

THE FARLEY FAMILY OF BARTON STACEY, HAMPSHIRE

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JOHN FARLEY was born in Wylye, Wiltshire on 9 November 1790 and baptised there at 10 days old, son of William and Elizabeth Farley. A **carpenter and wheelwright**, he was living by 1813 in Chilbolton, Hampshire. He married there on 22 August 1813 **Charlotte Rile** (born about 1792 in Charlton, Andover, Hampshire).

They moved from Chilbolton into Barton Stacey between the birth of their son Walter in 1834 and the birth of their daughter Harriet in 1836. They occupied a cottage owned by Charles Rowe¹. This cottage lay behind another cottage which stood beside The Street through Barton Stacey village and belonged to the Diddams family of shoemakers. These cottages, with others, once stood on the east side of The Street, opposite the entrance to the present Ringbourne Copse (a new development which was until 2018 the site of Wade's Farm). On the 1840 Tithe Map of Barton Stacey parish, the Farley's house was on plot 232.

John Farley died in 1860 aged 69 and his widow Charlotte took over the running of the business, employing two carpenters. She did not stay in the house opposite Wade's Farm. The census of 1861 finds Charlotte and her daughter Harriet in one half of what is now called Yew Tree Cottage, the other half occupied by her recently widowed daughter Rosalena and her children. Charlotte's son Walter Farley was living with his wife and baby daughter in Plough Cottage.

By the time of the 1871 census, Charlotte Farley, together with daughter Rosalena Davis and her children, was living in a cottage at the northern edge of Barton Stacey village. This is named in 1881 as Kings Cottage and in 1891 as Terrace Cottage and is the house now called Wheat Cottage. Charlotte Farley died in 1883 aged 94.

Children of John and Charlotte (Rile) Farley, born in Chilbolton except the last,

- i. Mary Ann, baptised 18 June 1816 at Andover Independent church. On 29 December 1838 at Barton Stacey she married maltster George Alexander (son of farmer Thomas

¹ This was perhaps the Charles Roe, born about 1794 in Barton Stacey, who in 1851 was a master bricklayer employing three men, living in Upper Brook Street, Winchester.

- Alexander). Robert Morrison Potticary and Mary Ann's sister Elizabeth were their witnesses. They lived in Forton in Longparish, where Mr Alexander became a grocer. A son Walter, born 1840.
- ii. Elizabeth, born about 1819 but baptised in 1839 at Barton Stacey with her younger siblings John, Rosalina and Sophia, perhaps in readiness for her wedding that year. She married John Webb, a dealer and carrier of Barton Stacey. They lived in one of 'Webb's Cottages', near to her parents. John Webb died in 1855 aged 37 and Elizabeth continued the carrier's business with her son James.
Children - Elizabeth, Ann, James, Sarah Jane, John William, Henry and Walter.
See *The Webb Family of Barton Stacey* at www.bartonstaceyhistory.co.uk.
- iii. Sophia, born about 1824. She was a servant at Forton Farm, Longparish before her marriage on 21 January 1847 at Barton Stacey to Isaac Diddams, a boot and shoe maker in Barton Stacey (son of James and Ann (Dicker) Diddams). William Diddams and Ann Diddams were their witnesses. The Diddams family lived in the cottage adjacent to that of the Farleys. Isaac and Sophia Diddams moved during the 1870s to Sutton Scotney. Isaac Diddams died on 1 November 1891 in Sutton Scotney. Sophia Diddams was living at the time of the 1901 census with the family of her daughter Mrs Harriet Calcutt, wife of Frederick the bailiff at Baynards Farm, Ewhurst, Surrey. By 1911 she was with the family of her daughter Rose Whatley, wife of Daniel, a railway guard in Basingstoke. Sophia Diddams died in Basingstoke in 1916 aged 93.
Children - Henry John, Gilbert, Albert, Edwin, Emma, Clement, Harriet, Rose.
See *The Diddams Family of Barton Stacey* at www.bartonstaceyhistory.co.uk.
- iv. [perhaps] Charlotte, born about 1827. She died in 1830 and was buried on 15 March at Chilbolton, aged 3.
- v. John, born 1829. He died at the age of 12 and was buried at Barton Stacey on 10 October 1841.
- vi. Mary Ann, baptised 12 August 1832 at Chilbolton. She presumably died young.
- vii. Rosalina, born about 1832. She married George Davis, a blacksmith (born East Woodhay, Hampshire) on 26 December 1853 at Barton Stacey. Her brother Walter Farley and Ellen Diddams were their witnesses. George Davis was a son of James Davis, blacksmith, and his wife Mary Ann Lovell, whose family lived at the house now called Mount Pleasant, Barton Stacey.
George Davis died around 1860 and his wife and children then lived with her mother in Terrace Cottage (now called Wheat Cottage). In 1894 Terrace Cottage and the adjacent malthouse and granary were sold. The sale particulars tell us that Mrs R. Davis then occupied the cottage on a quarterly tenancy at a rent of £8 per annum.
Rosalina Davis died on 14 July 1904 aged 73 and is buried with her daughter Sophia in grave no. 128 in Barton Stacey churchyard.
See *The Davis Family of Barton Stacey* at www.bartonstaceyhistory.co.uk.
- viii. **WALTER**, born 1834 in Chilbolton. On 24 December 1856 at Barton Stacey he married his neighbour Hannah Eyers, daughter of Edmund Eyers, licensee of the Plough Inn, and his wife Sarah. By the time of the 1871 census Walter Farley had taken over the family business in Barton Stacey village, and was then a carpenter and builder

employing three men. He was the enumerator for the parish at census time in 1871 and again in 1881 and 1891.

After the death of his father, Walter Farley and his young family lived in Plough Cottage (one end of the inn run by his father-in-law). He moved during the 1880s with his wife and daughter Mabel to Yew Tree Cottage, Barton Stacey, where he was to spend the rest of his life. This house had, up until the time that Walter Farley moved there, been divided into two dwellings. Hannah Farley's father, Edmund Eyres, had retired there. Mr Eyres died in 1887, after which Hannah's sister Elizabeth Eyres, who had been caring for her father, married Henry Hayter in 1889 and went to live in Winchester. The other 'half' of Yew Tree Cottage had been occupied by George and Ann (Brickwood) Knight, who went to manage the Plough Inn.

Walter Farley enjoyed over 30 years of retirement; he died on 24 December 1925 aged 92. Administration of his estate was eventually granted on 16 July 1935 at Winchester to William Walter Hugh Wyatt, carpenter, his grandson.

See also *The Eyers Family of Barton Stacey* at www.bartonstaceyhistory.co.uk.

Children of Walter and Hannah (Eyers) Farley,

- i. Sarah, born 1857. She died soon after birth.
- ii. Mary Ann, born 1859. On 1 December 1883 at Barton Stacey, she married Dennis Henry Brown, a mason and bricklayer from Crawley, Hampshire, (son of William Brown, farm worker). After their marriage the Browns household is listed in the census of 1891 adjacent to that of Mary Ann's aunt Rosalena Davis; they perhaps shared Wheat Cottage. They moved in the 1890s to a cottage opposite Barton Stacey shop and Post Office but by the time of the 1911 census were sharing Yew Tree Cottage with Mary Ann's father.
Dennis Brown died on 14 December 1934 at Yew Tree Cottage, Barton Stacey. This couple had no children.
- iii. Laura Elfreda, born 1867. She died in infancy in 1868.
- iv. Mabel Adeline, born 1869. She was a dressmaker and, on 21 December 1898 at Barton Stacey, married Alexander John Wyatt, a carpenter (born in 1876 in Donhead, Wiltshire, son of baker William Wyatt). They shared Yew Tree Cottage with her parents.
Children - William Walter Hugh Wyatt, born 6 June 1899, who continued to live at Yew Tree Cottage until at least 1939 and later ran the Plough Inn in the village; Alexander John Wyatt, born and died in 1901.
- ix. Harriet, baptised 28 August 1836 at Barton Stacey. She became a parlourmaid and was 'living in' in Alverstoke at the time of the 1871 census. She died unmarried in Fareham on 29 February 1880 and administration of her personal estate was granted to her sister Rosalena Davis.

A farm worker called Thomas Farley, apparently unrelated to the Farleys described above, moved into Barton Stacey in the 1860s.

THOMAS FARLEY was born about 1827 in Abbots Ann and baptised there on 14 March 1830, son of George Farley, labourer and his wife Mary (Goodall). He was raised in Wildhern, where, like his father, he was a farm worker.

On 24 October 1863 at Barton Stacey he married Harriet Gaiger (born about 1835, daughter of William and Jemima (Gale) Gaiger of Barton Stacey). Charles Gaiger and Martha Castleman were their witnesses. Thomas and Harriet Farley lived in one of the cottages opposite the Post Office and shop in Barton Stacey village, probably part of what is now Wareham Cottages.

Thomas Farley died in 1884, said to be aged 54, Harriet Farley in 1894 aged 59.
