

# THE COOK FAMILIES OF BARTON STACEY, HAMPSHIRE, 1879-1931

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There were two distinct Cook families who lived in Barton Stacey parish.  
These were the families of:

**ALBERT COOK**, born 1847 in Wherwell, Hampshire, a blacksmith who married Fanny Stone and moved to Barton Stacey village in 1878-79. This family left the village after the Great War.

**JOHN COOK**, born 1868 in Stockbridge, Hampshire, also a blacksmith (but seemingly unrelated to the Albert Cook mentioned above), who married Ada Gambling and moved into Barton Stacey village around 1905 to run the village smithy. His eldest son Henry took over the business. His wife died in Barton Stacey in 1931, the last known record of the surname in the parish.

**ALBERT COOK** was born in 1847 in Fullerton, Wherwell parish, Hampshire, son of Robert Cook (1823-1868), a blacksmith, and his wife Fanny Neale.

He married Fanny Stone (born in Wherwell in 1847, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Miller) Stone) in 1870. They moved from Chapel Court, Wherwell to Fullerton in the mid-1870s before settling in Barton Stacey village in 1878-79, where Albert Cook was a blacksmith. They lived at first at 2 Wade's Cottages but had moved by the time of the 1891 census to the house now known as The Forge in Barton Stacey village, which once had a smithy close by.

Albert Cook died in 1896 aged 50. Fanny Cook appears on the 1920 electoral roll. There were no Cook families in the parish by the time of the 1939 Register. He and his wife are not buried at Barton Stacey.

Of the seven men named on the Barton Stacey Roll of Honour with the surname Cook, six were sons of Albert and Fanny Stone.

## **Children of Albert and Fanny (Stone) Cook,**

- i. Elfreda Ellen, born 1870 at Wherwell and baptised there on 4 December that year. Before her marriage she was in service at Manor Farm House, Itchen Stoke. In 1892

she married Walter Henry Butcher, a gardener and cowman from Itchen Stoke. They lived in Tichborne and then in Dean village, Whitchurch, Hampshire. Mrs Butcher died in 1911 age 41.

Children (from a pedigree posted at Ancestry.com) - Lucy May 1892, Alice Ann 1895, Alfreda Emma 1898, Ellen L. 1899, Vera 1910.

ii. Alice Jane, born 1872. At the time of the 1891 census she was domestic servant to the Jobling family at Moody's Down House, Barton Stacey. Nothing further presently known.

iii. **HENRY CHARLES**, born 8 January 1874 in Fullerton, called Charles in censuses. He was at first an assistant to his father in the blacksmith shop. By 1911 he was a carman for a miller in Midhurst, Sussex, living in Cuck Lane there with his future wife Ellen Wake. They were married on 30 September 1915 at Uckfield Register Office.

He enlisted on 2 August 1915 at West Lavington, Midhurst, with the Motor Transport Service of the Army Service Corps (service no. M2/116585), reporting that he had already served with the Hampshire Regiment for ten years. Private Cook was at Grove Park from August 1915 and was in France from 25 February 1916 to 2 March 1918, with 374 Company 39th Divisional Supply Column (service no. 213199).

Henry Charles Cook died in Midhurst in 1940 aged 66.

**Children of Henry Charles and Ellen (Wake) Cook, born in Midhurst,**

- i. Henry Charles, born 1905.
- ii. Alec Albert, born 1908.
- iii. Hilda Dorothy Irene
- iv. Kathleen Sybil Margaret, born 1911.
- v. Edwin Ernest Victor, born 1913.

iv. William John, born 1875. He was living in Barton Stacey at the time of the 1891 census. Nothing further known.

v. George, born 1877. He became a groom in Barton Stacey and, by the time of the 1911 census, was the village postman, living with his wife in a cottage north of the church. In 1910 he married Jane Eliza Read (born 1880 in Longparish, Hampshire).

vi. **ALBERT**, born 1 May 1879 in Barton Stacey. In 1901 he married Elizabeth Fanny Crouch of Barton Stacey (born 1 July 1879, daughter of John and Elizabeth Crouch). They moved around 1901 to Eastleigh, Hampshire, where Albert Cook was a blacksmith, making springs for the carriage department of the railway works. In World War I he served with the 1st Battalion of the Hampshire Regiment.

Elizabeth Cook died aged 67 and was buried in Eastleigh Cemetery in 1947. Her husband died in 1968 aged 88.

**Children of Albert and Elizabeth Fanny (Crouch) Cook,**

- i. Dorothy Annie, born 1900 in Barton Stacey.
- ii. Hilda May, born 1902 in Eastleigh.
- iii. Albert John, born 1903.
- iv. Alan, born 1905.

vii. Fred, born 1881. He was working for Mr Judd as a farm carter when he joined the 3rd Battalion of the Hampshire Regiment on 17 January 1899. 8756 Stoker Fred Cook purchased his discharge at the end of October that year. He later joined the Royal Navy and at census time in 1911 was a stoker 1st Class on board HMS *St Vincent*, a Battleship, 1st Class, 1st Battle Squadron, at Portland, Dorset. Unfortunately, his Navy Record has not survived to tell about Stoker Fred Cook's service during the war.

- viii. Edward, born 1883. He was at first a farm carter in Barton Stacey. In 1913 he married Florence Henrietta Hebditch and their home was at 28 Lampmead Road, Lee, London. He enlisted in the Royal Field Artillery of the 98th Brigade and was a member of 'B' battery. The Royal Field Artillery, formed in 1899, provided artillery support for the British Army and was responsible for medium calibre guns and howitzers. It was reamalgamated with the Royal Artillery in 1924. 52871 Gnr. Edward Cook was killed in action in Greece on 11 September 1916. He is buried in the Karasouli Military Cemetery, Greece. Grave Reference A.212.
- ix. Emily Ada, born 2 November 1885. In 1908 she married Joseph Ernest Marshman, a farm labourer from Micheldever Station (born 1 November 1881), and moved to Ticklely Cottage, Bentworth, near Alton, Hampshire. They moved before the time of the 1939 Register to 3 New Cottages, Burpham Lane, Guildford, where Mr Marshman was a labourer with Surrey County Council.
- x. Victor, born 1889. He became a domestic coachman in Barton Stacey village. In 1913 he married Rosina Mary Andrews in 1913 and their home was at 14 City Road, Winchester. He enlisted in 1915 in the Army Service Corps as a motorised vehicle driver. He was then attached to the 185th Tunnelling Company, Royal Engineers, in October 1915 at Rouen, France, and remained part of the unit for the remainder of the Great War. It was during the 'Great Advance to Victory', in the pursuit of the retreating German Army to Mons in October 1918, that M/317832 Pte. was admitted to the Military Base Hospital at Etaples, suffering from bronchopneumonia. He died from his illness on 14th November 1918. He is buried in the Etaples Military Cemetery, Grave Reference L.C.6.
- xi. Ernest, born 1892. He was a shepherd in Barton Stacey. Like his older brother Albert, Ernest Cook served with the 1st Battalion of the Hampshire Regiment. Like his older brother Albert, he served with the 1st Battalion of the Hampshire Regiment. He enlisted in November 1912 and served in France when war broke out. There is a record of 9227 Pte. E. Cook's admission to a field hospital in July 1916 with shrapnel wounds to his right arm and both legs, after which he was transferred to the hospital ship *Asturias*. We have no records of any return to the Front but he was finally discharged from the army in July 1918 aged 26. We presently have no information of Ernest Cook after the war.

**JOHN COOK** was born in 1868 in Stockbridge, Hampshire, son of John Cook, a smith from Chute, Wiltshire, and his wife Sarah. He grew up in Stockbridge, becoming a blacksmith like his father. In 1893 he married Ada Gambling (born 1871 in Longstock, Hampshire, daughter of Henry and Ann Gambling). They lived in Beenham, Berkshire where he was blacksmith for the estate there. In around 1905 they moved to Barton Stacey village, where he set up a smithing shop, which passed at his death to his son Henry.

John Cook died on 8 September 1915 aged 48 and is buried in Barton Stacey churchyard (grave no. 220).

#### **Children of John and Ada (Gambling) Cook,**

- i. Henry William *Gambling*, born 1890 in Longstock and known as Harry Cook. A blacksmith, he married (as Henry William Gambling) Ada Elizabeth A. Golding (Bessie/ Elizabeth) of Winchester. She was the daughter of William Golding, a carpenter from Longstock who settled in the Chesil area of Winchester, and his wife

Mary Ann (Whatmore). Elizabeth Golding was a housemaid at Rewlands, Harestock, Winchester before their marriage.

Henry Cook would appear to be the man with this name listed in the 1920 Barton Stacey electoral roll. He perhaps took over his father's smithing business in the village. His wife's death at the age of 40 was registered at Andover in 1931 as Ada Elizabeth *Gambling*. Ada Elizabeth Gambling Cook was buried at Barton Stacey on 8 June 1931. We have yet to find where Henry Cook died.

- ii. **FREDERICK JOHN**, born 24 September 1900 in Beenham, died 1988.
- iii. William Douglas, born 5 December 1902, died 1979.
- iv. Arthur Stanley, born 13 January 1907 in Barton Stacey, died 1983.

## Notes:

All Saints, Barton Stacey marriages:

- 1717 Oct 28      Lawrence COOK of Warnford m. Mary HAMMOND of Warnford, by licence.
- 1831 Dec 25      George GUYATT m. Elizabeth COOK.
- 1834 Nov 03      William COOK m. Harriet GALE.