

THE BROWN FAMILIES OF BARTON STACEY, HAMPSHIRE

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As would be expected of a common name, there have been Brown families in the parish of Barton Stacey since at least the 17th century. Connecting people mentioned in the register of baptisms, marriages and burials - which survive from 1713 - is far from simple. There is no clear connected pedigree of a Brown family in Barton Stacey parish, though it remains a possibility that when other evidence emerges the people mentioned on pages 1 and 2 will prove to be part of four generations of the same family during the 18th century.

Probate records held at Hampshire Record Office, Winchester:

1605AD/07	Inventory of Robert Browne of Barton Stacey.
1607AD/09	Inventory of John Brown (Broune) of Barton Stacey.
1636A/13	Will, inventory, court paper, accounts and guardianship papers relating to Robert Browne of Barton Stacey, Hampshire, shepherd.
202M85/5/1/59	Bond for the administration of the will of Robert Browne of Barton Stacey by Robert Cooper and John Boyes of the same, yeomen 20 Sep 1638.
1718B/07	Will of John Brown of Barton Stacey.
1799A/019	Will of George Brown of Barton Stacey, Hampshire, gardener.

JOHN BROWN of Barton Stacey died in 1718 and was buried on 21 April 1718 at the parish church of All Saints, leaving a will which was proved at Winchester.

GEORGE BROWN lived in the hamlet of Bransbury in Barton Stacey in the early 1700s. He was born before the date from which the registers of All Saints survive. It is possible that the will of John Brown (died 1718) might mention him as a brother or a son. George Brown married Jane _____ (surname presently unknown). She was buried as the 'wife of George Brown of Brandsbury' at Barton Stacey on 30 August 1717. He appears to have then married Elizabeth _____. George Brown 'of Brandsbury' was buried on 2 September 1719.

Children of George and Elizabeth Brown, baptised at Barton Stacey,

- i. Elizabeth, baptised 2 September 1719. She died in infancy at Bransbury hamlet, Barton Stacey parish, and was buried on 3 December 1719.

GEORGE BROWN, whose baptism is not found at Barton Stacey, married Elizabeth Hinxman in Barton Stacey on 10 November 1761. She is presumably the Elizabeth Brown who died in 1774

and was buried at Barton Stacey on 26 January. George Brown, a gardener, died a widower and was buried on 23 May 1799 at Barton Stacey, leaving a will, proved at Winchester.

Children of George and Elizabeth (Hinzman) Brown, baptised at Barton Stacey,

- i. **GEORGE**, baptised 7 January 1763. George Brown married Ann ____ (born about 1761). He had died before 1841, when Ann Brown was living at census time that year in a cottage north of the Church in Barton Stacey village. With her was Susanna Brown (born 1802-1806), both said to be of independent means, and James Brown (born 1820), a bricklayer's labourer. Marital status is not stated in this census, so it is not possible to say whether Susannah was a daughter or perhaps a daughter-in-law of Ann Brown. James Brown was perhaps Ann Brown's grandson. In an adjacent cottage were George and Hannah (Moody) Brown.
Ann Brown died in 1848 aged 87.

Children of George and Ann Brown, baptised at Barton Stacey,

- i. Mary, baptised 10 May 1795.
 - ii. Elizabeth, baptised 9 September 1798.
 - iii. Sarah, baptised 10 October 1802.
 - iv. Anne, baptised 19 June 1803. She married George Lawrence on 1 June 1820. Children, baptised at Barton Stacey - George and Thomas. The Lawrence family do not appear in later Barton Stacey censuses.
- ii. Elizabeth, baptised 17 May 1765. She married Isaac Hurst on 8 November 1787 at Barton Stacey. They appear to have left the parish.
 - iii. Dinah, baptised 7 October 1770. She married James Morris (baptised 26 August 1770, son of James Morris and his wife Ann (1749-1841) of Barton Stacey) on 6 February 1794 at Barton Stacey. His family are buried in grave numbers 11, 26 and 27 in Barton Stacey churchyard. James Morris died in 1815 aged 43, Dinah in 1831 aged 61. Both are buried at Barton Stacey.¹
Children baptised at Barton Stacey - Fanny, Elizabeth, Betty, Elizabeth Jane, John.

Notes - events taken from the parish register of All Saints Church, Barton Stacey:

John Brown was buried on 21 April 1718.

Mary Brown was buried on 3 March 1775.

Mary Brown was buried on 14 May 1778.

Elizabeth Brown was buried on 26 January 1774.

John Browne was buried on 31 August 1803.

James Brown was buried on 7 June 1835 aged 78 (born about 1757).

Joseph Brown married Mary Russel on 17 August 1777. She died in 1778 and was buried on 14 May. He seems to have married secondly Elizabeth Salmon on 1 May 1780.

John Brown married Mary Barnes on 5 August 1793, perhaps the John Brown who died in 1803.

Thomas Brown married Diana Tibel on 9 November 1801.

Sarah Brown had a son George Brown, baptised 8 December 1805. He is perhaps the George Brown who died in 1844 aged 39.

Mary Brown had a son William Waldron Brown, baptised 8 January 1804.

¹ It is worth noting a James and Martha Morris who had a son Isaac Hurst Morris baptised at Barton Stacey on 18 March 1827.

Ann Brown had a son James Brown, baptised 19 October 1819.

George Brown was born, according to the 1841 census, between 1782 and 1786 in Hampshire. He married Sarah Moody on 1 February 1821. She appears to have been a widow, since after George's death she went to live with the family of her daughter Elizabeth (Moody) Miller. Elizabeth had been born in 1808 in West Wellow, Hampshire.

George Brown was a gardener, living with his wife Sarah at the time of the 1841 census in the area north of the Church in Barton Stacey village. He is perhaps the George Brown who died in 1845 aged 58. She died in Lockerley in 1862 aged 85.

William Brown was born in Barton Stacey, in around 1795. A labourer, he joined the Coldstream Regiment of Foot Guards at Winchester on 16 May 1820 (no. 475), stating that he was then 18 years of age. He served a total of 23 years 43 days before being declared unfit, owing to breathing difficulties attributable to his army service. On 27 June 1843 his age was recorded as 41 years 3 months. He lodged for many years in Barton Stacey village with carpenter William Smith and his wife Hannah (Westrip), who were from Hurstbourne Tarrant. He reported his year of birth consistently as about 1795. He died unmarried in 1873 or 1878.

WILLIAM BROWN was born around 1807, according to the 1851 census in Barton Stacey or in Penton Mewsey (near Andover) as recorded in the census of 1861. A farm worker, he married Maria Cannons on 9 June 1835. She was baptised at Barton Stacey on 10 April 1814, daughter of George and Sarah Cannons. William Brown was working at Heath Farm, Headley, Surrey at the time of the 1841 census but moved soon after to Andover and, by 1846, to Barton Stacey, where he found work at Moody's Down Farm. Maria his wife died in 1849 aged 35. During the 1850s William Brown moved with his family to Chantry Street, Andover.

Children of William and Maria (Cannons) Brown,

- i. Sarah, baptised 22 May 1836 at Barton Stacey.
- ii. Jane, born 1839 in Headley.
- iii. James, born 1840 in Headley.
- iv. Ellen, born about 1843 in Andover.
- v. Emma, born about 1845 in Barton Stacey parish. She was a domestic servant in Andover at the time of the 1861 census. She married Henry Gasson and lived in Lambeth, London.
- vi. **ALFRED**, born about 1849 at Moody's Down in Barton Stacey. He married Mary A. ___?___ and was a gardener in Teddington, Middlesex.
Children, as known - Arthur, Herbert, Louisa, Charles, Maud.

Dennis Henry Brown was born in 1859 in Crawley, Hampshire, son of William Brown, a farm worker. A bricklayer, he married Mary Ann Farley in 1883. She was the daughter of Walter Farley, a carpenter and wheelwright of Barton Stacey. Dennis and Mary Ann Brown had no children. She died in 1916 aged 56. Dennis Brown died at Yew Tree Cottage, Barton Stacey on 14 December 1934, aged 76.

EDWARD G. BROWN moved to Bransbury in the 1890s from Netheravon, Wiltshire, where he had worked as a shepherd for Charles Cornthwaite Stidston who became the farmer at Church Farm, Bransbury. Edward Brown was born about 1851 in Battersea, London and married firstly Eliza __?__ and lived in her birthplace of Great Bedwyn or Little Bedwyn, Wiltshire, before moving to Netheravon in the 1880s. In 1898 he married his second wife Mary Ann Daniels who was the widow of Matthew Thomas of Netheravon, and who had six children.

FREDERICK BROWN of Parnholt Wood, Farley Chamberlayne, Hampshire, moved to Bransbury hamlet, Barton Stacey, during the course of World War I. He was a woodman and hoop maker, who was born in Hursley, Hampshire in about 1864. He married Elizabeth Ellen Summers (born 1863 Broadway, Dorset; died 1904, aged 42).

Children of Frederick and Elizabeth Ellen (Summers) Brown, (as known, of seven born)

- i. Frederick, born 1891 in Braishfield, Hampshire. He served with the 7th Battalion of the Royal Sussex Regiment in World War 1 (service number 492). The 7th Battalion was the first service Battalion of Lord Kitchener's New Army to be formed in the Royal Sussex Regiment. It began recruiting at Chichester on 12th August 1914. After training in the UK the Battalion landed in Boulogne on 31st May 1915. The Battalion then saw action on the Western Front at the Battle of Loos in late 1915 and later at the Battle of the Craters at the Hohenzollern Redoubt in March 1916. The latter battle started in No Man's Land where the Germans were occupying craters made from earlier explosions and continuing enemy tunnelling had to counter-measured. At 5.45 on the 3rd March Royal Engineers exploded 3 large mines followed by a heavy artillery barrage. The craters were immediately occupied and successfully defended by, amongst others, the 7th Battalion. Around 220 officers and men were either killed or wounded including Frederick Brown who was killed in the action on 3 March 1916. He is buried in the Lievin Communal Cemetery, France, grave Reference VI .D. 10 and his name appears on Barton Stacey's War Memorial.
- ii. James George, born 1892 in Braishfield. He was a farm carter in Farley Chamberlayne and moved with his family to Bransbury. His service records do not seem to have survived but, according to the Barton Stacey Roll of Honour, he served with the Royal Marines during World War 1.
- iii. Elizabeth Ellen, born 1894 in Farley Chamberlayne.
- iv. William Charles, born 1896. He was a carter at Hill Farm, Barton Stacey. His service records do not seem to have survived but, according to the Barton Stacey Roll of Honour, he served with the Royal Marines during World War 1.
- v. Rose, born 1898.
- vi. Frances, born 1902.
