

THE NORTH FAMILIES OF BARTON STACEY, HAMPSHIRE, mid-18thC to 1940s

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This article concentrates on two family lines with the surname North.

ROBERT NORTH (c.1755-1795) was a maltster in Barton Stacey village, some of whose descendants remained in the village until the 1870s. *Page 2.*

JOSEPH NORTH (1843-1916) was a farm labourer in Bullington and then from the 1890s in Barton Stacey. His sons moved away but his two daughters married into Barton Stacey families and his elder daughter Elizabeth Ann Dewey lived at Hillside until the 1940s. *Page 4.*

However, the earliest reference I have so far found to the surname North in Barton Stacey parish was in the year 1609 when Thomas North of Barton Stacey, a tailor, sold a dwelling and land in Wickham, Hampshire, called Spores, to James Smythe of Lindfield, Sussex, gentleman¹.

There then appears to have been at most one family with the surname North in Barton Stacey parish in the mid-1700s. The first reference in the registers of All Saints, the parish church of Barton Stacey (which survive only from the year 1713), is the burial of Amy North on 8 July 1759. There is no indication in the register of her age or marital status.

Thomas North and Betty Childs witnessed the marriage on 10 November 1761 of George Brown to Elizabeth Hinxman. Thomas North was perhaps the father of Robert North, who is described next.

¹ Hampshire Record Office, 106M87/B25/1, Bargain and sale of a messuage and land called Spores in Wickham (with bond) 20 Mar 1609, (i) Thomas North of Barton Stacey, taylor (ii) James Smythe of Lindfield, Sussex, gent.

ROBERT NORTH, whose baptism has not yet been found, was a maltster in Barton Stacey village. He married Hannah Turton (born about 1758) on 11 October 1775 at Barton Stacey. He was buried at Barton Stacey on 24 April 1795. His widow Hannah died aged 69 and was buried on 5 May 1827 (grave ref. no. 37) in the same grave as her son Charles.

Children of Robert and Hannah (Turton) North, baptised at All Saints', Barton Stacey,

- i. [perhaps] Robert. It was perhaps their first-born who was the Robert North buried at Barton Stacey on 2 January 1776.
- ii. Ann, baptised 11 February 1778. She married William Challis at Barton Stacey on 21 November 1805.
- iii. Elizabeth, baptised 17 July 1779. She married John Wakeford at Barton Stacey in 1813.
- iv. Sarah, baptised 1781. She was living at the time of the 1841 census with her brother William in Barton Stacey village. She was buried on 13 September 1865 in grave no. 35 alongside her sister Hannah.
- v. **JOHN**, baptised 10 March 1783. He married Betsy Bunce² (born about 1777) on 30 June 1807 at Sherfield English, Hampshire. They were to have four children in Barton Stacey before his untimely death at the age of only 30; he was buried on 8 May 1813. *Betsey* North died aged 65 in 1842 in Itchen Stoke, where she lived with her sons William and Henry. Both she and her husband are buried at Barton Stacey (grave ref. no. 39).

Children of John and Betsy (Bunce) North, baptised at Barton Stacey,

- i. **JOHN BUNCE**, baptised 19 May 1808. He married Charlotte Westbury 1842 and was a miller, firstly at Woodborough, Wiltshire, then at Whistley Mill, Potterne, Devizes, Wiltshire. He died in Wiltshire in 1883 aged 75.
Children, born in Wiltshire except the first - Eleanor T., born Hampshire, John, William, Henry, Tom.
- ii. William Henry, baptised 9 November 1809. He and his brother Henry were farming at Hampage, Itchen Stoke in 1841 but, after his marriage in 1843 to Jane Wake Parsons, William farmed 260 acres at Oakley Farm, Mottisfont, Hampshire.
In the 1860s they moved to a smaller farm in Marchwood, Hampshire where Mr North died in 1871 aged 61. Jane Wake North returned to Barton Stacey where she died in 1885 aged 73. They are buried in grave no. 107 in Barton Stacey churchyard.
- iii. Henry Bunce, baptised 8 August 1811. He lived with his wife Ann in

² Hampshire Record Office, ref. 59A03/4A. Title deeds to Breaches Leaze and Egbury Grange, both in St Mary Bourne, and Coopers in the Wood Farm, Whitchurch and St Mary Bourne 1799-1854.

.... Henry Bunce junior died in 1814 leaving four sisters (Betsy North of Barton Stacey, widow; Charity Morris wife of Charles Morris of Wherwell, yeoman; Sarah Holdway wife of Robert Holdway of Crawley, maltster, and Lucy Bunce of Longparish, spinster); they (with the surviving husbands) sold the property to Robert Phillips Vincent, gentleman, in 1816. He mortgaged it to John Brown of Hannington, yeoman, in 1821, and in 1824 the trustees of his will sold the equity of redemption to John Brown

Kingsworthy, Winchester.

- iv. **ROBERT**, baptised 18 July 1813. He married Jane Mills of Longparish in 1843 and was a farmer of 38 acres in Barton Stacey, living with his wife and children in Barton Stacey village. He died on 26 December 1862 at Barton Stacey and administration of his estate was granted to his widow Jane on 11 May 1863 at the Principal Registry.

Jane North continued to keep cows on 7 acres of land in Barton Stacey but moved away before the census of 1881. She died on 6 February 1894 in Wherwell, probate being granted to her daughter Nancy Carter, with whom she had lived since Nancy's marriage.

Children of Robert and Jane (Mills) North, born in Barton Stacey,

- i. Jane, born 1845. She was living at the time of the 1871 census at 7 Silverhall Place, Isleworth, Middlesex, with her paternal aunt Mary Temple (born 1894 in Barton Stacey, widow of William Temple). Jane married her cousin Thomas North Temple (born about 1836 in Isleworth) on the Isle of Wight in 1877, where, with Mr Temple's sister Hannah, they ran Seaview Hotel. He died there in 1888 aged 52, his wife in the same year aged 42.
- ii. Nancy, born 1847. She married Francis Carter of Barton Stacey (son of Charles and Jane Carter) in 1874. They became grocers, bakers and beer retailers in Wherwell.
Children, born in Wherwell - Bessie J., Nancy, William, Dora E., Lily T.
- iii. Betsy, born 1849. She died in 1854 aged 5.
- vi. Thomas, baptised 28 March 1785. He lived in Terrace Cottage (now called Wheat Cottage), of independent means. He died unmarried in 1866 and is buried at Barton Stacey (grave ref. no 13).
- vii. Hannah, baptised 19 September 1786. She was living at the time of the 1841 census with her brother William in Barton Stacey village. She died in 1853 aged 66 and was buried near to William in All Saints' churchyard (grave ref. no. 35).
- viii. Robert, baptised 8 June 1788.
- ix. Charles, baptised 12 September 1790. He died aged 24 and was buried on 15 April 1815 (grave ref. no. 37).
- x. William, baptised 12 August 1792. He was a maltster in Barton Stacey, probably occupying the property now known as The Malthouse, next to the Church. With him at the time of the 1841 census were his sisters Sarah and Hannah. He died aged 58 in 1849 and was buried at Barton Stacey (grave ref. no. 36).
- xi. Mary, baptised 17 August 1794. She married William Temple on 1 September 1828 at St Mary's, Hanwell, Ealing, Middlesex.
Children, as known - Sarah, William North, Hannah, Mary, Thomas North.

JOSEPH NORTH and his wife Elizabeth arrived in Barton Stacey in the 1890s and lived in Barton Stacey village. He was born in 1843 in Kingsclere, Hampshire, son of Charles and Charlotte (Champ) North. He was living in the hamlet of Norton, in Wonston parish (adjacent to Barton Stacey) at the time of his marriage. He married Elizabeth Hopwood on 12 October 1872 at St Mark's, Tollington Park, Islington, London. She was born about 1838 in Victoria Park, London, daughter of Joseph Hopwood, a hand loom silk weaver, and his wife Elizabeth.

They lived in Bullington, another adjacent parish, before moving into Barton Stacey village in the 1890s. Joseph North died on 2 March 1916 aged 72, his wife on 2 March 1925 aged 86; they are buried in grave no. 245 in Barton Stacey churchyard.

Children of Joseph and Elizabeth (Hopwood) North, born in Bullington,

- i. Elizabeth Ann, born 1873. She married William Joseph Dewey from Poole, Dorset and lived in Bullington, before settling around 1906 at Hillside, Barton Stacey village. She died on 18 March 1944 aged 70, her husband on 5 September 1950 aged 86; they are buried in grave no. 305 in Barton Stacey churchyard.
- ii. **HERBERT JOSEPH**, born 15 June 1876. In 1899 he married Frances Ellen Cox (Ellen) from Hurstbourne Tarrant. Their first child Maggie was born in Andover but by the time of the census of 1901 he was a cowman on Goldings Farm, Eastrop, Basing, Hampshire. They spent some of the early 1900s in Portswood but by 1911 Herbert was a bricklayer's labourer in Basingstoke.
He was living at the time of the 1939 Register, a widower, with the family of his sister Jessie Benham in Crowthorne.

Children of Herbert Joseph and Frances Ellen (Cox) North,

- i. Maggie Elizabeth, born 1900 in Andover.
- ii. Cecil Herbert, born 1902 in Portswood.
- iii. William Charles, born 1902 in Portswood.
- iii. Charles Henry, born 1878.
- iv. Jessie Mary, born 5 April 1881. In 1903 she married Frederick William Benham, postman in Barton Stacey. He was born in Barton Stacey on 13 September 1880, son of Frederick and Fanny (Tilling) Benham. They moved to Barracane Cottages, Crowthorne, Berkshire before 1911, where Mr Benham was a gardener and where they remained until at least 1939.
Jessie Benham died in 1944 aged 63. She was buried on 22 July in grave no. 304 in Barton Stacey churchyard. Frederick William Benham died in 1975.
