

THE ELKINS FAMILY OF BARTON STACEY PARISH

c.1873-c.1933

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HENRY ELKINS was born in 1848 in Chilcomb, near Winchester, Hampshire, son of Joseph and Sarah (Mills) Elkins. He married Ann Benham of Bransbury, who was born there in 1846, daughter of Henry and Jane (Siney) Benham.

Henry and Ann Elkins remained in Bransbury all their lives, probably in one of the cottages associated with Bransbury Mill. He worked as a carter. Henry died in 1917, aged 68. Ann Elkins lived to be 86 and was buried at Barton Stacey on 11 January 1933.

Children of Henry and Ann (Benham) Elkins, born in Bransbury,

- i. William Henry, born 2 March 1874. He became a professional soldier, enlisting with the Hants & Isle of Wight Artillery Militia on 15 December 1893 at Sandown. He was posted to India in October 1894 where he remained until returning for home duty in December 1907. He married Lucy Jane Taylor in 1905 in Bombay. Lucy Taylor was born in August 1878 in Fittleton, Wiltshire, daughter of William Taylor, farm worker, and his wife Letitia. She was raised in Netheravon, Wiltshire and moved to Bransbury with her family in 1890s.
William Elkins was promoted to Sergeant in June 1908 and became an Instructor in the Leicestershire RHA (Territorial Force) in Leicester. He retired from military duty at the end of World War 1 and became a gardener in Andover. He died in 1955 aged 81, his wife in 1956 aged 77.
- ii. Edith, 1876-1877.
- iii. Kate, born 1878. *Kathleen* Elkins married Thomas Brain in 1904. His plumbing and gasfitting business was in Poole, Dorset. Mr Brain died in 1942 aged 73, his wife in 1961 aged 83.
Children, as known - Roy, boy twins who died in infancy and Phyllis.
- iv. Ethel Kate, born 1880. She was called Ethel Mary Elkins in the 1911 census, a servant at Drayton Park House, Barton Stacey. Later in 1911 she married Charles Edward West (born 1876 in Titchfield, son of George and Jane West). He was a railway platelayer who was boarding in Bransbury with Hephzibah Benham, widow of William Benham, Ethel Elkin's maternal uncle.
Children, as known - Gladys, Kathleen and Eileen.
- v. Annie Jane, born 1882.
- vi. Alice, born 1884.

- vii. Lily, born 1886. In 1914 she married John Dowdell (born 1881 in Netheravon, son of Thomas and Louisa (Collier) Dowdell of Bransbury). After his war service in Egypt, they raised their family and lived in Wherwell (at least at the time of the 1939 Register). John Dowdell died in 1944 aged 62, his wife in 1968 aged 81
Children - Hazel A. and John H.
- viii. Samuel Birtie, born 1890.