

# THE BIRD FAMILY OF BARTON STACEY, HAMPSHIRE c.1720-1801

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**WILLIAM BIRD.** The first occurrence of the name Bird in parish records is the baptism in 1720 of a child of William and Mary Bird. Theirs was *perhaps* the marriage of William Bird to Mary Lewis at Whitchurch, Hampshire on 8 October 1716.

A William Bird - perhaps this man or his son - was buried at Barton Stacey on 12 March 1768. There were three Mary Birds buried (1755, 1757 and 1770), any of whom could be William's wife.

## **Children of William and Mary Bird, baptised at Barton Stacey,**

- i. [perhaps] **EDWARD.** He married Mary Roffe at Stoke Charity, Hampshire on 18 June 1738. He died in 1759 and was buried at Barton Stacey on 4 July. Administration of his estate was granted at Winchester on 5 March 1760<sup>1</sup>.

## **Children of Edward and Mary (Roffe) Bird, baptised at Barton Stacey,**

- i. Mary, baptised 24 April 1739.
  - ii. Christian, baptised 9 November 1740. She died soon after and was buried on 15 November.
  - iii. [perhaps] Elizabeth. Elizabeth Bird had an illegitimate son Henry late in 1761. She is probably the lady who married Abraham Offer at Barton Stacey on 24 January 1762. The marriage was witnessed by Betty Childs and Christian Bird.  
Elizabeth Offer was buried at Barton Stacey on 30 July 1783. Abraham Offer married Dorothy Stanbrook (died 1838 in Barton Stacey, aged 85) at Longparish on 20 June 1784. He died in 1812 and was buried at Barton Stacey on 19 March.  
A son,
    - i. Henry, baptised 17 November 1761 at Barton Stacey.
  - iv. Christian, baptised 8 July 1745. She married on 23 November 1767 at Barton Stacey, by licence, John Dyckes. Mary Moody and John Childes were the witnesses.
- ii. [perhaps] Mary. She married Stephen Page at Barton Stacey on 30 November 1741. He was baptised on 7 April 1717, son of James and Elizabeth Page of Barton Stacey. Stephen Page died in 1744 and was buried at Barton Stacey on 15 July. Mary Page seems to have died elsewhere.
  - iii. Elizabeth, baptised March 1720.
  - iv. John, baptised 7 November 1728.

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<sup>1</sup> Hampshire Record Office: 1760AD/07 Probate administration of Edward Bird of Barton Stacey, Hampshire, labourer, and 21M65/D4/1760/6 Bond for the administration of the estate of Edward Bird of Barton Stacey, labourer 1760 03 05.

- v. Ann, baptised 22 November 1731. She married William Griffen at Barton Stacey on 27 February 1764. John Drake and John Chiles were the witnesses. He was perhaps the son of Elizabeth Griffin senior who died in Barton Stacey in 1754 (buried 3 April). Ann, wife of William Griffen, was buried on 24 July 1801. William Griffen, widower, died in 1812 and was buried on 22 March.  
Children, baptised at Barton Stacey - Susanna 1766, Amy 1768, Sarah 1769, Leah 1774.

**GEORGE BIRD** was probably a brother of William Bird. He married Elizabeth Stiles of Barton Stacey on 5 April 1727 at Barton Stacey.

Elizabeth Bird, perhaps the wife of George, was buried at Barton Stacey on 13 May 1775. George Bird's burial was elsewhere.

**Children of George and Elizabeth (Stiles) Bird, baptised at Barton Stacey,**

- i. George, baptised 18 June 1727.
- ii. John, baptised 31 August 1729.
- iii. William, baptised 7 January 1732/3.

**NOTES:**

1718 Nov 30	Marriage	Barton Stacey	Henry SKEAT of Bullington & Elizabeth BIRD of Bullington. Any children born to this marriage were not baptised at Barton Stacey or Bullington.
1744 May 20	Burial	Barton Stacey	Richard BIRD.
1754 Nov 21	Burial	Barton Stacey	Jane? James? BIRD.
1755 Oct 11	Burial	Barton Stacey	Mary BIRD.
1757 Mar 19	Burial	Barton Stacey	Mary BIRD.
1770 Aug 10	Burial	Barton Stacey	Mary BIRD.
1800 Nov 20	Marriage	Barton Stacey	Levi STUBBS & Hannah BIRD.

THOMAS BIRD was a journeyman shoemaker, working for William Brickwood, a shoemaker who lived at the house now known as Chalk Dell in Barton Stacey. He was born about 1817 in Tisbury, Wiltshire. In 1839 he witnessed the marriage of John Webb, a carrier of Barton Stacey, to Elizabeth Farley. He was living at Chalk Dell at the time of the 1841 and 1851 censuses, a single man, but left the parish in the 1850s.

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