

THE VOKES FAMILY OF BARTON STACEY, HAMPSHIRE c.1880-c.1910

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JAMES VOKES was born in Wonston parish, Hampshire and baptised there on 9 February 1834, son of William and Mary Ann (Castleman) Vokes of Sutton Scotney. A farm labourer like his father, he lived in Cranborne and in Sutton Scotney village.

At the age of 38 he married Ann Lewis, at Wonston on 28 April 1872. She was baptised on 15 November 1846 at Wonston, a daughter of John and Sarah (Gover) Lewis. By about 1880 James and Ann Vokes had left Wonston and were living in a cottage at Moody's Down in Barton Stacey parish. During the next thirty years they were to move back and forth between farms in Wonston and Moody's Down.

Around 1884 they moved back to Wonston and at the time of the 1891 census were living in one of the Allif[?] Pond Cottages. They were back in Moody's Down by 1901. James Vokes died in 1907 aged 74, after which Ann Vokes his widow, together with sons Lewis and Ernest, moved to Brockley Cottages in nearby Chilbolton. She died in 1915 aged 68.

Children of James and Ann (Lewis) Vokes,

- i. Catherine Sarah, born 13 October 1873 Wonston parish. In 1904 she married George Sutton, a soldier from Alton, Hampshire, and lived in Winchester, where she died on 2 June 1942.
Children, as known - George, Kathleen Elizabeth, Edith May, William, Robert F.
- ii. George, born 1876. He married Emma Rose Bennett on 1 December 1900 at Barton Stacey and they were living a year later in one of Hill Farm Cottages, Barton Stacey parish. Emma was born in Barton Stacey, daughter of Henry and Fanny (Castleman) Bennett of Street Farm Cottages. They were living by 1911 at Ashton, Bishops Waltham and were in Fareham at the time he enlisted on 15 May 1915, service no. 18051 Hampshire Regiment. He served in Egypt until March 1916 and, on the march to France developed asthmatic symptoms. After spending time in hospitals in France and England, he was discharged on 30 March 1917 as no longer physically fit for war Service.
George Vokes died in 1936 aged 60, Emma on 22 February 1942 in North Baddesley, Hampshire.
- iii. Edith Mary, born 1878. In 1904 she married William Henry Stubbington. They lived in Winchester and emigrated to Canada in August 1912.
- iv. **LEWIS WILLIAM**, born 8 December 1881 at Moody's Down. He married Daisy Eleanor May White and lived at Manor Farm, Otterbourne, Hampshire. He died in 1944 aged 62.
- v. Jane Elizabeth, born 1883. At the time of the 1901 census she, together with Miss

Mary Lewis (born about 1861 in Sutton Scotney) was a housemaid in Withington, Hereford-shire. By 1911 she was housemaid at the Red House, Hursley, Hampshire. In 1912 she married Leonard Kirby. He was presumably the farm waggoner working in Hursley at this time. They lived later in Olivers Battery, Winchester.

A daughter Constance.

- vi. **HARRY EDGAR**, born 31 May 1885 in Wonston. In 1909 he married Kate Bennett from Barton Stacey, sister of Emma who married his older brother George. He was a farm carter at Moody's Down, Barton Stacey and then became a gardener in Chilbolton. During World War I he was a driver in the Army Service Corps and was in Egypt from 31 March 1915 (service number T4/071670). Later Harry Vokes was a builder's foreman in Farnham. He died in 1975 aged 90.

Children: Elsie, Gracie, Gladys, Gordon.

- vii. **ERNEST GOVER**, born 1890. He married Elizabeth J. Fisher and lived in Winchester. He died in 1954 aged 64 and was buried on 2 February at Magdalen Hill Cemetery.

NOTES

1794 Oct 21	Marriage	John Vokes to Christian Roof. All Saints, Barton Stacey.
1899 May 05	Birth	Ida Mary, daughter of Charles Kingstone, carter of Barton Stacey and his wife Ida Vokes; 1899 May 30 baptised at Barton Stacey Methodist Chapel.
1901 Dec 30	Birth	Ernest Arthur, to same parents; 1902 Feb 14 baptised at Barton Stacey Methodist Chapel.
