Died 11 Mar 1977. Buried Magdelan Laver.
- v. BERTRAM EDWARD "BERT" or "SHAVER" BEARD  
Born 1905. Died 9 Jun 1977. Buried Magdelan Laver
- vi. GLADYS DOROTHY BEARD  
Born 1912. Married Bernard Brown. Lived Magdelan Laver. Died 1982. Buried Magdelan Laver

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James (1874-1956) was the eldest son of Cully (after William Hassler, who retained his mothers name), and the great great grandson of John of Roxwell. Born in Good Easter<sup>101</sup>, he married Ada Elizabeth Parrish (1872-1940), the daughter of an engine driver, in Magdalen Laver in 1895 (apparently in the presence of Cully) and had six children between 1896 and 1912 (although note that Stanley, Marjorie and Leslie appear to have been baptised elsewhere indicating a period of around two years living outside of that parish). James appears to have been a labourer to begin with, but after 1895 is referred to as either a "milkman" or "cowman", working initially from Moulsham<sup>102</sup>. James ended his days working as a gardener in Magdelan Laver, living for at least some of this time at Spencers Lodge and Wynters Cottage.

Youngest son Leslie (1903-1977) had a period of military service, sailing aboard Destroyer HMS Ajax in the early 1920s. He was involved in a serious motorbike accident, but was able to set up a homestead with Reginald at Rosedene at a cost of £525<sup>103</sup>. Les (who later became a gardener at "the Grange"<sup>104</sup>), Bertram ("Bert" or "Shaver" 1905-1977, who worked as a builders labourer<sup>105</sup>) and Gladys (1912-1982, married Bernard Brown) all saw out their days there, latterly racing greyhounds. Marjorie (1902-1991) married Alfred Stock and lived to the ripe age of 89

James and Ada's second son Stanley (1901-1965) had something resembling rickets as a child and didn't walk until the age of 3, but made up for lost time developing into a "gentle giant", who worked as a roadworker and ganger<sup>106</sup>. He married East End Poor Law girl Florence Dibley (who was at that time in service in Matching<sup>107</sup>) in 19xx; and together they had two children, Anthony (1940-1990) and Pamela (b.1937). Stan is remembered rabbiting with brother Reginald towards Water End farm every Saturday<sup>108</sup>.

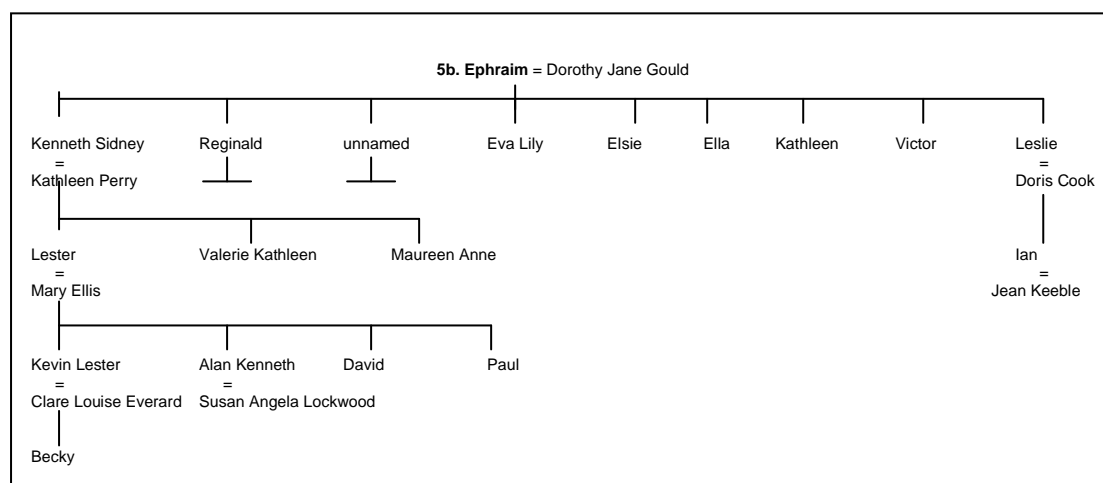
Eldest son Reginald (1896-1974), born at White House Farm in Chelmsford<sup>109</sup>, worked as a traction engine driver before World War One, but was drafted into the infantry in 1915 (though he is referred to as a 'sapper' implying service in the Royal Engineers<sup>110</sup>), and served one further year as a locomotive fireman after the war. For at least a period he is known to have been stationed in both Egypt and Palestine.

He left the army in 1919 and shortly afterwards went to work for the Council as a steam engine driver. He married Amy Louisa Walker (1897-) from Bobbingworth in 1923, and they moved to Aukingford Gardens in Chipping Ongar. Reginald was forced to quit the Council towards the end of World War Two, suffering from crippling dermatitis, probably caused by regular contact with the cotton padding used to clean the engines. It took him around eight months to recover, at which time he took up a position as a stoker at North Weald aerodrome. Reginald died after being hit by a car just yards from his house<sup>111</sup>.

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<sup>101</sup> Birth Certificate  
<sup>102</sup> Conversation with Dennis Beard  
<sup>103</sup> Ibid  
<sup>104</sup> Ibid  
<sup>105</sup> Ibid  
<sup>106</sup> Conversation with Dennis Beard and Pamela Beard, 14/4/1992  
<sup>107</sup> Conversation with Pamela Beard, 14/4/92  
<sup>108</sup> Conversation with Dennis Beard, 14/4/1992  
<sup>109</sup> Birth Certificate  
<sup>110</sup> Draft document belonging to Dennis Beard  
<sup>111</sup> Conversation with Dennis Beard, 2001

## 5b. Ephraim the Blacksmith



EPHRAIM "EPH" BEARD (Son of WILLIAM and SUSANNAH BEARD See 4a *Cully the Poacher*) Born in Good Easter on 22 Sep 1878. Married DOROTHY JANE "DOLLY" GOULD (Died 25th Jan 1958 aged 72). Lived in Farnbridge End Good Easter from 1911 to 1914. Moved to Wheelers Cottages 1916. Died 5 Feb 1940. Buried Good Easter.

Children of EPHRAIM and DOROTHY BEARD are:

- i. KENNETH SIDNEY BEARD  
Born in Good Easter on 18 Apr 1901. Plasterer. Married KATHLEEN PERRY (Born 1913. Died 18 Oct 1968. Buried in Roxwell) in Roxwell on 16 Mar 1936. Died 4 Mar 1977. Buried in Roxwell.

Children of KENNETH and KATHLEEN BEARD are:

- i. LESTER KENNETH BEARD  
Baptised in Roxwell on 2 Oct 1936. Builders Labourer. Married Mary Louisa Ellis

Children of LESTER and MARY BEARD are:

- i. KEVIN LESTER BEARD  
Born in Roxwell on 15 May 1963. Married CLAIRE LOUISE EVERARD (b.1967, Office Manager from Roxwell) in Roxwell on 18 Apr 1987.

Children of KEVIN and CLAIRE BEARD are:

- i. BECKY BEARD
- ii. ALAN KENNETH BEARD  
Born in Roxwell on 25 May 1965. Married SUSAN ANGELA LOCKWOOD (b.1964, Office Clerk from Springfield) in Roxwell on 15 Apr 1989.
- iii. DAVID BEARD
- iv. PAUL BEARD
- ii. VALERIE KATHLEEN BEARD  
Baptised in Roxwell on 15 Apr 1941. Typist. Married Kenneth William Watts (b.1941, Lorry Driver from Great Leighs) in Roxwell on 11 Mar 1961

- iii. MAUREEN ANN BEARD  
Baptised in Roxwell on 9 Jul 1944. Book keeper. Married Kenneth Malcolm Plane (b.1940, Estimator from Chelmsford) in Roxwell on 17 Sep 1966
- ii. REGINALD BEARD  
Born in Good Easter on 20 Feb 1903. Buried in Good Easter on 9 Oct 1906
- iii. Unnamed male child  
Buried in Good Easter on 24 Dec 1904
- iv. EVA LILY BEARD  
Born in Good Easter on 23 Sep 1906. Married George Tyler.
- v. ELSIE BEARD  
Born in Good Easter on 10 May 1908. Married Dennis Daniel Smith in High Easter on 31 May 1937
- vi. ELLA BEARD  
Born in Good Easter on 13 Jul 1909. Married Jack Caton.
- vii. KATHLEEN BEARD  
Born in Good Easter on 28 Dec 1910. Married Albert Beech.
- viii. VICTOR BEARD  
Born in Good Easter on 26 Dec 1914. No known issue.
- ix. LESLIE BEARD  
Born in Good Easter on 5 Jun 1920. Married DORIS COOK

Children of LESLIE and DORIS BEARD are:

- i. IAN BEARD  
Married Jean Keeble

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Ephraim (1878-1940) is still remembered in Good Easter as the village blacksmith<sup>112</sup> and allegedly a part of his forge may still be found there<sup>113</sup>. The shop itself was in Wheelers Cottages next to The Fountain pub on the Dunmow road, and the Smith was ultimately destroyed because of its dangerous condition<sup>114</sup>. He married Dorothy Jane Gould (1886-1958) and must still have had reasonable contact with his brothers and sisters since neice Gladys (daughter of James) remembered making the not inconsiderable trip from Magdelane Laver to visit them<sup>115</sup>

They had nine children in Good Easter between 1901 and 1920<sup>116</sup>. Two, Reginald (1903-06) and an unnamed male child (1904) died at an early age<sup>117</sup>. All were schooled in Good Easter from the ages of 4 to 13, and it is known that the family home until 1923 was at Farmbridge End, at which point they moved to Wheelers Cottages.<sup>118</sup>

Ephraim's eldest son Kenneth (1901-1977) who worked as a plasterer married Kathleen Perry of Roxwell in 1936<sup>119</sup>. They settled there afterwards with three children – Lester (b.1936), Valerie (b.1941) and Maureen (b.1944)<sup>120</sup>. Valerie and Maureen both married in Roxwell, to Kenneth Watts and Kenneth Plane respectively<sup>121</sup>. Lester, also a plasterer, remained in Roxwell and married Mary Louisa Ellis. They had four sons, Kevin (b.1963, a plasterer who married Claire Everard in 1987, and was at that point still in Roxwell), Alan (b.1965, apparently called "Jack", married Susan Lockwood in 1989 and was last living in Springfield)<sup>122</sup>, David and Paul.

<sup>112</sup> Farm Records 1916-1922, UK National Register of Archives NRA 41577, ESS 16/1/1

<sup>113</sup> Conversation with Revd Bartlam, vicar of Good Easter, c.1990

<sup>114</sup> Letter from Revd Bartlam

<sup>115</sup> Conversation with Dennis Beard

<sup>116</sup> Good Easter baptisms ERO D/P 57

<sup>117</sup> Good Easter burials ERO D/P 57

<sup>118</sup> Good Easter School Admissions Book ERO E/MA/30, 1-2

<sup>119</sup> Roxwell marriages D/P 288/1/11

<sup>120</sup> Roxwell baptisms D/P 288/1/7

<sup>121</sup> Roxwell marriages D/P 288/1/12,13

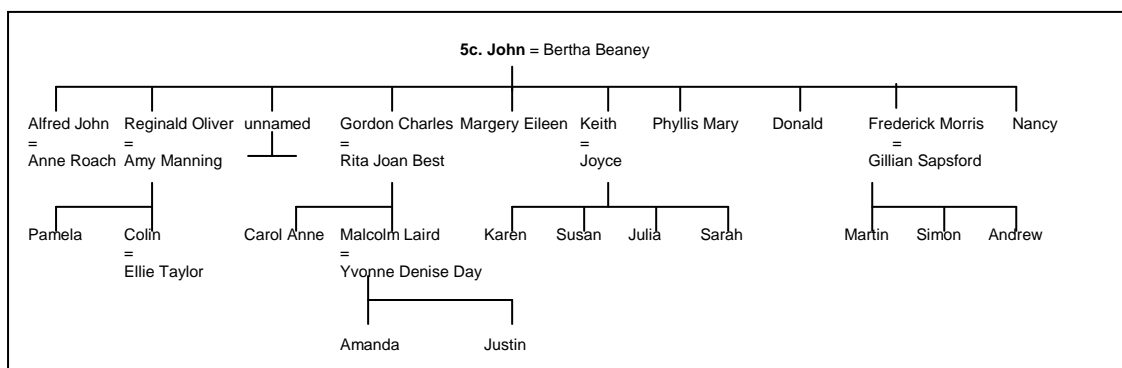
<sup>122</sup> Roxwell baptisms D/P 288/1/14 and Roxwell baptisms D/P 288/1/7

Ephraim's youngest son Leslie married Doris Cook and had a son, Ian. Unlike sisters Eva, Elsie, Ella and Kathleen (who married George Tyler, Dennis Smith, Jack Caton and Albert Beech respectively), Victor never married<sup>123</sup>.

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<sup>123</sup> Letter from Doris Bailey, 20/3/1992

## 5c. John of High Easter



JOHN "JACK" BEARD (Son of WILLIAM and SUSANNAH BEARD See 4a *Cully the Poacher*). Born 1888. Married BERTHA BEANEY in Chelmsford on 7 May 1913. Died 6 Sep 1951.

Children of JOHN and BERTHA BEARD are:

- i. ALFRED JOHN BEARD  
Born 23 Apr 1913, possibly in Good Easter. Married ANNE ROACH (d. 23 Apr 1991) on 5 Apr 1947, probably in Chelmsford.
- ii. REGINALD OLIVER BEARD  
Born 1915. Storekeeper. Married AMY IRENE MANNING (born 1919) in High Easter on 7 Jan 1939. Died by 1990s

Children of REGINALD and AMY are:

- i. PAMELA BEARD  
Married Alfred Welling
- ii. COLIN BEARD  
Married ELLIE TAYLOR
- iii. Unnamed female child
- iv. GORDON CHARLES BEARD  
Born 1923 in High Easter. Married RITA JOAN BEST (born 3 Nov 1922 Bury St Edmunds) of Lawhall in High Easter on 6 Feb 1943.

Children of GORDON and RITA BEARD are:

- i. CAROL ANNE BEARD  
Born 3 Aug 1943 in Newmarket. Married Keith Lorkin in Lawshall 19 Sep 1965
- ii. MALCOLM LAIRD BEARD  
Born 12 Dec 1947 in Newmarket. Married YVONNE DENISE DAY. Now divorced.

Children of MALCOLM and YVONNE BEARD are:

- i. AMANDA BEARD  
Born 26 Nov 1969
- ii. JUSTIN BEARD  
Born 13 Sep 1971

v. MARGERY EILEEN "MADGE" BEARD  
Born 18 Jun 1924. Married Ernest Henry May in High Easter on 23 April 1943. Harry died, and Margery married again, to a man from High Roding<sup>124</sup>

vi. KEITH BEARD  
Born 16 Mar 1928. Married JOYCE, from whom he was 'parted', allegedly as a consequence of a brief affair with another woman<sup>125</sup>

Children of KEITH and JOYCE BEARD are:

- i. KAREN BEARD
- ii. SUSAN BEARD
- iii. JULIA BEARD
- iv. SARAH BEARD

vii. PHYLIS MAY BEARD  
Born 24 May 1929. Married John Raymond Claydon, tractor driver, in High Easter on 1 April 1950. Living in Roxwell in 2002

viii. DONALD BEARD  
Born 6 Feb 1930. Died Nov 1937

ix. FREDERICK MORRIS BEARD  
Born 21 May 1931. Married GILLIAN SAPSFORD. The couple are described as 'parted'<sup>126</sup>

Children of Frederick and GILLIAN BEARD are:

- i. MARTIN BEARD
- ii. SIMON BEARD
- iii. ANDREW BEARD

x. NANCY BEARD  
Born 12 Mar 1933. Married Douglas Stock, who died in 2001.

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John Beard (1888-1951) lived at Hopkins Farm in High Easter. He married Bertha Beaney in Chelmsford in 1913.<sup>127</sup> Jack Beard joined the army about 1917 when he volunteered, and despite only having the sight in one eye was accepted and served in the Pioneer Corps<sup>128</sup>.

Son Alfred (b.1913) who was born three weeks before his parents wed (possibly in Good Easter), was living in Woodgrange Drive in Southend in 1992. He married an Irish girl, Anne Roach (d.1991) in Chelmsford in 1947. They did not have children<sup>129</sup>.

Second son Reginald Oliver (b.1915, died by 1992) married Amy Manning and had two children, Pamela and Colin. Colin married Ellie Taylor<sup>130</sup>. Colins exact whereabouts is unknown.

There then followed an unnamed female child who died shortly after birth sometime between 1916-1922.

Third son Gordon Charles (b.1923) was born in High Easter, the parish where in 1943 he also married Rita Joan Best, daughter of a gamekeeper from Bury St Edmunds. They have two children, Carol Anne (b.1943, married Keith Lorking) and Malcolm Laird (b.1947, married Yvonne Day, now divorced), in Newmarket, and though the line continues with Amanda

<sup>124</sup> Letter from Derek Bircher, May 2002

<sup>125</sup> Letter from Derek Bircher, May 2002

<sup>126</sup> Letter from Derek Bircher, May 2002

<sup>127</sup> Letter from Gordon Beard, 23/6/1992

<sup>128</sup> 'High Easter through the 20<sup>th</sup> Century' by Derek E Bircher, p.24

<sup>129</sup> Ibid

<sup>130</sup> Ibid

(b.1969) and Justin (b.1971, working for Sun Alliance in 1992), Essex is no longer their home<sup>131</sup>. Both Gordon and Reginald Beard served in the Second World War

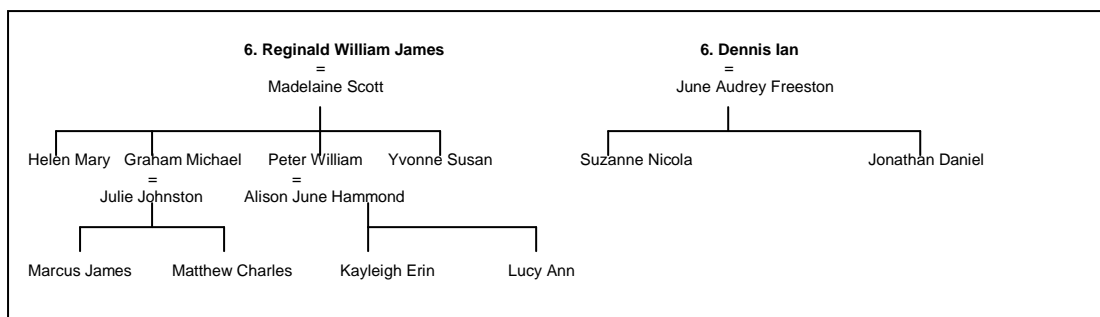
Margery Eileen (b.1924) married Harry May. Keith (b.1928) married Joyce and had four girls, Karen, Susan, Julia and Sarah.<sup>132</sup> He moved to Sudbury at some point, and still lives there today, although his wife passed on some time ago. He himself underwent extensive heart surgery during 2001/02<sup>133</sup>.

Donald Beard (1930-7) died as a child. Frederick Morris (b.1931) married Gillian Sapsford and had three children, Martin, Simon and Andrew, though again we do not know where. Nancy (b.1933) married Douglas Stock.<sup>134</sup>

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<sup>131</sup> Ibid  
<sup>132</sup> Ibid  
<sup>133</sup> Letter from Derek Bircher April 2002  
<sup>134</sup> Ibid

## 6. Reginald and Dennis Beard



REGINALD WILLIAM JAMES "REG" BEARD (Son of REGINALD and AMY BEARD. Possibly Born High Ongar 1926. Baptised Magdelan Laver 5 Jan 1926. See 5a James of Magdelan Laver). Born 1926. Married MADELEINE SCOTT. Died 1995

Children of REGINALD and MADELIENE BEARD are:

- i. HELEN MARY BEARD  
Born 1948. Married Steve Lamert Jones
- ii. GRAHAM MICHAEL BEARD  
Born 10 Feb 1952. Married JULIE JOHNSON (born 12 Sep 1945)

Children of GRAHAM and JULIE BEARD are:

- i. MARCUS JAMES BEARD  
Born 18 Dec 1973
- ii. MATTHEW CHARLES BEARD  
Born 29 Jul 1975
- iii. PETER WILLIAM BEARD  
Born 6 October 1953. Married ALISON JUNE HAMMOND ( born 28 Apr 1956) on 10 Jul 1979

Children PETER and ALISON BEARD are:

- i. LUCY ANN BEARD  
Born 12 January 1984
- ii. KAYLEIGH ERIN BEARD  
Born 24 Jan 1986
- iv. YVONNE SUSAN BEARD  
Born 28 Oct 1957 in Singapore. Married Robin Fegan

DENNIS IAN "DEN or "DENNY" BEARD (Son of REGINALD and AMY BEARD. See 5a James of Magdelan Laver). Born in Shelley, Ongar 11 Apr 1935. Married JUNE AUDREY FREESTON (born 14 Feb 1937 in High Ongar)

Children of DENNIS and JUNE BEARD are:

- i. SUZANNE NICOLA BEARD  
Born in Epping on 25 Jun 1966.
- ii. JONATHAN DANIEL BEARD  
Born in Epping on 10 Mar 1972. Baptised Roxwell.

Reginald and Amys son Reginald (1926-1995) joined the Royal Airforce and during his 22 year service from 1944 to 1976 he was stationed in Singapore, Cyprus and Malta. Aged 44 and ranked Flight Lieutenant, he was one of only ten or so men in Britain at the time to reach 10,000 air miles<sup>135</sup>, and ultimately reached the rank of Squadron leader, clocking up 12,500 miles in total. Reginald married Madelaine Scott and had four children, Helen, Graham, Peter and Yvonne. Certainly the family were stationed in Singapore 1964 to 1966, as at this time Helen was head girl and Peter was attending RAF Changi Grammar School. After a period in Wiltshire, Reg and Madeleine settled in Dunmow where they won the "flitch", a side of gammon of bacon given to any couple who could swear that they had never once offended each other in deed or word, or ever wished themselves unmarried again. Reginald finished his working life as a bursar at a school in Dunmow, and sadly died in 1995 of colonic cancer aged only 69. Madelaine survived Reginald by some five years, travelling exotic regions of the world. She too met an untimely end, the result of a car accident in Cambridge. Helen married Steven Lambert Jones, and Yvonne married Robin Fegan. Graham (who married Julie Johnston, with children Marcus and Matthew) and Peter (who married Alison June Hammond with children Kayleigh and Lucy) both live in Wiltshire.

Reginald and Amys second son Dennis was born in Ongar in 1935 and lived at Aukingford Gardens during his youth. He was educated at Ongar Comprehensive School, and in his youth was captain of the Shelley Demons cycling team, and a member of Shellet AFC. He began work at 15, but this was cut short by conscription, which for him meant two years service in the Royal Air Force. On 28 July 1957 in Chipping Ongar he married June Freeston, the daughter of a local grocer from High Ongar. They have lived in Ongar ever since. Dennis worked a builders labourer until the age of x, but returned to school to obtain some further qualifications, and shortly after took up a job as a technical drawer/draughtsman at English Electric Valve Company on Waterworks Road in Chelmsford. He retired in 199x. June worked at Piggots in Stamford Rivers between x and x, but more recently worked as a secretary at Kiln Road Coachworks in Stondon Massey.

Suzanne and Jonathan Beard followed similar paths throughout much of their early lives. Both were born at St Margarets in Epping, but baptised in Roxwell, and grew up in Chipping Ongar. Both attended the local schools, though Jonathan completed his sixth form studies at Chelmsford College, as Ongar Comprehensive was due to close before his final year of study. Both worked in local government for a period (Suzanne in Walthamstow and Jonathan in Maldon) before going to university in Norwich. Finally, upon graduation, both gained employment in the public sector. Sue moved to Highgate in North London in 1988, and started worked with the National Council for Vocational Qualifications. In x she moved to Crouch End, and ultimately on to Crouch Hill, where she lives today with partner Tony, who she met at university. Jon remained in Norwich on graduating in 1995, and started working for the University of East Anglia shortly afterwards.

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<sup>135</sup> Newspaper article

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