

THE WOODLEYS OF ESSEX FAMILY A - ASHDON

Version 1

© Copyright A C Woodley 2025

THE WOODLEY FAMILY OF THE CITY OF LONDON AND OF ASHDON IN ESSEX

Contents :

CHARLES WOODLEY AND HELENA PRICE (G8 - LONDON)

JOHN WOODLEY AND ANN (G9-LONDON)

JAMES WOODLEY AND ANN(E) SENIOR (G10-ASHDON)

THOMAS WOODLEY AND SARAH BARKER (G11-WIMBISH)

>>

WILLIAM WOODLEY AND LUCY MARSH (G14-ASHDON)

This family seems to have been based in the City of London, and is perhaps connected with another Woodley family living in Stepney. A member of this family moved to Ashdon in Essex around 1740 and was ancestor to a large number of Essex Woodleys. Given the density of Woodleys in this part of Essex it is possible he already had family ties there.

Despite the Great Fire of 1666 a great many earlier City records survived as they were stored in Westminster.

See the file 'Clandestine Churches' which particularly concerns (1) St Brides, Fleet (St BFS) and (2) St James, Duke Place

We have to start in the early 1600s with what we classify as GENERATION 4 (G4) to maintain consistency with other families. The early records are a bit random until we get to G8

The highlighted marriages seem to form a consistent set.

G4 =====

Jane Woodley wife of Henry Woodley died 12/11/1619 St BFS

It is not impossible that this is Henry Woodley #9605 of Rickling (son of Richard #6300) who, having been left no land may have sought his fortune in London, but this is pure speculation

Edward Woodley married Grace Ripton in Cornhill 1/4/1605

G5 =====

John Woodlye married Jone Bridges 13/10/1628 in Clerkenwell

Thomas Woodley married Mary Arnold 3/3/1635 St Mary Magdelene,
Old Fish Street, near St Pauls

Nicholas Woodley bapd 22/4/1593 St B FS, son of Drew Woodley

William Woodley married Eliz Githings 5/8/1639 Holborn

G6 =====

Henry Woodley married Sisley Couler or Tailer 18/8/1653 St Anne
Westminster

John Woodley married Joyce Bright 18/2/1654 Holborn

Henry Woodley and Ann
Children : Henry W bapt 24/12/1653 St Brides Fleet Street(G7)
Thomas W bapt 30/8/1656 St B FS (G7)
Pressily bapt 19/9/1658 St B FS (G7)

G7 =====

Roger Woodley married Elizabeth Greenway 23/10/1660 Holborn

**Richard Woodley married Martha Barret or Carrot 23/8/1668 in
Clerkenwell, not far from Holborn**

G8 =====

CHARLES WOODLEY AND HELENA PRICE (G8 - LONDON)

Charles Woodley (#6000) probably born around 1666 married Helena or Ellin Price (#6001) on 1st Sept 1687 at St James Duke Place

Charles may have married a second time on 3rd Dec 1700 at Fleet St non-conformist church

They had several children including

- .1 Margaret (#6002) bapt 6th Dec 1689 Clerkenwell
- .2 Catherine
- .3 Mary b 1693 Southwark , died 1694
- .4 John (#8652) bapt 26th July 1688 Clerkenwell.

REFERENCES

Charles Woodley marriage 1700

"England and Wales, Non-Conformist Record Indexes (RG4-8), 1588-1977," database, FamilySearch
(<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:F73T-P3P> : 11 December 2014), Charles Woody, 03 Dec 1700, Marriage; citing p. 26, Fleet, London, record group RG7, Public Record Office, London.

Charles Woodley m Helena Price 01/09/1687 St James Dukes Place

"England Marriages, 1538–1973", FamilySearch
(<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NKGQ-QX2> : Wed Apr 16 22:30:30 UTC 2025), Entry for Charles Woodyly and Helena Price, 1 Sep 1687.

Bapt of Margaret Woodley 06/12/1689 Clerkenwell

"England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975", database, FamilySearch
(<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NPKV-KF3> : 4 February 2023), Charles Woodley in entry for Margaret Woodley, 1689.

Bapt of John Woodley 26/07/1688 Clerkenwell

"England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975", database, FamilySearch
(<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NPKV-7VG> : 4 February 2023), Charles Woodyly in entry for John Woodyly, 1688.

G9 =====

JOHN WOODLEY AND ANN (G9-LONDON)

John Woodley #8652 bapt 26th July 1688 Clerkenwell., 'son of Charles and Elin', married Ann #8653 6th Jun 1711 at St Brides Fleet Street.

He may have had a brother or cousin, Jonathan Woodley married 8th May 1711 at St Brides Fleet Street

John and Ann had a son James (#201, G10-Ashdon) born 1715 London, baptised on 14th Sept 1715 at St Andrews by the Wardrobe with St Anne's Blackfriars, 'son of John and **Ann**'.

This son James married Ann Senior (#202) 29th Jan 1738 at St Brides Fleet Street.

John and Ann also had a son David #8654 in 1713 in London

G10 =====

JAMES WOODLEY AND ANN(E) SENIOR (G10-ASHDON)

James Woodley

All we know for sure is that the James we are interested in died and was buried 2nd March 1788 as recorded in All Saints Ashdon cemetery by 'findagrave' and this record suggests a birth year of 1715.

If we consider his possible marriage to Ann Senior in London (see below) then the most likely candidate for that marriage is James Woodley bapt 14th Sept 1715 at St Andrews Blackfriars, son of John and Anne.

Originally it was thought that James Woodley (#201) was *possibly* the son of William Woodley (#305) and Agnes Purcas (#306) and was supposedly born 1715 in Ashdon or Radwinter, Essex. There is no obvious birth record and we only have the birth year from his age when he died. There was no other couple actively having babies in the Ashdon area at that time.

According to another source he was the son born 1689 of William Woodley and Ann Glass but there is nothing to support this.

Ann Senior

The best record available for Ann is the Ashdon cemetery (findagrave) and church burial record of Ann Woodley who was buried a pauper in Ashdon 12th Feb 1794, age 74, five years after the death of James. Her birth year was estimated as 1720. Her children were born between 1742 (when she was 22) and 1760 (when she was 40), so that makes some biological sense.

Not much is known about James' wife Ann(e), though she might be Ann Senior (#202) chr 8th Oct 1716 at St Andrew's Holborn to Richard and Martha Senior, and she had sisters Cary 1714, Jane 1713. also bapt at St Andrews Holborn.

There is a clear record in the LDS database that James Woodley married Ann Senior 29th Jan 1738 at St Brides Fleet Street, London.

But there was a well-established family of Woodleys who used this church and they had been in London from 1650, so making it unlikely that the James in this marriage came from Essex, and that he was in fact baptised 1715 in Blackfriars.

There is another opinion that Ann was in fact Mary Ann Kinsella, born London, but I have seen no evidence to support this. James and Mary Ann Kinsella were also married at St Brides Fleet Street in 1738 but I cannot find a record.

*The following early hypothesis is also now **rejected***

"It seems on the face of it most likely that James married in Ashdon to a local girl, of which there were only 2 Anns of the right age- Ann Sparks and Ann Thurnhill -and that the marriage record is simply lost. A number of Ashdon marriage records cannot be found, suggesting either a lost volume or more likely marriages here were not formalised in church. Essex is a hot-bed of non-conformism. Ann Thurnhill was bapt 26th Jun 1720, making her the right age. This is of course very tenuous but is even so more likely than the other names put forward - ie Senior and Kinsella, but alas Ann Thurnhill dau of John and Mary died as an infant in July 1720. Ann Sparks was bapt 27th Jul 1725 in Ashdon and only married Joseph Elliston in 1762 - so she could have been the widow of James Woodley, except that our Ann died as Ann Woodley"

MARRIAGE

James Woodley of St Ann's Blackfriars married Ann Senior of St Brides, Fleet Street on 29th Jan 1738.

A distinct possibility is that James and Ann were both brought up in London but for whatever reason happened to move against the tide to live in Ashdon, Essex. This is not without precedent because in 1731 Samuel Woodley and Martha Holliday moved from their families in Stepney to live in Kelvedon. Indeed 1739 was considered a very bad year for life in London due to recession and a growing population. It was in 1739 that Thomas Coram created the foundling hospital for the many abandoned London children.

Whatever the case, James and Ann lived in Ashdon near Saffron Walden

CHILDREN

James and Ann had ten children.

All christenings of the 10 children of James and Ann were at Ashdon parish church

.1 Sarah (#209), chr 20th July 1760 - mother Ann would have been 44, unusually old, but this could be an adult baptism! Unfortunately the record simply reads "bapt 20th July 1760 Sarah dr of John and Anne Woodley".

Sarah Woodley **could** have married widower Richard Mathes in Danbury 1778, but that could equally be Sarah 1748 dau of John and Frances Woodley of Manuden, although Danbury is in Chelmsford a long way from either Ashdon or Manuden..

.2 John, (#101) chr 27th July 1755, married Mary Weard (#102) in 1779. There were several marriages of John Woodley to a Mary around this time - to Mary Weard 1779, to Mary Archer 1785 and to Mary Greenleaf 1798, and a lot of children in each case.

One of these three 'John and Mary' marriages had a daughter Amelia Woodley 1789 and she married William Smart 1812 and had a daughter Mary Smart 1831 who was in this census with her grandmother.

John (#101) died 1838 (findagrave, Ashdon cemetery)

1841 CENSUS

Saffron Walden, Alms House Lane
Mary Woodley 80 (ie Mary Weard)
Mary Smart 10

[Skip to John Woodley \(#101\) and Mary Weard](#)

.3 Anne (#211), chr 24th Feb 1744, died in infancy

.4 Thomas (#212), chr 7th April 1751 (Ashdon to James and Ann) He is very likely the Thomas that married Sarah Barker in Radwinter, very close to Ashdon.

.5 Elizabeth (#205), chr 23rd Feb 1745 (Ashdon, to James and Ann), possibly married John Clarke (#8174) 1773, but she could have had an illegitimate child with unknown father (#2303) - George (#8171) bapt 13th Apr 1766 before her marriage. George (single) married Hannah Slogrove (#8172) (widow) on 28th July 1793 in Ashdon. (John Slogrove married Hannah Barker 26th Jun 1783 and on John's death she married George Woodley.

George Woodley buried 16th Mar 1834 Ashdon age 68 (born 1766)

.6 William (#203), chr 15th January 1743, married Jane Norris (#213) in Tilty in 1771. Two children Jane (#217) 1772 (bapt 6th Mar 1772) and John (#215) 1773

See file [william_woodley-jane_norris](#)

.7 Mary (#206), chr 6th November 1748 in Ashdon married Isaac Chapman (#8401) and they had three children, Ann, Harry and William.

.8 Agnes (#207), chr 27th January 1754, appears not to have married

.9 Daniel (#208), chr 5th March 1758 Ashdon to James and Ann, married Sarah Carpenter (#8173) 23rd Apr 1797 in Ashdon. (Daniel was single but Sarah was a widow, probably Sarah Paul widow of John Carpenter of Langdon Hills)

.10 James (#204), (1742-1808) chr 27th June 1742, who married Elizabeth (#214) (b1748) This is either Elizabeth Brown or Elizabeth Flechford or (more likely) Hitchford, married 27th Nov 1766. In the indexes James is listed as 'Havers'. They had three children James (#228)

1766, Jane (#229) 1768 (bapt 13th Mar 1768) and Hannah (#230) (1769-1819).

Hannah (#230) married Joseph Lofts (#231) (1764-1824) and their son Charles Lofts (#4132) (1809-1853) married Sarah Woodley (#4125) (1817-1895) daughter of William Woodley (#1413) 1787-1862 and Mary Ann Flack (#4120) (-1820) - **though these were a distant family from the Manuden branch.**

There were three marriages of Hannah Woodley around this time - but unfortunately only one eligible birth of Hannah Woodley, though feasibly in one case Woodley might be the name from a previous marriage.

- .1 Hannah Woodley married John Truman 11th March 1791 Essex no marital status given, perhaps she was a widow.
- .2 Hannah Woodley married James Martin 25th Jan 1792 in Essex, both single.
- .3 Hannah Woodley married Joseph Lofts 6th Dec 1791 in Ashdon, both single.

If Hannah Woodley is a widow then the two contenders are
Susannah Woodley who married John Francis 1774
Susannah Gregory who married Thomas Woodley 1788, though this couple were still having children in 1799.

There was a previously un-noticed Hanah Woodly (sic) bapt 9th July 1770 dau of James who would fit the bill of marrying Truman and/or Martin.

So feasibly

Hannah #230 married Joseph Lofts

Hannah Woodly married James Martin

Susannah Woodley who died 1787 married John Francis but could not have married John Truman

We still have no idea who married John Truman.

NOTE

James son of Ann Senior 1738 Ashdon and James (#703) son of Frances Hammond 1742 Manuden each married either Elizabeth Brown 1765 Linton or Elizabeth Flechford 1766 Essex

In fact Brown looks more likely for THIS James #204

See file [charles_lofts-sarah_woodley](#)

G11 =====

THOMAS WOODLEY AND SARAH BARKER (G11-WIMBISH)

Wimbish, Radwinter and Ashdon are very close to each other.

Thomas Woodley (#212), chr 7th April 1751 (Ashdon to James and Ann)

Sarah Barker (#2802)

There are a lot of Sarah Barkers that are possible but the likeliest are
Sarah Barker bapt 14/8/1763 Ashdon to Robert and Mary
and

Sarah Barker bapt 05/7/1772 Ashdon to Robert and Mary

Normally this might have implied that the first died young and the name
was re-used for the later child. If so Sarah would be only 16 when she
married Thomas. Or she could have been baptised a second time when
she was 21 in which case she was 25 at marriage.

Married 26th Oct 1788 in Wimbish/Radwinter

This marriage doesn't appear in familysearch

In Essex Marriages and Banns 1537-1935 (findmypast) it appears as :
"Thomas Woodley of Radwinter married Sarah Marker of Radwinter
1/11/1788 in Radwinter

Thomas would be at least 37 so this could be a second marriage - or the
wrong Thomas, though there is no other obvious candidate..

Note possible relatives : Elizabeth Woodley married James Barker
21/1/1804 Radwinter and Mary Woodley and Robert Daking married
1/3/1804 Radwinter

CHILDREN

Thomas (#2803) born 2nd or 22nd Feb 1797, bapt 20th or 26th Feb 1797 in Wimbish died 1816.

Ann (#2804) born 11th Mar 1797, bapt 5th May 1797 in Wimbish

but note these are born too close together to make any sense. There must be 2 sets of parents.

Alice b 1793 d infancy

Sarah # 8671 bapt 19th May 1801 Wimbish dau of Thomas and Sarah

All definitely had parents "Thomas and Sarah".

=====

WILLIAM WOODLEY AND JANE NORRIS (G11-ASHDON)

William Woodley (#203) (1743-1822) was christened 15th January 1743 at Ashdon near Saffron Walden, the son of James Woodley (#201) and Anne Senior (#202) of Ashdon,. William was buried either 7th September 1812 or 5th November 1822.

See file [john_woodley-ann_senior](#)

Jane Norris (#213) was christened 11th March 1743 in Tilty, near Saffron Walden, daughter of William Norris (chr 15th April 1717) and Jane. Her grandfather was Isaac Norris of Thaxted near Saffron Walden.

There are two possibilities both in Thaxted-

- .1 Isaac chr 30th Nov 1689 to William and Ann Norris
- .2 Isaac chr 16th April 1699 to Isaac and Martha.

MARRIAGE

William Woodley and Jane Norris were married 7th May 1771 in the village of Tilty, near Saffron Walden.

CHILDREN

William and Jane had two children, John and Jane.

.1 John Woodley (#215) 1773-1833, was christened 4th June 1773. He married Sarah Goodwin (#216) (1772-1861) in 1810 and they moved from rural Ashdon into a down-at-heel area of Saffron Walden. Their children were : John (#2401) 1813, Sarah (221) 1815, Charlotte (#223) 1815, Elizabeth (#220) 1817/21 and Ann (#218) 1818 (**when Sarah Goodwin was 46!**)

John and Sarah would have been quite old (38) when they married. It is certainly feasible, but not proven, that John had previously married Elizabeth x (#8409) in 1800 . There is a small chance he married Mary Stock (#8410)

See file [john_woodley-mary_stock](#)

See file [john_woodley-sarah_goodwin](#)

1841 CENSUS

Castle St, Saffron Walden

Sarah Woodley 1767/1771 (nee Goodwin)

Sarah Woodley 1812/16 (shortly to marry Samuel Braybrooke)

Elizabeth Woodley 1817/21

Charlotte Woodley 1812/16 (widow of John Auger)

John Woodley 1830 (Auger)

William Woodley 1833 (Auger)

Mary Ann Woodley 1837 (Auger)

Emma Woodley 1841 (Auger)

Note that widow Charlotte Auger and her children have reverted to Woodley as family name..

.2 Jane Woodley (#217), born 1772, was christened 6th March 1772. She died 1842. She married John Atkinson (#4001) (1772-1853) on 15th Oct 1795 in Virley, and had seven children : Charles (1801-1881), Simeon (1802-1825), John (1807-1814), Joseph (1813-), Elizabeth (1817-), John (1818-), Sophia (1818-)

Charles and Simeon were both bapt 9th Jan 1803 in Saffron Walden

Charles 1801 married Mary Ann White in 1823

Simeon 1802 married Mary Ann Clayden in 1840

1841 CENSUS

Roos Lane, Saffron Walden

John Atkinson 65

Jane Atkinson 65
John Atkinson 24
Sophia Atkinson 20
ages in the 1841 census are approximate

1851 CENSUS

Clavering

Charles Atkinson 50 journeyman baker Walden

Mary Ann 52 Farnham, Essex (White)

Charles 13 Walden

Caroline 10 Clavering

Charles Bailey grandson 1 Clavering

It is an assumption, but not proven, that Elizabeth or Sophia Atkinson married a Bailey around 1850 and had the child Charles Bailey 1850.

JOSEPH LOFTS AND HANNAH WOODLEY (G11 - ASHDON)

Joseph Lofts (#231)

Hannah Woodley (#230) bapt 10th Dec 1769 Ashdon, dau of James Woodley and Elizabeth Brown, and grand-daughter of James Woodley and Ann Senior

They were married 6th Dec 1791 in Ashdon

Children (baptism years)

James 1793

Sarah 1793

Sophia 1795

Thomas 1796

Joseph 1798

John 1800

Daniel 1803

Samuel 1805

William 1807

Charles born 1806, bapt 15th Oct 1809

Jessie 1812

Laura Susanna 1814

There is also Hannah Lofts born 1791 :

1841 CENSUS
Church Street S/W
Hannah Lofts 1791 50
Ellen Bayne 26
William Moore 30

who may be the first child (out of wedlock)

JOHN WOODLEY AND MARY WEARD (G11-ASHDON)

John Woodley

John Woodley (#101) chr 27th July 1755 "son of James and Ann", died 1838, son of James Woodley (#201) b1715 and Anne Senior (#202) who were married in London of a London-based family and moved to Ashdon..

Ashdon church record : " John Woodley buried 1st Jul 1838 age 80, Ashdon" (ie born 1758)

Mary Weard

Mary Weard (#102) (1755 -1823) died 16th Jan 1823

findagrave record : "Mary Woodley died 1823 age 67-68 Ashdon" (ie born 1755 or 1756)

Wyard is the more common spelling in Essex, but even so there is no record of her birth.

MARRIAGE

John Woodley (#101) married Mary Weard (#102) on 6th Apr 1779 in Ashdon.

CHILDREN

- .1 THOMAS 1785, married Sarah Webb**
- .2 WILLIAM 1783, married Susan Coote**
- .3 AMELIA 1789, married William Smart**
- .4 STEPHEN 1791, married (1) Mary Taylor and (2) Eliza Wright**
- .5 SUSANNAH 1781**
- .6 MARY 1787, married John Webb**
- .7 ELIZABETH 1792**
- .8 MARTHA 1797**

Originally it was thought that John Woodley who married Metty Greenleaf was a child in this family, but this is now discounted.

.1 THOMAS (#105) b 1785 d 1847 who married **Sarah Webb** (#121) (1796-1865), married 2nd Dec 1814 in Castle Camps, Cambridgeshire. Sarah Webb was dau of William and Mary Webb, b 1794. Although the marriage was in Castle Camps the family remained in Ashdon - or at least continued to use Ashdon church.

Note that there is confusion between the children of Thomas Woodley and Sarah Parr and those of Thomas Woodley and Sarah Webb, both having children in Ashdon about the same time.

[See below](#)

.2 WILLIAM (#3222) b 1783 d 1822, bapt in Ashdon on 2nd Feb 1783 married Susan(nah) Coote (#3223) 22nd Feb 1803 in Radwinter

[See below](#)

.3 AMELIA (#109) b 1789, married William Smart (#161) on 7th March 1812

1841 CENSUS

Saffron Walden, Alms House Lane

Mary Woodley 80 (ie Mary Weard)

Mary Smart 10 (ie Amelia's daughter)

.4 STEPHEN (#108) bapt 24th July 1791 in Ashdon, ?died 11th Aug 1791

On the one hand he appears to have died in infancy. So this might be a second Stephen as he is a good fit for Stephen b 1797/1801 who married (1) Mary Taylor and (2) Eliza Wright

See file [stephen_woodley-eliza_wright](#)

See findagrave record 1791-1791

.5 **SUSANNAH** (#110) bapt 13th Apr 1781 d 1803

.6 **MARY** (#111) b 1787 Ashdon, d 1867, probably married John Webb (#8403} 14th Sept 1806

.7 **ELIZABETH** (#8404) born Oct 1792 bapt 14th Oct 1792 Ashdon

.8 **MARTHA** (#8405) b Apr 1797 bapt 18th Jun 1797 Ashdon, married Robert Ives on 4th Jun 1815 in Saffron Walden

*There is also a **SUSANNAH 1804-1806** but it is somewhat doubtful if this is our family
(See findagrave record)*

G12 =====

THOMAS WOODLEY AND SARAH WEBB G12- ASHDON)

THOMAS (#105) b 1785 d 1847, son of John Woodley and Mary Weard, who married **Sarah Webb** (#121) (1796-1865), married 2nd Dec 1814 in Castle Camps, Cambridgeshire.

Sarah Webb (#121) b 1794 was dau of William and Mary Webb.

Although the marriage was in Castle Camps the family remained in Ashdon - or at least continued to use Ashdon church.

Note that there is confusion between the children of Thomas Woodley and Sarah Parr and those of Thomas Woodley and Sarah Webb, both having children in Ashdon about the same time.

Thomas Woodley and Sarah Webb had 10 children between 1815 and 1838. Their children are generally named 'Webb Woodley' - thus Rachel Webb Woodley and William Webb Woodley - in the parish registers, to avoid confusion with other Woodleys in Ashdon,.

Children (a-j) all born in Ashdon :

[.a John](#) (#122) b 2nd Jan 1824, bapt 11th Apr 1824, died 1824

[.b William](#) (#123) b 1838, bapt 24th Jun 1838 married Lucy Selina Marsh (#128)

[.See below](#)

[.c Mary Ann](#) (#124) b1831 married Joshua Chapman (#127)

[.d James](#) b1815 (#125) married twice -

.1 Sarah Cornell (#4240), bapt 1813 in Chipping Ongar, married 11th May 1836 in Ashdon,

.2 Emma Coote (#126) married 20th March 1873 or 1853 in Ashdon, dr of William Coote. Both were widowed at that time. Emma Coote's first marriage was to a Lister (Marriage record gives "James, son of Thomas, - and Emma, dau of William")

[see below](#)

[.e Josiah](#) (#129) b1825, married Charlotte Swan (#130), son John (#131) b 1867.

[.f James Francis](#) (#132) (1835-1887), bapt 19th Feb 1835 "son of Thomas Woodley and Sarah Webb" married Emily Cornell (#133) (1839-1816) on 30th Jan 1858, children Alfred (#134) b 1859, Absalom (#135) b 1863

1861 CENSUS

Roath End, Ashdon

James W 25 Ashdon ag lab

Emily 27 Ashdon wife (Cornell)

Alfred 2 son

James Mawer 20 lodger

[.g Ruth](#) (#136) (1820-1857) married Joseph Hawes (#137) on 13th Oct 1837 in Saffron Walden

[.h Rachel Webb Woodley](#) (#138) (1818 or 1822-1897 S/W) bapt 28th Apr 1822 Castle Camps to Thomas and Sarah married George Andrews b1814 (#139) in Ashdon 16th Dec 1837 - witnesses : Charles Buyer, Eliza Frost, Joseph Hawes, William Kitteridge, Eliza Rook and Ruth Woodley.

1851 CENSUS

Radwinter

George Andrews 37 Radwinter

Rachel Andrews 30 Ashdon

Mary A 12

Rebecca 10

William 8

Sarah A 6

James 2

Elizabeth 0

William Andrews Radwinter 47 unmarried brother pauper ag lab

All children born Radwinter

[.i Charles](#) (#140) bapt 5th Sept 1819 (1819-1883) married twice
(1) Sophia Chinery Leonard (#141) in Castle Camps 1846 and they had three children

(2) transported to Western Australia and there married Emma Gardiner (#142) where they had a lot of children between 1856 and 1876

See file [charles_woodley_convict](#)

[.j Rebecca](#) (#143) 1825, married Charles Porter (#144)

There were several Rebecca Woodleys born at this time :

[.1 Rebecca](#) bapt 25/11/1821 Bishops Stortford to Thomas and Susan

[.2 Rebecca](#) bapt 13/10/1822 Shudy Camps to Stephen and Mary

[.3 Rebecca](#) bapt 14/6/1829 Helions Bumpsted to William and Dudley

[.4 Rebecca](#) bapt 10/2/1828 Ashdon to Thomas and Sarah

Baptism .4 is this family.

and four marriages :

.1 Rebecca Woodley, dau of Thomas to Charles Porter 14th Feb 1858 in Saffron Walden

.2 Rebecca Woodley married 22nd Oct 1844 in Saffron Walden to Thomas Witby - witnesses Martha Bacon, Sarah Ilott, Joseph Law, Charles Pettit, James Tinworth. #4040 see **Watts file**

.3 Rebecca (#4604) 1817, bapt 30th Sep 1821 of Bishops Stortford, married George Housden 20th mar 1837 Hertford

.4 Rebecca married William Richardson (son of Thomas) at Balsham, Cambs on 8th July 1844

Marriage .1 is this family

and in one other published list the following children -though these are in fact the children of Thomas Woodley and Sarah PARR living in Ashdon at the same time..

Stephen (1821-1833)

Harriet bapt 8th Sept 1824

John 1826-1885)

George 1836

1841 CENSUS

Roath End, Ashdon

Thomas Woodley 55 1782-1786

Sarah 45 1792-1796 (ie Sarah Webb)

Rebecca 13 1828

Mary 10 1831

James 6 1835

William 3 1838

1841 CENSUS

Millfield Cottage Ashdon

Sarah Woodley 1812-16 (ie Sarah Cornell)

Rebecca 1837

1841 CENSUS

Archers Brick Kiln Saffron Walden

George Wiskin

Elizabeth Wiskin

James Woodley 1812-16

The Wiskins were another big Ashdon family with marriage ties to the Woodleys

1851 CENSUS

Ashdon

Sarah Woodley 57 1794 Camps (ie Castle Camps) widow pauper (Webb)

Josiah Woodley 25 Ashdon unmd aglab son

Rebecca Woodley 22 dau unmd Ashdon

James 16 Ashdon unmd aglab

Mary Ann 18 Ashdon dau unmd

William 11 Ashdon aglab son

1851 CENSUS

Saffron Walden

James Woodley 36 1815 ag lab

Sarah 38 1813 bChipping Ongar **Cornell**

Rebecca 14 1837 b Chipping Ongar

Sarah 0 1851 b Ashdon

1851 CENSUS

Saffron Walden Workhouse

Sophia Woodley 29 shop worker (Lennard)

Walter Woodley 7 son of inmate

Ellen Woodley 0 dr of labourer

Ellen was born 1851 in the workhouse and was bapt 30th June 1855 and on this baptismal record no father is given but mother Sophia defines herself as 'married woman'.

1861 CENSUS

James Woodley 1817 Ashdon

Sarah 1801 Chipping Ongar **Cornell**

Sarah 1852 Ashdon dau

Charles 1860 Ashdon grandson

1861 CENSUS

Gt Sampford

Sophia Woodley 1826 C/C widow housekeeper (Lenard)

George Cowell 3 Gt Sampfd child of ag lab (could be Cornell)

John Cowell 1 Gt Sampfrd

Ann Woodley married John Cowell 1st Apr 1832.

1871 CENSUS

Ashdon

James 53 1818 Ashdon

Sarah 55 1816 Ashdon

1881 CENSUS

Ashdon

James Woodley 1815

Emma 1821 Ashdon (ie Emma Coote)

1881 CENSUS

Rosebine Cottages, Mile End Old Town

Josiah Woodley 56 Ashdon grave digger

Charlotte Woodley 45 Dunmow (maiden name Swann)

John 14 MEOT

Rebecca 11 MEOT

Mary 10 MEOT

Ann 8 MEOT

Note: There was a James Woodley buried at age 1 (ie born 1833) on 7th April 1834 in Ashdon, This could be one of the other Ashdon contemporary families :

.1 Joseph W and Elizabeth Caton

.2 Thomas W and Sarah Parr

.3 William W and Sarah Carter

.4 *Thomas W (son of Mary Weard) and Sarah Webb*

WILLIAM WOODLEY AND SUSAN COOTE (G12-ASHDON)

Wm (#3222) 1783 bapt Ashdon 2nd Feb 1783 son of John Woodley (#101) and Mary Weard (#102) died 1822

William 1787 could be in 1841 CENSUS see Wm W and Eliz Samms

Susan(nah) Coote (#3223) b 1783

Married Susan(nah) Coote 22nd Feb 1803

Children

There were other baptisms to 'William and Susan' from 1823 to 1830 but these were in Colchester or Harwich or Gt Bentley.

...1 Joseph Woodley (#3302) bapt 30th Mar or 27th Apr 1817 "to William and Susan", married Elizabeth Caton (#3303) 1839.

Joseph 1817 (son of Wm and Susan) married Elizabeth Caton 1839
Ashdon

See file [joseph_woodley-elizabeth_caton](#)

Baptism 1817 Indexed as 'Arkesden' though the record clearly shows 'Ashdon'.

...2 John Woodley (#226) b 1813 bapt 11th Sept 1814 to William and Susanna in Ashdon married Elizabeth Webb (#227) b 1821 Ashdon on 25th Dec 1844 in Ashdon.

[see below](#)

Baptism 1814 Indexed as 'Arkesden' though the record clearly shows 'Ashdon'.

..3 Robert (#8305) 1803 Radwinter

..4 Hannah (#8306) 1803

..5 William (#8307) born 1805/1808, probably 1806
son of Wm Woodley (#3222) and Susan Coote (#3223)
Married Sarah Page (#8310) 1831 or Marianne 1833
? NOT IN 1841 CENSUS
? NOT IN 1851 CENSUS

There was a William born 1808 son of Robert and Eliz. who cannot be explained

..6 Elizabeth 1809 #8665 bapt 29th Jan 1809 Radwinter dau of William and Susan

..7 Ann (#3301) 1816 or 1821 - married William Thake (#8407) and moved to Ashdon

Anna 20/7/1820 or 1813 Ashdon, married William Thake
"Ann Woodley dau of William Woodley married William Thake 21st
May 1843 Ashdon"
"Ann Thake (widow) dau of John Woodley married James Hawes 1864
Ashdon"
It's unfortunate there is no consistency of who her father was.

*With James Hawes she seemed to move to High Wycombe where he was a
beer shop keeper with her son William Woodley - there is census record
for this!*

1861 census

High Wycombe

James Hawes 63 1798 publican

Sarah Hawes 60 b Witney

William Woodley 10 grandson b Wycombe

Hust acoincidence

But there could be another unidentified Wm and Susan in Ashdon!

..8 Susan (#8308) bapt 23rd Apr 1811 Ashdon to Wm and Susan,
married John Coote (#8309)
(note there was also Susan bapt 1813 Ashdon to John and Mary ?'Stock'?)
One of these Susans married John Coote 28th Mar 1835 in Ashdon

**However there might be another William and Susan in Ashdon and the
gap between marriage and children is puzzling.**

.9 Possibly #8664 Mary bapt 11th Sept 1808 Radwinter - recorded as dau
of William and **Elis**. but this could be a misrecording

=====

CHARLES LOFTS AND SARAH WOODLEY (G12 - ASHDON)

Charles Lofts (#4132) (1809-1853) bapt 15th Oct 1809, Ashdon was the
son of Joseph Lofts (#231) and Hannah Woodley (#230). Hannah was the
daughter of James Woodley (#204) and Elizabeth Flechford (#214), and
grand-daughter of James Woodley (#201) who married Ann Senior
(#202).

Joseph married Hannah 8th or 6th Dec 1791

Essex Standard 20th Nov 1846 - obituaries

"Nov 17 at Saffron Walden, aged 68 Mrs Hannah Lofts, many years housekeeper to the late Joseph Shepherd Esq.'

So Hannah (#230) was, according to this, born 1778, though she was actually baptised 10th Dec 1769 so she would have been 77.

However the 1841 census for Saffron Walden has

Hannah Lofts 50 (ie born 1791, the year she was in fact married)- **this must be a daughter who never married**

Sarah Woodley (#4125) 1817-1895 chr 8th June 1817 was the daughter of William Woodley (#1413) (1787-1862) and Mary Ann Flack (#4120) , from the Manuden branch of the family. See file FAMILY N

Charles (#4132) and Sarah (#4125) were married 4th July 1840 in Ashdon

CHILDREN

Before her marriage Sarah Woodley had a son Joseph Woodley (#4126) bapt 21st Apr 1839 in Radwinter (Sarah as his unmarried mother).

Joseph (#4126) married Alice Barrett (#4127) in 1871

After their marriage, Charles and Sarah had five more children

Emma Lofts (#4133) 1840-1841

Emma Elizabeth Lofts (#8213) 1842-1884

James Lofts (#4128) 1843-1855

George Lofts (#4129) 1846-1917, married Emma Clark

John Lofts (#4130) b 21st Nov 1848

<<B:1840,4133,Emma,Lofts,f>>

<<B:1842,8213,Emma Eliz,Lofts,f>>

<<B:1843,4128,James,Lofts,m>>

<<B:1846,4129,George,Lofts,m>>

<<B:1848,4130,John,Lofts,m>>

On 17th Oct 1848 Charles Lofts, 'age 36 with imperfect education' was sentenced at the County Assizes to 7 years transportation for 'larceny by servant'. This was one month before the birth of his son John on 21st Nov 1848.

Essex Standard Oct 27th 1848

"Extensive corn stealing - Chas Lofts a labourer was indicted for stealing a quantity of corn to the value of £9 from James and Abraham Seward of Ashdon. Mr Hawkins for the prosecution. Mr Parnell for the defence. It appeared that the prisoner had been a horsekeeper in the service of the prosecutors ..."

In 1851 Charles Lofts was in Chelmsford Gaol and in 1852 he went to Tasmania (Van Diemens Land) on 16th Apr 1852 on the 'Pestonjee Bomanjee'. The surgeon on board, Daniel Ritchie was an advocate of good treatment of prisoners and kept a chronicle of the voyage but as yet this is not available online. Considering that in 1854 a voyage by the same ship carrying voluntary migrants resulted in many deaths from fever the conditions must still have been bad.

Charles Lofts died in Tasmania 6th Jun 1853 after drowning in the South Esk River.

1841 CENSUS

Doven Counts, Ashdon

Charles Lofts 30

Sarah Lofts 20

Emma Lofts 1

Joseph Woodley 3

1851 CENSUS

Chelmsford Gaol Springfield

Charles Lofts 40 ag lab inmate

1851 CENSUS

Ashdon

Sarah Lofts 33 ag lab wife pauper Radwinter

Joseph Lofts 13 Ashdon (ie Joseph Woodley)

Emma Lofts 9 Ashdon
James Lofts 7 Ashdon
George 5 Ashdon

1851 CENSUS

Radwinter, Water Lane
William Woodley 1787 widower ag lab living alone #8675

1861 CENSUS

Radwinter
William Woodley 1786 Radwinter widower #8675
Sarah Lofts 45 Radwinter widow visitor
Elizabeth Lofts 5 S/W visitor

1861 CENSUS

Royal Navy at sea or in port
Hong Kong, China on HMS Leven.
Joseph Woodley 23 able seaman RN born London
This was the second HMS Leven, built 1857 an Algerine Class 3-gun coal-fired wooden screw gunboat which saw service in China during the Opium Wars. It was sold in Shanghai in 1873.

1891 CENSUS

Ashdon, Church End
Joseph Lofts Woodley 53 ag lab
Alice L Woodley 40 Ashdon
William L Woodley 13
Eliza L Woodley 11 Essex
Ezra JL Woodley 9
Mary L Woodley 7
Arthur L Woodley 5
Grace A L Woodley 3
Ellen L Woodley 0
Presumably the L initial indicates 'Lofts'

1901 ENSUS

Ashdon
Joseph Woodley 63 farm labrr
Alice Woodley 50
Ezra Woodley 19
Arthur Woodley 15
Grace Alice Woodley 13

Lilian Francis Johnson 17 barmaid visitor
Alfred Joseph Johnson 11 visitor
Mary Beatrice Johnson 9 visitor
Joseph William Johnson 6 visitor

STEPHEN WOODLEY AND (1) MARY TAYLOR (2) ELIZA WRIGHT (G12-ASHDON)

Stephen Woodley (#108) born 1797/1801 prob bapt July 1797 Ashdon, appears most likely to be son of John Woodley (#101) and Mary Weard (#102) .

Stephen married twice.

MARRIAGE 1

Mary Taylor (#2701)

Married 12th Oct 1819 in Shudy Camps, Helions Bumpsted

CHILDREN OF MARY TAYLOR

Charles (#4021) bapt 12th March 1820 Shudy Camps "to Stephen and Mary"

Charles Woodley married Rebecca Osborne 1841.0815 Linton

"ESSEX STANDARD 26th Nov 1847

Charles Woodley 22(sic) labourer was indicted for stealing two ox tongues and a pewter salt cellar the property of Charles Cooke at Bartlow Hamlet.

Mr Chambers conducted the case. GUILTY. Six weeks imprisonment with hard labour at Springfield ."

1851 CENSUS

Camps Green, Castle Camps

Charles W 31 aglab Shudy camps

Rebecca W 36 CC wife (Osborne)

Charles W 9 CC

David 7 Linton

Susannah 2 CC

Stephen 0 CC

1861 CENSUS

Castle Camps

Charles 1820 headag lab

Rebecca 1816 wife

Charles 1842 (#8681)

David 1844

Susanna 1845

Stephen 1851

Elvia 1853

Charles 1842 (#8681) married (1) Ann Barker in 1865 and (2) Julia Balstram in 1872

David 1844 married Betsy Barker in 1863

Rebecca (#2702) born 1822 or 1826 may have been Mary Taylor's child or Eliza Wright's. See below for details. She may have been born 1822 and baptised 1826.

.2 Rebecca Woodley married 22nd Oct 1844 in Saffron Walden to Thomas Witby - witnesses Martha Bacon, Sarah Ilott, Joseph law, Charles Pettit, James Tinworth.

Rebecca bapt 13/10/1822 Shudy Camps to Stephen and Mary

Rebecca (#2702) born 1822 or 1826, dau of Mary Taylor If we look at the 1841 census we find Stephen b 1840. This is almost certainly the illegitimate son of Rebecca born perhaps when she was only 15. Rebecca married William Richardson (son of Thomas) at Balsham, Cambs on 8th July 1844 soon after the birth of a second son Robert, Children : Stephen Woodley 1839, Robert Woodley 1844, John Richardson 1856 and Charles Richardson 1859

MARRIAGE 2

After Mary died in 1823 in Ashdon, Stephen married Eliza Wright (#2703) b 1792/6 on 17th Dec 1825 in Shudy Camps

Eliza Wright was probably niece of Dudley Dison's mother Dudley Wright.

1841 CENSUS

Shudy Camps

Stephen Woodley 40 (1801)
Lizzy Woodley 45 (1792/6)
Rebecca Woodley 15 (1826)
Stephen Woodley 1 (1840)

CHILDREN OF ELIZA WRIGHT

John Woodley (#8408) bapt 5th Aug 1827 Shudy Camps to Stephen and Lizzy, It is probably this John that married Rebecca or Rebekah Cowell or Cole in Linton 23rd Nov 1851

1861 CENSUS
Horseheath, near Linton, Cambs
John 1824
Rebekah 1832
Joseph 1851
Stephen 1855
Ann 1857
Thomas 1859

Tommy Wright Woodley (#2705) b 1820? Shudy Camps. Wife unknown (#2708)

The following was ascribed to Tommy Wright Woodley but is probably all incorrect. See file for Sarah Parr J2A

"He had a son Stephen (#2706) b 1840 married Mary Ann Dawson NO (#2707) in Ashdon on 7th Nov 1857 and their children were (#2708 to #2715) Charles 1864 Ashdon or Radwinter, Ellen Louisa 1860 Radwinter, Eliza Clara, Sarah 1863, Elizabeth, Sarah Ann, Benjamin, Alice 1858 Radwinter. (Charles 1864 married Maria Thompson 1883 in Norfolk)"

NOTE THAT WE HAVE STEPHEN WHO MARRIED MARY ANN DAWSON AS BOTH SON OF THOMAS WOODLEY & SARAH PARR AND SON OF TOMMY WRIGHT WOODLEY THE PARR OPTON IS MORE LIKELY

Stephen (#2704) bapt 23rd Apr 1826 in Shudy Camps to Stephen and Eliza. Stephen possibly died 1905 in Ely with age given indicating a birth year of 1824.

1841 CENSUS

Shudy Camps

Stephen 1797/1801 ?

Lizzy 1792/1796

Rebecca 1822/1826

Stephen 1840

There is no sign of this family in the 1851, 1861 and 1871 censuses !

1881 CENSUS

Balsham Cambs

William Richardson 68 head

Rebecca Richardson 59 wife (nee Woodley)

John Richardson 25 son

Stephen Woodley 1840 step-son

1891 CENSUS

Hihj St, Balsham, Cambs

William Richardson 1814 ag lab

Rebecca Richardson 1824 Cambs wife (nee Woodley)

Stephen 1840 died 1885 in Linton, Cambs.

1841 CENSUS

Shudy Camps

Charles 1817/21

1851 CENSUS

Horse Shoes, Shudy Camps

Stephen 1796 Ashdon pauper former aglab

Elizabeth W 1791 Shudy Camps, wife of pauper ex aglab

John 1828 23 son aglab Shudy Camps

ADDITIONAL NOTE

The Sophia below is Sophia Chinery Lennard. See files A2 and A5. Note the Cowell connection She married Charles Woodley who was transported to Australia.

There was a Sophia Woodley b 1822 in Castle Camps who is in the Saffron Walden workhouse in 1851. She was almost certainly the wife of Charles Woodley the convict.

1851 CENSUS

Saffron Walden Workhouse

Sophia Woodley 29 shop worker

Walter Woodley 7 son of inmate

Ellen Woodley 0 dr of labourer

Ellen was born 1851 in the workhouse and was bapt 30th June 1855 and on this baptsmal record no father is given but mother Sophia defines herself as 'married woman'.

1861 CENSUS

Gt Sampford

Sophia Woodley 1826 C/C widow housekeeper

George Cowell 3 Gt Sampfd child of ag lab

John Cowell 1 Gt Sampfrd

JOHN WOODLEY AND SARAH GOODWIN (G12-ASHDON)

John Woodley (#215) (1773-1833) christened 4th June 1773. was the son of William (#203) Woodley 1743 and Jane Norris . William his father was born in Ashdon, near Saffron Walden but seems to have moved to Saffron Walden before he married.

[See file **william_woodley-jane_norris**](#)

Sarah Goodwin (#216) (1772?-1861) was born between 1766 and 1772. She is inconsistent when declaring her age. She died 1861 Her first child was Ruth born 1788 when she was 16 and the last was Elizabeth born 1821 when she was 49. This is an unusual age range but not impossible

The most likely candidate is Sarah Goodwin, b 1st May 1762 and chr 22nd Feb 1767 in Essex to John and Hannah Goodwin. However, her children seem to have arrived very late in life! This is a concern.

Sarah Goodwin bapt in Essex :
bapt 19/5/1778 to John and Sarah
bapt 22/2/1767 to John and Hannah
bapt 29/3/1785 to James and Mary
bapt 16/1/1778 to Benson and Elizabeth

MARRIAGE

There is a marriage of John Woodley to Sarah Goodwin on 28th Oct 1810 in Saffron Walden **So, Sarah Goodwin was possibly John's second marriage, and possibly his first wife was also Sarah, though we cannot yet find the record. Or Sarah was married first to William Woodley and then to John Woodley. In fact that is a very interesting possibility Unfortunately there is a lack of clear marriage records.**

They moved from rural Ashdon into a down-at-heel area of Saffron Walden. Their children were : John (#226) 1813, Sarah (221) 1815, Charlotte (#223) 1815, Elizabeth (#220) 1817/21 and Ann (#218) 1818

John and Sarah would have been quite old when they married. It is certainly feasible, but not proven, that John had previously married Elizabeth x in 1800 and/or Mary Stock in 1803 in Radwinter.

See file [john_woodley-mary_stock](#)

I suppose the best bet is that John (#215) married Elizabeth (#8409) and then Sarah Goodwin (#216) both in Ashdon, and that John (#3216) married Mary Stock (#8410) and then Sarah Buttle (#3217) both in Radwinter.

CHILDREN

.1 John Woodley (#2401) b circa 1816 married Mary Auger (#2402) . His sister Charlotte (see below) married John Auger.

See file [john_woodley-mary_auger](#)

**.2 Ann Woodley (#218) b 1818 married William Thurgood (#219)
13th Sep 1848 (marr record quotes "Ann,dau of John Woodley and
William son of William Thurgood")**

**.3 Elizabeth Woodley (#220) , chr 12th August 1821, married (1)
John Barker (#4002) in 1845 and (2) Isaac Smart (#4003) in 1860.**

Marriage 1

Her brother James' accomplice in the robbery for which he was transported was Thomas Barker, almost certainly a close relation of John Barker..

There is a marriage of Betsy Woodley Q3 1845 in Saffron Walden to John Barker. Witnesses were Mary Ann Barker, Joseph French, James Langley, John Langran, Eliza Richardson and Hannah Sharp.
(Betsey Woodley (indexed as Wordley!, daughter of John Woodley) married 13th July 1845 or 15th June 1845 to John Barker)

Two children :

Selena Barker was chr 29th Nov 1846 to Mark and Emma Barker - so maybe she was adopted by John and Betsy.

Emma Barker was chr 29th Sept 1849 to John and Betsy

Neither Selena nor Emma appears in the 1851 census.

Marriage 2

Betsy Barker 40, widow, daughter of John Woodley married Isaac Smart 39, son of William Smart on 13th May 1860 in Saffron Walden.
Isaac Smart was chr 24th June 1821 in Saffron Walden, son of William and Millicent Smart. He died in 1863

One child :

Harry Smart b 1862

1841 CENSUS

see later entry below as 'Elizabeth' with Sarah
her mother

This is the only Essex 1851 census record to show Eliza or Betsy Barker. Unfortunately it shows George rather than John, and the children don't match.

1851 CENSUS

Saffron Walden

George Barker 31 Thaxted

Eliza Barker 30 S/W

William Barker 3 S/W

Mary Ann Barker 1 S/W

Charles Brand 19 lodger S/W

However, there is this record

1851 CENSUS

St Mary Abbots, Kensington, boarding school

Eliza Barker 28 servant Saffron Walden

so maybe she was working in London between her two marriages while her children were elsewhere.

1861 CENSUS

Castle Street, Saffron Walden

Isaac Smart 40 S/W

Betsy Smart 42 S/W (indexed as Besby Smart)

Selina Barker 14 daughter-in-law S/W

Emma Barker 11 daughter in-law S/w

1871 CENSUS

Saffron Walden

Elizabeth Smart 51

Emma Barker 22

Harry Smart 9

1881 CENSUS

Little Walden Rd, Saffron Walden

Betsy Smart 59 widow laundress

Emma Barker 31 laundress

Harry Smart 19 miller's carman

1901 CENSUS

Saffron Walden

Elizabeth Smart 71

Emma Barker 51

Emma Barker died 1924 in Saffron Walden.

Harry Smart b 1862, married Harriet Ridgwell, daur of Philip Ridgwell on 23rd Dec 1882 and a witness was Mary Ann Auger.

Note the marriage elsewhere of Sarah Reaghole. This is almost certainly Sarah Ridgwell as that seems to be the settled spelling.

So there are clearly two separate Elizabeth/Eliza/Betsys, one dr of James and one dr of John (and there is another Elizabeth born 1838 to John Woodley and Mary Auger)

In addition there is the confusion that this Elizabeth Woodley is indexed Wordley in LDS and the LDS does not make Elizabeth and Betsy equivalent names.

.4 Sarah Woodley (#221), chr 10th December 1815. She married neighbour Samuel Braybrooke (#222) on 20th August 1843. Mary Ann Barker was a witness. She must be related to John Barker. They had a daughter Mary Ann (#232) 1844 and two sons, William (#233) 1851 and Harry (#244) 1855. Samuel died before 1871.

"Saffron Walden Parish Church - Marriage 20th Aug 1843 Samuel Braybrooke of full age bachelor labourer of Castle St Saffron Walde son of Joseph Braybrooke, labourer, and Sarah Wooldley of full age, spinster of Castle St Safron Walden dau of John Woodley labourer"

Interestingly the Lords Braybrooke owned Audley End, the stately home in Saffron Walden, though Braybrooke was not their family name.

1851 CENSUS

Little Walden Rd, Saffron Walden

Samuel Braybrooke 40 ag lab Stansfield

Suffolk

Sarah Braybrooke	44	(? should read 34)
Saffron Walden		
Joseph Braybrooke	14	ag lab S/w
William Braybrooke	11	
Henry Braybrooke	6	

1871 CENSUS

Saffron Walden

Sarah Braybrooke 55 widow, charwoman S/W

William Braybrooke 22 son, ag lab S/W

Harry Braybrooke 16 son, ag lab S/W

Mary Ann Byatt 27 daughter, widow farm servant S/W

Joseph A Byatt 3 grandson , Cambridge

1881 CENSUS

Little Walden Road, Saffron Walden

Sarah Braybrooke 66 widow, laundress S/W

William Braybrooke 29 son farm lab S/W

.5 Charlotte Woodley (#223), born 1814 or 1815, married (1) John Auger (#224) (1809-1840) in Saffron Walden on 6th Oct or 8th Aug 1830 and (2) Charles Wiskin (#225) b1819 in 28th Jun 1846. She had five children with John Auger.- John (#235) 1830, William (#236) 1833, Maryann (#237) 1837, Emma (#238) 1841, and two children with Charles Wiskin - James (#239) 1847 and Charles (#240) (1852-1855)

John Auger 1809 was the son of William Philip Auger (1775-1817) and Ann Burgess (1775-) His sister Sarah Auger b 1796 married John Wiskin b 1796 and they had a son Charles Wiskin (#225) b 1819 who married Charlotte Woodley.

Charlotte Woodley and John Auger were married 6th October 1830. She could not have been older than 16, and possibly younger. He would have been 21. She would have been pregnant with John at the time. Their children included William b 14/5/1833 chr 10/11/1833 and Emma b 13/9/1840 chr 10/1/1841

John Auger was buried 30th July 1840 aged 31, so born 1809.

Charlotte Augar, daughter of John Woodley married Charles Wiskin, b 1818 son of John Wiskin, on 28th June 1846. They had a child James in 1847, chr 11th Apr 1847 and another child Charles 1852 who died in 1855.

"ESSEX STANDARD 19th Apr 1844

An extraordinary outcry was a few days since raised amongst the thickly populated and not very refined residents occupying Castle Street [Saffron Walden] against Mr James Archer a respectable butcher relative to his treatment of a boy in his service named Woodley by first beating and then hanging him. The case was soon afterwards investigated before the Borough Magistrates when it appeared that the boy was strongly addicted to thieving and in his master's absence last Thursday he was caught stealing a quantity of peas. On Mr Archer's return ..."

(The Woodley boy is likely to be John Auger, who reverted to being called Woodley see the 1841 census for Castle St, and who would have been 14 at the time and living in Castle Street)

1851 CENSUS

East Street, Saffron Walden

Rebecca Wiskin 52 Wimbish

Charles Wiskin 22 Wimbish

Mary Ann Wiskin 18 Saffron Walden

Curious that this doesnt include Charlotte. Probably the wrong family

see further census records below.

John Auger (1809)'s father was probasbly Edward Auger labourer Saffron Walden, who was named in a bastardy bond 2nd Feb 1807 as putative father of two females born in 1803 and 1807 to Ann Barker.

*There was a Maria Woodley b 1793, [to John and Sarah]chr 25th Aug 1793 Essex. She may have married John Andrews or Thomas Underwood around 1820. She is from another distant family
SEE jonathan_woodley-susannah_poole*

CENSUS

1841 CENSUS

Castle St, Saffron Walden

Sarah Woodley 70-74 (ie Goodwin)
Sarah Woodley 25-29 (ie Braybrooke)
Elizabeth Woodley 20-24
Charlotte Woodley 25-29 (ie widow Auger)
John Woodley 11 (nee Auger)
William Woodley 8 (nee Auger)
Maryann Woodley 4 (nee Auger)
Emma Woodley 0 (nee Auger)

This household comprises Sarah the mother, three of her daughters, (two thus far unmarried and Charlotte the widow of John Auger), and Charlotte's four children by John Auger.
Note that Charlotte and her children have adopted the surname Woodley in this case rather than Auger.

1841 CENSUS

Castle Street, Saffron Walden
John Wiskin 40-44
Sarah Wiskin 40-44
Charles Wiskin 20-24
James Wiskin 18-22
John Wiskin 15-19

1851 CENSUS

Charles Wiskin 33
Charlotte Wiskin 35
MaryAnn Wiskin 14
Emma Wiskin 10
James Wiskin 4
Sarah Woodley 79 widow pauper

1861 CENSUS

Castle Street Saffron Walden
Charles Whiskin 43 labourer Saffron Walden
Charlotte Whiskin 45 wife Saffron Walden
James Whiskin 14 son Saffron Walden
Sarah Woodley 95 lodger Saffron Walden (ie Sarah Goodwin)

1871 CENSUS

Saffron Walden
Charles Wisken 52 Saffron Walden
Charlotte Wisken 56 Saffron Walden

Charles Reader 12 nephew Saffron Walden
James Augar grandson 11 Saffron Walden
This is curious as this James Augar must surely be the son of Charlotte's
son William
and is Charles Reader nephew of Charles or of Charlotte?

Mary Ann Auger, Charlotte's daughter by her first marriage, married
Mark Reader on 1st April 1855 in Saffron Walden. The 'nephew' Charles
is probably their son or Mark Reader's nephew.

1881 CENSUS
Upper Square, Castle Street, Saffron Walden
Charles Wisken 64 labourer Saffron Walden
Charlotte Wisken 70 wife Saffron Walden

1861 CENSUS
Saffron Walden
Sarah Woodley boarder 95
Charles Whiskin 43 labourer
Charlotte Whiskin 45 wife
James Whiskin 14 labourer

Connected families

**James Richardson of Littlebury was named as putative father of a
male child of Lydia Auger in a bastardy bond 11th Jun 1833.**

**William Archer was named as putative father of a male child of
Mary Wisken in a bastardy bond 28th Jun 1803**

=====

G13 =====

**JAMES WOODLEY AND (1) SARAH CORNELL (2) EMMA
COOTE (G13 - ASHDON)**

James b1815 (#125) son of Thomas Woodley and Sarah Webb married twice -

.1 Sarah Cornell (#4240), bapt 1813 in Chipping Ongar, married 11th May 1836 in Ashdon,

.2 Emma Coote (#126) married 20th March 1873 in Ashdon, dr of William Coote. Both were widowed at that time. Emma Coote's first marriage was to a Lister (Marriage record gives "James, son of Thomas, - and Emma, dau of William")

Children of James were Rebecca (#4241) bapt 26th Aug 1837 Ashdon and Sarah Hannah (#4242) b 1851 Ashdon.

But see also James Frances f. below which is odd.

Children of James Woodley (#125):

Rebecca (#4241) b 1837 bapt 26th Aug 1837 Radwinter "dau of James and Sarah" *who married Thomas Pearman in Ashdon in 1861*, born 1837 in Chipping Ongar. She had a child Charles Woodley bapt 19th Sept 1858, *not to be confused with Charles 1861 son of William and Lucy*

Sara Hannah (#4242) b 1851 Ashdon

1841 CENSUS

Ashdon, Mill Field Cottages

Sarah Woodley 1812/16 (Cornell)

Rebecca Woodley 1837

1841 CENSUS

Loughton, Bench House Farm

James Woodley 1812/16

with Thomas and Lydia Chilton and family, where he seems to be one of the farm hands.

1851 CENSUS

Saffron Walden

James Woodley 36 1815 ag lab

Sarah 38 1813 b Chipping Ongar (Cornell)

Rebecca 14 1837 b Chipping Ongar

Sarah 0 1851 b Ashdon

1861 CENSUS

James Woodley 1817 Ashdon

Sarah 1801 Chipping Ongar (wife Cornell date should be 1813)

Sarah 1852 Ashdon dau

Charles 1860 Ashdon grandson (son of Rebecca presumably, though bapt 1858?)

1881 CENSUS

Ashdon

James Woodley ag lab 1815 Ashdon

Emma Woodley 1821 Ashdon (Coote)

JOHN WOODLEY AND ELIZABETH WEBB (G13 - ASHDON)

John (#226) bapt 11th Sep 1814 ("to William and Susannah") married Elizabeth Webb (#227) b 1820, dau of Lawrence Webb of Radwinter on 25th Dec 1844 in either Ashdon or Radwinter. Elizabeth Webb was bapt 4th May 1820 in Radwinter "by Lawrence and Elizabeth Webb"

"John, single of Ashdon, father William, married Elizabeth single, dau of Lawrence, of Radwinter" **John died either 1900 in Saffron Walden or 1881 in Tasmania.** Elizabeth Webb was probably neice of Sarah Webb (1794) who married Thomas Woodley.

BIRTH 3

John Woodley **FILE 02**

bapt at 8 months old on 11th Sept 1814 in Ashdon (**sometimes indexed incorrectly as Arkesden**) (**born January 1814**)

son of William and Susanna

MARRIAGE 4 **FILE 02**

John Woodley, son of William to Eliza Webb dau of Lawrence

25th Dec 1844 Saffron Walden

1841 CENSUS

Roath End Ashdon

John 1812-16

Ann 1817-21 (his sister) married Wm Thake

Susan 1777-1781 (ie Susannah Coote)
Joseph 1822-1826 (who was married to Eliz Caton?)

1841 CENSUS 1 **FILE 02**

Roath End, Ashdon
John Woodley 1816 (25)
Susan Woodley 60
Anne Woodley 20

1841 CENSUS

Radwinter
Lawrence Webb 60
Elizabeth Webb 20
William Webb 15

1851 CENSUS

Ashdon
John Woodley ag lb, Ashdon 37 (1814)
Elizabeth Woodley Radwinter 31 (1820) (Elizabeth Webb)
James Porter Radwinter 50 lodger unrm ag lab

1851 CENSUS 1 **FILE 02**

Ashdon
John 1814 (37) Ashdon
Elizabeth 31 Radwinter (Webb)
James Porter 50 Radwinter lodger

1851 CENSUS

Ashdon
Susannah mother-in-law 1782 Radwinter
Ann Thake

1851 CENSUS

Ashdon
William Thake 35 md aglab head Radwinter
Anne Thake (nee Woodley) 30 1821 wife Ashdon
Susannah Woodley 69 1782 Radwinter widow pauper mother-in-law
(Susannah Coote)
George Thake 7 son Ashdon
John Thake 4 Ashdon
Mary Ann Thake 2 Ashdon

1861 CENSUS 1 **FILE 02**

Ashdon

John Woodley 1813 (48) Ashdon

Elizabeth Woodley 40 Ashdon (Webb)

1861 CENSUS

Ashdon

John Woodley Ashdon 1813

Elizabeth Woodley Ashdon 1821 (born Webb)

1871 CENSUS

Ashdon

John Woodley 1813

Elizabeth Woodley 1819

Joseph Lofts 1838 lodger

The John in this 1841 census above - whoever he is - is almost certainly the John Woodley featured in this article below, since in the 1841 census for Ashdon he is the only John Woodley of viable age.-

"ESSEX STANDARD 20th Oct 1838

Charles Reed for stealing a spade from John Woodley at Ashdon, one month's hard labour".

This John of Ashdon, "son of William" (and from the census son of Susan) in this census married Elizabeth Webb, "dau of Lawrence Webb" in 1844 in Radwinter her home.

JOSEPH LOFTS WOODLEY AND ALICE BARRETT (G13 -ASHDON)

Joseph Lofts Woodley (#4126) was the illegitimate son, born 1839 of Sarah Woodley (#4125) who later married Charles Lofts (#4132)

Alice Barrett (#4127) born 1851 in Ashdon

<<B:1839,4126,Joseph Lofts,Woodley,m>>

<<B:1851,4127,Alice,Barrett,f>>

<<M:1871,4126,4127>>

It seems likely that, after his step-father Charles Lofts was transported, Joseph L Woodley joined the navy between 1841 and 1871 until returning to Ashdon where he married Alice Barrett Q2 1871 13th May 1871 in Saffron Walden. He was 32 and she was 20. **However, the naval connection is not yet certain**

They had seven children as listed in the 1891 census for Church End, Ashdon

Joseph Lofts Woodley died 1906 and buried 11th Sept 1906 in Ashdon

JOSEPH WOODLEY AND ELIZABETH CATON (G13-ASHDON)

Joseph Woodley (#3302) (1817 Ashdon-1890 Linton) bapt 30th Mar 1817 "to William and Susan", it is possible he was son of William Woodley (#3222) and Susan **Coote (#3223) of Radwinter**, but possibly there was another William and Susan in Ashdon.

There was also an Anne bapt 20th July 1820 in Ashdon and John 1814 who could be her sibling. This points towards the Coote option.

Elizabeth Caton (#3303) born 1818 or 1821 in Saffron Walden or Radwinter, though there is no obvious birth or baptism record, though there are for Gt Dunmow, Ingatestone and Braintree (Shalford).

They were married in Ashdon 5th July 1839.

"Joseph Woodley of full age labourer of Ashdon, father William married to Elizabeth Caton, a minor, daughter of John Caton. Witnesses John Woodley and Martha Barham"

The family moved in 1851 to Bartlow End, near Linton Cambs.

CHILDREN

- .1 Rebecca (#8293) 1839
- .2 Rebecca 2 (#3305) 1844
- .3 Mary (#8294) 1840
- .4 John (#3306) 1846, b Ashdon 18th March 1846, bapt 11th June 1848
- .5 William Caton Woodley (#3307) born 1850 or 1851, bapt 17th Jul 1867 in Ashdon, "son of Joseph and Eliz."

John Woodley (#3306) b 1846 married on 6th May 1865 in Castle Camps to Harriet Woodley (#1705) bapt 1842 dau of Thomas Woodley (#1701) and Letitia Free (#1702), child William b 1870 Bartlow, *?but this is most likely John #1706 (son of Josiah) rather than John #3306 or the other option John #131.*

Harriet already had a son George Edward in 1861

John and Harriet had the following children

- Joseph 9th June 1865
- Elizabeth: 12th July 1867
- William: 5th November 1869
- Louisa: 2nd May 1875 – November 1882

After Harriet died in 1880 John married Mary Rule in 1886. John died 1926.

From 1891 to 1901 George Edward was living with his grandmother or perhaps step-grandmother, Betsy (Caton) Woodley.

Chelmsford Chronicle 11th September 1891

On Tuesday, Mr William Caton Woodley, of Homerton, youngest son of John Woodley, of Bartlow Hamlet, with whom he was staying on a visit, was getting into an empty harvest wagon, when the front ladder came out, causing him to fall, doubling his right leg under him and breaking the thigh. Pc. Lancum skilfully splintered the leg, after which Mr W. Woodley conveyed the sufferer to the Saffron Walden Hospital, where Dr Bartlett set the fracture.

This presumably refers to William Woodley born 1869.

William Caton Woodley (#3307) born 1850 or 1851, bapt 17th Jul 1867 in Ashdon, "son of Joseph and Eliz." married Mary Ann Smart (nee Taylor) in 1894. both second marriages. William died 1897 in Saffron Walden, his estate was granted probate of a will.

There are some newspaper advertisements (to be located) which suggest he owned some property including a freehold blacksmiths forge.

John Woodley son of Josiah to Harriet Woodley dau of Thomas
6th May 1865 Castle Camps

Note: There was a James Woodley buried at age 1 (ie born 1833) on 7th
April 1834 in Ashdon, This could be one of the other Ashdon
contemporary families :

- .1 *Joseph W and Elizabeth Caton*
- .2 Thomas W and Sarah Parr
- .3 William W and Ann Carter
- .4 Thomas W (son of Mary Weard) and Sarah Webb

"Marriage William Caton Woodley son of Joseph, of full age married
20th Aug 1894 in Saffron Walden to Mary Ann Smart (#8295) dr of
William Taylor.". Both were widowed at time of marriage. William
Caton Woodley was a publican.

1841 CENSUS
Crooks Hill, Ashdon
Joseph 1812/16
Elizabeth 1817/21
Rebecca 1839
Mary 1840

1841 CENSUS
Roath End, Ashdon
Susan 1777/81 (ie Coote)
John 1812/16
Anne 1817/1821

1851 CENSUS
Bartlow Cambs
Joseph 1816
Betsy 1821
Rebecca 1844
John 1846
William 1850
All born Ashdon, except Betsy b Walden

1861 CENSUS
Cambs
Joseph 1817

Betty 1821
John 1846
William 1851
Thomas 1857
all born Ashdon exc Betty b Saffron Walden

1881 CENSUS
Bartlow End
Joseph b 1814 Ashdon
Betsy 63 Radwinter
Mary 9 Bartlow
Emma 3 Bartlow
the last two prob daus of John 1846 or William 1851

1891 CENSUS
Bartlow Cambs to be completed ...
William 40
Betsy 70
plus others to be completed

CHARLES WOODLEY (G13-ASHDON)

Charles Woodley (#140) was born August 1819 bapt 5th Sept 1819 in Ashdon, was son of Thomas Woodley (#105) and Sarah Webb (#121) and therefore not closely related to our family.

[see john_woodley-mary_weard](#)

"ESSEX STANDARD 19th Jan 1849
Charles Woodley, 31 labourer of Ashdon was indicted for obtaining money under false pretences from Mr William Chalk , carter. John Freestone servant of Mr Chalk deposed that on Sunday afternoon the 10th of December last the prisoner Woodley came to him and asked for the bill of the pork and the money for a ..."

[Charles Woodley,.](#)
[Born August 1819 in Ashdon, a farm labourer, he married Sophia Chinery 9th Jan 1846 in Ashdon. He had 1 month in prison for poaching](#)

and 6 weeks for theft. He was found guilty of fraud at Saffron Walden assizes on 12th Jan 1849 and was sentenced to 7 years beyond the seas, Held in Portland Prison, Springfield and Millbank Gaols then to the prison hulk 'York' Transported on Pyrenees dep 14th March 1851 from Torbay, arrived Fremantle WA 28th June 1851. Died 31st July 1883 age 64 in Harvey WA. He married Emma Gardiner (b 1834 in Gloucestershire) in Bunbury WA and they had 10 children between 1856 and 1871. One of their children was Sarah who married Patrick Cahill (b 1836 Ireland) who as a soldier on 11th Sept 1862 in Colombo. tried to shoot a sergeant . He was sentenced to life and was transported back to Chatham and then to Western Australia. Nevertheless he and Sarah had 9 children.

In 1824 father Thomas (accompanied by Charles, only 5 years old) appeared at the December 1824 Special Assizes in Essex on a charge of larceny, but were found not guilty.

Charles married 9th Jan 1846 to Sophia Chinnery Leonard (#141) in Ashdon

In 1847 he was convicted of poaching (1 month imprisonment)

In 1847 6 weeks in prison for larceny

On 12th Jan 1849 he was convicted of fraud and sentenced to 7 years transportation

CHILDREN WITH SOPHIA

Elijah 9th Apr 1848 Ashdon

Walter Leonard Woodley 1845

Ellen Woodley 1851-1852

He stopped at Portland Prison, Springfield Gaol, Millbank prison, and the hulk 'York'

At this time he was married with 'one child' (actually he had two)., a labourer who could not read or write, and the family were living in Castle Camps.

Ellen seems to have been born while Charles was absent in prison

Transported on the Pyrennees dep 14th Mar 1851 from Torbay and arrived 28th Jun 1851 at Fremantle. Western Australia

There he married Emma Gardiner (#142) (b 1834 Glos) in 1861 in Bunbury WA

They had 10 children between 1856 and 1871

The children included Sarah born 1856 who married Patrick Cahill (born 1836) in 1875.

On 11th Sept 1862 Patrick, while a soldier in Colombo, had tried to shoot his colour sergeant and was sentenced to life in Western Australia.. His route over a period of 2 years was Colombo to Millbank to Chatham to Western Australia

Together Patrick and Sarah had 9 children.

Charles Woodley died 31st July 1883 aged 64 in Harvey, Western Australia.

Charles Woodley

Charles Woodley was born in August 1819 in Ashdon, Essex, England. He died on 31 July 1883 in Harvey, Western Australia, Australia. When he was 41, he married Emma Gardiner, daughter of Reuben Gardiner and Ann Onslow Brown, on 30 April 1861 in Bunbury, Western Australia, Australia.

Crime: 12 January 1849 in Saffron Waldron, Somerset, England (7 years - fraud -) Convict Number: 1851 (#469) Immigration: Dep.: 30 March 1851 in Torbay, Devon, England (Per "Pyrenees") Immigration: Arr.: 28 June 1851 in Fremantle, Western Australia, Australia (Per "Pyrenees") Ticket of Leave: 28 June 1851

Charles Woodley and Emma Gardiner had the following children:

Sarah Woodley was born in 1856 in Australind, Western Australia. She died in 1927 in East Perth, Western Australia, Australia. She married Patrick Cahill in 1875 in Bunbury, Western Australia, Australia.

Charles Reuben Woodley was born on 7 August 1858 in Ditchingham, Western Australia, Australia. He died in 1940 in Western Australia, Australia.

Thomas Woodley was born in 1859 in Ferguson, Western Australia, Australia. He died on 22 May 1946 in Australia.

Joseph William Woodley was born on 17 August 1860 in Australia, Western Australia, Australia. He died in 1905. He married Minnie Hurst in 1898 in Australia, Western Australia, Australia. Minnie Hurst has been reported as daughter of Basil Hurst and Maria Gardiner.

Rose Anne Woodley was born on 31 May 1861 in Wokalup, Western Australia, Australia. She married Henry Miller Marsh in 1876. She died on 3 October 1921 in Harvey, Western Australia, Australia.

Amy Woodley was born on 31 May 1864 in Wokalup, Western Australia, Australia. She died on 27 May 1958 in Western Australia, Australia. She married Frederick Thorpe in 1890 in Harvey, Western Australia, Australia.

George Woodley was born in 1866 in Brunswick Junction, Western Australia, Australia. He died in 1875 in Australind, Western Australia, Australia.

Selina Woodley was born in 1868 in Ditchingham, Western Australia, Australia. Married Charles Rossmore Jarvis in 1896. She died in 1944.

Lavinia Woodley was born on 25 August 1869. Married Joseph White. She died in 1898.

Edith Ada Woodley was born on 3 May 1871 in Bunbury, Western Australia, Australia. She died on 25 October 1958 in Perth, Western Australia, Australia. She married Henry John Robinson in 1896 in Bunbury, Western Australia, Australia.

From the court records held at Saffron Walden Town Hall :

"Borough of Saffron Walden

At the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of our sovereign Lady the Queen holden at the Guildhall in and for the said Borough on Monday 12th January in the 12th year of the reign of our Lady Victoria {1849} by the grace of God of the united Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen defender of the faith in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine before Vicennius Knox Esq the Recorder of the said borough assigned the jurors of our Lady the Queen

.1 Recind the prosecution of John Green and Frederick Emson and Thomas Bradford Felony To be imprisoned

.2 Regina on the prosecution of William Chalk v Charles Woodley on an indictment for obtaining money under false pretences Plea Not Guilty Jury say Guilty Sentence of the Court To be transported for the term of seven years to such parts beyond the seas as her Majesty shall with the advice of her Privy Council direct and appoint.

On Wednesday the 8th day of January in the 14th year of our Sov Lady Victoria and in the YOOL one thousand eight hundred nd fifty one before Vicesionus Knox Esq recorder of the said borough

Jurors

Waite Spicer - Foreman

Matthew Beatty rae

Joseph Sourby

Henry Shuttleworth

Geoprge Slater

Jonathan Smart

Cornell Spicer

William Spicer

Richard Ward Spicer

Matthew Spicer

Henry Taylor

Silvanus Ward

William Ward

James Wedd

William Wiseman

Matthew Winder

James Archer

David Baldry

Samuel Wakefield

James Starling

Thomas Wright"

Other cases

27/6/1836 James Wright and Martha his wife vv John Woodley Assault
Plea NG Jury G Confined in Springfield one month

18/7/1845 Mary Coe v James Woodley Larceny plea NG Jury G to 1
calendar month imprisonment in Springfield and ke[pt to hard labour

Also 1811 CENSUS

Castle Street

John Woodley 5 M 3 F

Almshouse lane

John Woodley 2 M 3 F

G14 =====

JOHN WOODLEY AND MARY AUGER (G14-SAFFRON WALDEN)

John Woodley

John Woodley (#2401) was born 1816 to 1818 in Saffron Walden (according to census records)

and was baptised 25th Nov 1821, son of William and Mary. It is quite difficult to reconcile who this Wiliam and Mary are as discussed in the notes in red.

BIRTH 1 FILE 12

John Woodley

bapt 25th Nov 1821 in Essex

son of William and Mary

Almost certainly, this John Woodley is John Woodley (#4122) son of William Woodley and Mary Ann Flack, bapt 1821 .

See file [william_woodley-ann_gibbs](#)

It seems now increasingly likely, eliminating other options, that this John was the son of John Woodley and Sarah Goodwin

See file [john_woodley-sarah_goodwin](#)

NOT John Woodley (#2401) (1821?-1895) was born in Saffron Walden, son of William (#)1794 and Amey (#) 1796 Woodley.of Littlebury. They are not closely related to us. There is a baptism record - "John bapt 11th Oct 1818 Littlebury, son of William and Amy". There are two John Woodleys in the 1851 census. One b 1819 is qith Willaim and Amy/Ann.(#2401) but this one is married to Mary Auger and is different.

NOT John Woodley (#415) was born 1816-1821 son of James Woodley and Ann Richardson, who married Charlotte Thurgood

NOT JOHN WOODLEY son of William and Elizabeth who probably married Sarah Archer.

Mary Auger

Mary Ann Auger (#2402) was born 1816 dau of Henry Auger and Jane Warren

Henry Auger b 1782 and Jane Warren b 1786 were married 1807 in S/W. Jane Warren 1786 had a sister Elizabeth Warren b 1781, who describes herself as widow, but probably never married. Elizabeth Warren appears in the census records below.

Henry and Jane had four children :

- .1 Edward 1807, married Sarah Taylor
- .2 Jane 1806, married James Miller
- .3 Mary Ann 1816, married John Woodley
- .4 Henry 1810

MARRIAGE

John and Mary were married 15th May 1837 in Saffron Walden.

MARRIAGE 6 FILE 12

John Woodley **bachelor** to Mary Auger spinster
15th May 1837 Saffron Walden
Witnesses : E Warren, James Dance

At the time of the marriage Mary Auger was already pregnant with child Elizabeth.

Marriage record "15th May 1837 Saffron Walden John Woodley of this parish bachelor, Mary Auger of this parish spinster, witnesses James Dance and E Warden (ie Warren) (no parents specified)"

CHILDREN

.1 Elizabeth 1837

.2 Ann 1840

.3 Elisa 1840

.4 Sarah 1843

.5 Robert 1851

.6 Jane 1855

.1 Elizabeth Woodley also known as Betsy (#2403) born 1837, chr 10th Sept 1837 "to John and Mary", married Abram Barker (#2405) (son of John Barker) b 1829 on 11th Nov 1855 or 16th Dec 1855 "dau of John Woodley, son of John Barker"

Children - Ellen Barker 1855, Daniel Barker 1848, Henry Barker 1860, plus Joseph, Jane and Mary Ann. **Missing from the 1851 census.**

Abraham Barker died Q2 1913 S/W aged 83.

.2 Ann Woodley (#2404), born Q3 1840 in Saffron Walden as Mary Ann Woodley 'dau of John and Mary'. Not baptised. She may have died Q4 1842.

.3 Elisa Woodley (#8442) bapt 10th Jun 1840 **but not in the 1841 census.** She married at age 20 to Samuel King age 23, son of James King bricklayer on 8th Apr 1860 in Saffron Walden. Witnesses Harriet Atkins and William 'Ping?'

.4 Sarah Woodley, (#8446) born 1843 and bapt 14th Jan 1844. She married James King in Q4 1860 in Saffron Walden, soon after her sister Elisa's marriage. Witnesses Joseph Gates and Rebecca Sarah Webb.

.5 Robert Woodley (#8233) b Q2 1851, bapt 13th July 1851 Saffron Woodley "to John Woodley labourer and Mary Anne". It appears that in 1871 he married Amelia Thurgood (#8234) and by the 1901 census for

Saffron Walden they had four children Arthur, Susan, Frederick and William.

.6 [Jane Woodley](#) (#8235) b 1852, bapt 13th Apr 1856 Saffron Walden "to John Woodley labourer and Mary " . She married John Goodwin 12th Oct 1872 in Saffron Walden and they had 10 children.

CENSUS RETURNS

1841 CENSUS

Castle Street, Saffron Walden

John Woodley 35-39

Mary Woodley 35-39

Elizabeth Woodley 3

Ann Woodley 1

1841 CENSUS

Castle St, Saffron Walden

Edward Auger 30 1811 (prob brother of Mary Auger)

Sarah Auger 30 (Taylor)

Edward Auger 1831

Elizabeth Warren 50 or 60

plus other Augers and Downhams

1851 CENSUS

Lotes Lane, Saffron Walden

John Woodley 1816 labr

Mary 35

Betsy 12

Elisa 11

Sarah 7

*1851 CENSUS 5 **FILE 12***

Lotes Lane, Saffron Walden

John 1816 S/W

Mary 35

Betsy 12

Elisa 11

Sarah 7

1851 CENSUS

Castle St S/W

Elizabeth Warren 70 1781 Walden widow pauper (witness at marriage of John W and mary Auger)

Edward Auger 21 1830 nephew Walden

Sarah Woodley 8 1843 niece Walden (dau of John W and Mary Auger, counted twice?)

Elizabeth warren is great-aunt to Edward Auger and Sarah Woodley

Edward Auger 1830 is son of Edward Auger b 1804 or 1807 blacksmith and Sarah Taylor b 1806.

Sarah Woodley appears to have been enumerated twice!

1861 CENSUS

170 Castle St Saffron Walden

John 43

Mary 45

Robert 9 b1852

Jane 6

1861 CENSUS 6 *FILE 12*

Castle St, S/W

John 1818 S/W

Mary 45 S/W

Robert 9 S/W

Jane 6 S/W

1861 CENSUS

171 Castle St Saffron Walden

Abraham Barker 31

Betsy 24

Ellen 5 grandchildren

Daniel 13

Henry 7mths

1861 CENSUS

Castle St, Saffron Walden

Samuel King

Elisa King 21

1871 CENSUS

Saffron Walden

Abraham Barker 41 ag labr S/W

Betsy Barker 39 S/W

Ellen Barker 15 S/W

Daniel Barker 12 S/W

Henry Barker 10 S/W
Joseph Barker 7 S/W
Jane Barker 4 S/W
Mary A Barker 2 S/W

1901 CENSUS
Upper Square, Saffron Walden
Robert Woodley 50 S/W
Amelia Woodley 49 Littlebury (Thurgood)
Arthur Woodley 21 S/W
Susan Woodley 14 S/W
Frederick Woodley S/W 11
William Woodley 3 S/W

1911 CENSUS
Saffron Walden
Abraham Barker 78 bldg labr S/W
Elizabeth Barker 73 S/W
William Barker 25 maltster S/W
Ivy Nash 1 grandaur S/W
William Start 15 grandson carter S/W

WILLIAM WOODLEY AND LUCY MARSH (G14-ASHDON)

William Webb Woodley (#123), son of Thomas Woodley and Sarah Webb

Lucy Selina Marsh (#128) dau of Richard Marsh and Mary Gipps, b Q1 1841 S/W and bapt 28th Feb 1841.

Married 8th Aug 1858

Children

Josiah (#146) 1859-1932
Charles (#147) 1861
John Leonard (#148) 1863
Ruth (#149) 1866
William George (#150) 1868
Christopher (#151) 1871
Selina (#152) 1873

Frederick (#153) 1877
Arthur (#154) 1877

1841 CENSUS
Steventon End, Ashdon
Mary 20
Lucy 0

1851 CENSUS
Nevendon, Ashdon
Richard 1813
Mary 1819 (Gipps)
Lucy Marsh 10
also
Harriet Marsh
George Marsh
Susan Marsh
Thomas Marsh
John Gipps
Lucy Gipps

1861 CENSUS
Church End, Ashdon
William W 1838 ag lab Ashdon
Lucy W 1841 Ashdon wife (Marsh)
Josiah 1859 Ashdon son
Charles 1861 Ashdon son

=====

=====

THE CORNELL FAMILY

The Woodley and Cornell families have several links.

- .1 James Woodley married Sarah Cornell Ashdon 1846
- .2 James Woodley married Emily Cornell 1858
- .3 George Woodley married Dudley Cornell c1870

According to an American source this family is directly descended from Thomas Cornell 1593-1655 of Saffron Walden.

He is alleged to be a direct descendant of King John, through King John's son Richard, 1st Earl of Cornwall 1209-1272.

Furthermore Thomas Cornell's family went to America with the early settlers and one descendant founded Cornell University.

Another American descendant, Abby Cornwell, married Thomas Welwood a noted property developer in Long Island New York.

=====

END OF FILE