

THE SPENCER FAMILIES IN BARTON STACEY, HAMPSHIRE

16th-17th centuries and 1830s-1860s

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There were two distinct periods when families called Spencer lived in Barton Stacey parish.

The Spencers of Barton Stacey in the 16th and 17th centuries

The following documents, which we have not yet studied, are held at Hampshire Record Office.

1559B/087	Will and inventory of Thomas Spenser of Barton Stacey, Hampshire.
1571A/40	Will and inventory of John Spenser of Barton Stacey, Hampshire.
1619A/095	Will and inventory of Thomas Spenser of Barton Stacey, Hampshire, husbandman.
1619A/096	Will and inventory of Joan Spenser of Barton Stacey, Hampshire, widow.
1636A/71	Will and inventory of John Spenser of Barton Stacey, Hampshire.
1671AD/121	Inventory of John Spenser of Barton Stacey, Hampshire.
1693AD/108	Court paper relating to probate of Elizabeth Spenser of Barton Stacey, Hampshire, spinster.
1717A/69	Will of Richard Spenser of Barton Stacey, Hampshire, yeoman.
Q25/3/1	Enrolment book containing the names and estates of papists registered under the Act of 1 George I, St 2, c 55 (1715), Easter 1717-Michaelmas 1746. A large (approximately 14 x 24 inches) vellum covered book, 142 pages. Easter 30 Apr 1717. Page 42. Ann Spenser, a widow of Barton Stacey, had two annuities from farm land at Barton Stacey, and a meadow ground called Boddicoats and a piece of land called West Moore in Barton Stacey.

The Spencers in Barton Stacey in the 1830s to 1860s.

THOMAS SPENCER came to Lower Farm, Barton Stacey in the 1830s from Longstock, Hampshire. This farm was part of the Barton Stacey Manor estate, then belonging to the Right Honourable Lady Frances Elizabeth Wright Wilson. It was also known as Lower Barton Farm or Manor Farm¹.

The farmhouse in which Thomas Spencer lived once stood between the northern end of the village and the Difford bridge, on the eastern side of the road. The site had a crescent shaped driveway with access to The Street at both ends. In addition to the farmyard area, there appear to be further buildings near the farmhouse. It is now occupied by two large barns.

Thomas Spencer was born in Andover and was baptised there on 27 June 1792, son of John and Sarah Spencer². He married Susannah Morris on 29 April 1824 at Kings Somborne. Thomas' son William was baptised at Longstock in 1832 and their move to Barton Stacey occurred at some time before the birth in Barton Stacey of their last child John in 1839. William Morris, Susannah's father, died in 1835 leaving his property to his widow Hannah with the remainder to his son-in-law Thomas Spencer of Barton Stacey, farmer³.

Thomas Spencer died in April 1865 aged 72 and was buried in grave no. 99 in All Saints' graveyard, Barton Stacey. In his will he left his property to his widow with the remainder to his siblings John Spencer, George Spencer and Sarah Ann Hooper. Susannah his widow had moved by 1871 with her son John to live in Church Street, Whitchurch, Hampshire. She died in 1878 aged 81.

Children of Thomas and Susannah (Morris) Spencer,

- i. **THOMAS COLE**, baptised 21 July 1825 at Longstock. A corn merchant's clerk, he married Sarah Ann Cowdery (born in Exton, Hampshire, daughter of Peter Cowdery, a farmer, and his wife Ann) in 1849. He died in Barton Stacey in 1861 aged 36 and Sarah Ann and their daughter Alice went to Nether Wallop to live with Sarah Ann's widowed mother Ann Cowdery.
A daughter,
 - i. Alice Godwin, born 1850. Educated in Salisbury, she became a governess in Nether Wallop before retiring to Southampton. She died unmarried in 1930, aged 80.
- ii. Sarah Ann, baptised 27 September 1827 at Longstock. She married Thomas Hooper (born in Netherton, Hampshire) in 1846 and they lived at Dunley House, Dunley Tythery, St Mary Bourne, Hampshire.
Children, as known - Mary Longman, Thomas, Emily Laura, Sarah Anne, William Frederick, Walter Spencer.
- iii. **GEORGE**, baptised 22 September 1830 at Longstock. He was living at the time of the 1841 census with the family of his presumed uncle and aunt in Longstock - John Spencer, carpenter of Church Street, and his wife Elizabeth. He became a corn

¹ Hampshire Record Office, Ref. No. 41M77/104/1-2. Returns of estate of the Right Honourable Lady Frances Elizabeth Wright Wilson at Barton Stacey, date 1832-1845, Includes Hill Farm, Cocum Farm, Upper and Lower Cranbourne Farms, Barton Street Farm, fishery at Drayton, Bransbury Common and Barton Stacey Sedge, Cranbourne Wood Farm, Lower Barton Farm, Drayton Home Farm, Barton Street Farm.

² John Spencer married Sarah Cole at Longstock on 23 June 1791.

³ Hampshire Record Office, Ref. No. 46M84/C7/15. Abstracts of title to Eastfield Cottages, Forton, Longparish 1883-1953.

merchant in London. In 1855 he married Juliana Patience Stanford (born 25 April 1830 in Alderbury, Wiltshire, daughter of William and Isabella Stanford). She died in 1865 aged 35, having had five children.

At the time of the 1871 census, George Spencer, a miller and a widower, was boarding in Bethnal Green with his son George Spencer (born 1856 in Bromley, Middlesex).

- iv. William, baptised 25 March 1832 at Longstock. He married Maria Tarrant on 8 October 1865 at Andover. William Spencer, yeoman of Barton Stacey, died 9 days later on 17 October 1865 aged 33, leaving a will proved at the Principal Registry on 8 November 1865, naming his widow as executor. He is buried in the same grave as his father.
- v. John, baptised 25 December 1839 in Barton Stacey. After his father's death, he moved with his mother to Whitchurch and married Amelia Porter in 1885. They were grocers in East Street, Andover. He died in 1919 aged 80.
