

## THE CANNING FAMILY OF BARTON STACEY, HAMPSHIRE c.1800-1850s

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Written documents dating from 1802, relating to the family of George Cannon who married that year in Barton Stacey, give four versions of his surname - Canning, Cannings, Cannon and Cannons. The spellings in the following account are as they are found in written documents.

**GEORGE CANNON**, born about 1774, married firstly Charlotte Curtis on 3 June 1802 at All Saints, the parish church of Barton Stacey. They had two daughters before her death eight years later. Charlotte *Cannings* was buried at Barton Stacey on 6 May 1810. George *Canning* married secondly Hannah Martin on 13 May 1812 at All Angels church in the adjacent parish of Bullington.

This family were seemingly Methodists by religious persuasion. In 1834 Anthony Anthony of Bransbury applied to the Bishop of Winchester to register a non-conformist meeting house at their home. The Anthony family was instrumental in getting the Primitive Methodist Chapel built in Barton Stacey in 1844.

To The Right Honble the Bishop of Winchester or His Registrar  
We whose names are hereto subscribed do certify that the House in the Occupation  
of George Cannings situated in the parish of Barton Stacey in the county of  
Southampton is intended forthwith to be used as a place of Religious Worship by an  
assembly of his Majesties Protestant Subjects and do hereby request you to register  
the same this seventeenth day of February 1834  
[signed] Anthony Antoney  
[signed] John turton

George *Cannon* was buried at Barton Stacey on 7 September 1836, aged 62. In 1840 Hannah *Cannons* married William Lock, a farm labourer of Barton Stacey (baptised 12 March 1786, son of John and Sarah Lock, first wife Sarah Rolf). They lived in the parish of Barton Stacey into old age.

### **Children of George and Charlotte, baptised at Barton Stacey,**

- i. Barbara, baptised 31 August 1803 as *Cannings*. She married Richard Rumbold on 27 January 1827 at Barton Stacey.
- ii. Mary Ann, baptised 21 June 1807 as *Cannings*. She married James Ray (born about 1806 in Bullington) on 7 April 1828 at Barton Stacey. They lived in Bullington, where Mary Ann died in 1848.  
Children, as known - Mary, Martha, Charles, Elizabeth, Enos, Sarah.

### **Children of George and Hannah, all baptised at Barton Stacey with the surname *Cannons*,**

- iii. Maria, baptised 10 April 1814. Maria *Cannons* married farm labourer William Brown, (born in Barton Stacey in about 1807) at Barton Stacey on 9 June 1835. After spending a few years in the late 1830s in Headley, Surrey, William brought his family

back to Andover around 1843 and to Barton Stacey about two years after this. Maria Brown died in 1849 aged 35, after which her husband moved with the family to Andover.

Children, as known - Sarah, Jane, James, Ellen, Emma, Alfred.

- iv. Sarah, baptised 14 December 1815. Sarah *Cannon* was buried at Barton Stacey on 12 November 1834, aged 18.
  - v. George, baptised 8 July 1820.
  - vi. William, baptised 23 June 1822, who was buried five days later.
  - vii. Jane, baptised 3 August 1823. She had a son in 1840.
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- i. **WILLIAM**, born 6 April 1840 in Barton Stacey, Hampshire, baptised at All Saints on 19 July, son of spinster Jane Cannon. He does not appear in the 1841 Barton Stacey census. He appears to be the William Lock found in Barton Stacey village, aged 11, living with his grandmother Hannah (Martin/ Cannons) Lock and her second husband. He was perhaps serving abroad at the time of the 1861 census.

He attested for the Rifle Brigade on 6 October 1857 at Winchester, a labourer aged 17 years 6 months. His pay did not commence until 6 April 1858, presumably his 18th birthday. He was 5 feet 6 inches tall with brown hair, blue eyes and a fresh complexion. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1875 (service number 1433). During his 21 years as a soldier, he served for 5 years 1 month in Malta, 1 year 10 months in Gibraltar and 2 years 2 months in Canada. He was in England in April 1871, when he was a patient at the (military) Herbert Hospital at Shooter's Hill, London. He was 39 years 9 months of age when he claimed discharge from 1st Battalion, Rifle Brigade on the termination of his second period of limited service, on 5 January 1880. He received a medal for long service and good conduct and had a Second Class Certificate of Education.

In 1873 William Cannings married Mary Ann Ewell (born in Chislet, Kent, daughter of William Ewell, a labourer, and his wife Elizabeth). At his discharge from the army he was intending to live at Vine Cottage, Herne, near Canterbury, Kent. He became (or more likely returned to being) a farm worker. They moved around a great deal in the 1870s and 1880s before settling in Kent. Their home at the time of the 1891 census was 127 Northgate, Canterbury. William died at 4 Cotton Mill Row, St Stephens, Kent, and was buried at St Stephen's, Hackington on 8 June 1904 aged 64. His wife died later that year aged 63.

**Children of William and Mary Ann (Ewell) Cannings,**

- i. Alfred William, born in Brookhurst, Hampshire, baptised 18 October 1874 at Alverstoke, Hampshire. He married Dora Jane Taylor in 1897. He died on 5 November 1953 in Kennington, Ashford, Kent.
  - ii. Louise Maria, born 28 November 1876 in Dublin, Ireland. She married Edmund Thomas Curtis in 1905 in the Canterbury area.
  - iii. Edith Marian, born 1881 in Battersea. She married William Curtis, a coachman from Canterbury, on 4 June 1906 and lived in Ashford, Kent.
  - iv. Mabel Florence, born 1883 in Reigate, Surrey.
- viii. Charlotte, baptised 22 July 1827. She died at the age of eight and was buried at Barton Stacey on 23 December 1835.
  - ix. **JAMES**, baptised 14 November 1830. He became a railway labourer in Egham, Surrey.

He married Rachel Gosling (born in Bungay, Suffolk in 1837, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Gosling) at St Mary's, Staines, Middlesex on 15 October 1854. He was a farm labourer and bricklayer in Staines, before becoming a railway labourer. His wife died in 1871 aged 31. He died in 1911 aged 81.

Children, as known - Frederick Charles, Elizabeth Hill, George Thomas, James Nathaniel.

- x. Ellen, baptised 23 December 1832.

NOTES:

1680 Will and inventory of Alice Cannings of Newton Stacey, Barton Stacey, Hampshire, widow.  
Hampshire Record Office Reference Number: 1680A/019.

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