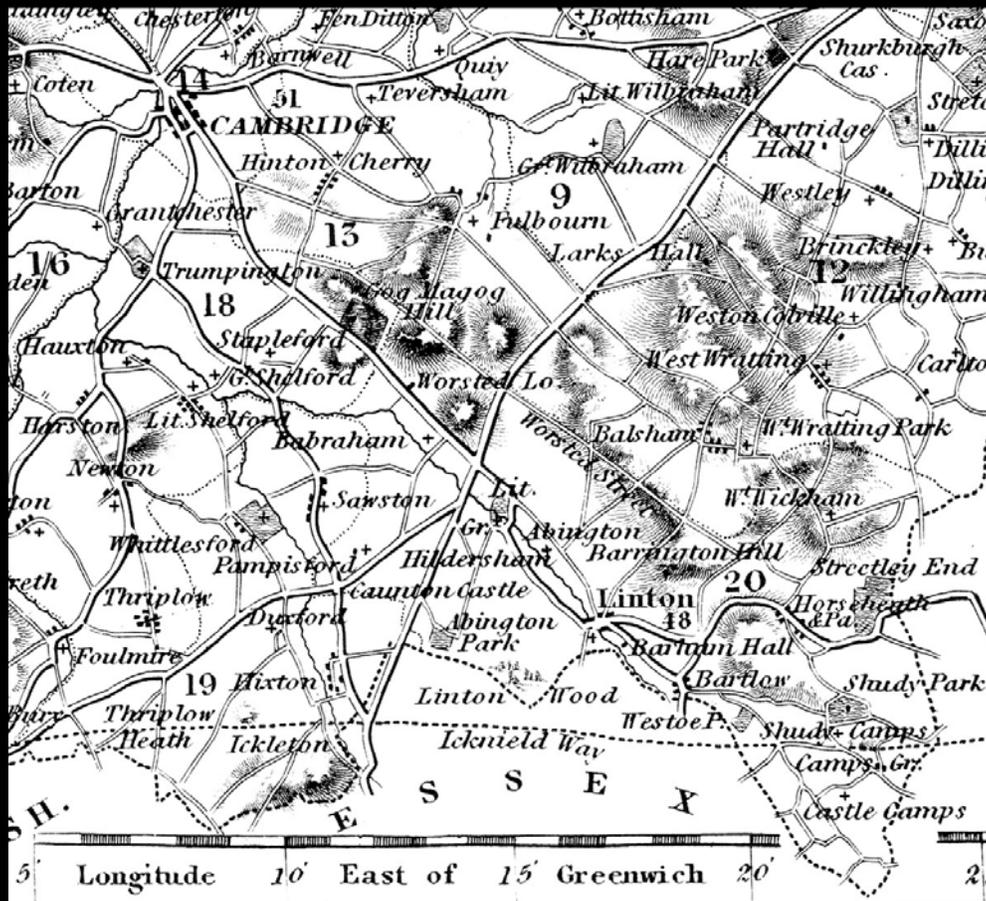


# Susan Cooper the Witch of Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire, England



A genealogy and history of Susan Cooper's family and ancestors in the 17th to 19th centuries Cambridgeshire, England

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# Susan Cooper the Witch of Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire, England.

Her ancestors, her family and her history.

Cover picture:

Map of Cambridgeshire showing the area from Cambridge to the Essex border. Whittlesford is in the lower left quadrant. From my copy of the book, *The Phillimore Atlas and Index of Parish Registers.*, edited by Cecil R. Humphery-Smith, 1984.

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1st generation of the Smith family

**James Smith ( ? -? )**

Husband of Elizabeth (---?---)

**1. JAMES SMITH**

James and Elizabeth Smith were living in Hardwick, Cambridgeshire, England in the 1660's. Nothing is known about them. Their four children were baptized all on the same day, 7th of October 1666, in St. Mary church in Hardwick.

Their son, William Smith, got married in Boxworth, Cambridgeshire. His wife Anne Tinworth came from Hardwick. And the names of William and Anne's children are the same as William's brothers and sisters.

**Children of James and Elizabeth (---?---) Smith**

**2. ELIZABETH SMITH** was born ca. 1659 and baptized 7 October 1666 at St. Mary church in Hardwick, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcription of the parish register of Hardwick:

Baptisms 1666

Oct 7 SMITH Elizabeth dau of James & Elizabeth being seven years of age

**3. ROSE SMITH** was born ca. 1661 and baptized 7 October 1666 at St. Mary church in Hardwick, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcription of the parish register of Hardwick:

Baptisms 1666

Oct 7 SMITH Rose dau of James & Elizabeth being five years of age

4. **JAMES SMITH** was born ca. 1663 and baptized 7 October 1666 at St. Mary church in Hardwick, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcription of the parish register of Hardwick:

Baptisms 1666

Oct 7 SMITH James son of James & Elizabeth being 3 years of age

5. + **WILLIAM SMITH** was born ca. 1666 and baptized 7 October 1666 at St. Mary church in Hardwick, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcription of the parish register of Hardwick:

Baptisms 1666

Oct 7 SMITH William son of James & Elizabeth

William Smith married Anne Tinworth.

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2nd generation of the Smith family

## William Smith (1666 - 1720)

Husband of Anne Tinworth

### ~ 1666

5. **WILLIAM SMITH** was born ca. 1666 and baptized 7 October 1666 at St. Mary church in Hardwick, Cambridgeshire.

Father: James Smith No. 1  
Mother: Elizabeth (---?---)

### ~ 1698

William Smith married **ANNE TINWORTH** on 20 October 1698 in St. Peter church in Boxworth, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcription of the parish register of Boxworth:

Marriages 1698

Oct	20	SMITH	William
		TINWORTH	Anne of Hardwicke

### ~ 1720

William Smith, a labourer, died and was buried 14 Mar 1720 in the churchyard of St. Peter church in Boxworth, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcription of the parish register of Boxworth:

Burials 1720

Mar	14	SMITH	William lab
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This William Smith burial is probably the right guy. There were no more children baptized after 1720 for William and Anne.

Other William Smith burials were for a Mr. William Smith and a William Smith junior.

**~ 1742**

Anne Smith, a widow, died and was buried 23 September 1742 in the churchyard of St. Peter church in Boxworth, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcription of the parish register of Boxworth:

Burials 1742

Sep 23 SMITH Anne wid

## Children of William and Anne (Tinworth) Smith

6. **WILLIAM SMITH** was born 21 July 1699 and baptized 30 July 1699 in St. Peter church in Boxworth, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcription of the parish register of Boxworth:

Baptisms 1699

Jul 30 SMITH William son of William & Anne born 21 Jul

William Smith died young and was buried 4 May 1703 in the churchyard of St. Peter church in Boxworth, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcription of the parish register of Boxworth:

Burials 1703

May 4 SMITH William son of William & Anne lab

7. **ROBERT SMITH** was born 7 October 1700 and was baptized 27 October 1700 in St. Peter church in Boxworth, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcription of the parish register of Boxworth:

Baptisms 1700

Oct 27 SMITH Robert son of William & Anne his wife lab born 7 Oct

8. **WILLIAM SMITH** was born 22 November 1703 and was baptized 12 December 1703 in St. Peter church in Boxworth, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcription of the parish register of Boxworth:

Baptisms 1703

Dec 12 SMITH William son of William & Anne his wife lab born 22 Nov

9. **ROSE SMITH** was born 26 May 1706 and was baptized 9 June 1706 in St. Peter church in Boxworth, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcription of the parish register of Boxworth:

Baptisms 1706

Jun 9 SMITH Rose dau of William & Anne his wife lab born 26 May

10. **SARAH SMITH** was baptized 31 October 1708 in St. Peter church in Boxworth, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcription of the parish register of Boxworth:

Baptisms 1708

Oct 31 SMITH Sarah dau of William & Anne

Sarah Smith died young and was buried 28 January 1710 in the churchyard of St. Peter church in Boxworth, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcription of the parish register of Boxworth:

Burials 1710

Jan 28 SMITH Sarah dau of Will. & Anne

11. **ANNE SMITH** was baptized 27 January 1711 in St. Peter church in Boxworth, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcription of the parish register of Boxworth:

Baptisms 1711

Jan 27 SMITH Anne dau of William & Anne

12. + **ELIZABETH SMITH** was baptized 2 April 1714 in St. Peter church in Boxworth, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcription of the parish register of Boxworth:

Baptisms 1714

Apr 2 SMITH Elizabeth dau of William & Anne

Elizabeth Smith married Thomas Tilly

13. **JOHN SMITH** was baptized 4 November 1716 in St. Peter church in Boxworth, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcription of the parish register of Boxworth:

Baptisms 1716

Nov 4 SMITH John son of William & Anne [BT 1 Nov 1716]

14. **JAMES SMITH** was baptized 10 April 1720 in St. Peter church in Boxworth, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcription of the parish register of Boxworth:

Baptisms 1720

Apr 10 SMITH James son of William & Ann

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Tilly family

## Thomas Tilly (? - 1785)

Husband of Elizabeth Smith

1. **THOMAS TILLY** came from another parish before living in Boxworth, Cambridgeshire in the 1730's. There is no earlier Tilly in the church records of St. Peter church in Boxworth.

Last name also spelled as "Tilley" in the church records.

### ~ 1736

Thomas Tilly married **ELIZABETH SMITH** on 5 November 1736 in St. Peter church in Boxworth, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcription of the parish register of Boxworth:

#### Marriages 1736

Nov	5	TILLY	Thomas
		SMITH	Elizabeth

Elizabeth Smith was baptized 2 April 1714 in St. Peter church in Boxworth, Cambridgeshire. She was a daughter of William and Anne (Tinworth) Smith.

See Smith family above for more details on that family.

### ~ 1768

Elizabeth Tilly died and was buried 4 May 1768 in the churchyard of St. Peter church in Boxworth, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcription of the parish register of Boxworth:

**Burials 1768**

May 4 TILLY Elizabeth wife of Thomas

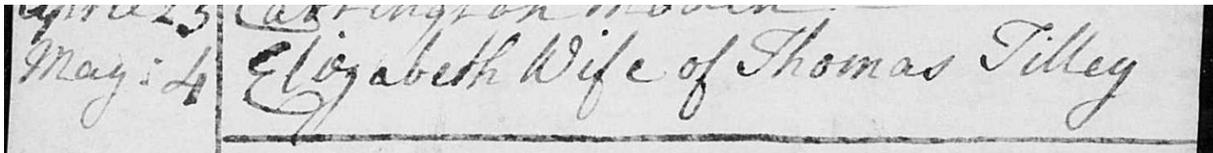
From the Bishop's Transcripts of Boxworth:

(B. T. for) January 1768 to January 1769

**Burials 1768**

May: 4 Elizabeth Wife of Thomas Tilley

The image from the Bishop's Transcript for 1768 to 1769:



**~ 1785**

Thomas Tilley died and was buried 13 February 1785 in the churchyard of St. Peter church in Boxworth, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcription of the parish register of Boxworth:

**Burials 1785**

Feb 13 TILLEY Thomas

## Children of Thomas and Elizabeth (Smith) Tilly

2. **ELIZABETH TILLY** was baptized 8 February 1740 in St. Peter church in Boxworth, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcription of the parish register of Boxworth:

Baptisms 1740

Feb 8 TILLY Elizabeth dau of Thomas & Elizabeth

Elizabeth Tilly died young.

3. **ELIZABETH TILLY** was baptized 10 April 1743 in St. Peter church in Boxworth, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcription of the parish register of Boxworth:

Baptisms 1743

Apr 10 TILLY Elizabeth dau of Thomas & Elizabeth

4. + **ANN TILLY** was baptized 19 May 1745 in St. Peter church in Boxworth, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcription of the parish register of Boxworth:

Baptisms 1745

May 19 TILLY Anne dau of Thomas & Elisabeth

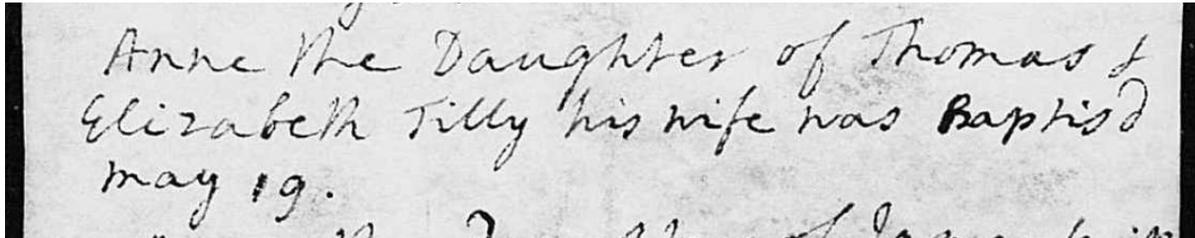
From the Bishop's Transcripts of Boxworth:

(B. T. for) Lady day 1745 to Lady day 1746

## Baptisms 1745

Anne the Daughter of Thomas & Elizabeth Tilly his wife was Bapt'sd May 19.

The image from the Bishop's Transcript for 1745 to 1746:



Ann Tilly married Robert Adcock.

5. + **ROSE TILLY** was baptized 18 January 1746/1747 in St. Peter church in Boxworth, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcription of the parish register of Boxworth:

## Baptisms 1746

Jan 18 TILLY Rose dau of Thomas & Elizabeth

From the Bishop's Transcripts of Boxworth:

(B. T.) for Lady day 1746 to Lady day 1747.

## Baptisms 1747

Rose the Daughter of Thomas Tilly & Elizabeth his wife was Baptis'd January y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup>.

(this would be old style/new style year 1746/1747)

Rose Tilly married **JOHN ELLIS** on 6 June 1769 in St Andrew church in Swavesey, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcription of the parish register of Swavesey:

Marriages 1769

Jun 6      ELLIS      John (x) otp  
              TILLY      Rose (x) otp  
  
              Wits:      Robert BRASHER, Ann TILLEY

Both John and Rose leaves a mark for their signature.

6. + **SARAH TILLY** was baptized 21 October 1750 in St. Peter church in Boxworth, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcription of the parish register of Boxworth:

Baptisms 1750

Oct 21      TILLY      Sarah dau of Thomas & Elizabeth

From the Bishop's Transcripts of Boxworth:

(B. T. for) Lady Day 1750 to Lady Day 1751

Baptisms 1750

Sarah the Daughter of Thomas & Eliz: Tilly was Baptis'd October the 21.

Sarah Tilly married **WILLIAM FORDHAM** 12 October 1770 in St. Peter church in Boxworth, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcription of the parish register of Boxworth:

Marriages 1770

Oct 12      FORDHAM William (x) singleman  
              TILLEY      Sarah (x) sp botp  
  
              Wits:      James SMITH (x)      Wm TOWNSEND?

Both William and Sarah leaves a mark for their signanture.

From the Bishop's Transcripts of Boxworth:

(B. T. for) Jan<sup>y</sup>: 1770 to Jan<sup>y</sup>: 1771

Marriages 1770

Oct. 12 William Fordham & Sarah Tilley /by Banns

Earlier in 1770, the Banns for marriage was last published 30 September 1770 in St. Peter church in Boxworth, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcription of the parish register of Boxworth:

Banns 1770

Sep	30	FORDHAM	William singleman
		TILLEY	Sarah sp botp

7. **WILLIAM TILLY** was baptized 13 January 1754 in St. Peter church in Boxworth, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcription of the parish register of Boxworth:

Baptisms 1754

Jan	13	TILLY	William son of Thomas & Elizabeth, privately baptized
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From the Bishop's Transcripts of Boxworth:

(B. T. for) 1754

Baptisms 1754

William Son of Tho<sup>s</sup> & Eizabeth Tilly was privately baptiz'd January 13<sup>th</sup>.

William Tilly died a few months later and was buried 24 June 1754 in the churchyard of St. Peter church in Boxworth, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcription of the parish register of Boxworth:

Burials 1754

Jun	24	TILLY	William son of Thos & Elizabeth
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## From the Bishop's Transcripts of Boxworth:

(B. T. for) 1754

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William Son of Tho<sup>S</sup>: & Elizabeth Tilly was buried June 24<sup>th</sup>.

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Adcock family

## Robert Adcock (1738-1796)

Husband of Ann Tilly

1. **ROBERT ADCOCK** was born ca. 1738.

The year of birth was calculated from the age of 58 at death in 1796.

Robert Adcock came from another parish before living in Swavesey, Cambridgeshire in the 1760's. There are no earlier entries of Adcock in the church records of St. Andrew church in Swavesey.

### ~ 1769 & 1770

Robert Adcock married **ANN TILLY** on 11 January 1770 in St. Peter church in Boxworth, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcription of the parish register of Boxworth:

#### Marriages 1770

Jan	11	ADCOCK	Robert (x) singleman of Swavesey
		TILLEY	[signs TILLOTT] Ann sp otp
		Wits:	Tho BRASHER Sarah MITHAM

Robert leaves a mark for his signature and Ann signs her name.

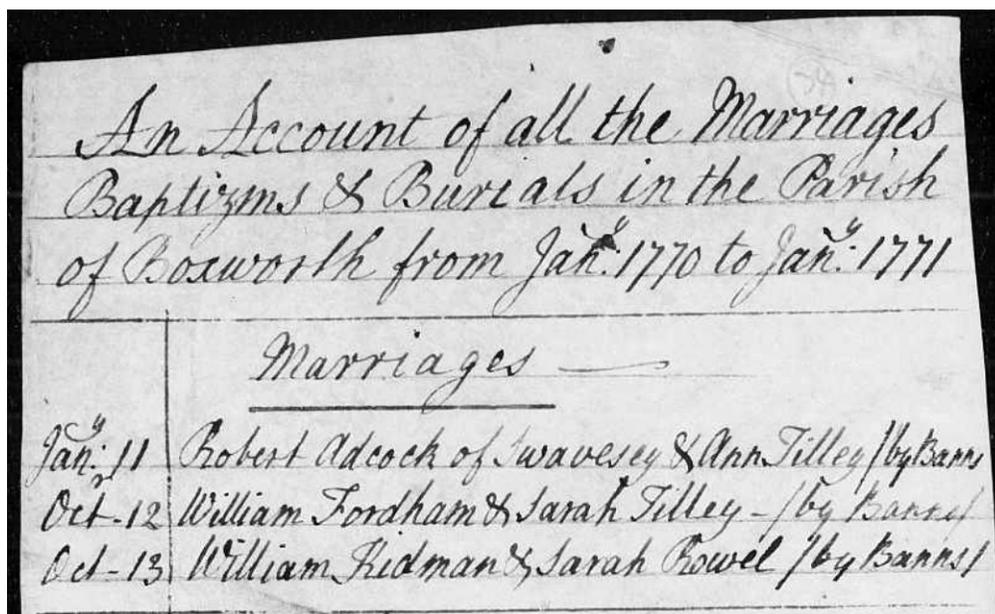
From the Bishop's Transcripts of Boxworth:

(B. T. for) Jan<sup>y</sup>: 1770 to Jan<sup>y</sup>: 1771

#### Marriages 1770

Jan<sup>y</sup>: 11 Robert Adcock of Swavesey & Ann Tilley / by Banns

The image from the Bishop's Transcript for 1770 to 1771:



Earlier in 1769:

The Banns of Marriage was last published on 24 December 1769 in St. Andrew church in Swavesey, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcription of the parish register of Swavesey:

Banns 1769

Dec	24	ADCOCK	Robert [blank] otp
		TILLEY	Ann [blank] otp

They also had their Banns done at Boxworth parish too. The Banns of Marriage was last published on 31 December 1769 in St. Peter church in Boxworth, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcription of the parish register of Boxworth:

Banns 1769

Dec	31	ADCOCK	Robert of Swavesey singleman
		TILLEY	Ann otp sp

Ann Tilly was baptized 19 May 1745 in St. Peter church in Boxworth, Cambridgeshire. She was a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Smith) Tilly.

See Tilly family above for details on that family.

### **~ 1788**

Ann Adcock died and was buried 27 May 1788 in the churchyard of St Andrew church in Swavesey, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcription of the parish register of Swavesey:

Burials 1788

May 27 ADCOCK Ann

### **~ 1796**

Robert Adcock died at the age of 58 and was buried 27 July 1796 in the churchyard of St Andrew church in Swavesey, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcription of the parish register of Swavesey:

Burials 1796

Jul 27 ADCOCK Robert 58 [BT lab]

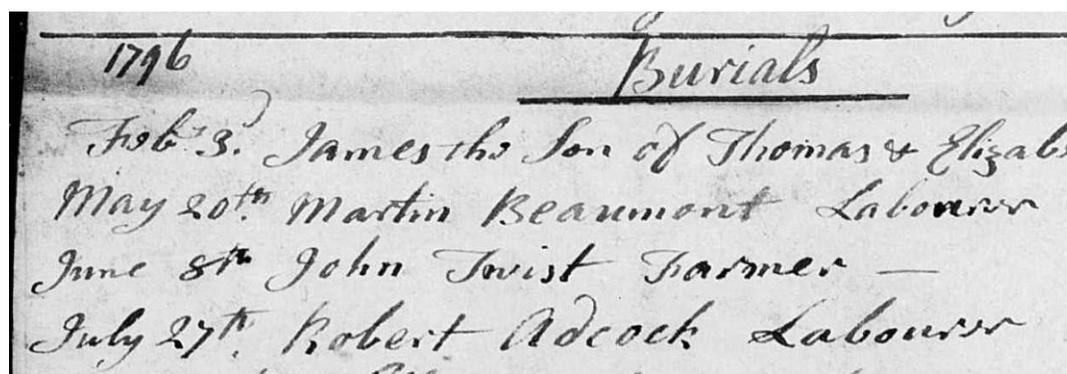
From the Bishop's Transcript of Swavesey:

(B. T. for) 1796

Burials 1796

July 27<sup>th</sup>. Robert Adcock Labourer

The image from the Bishop's Transcript for 1796:



## Children of Robert and Ann (Tilley) Adcock

2. **ANN ADCOCK** was baptized 31 May 1772 in St. Andrew church in Swavesey, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcription of the parish register of Swavesey:

Baptisms 1772

May 31 ADCOCK Ann dau of Robert & Ann [BT only]

3. + **ELIZABETH ADCOCK** was baptized 18 May 1777 in St. Andrew church in Swavesey, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcription of the parish register of Swavesey:

Baptisms 1777

May 18 ADCOCK Elizabeth dau of Robert & Elizabeth

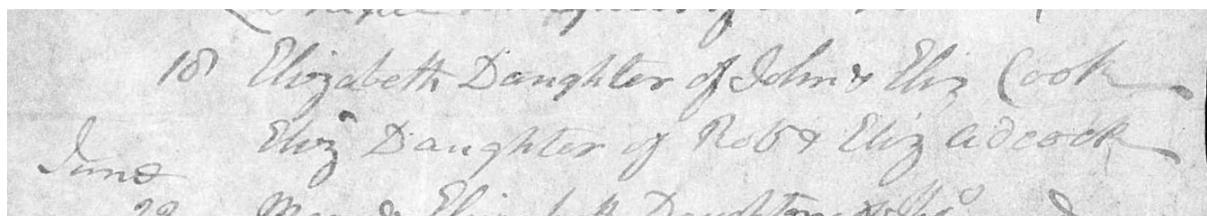
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(B. T. for) 1777 to 1778

Baptisms 1777

May 18 Eliz' Daughter of Rob & Eliz Adcock

The image from the Bishop's Transcript for 1777 to 1778:



Elizabeth married Thomas Hornsey

4. **SARAH ADCOCK** was baptized 7 May 1780 in St. Andrew church in Swavesey, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcription of the parish register of Swavesey:

Baptisms 1780

May 7 ADCOCK Sarah dau of Robert & Ann

Sarah Adcock died and was buried 6 September 1783 in the churchyard of St Andrew church in Swavesey, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcription of the parish register of Swavesey:

Burials 1783

Sep 6 ADCOCK Sarah

5. **JOHN ADCOCK** was baptized 21 October 1781 in St. Andrew church in Swavesey, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcription of the parish register of Swavesey:

Baptisms 1781

Oct 21 ADCOCK John son of Robert & Ann

John Adcock died and was buried 19 November 1783 in the churchyard of St Andrew church in Swavesey, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcription of the parish register of Swavesey:

Burials 1783

Nov 19 ADCOCK John

6. **SARAH ADCOCK** was baptized 22 May 1785 in St. Andrew church in Swavesey, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcription of the parish register of Swavesey:

Baptisms 1785

May 22 ADCOCK Sarah dau of Robert & Ann [BT only]

Sarah Adcock died as an infant and was buried 18 March 1786 in the churchyard of St Andrew church in Swavesey, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcription of the parish register of Swavesey:

Burials 1786

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Hornsey family

## Thomas Hornsey ( ? - 1804)

Husband of Elizabeth Adcock

1. **THOMAS HORNSEY** came from another parish before living in Swavesey, Cambridgeshire in the 1790's. There are no earlier Hornsey in the church records of Swavesey.

### ~ **September 1793**

Thomas Hornsey was one of the witnesses to the marriage of John Prime and Elizabeth Parish on 22 September 1793 in St. Andrew church in Swavesey, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcription of the parish register of Swavesey:

#### Marriages 1793

Sep	22	PRIME	John (x) otp
		PARISH	Elizabeth (x) otp
		Wits:	Thomas (x) HORNSEY, Robert SUTTON clerk

Thomas Hornsey leaves a mark for his signature.

### ~ **December 1793**

Thomas Hornsey married **ELIZABETH ADCOCK** on 31 December 1793 in St. Andrew church in Swavesey, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcription of the parish register of Swavesey:

#### Marriages 1793

Dec	31	HORNSEY	Thomas (x) otp
		ADCOCK	Elizabeth (x) otp
		Wits:	Samuel DING, John CONQUEST

Both Thomas and Elizabeth leaves a mark for their signature.

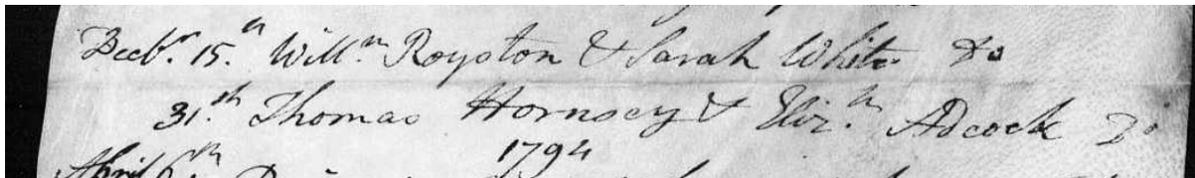
From the Bishop's Transcript of Swavesey:

(B. T. for) October the 1<sup>st</sup> 1793 to October the 1<sup>st</sup> 1794.

Marriages 1793

Decbr. 31<sup>st</sup>. Thomas Hornsey & Eliz<sup>h</sup>. Adcock by Banns

Image from the Bishop's Transcript for 1793 to 1794:



Elizabeth Adcock was baptized 18 May 1777 in St. Andrew church in Swavesey, Cambridgeshire. She was a daughter of Robert and Ann (Tilly) Adcock.

See Adcock family above for details on that family.

**~ 1804**

Thomas Hornsey died and was buried 11 January 1804 in the churchyard of St Andrew church in Swavesey, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcription of the parish register of Swavesey:

Burials 1804

Jan 11 HORNSEY Thomas lab

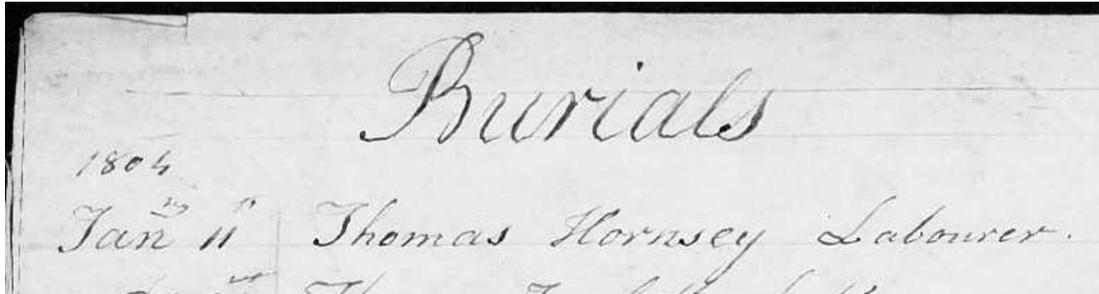
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(B. T. for) 1804

Burials 1804

1804 Jan<sup>y</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> Thomas Hornsey Labourer.

Image from the Bishop's Transcript for 1804:



### ~ 1813

The widow, Elizabeth Hornsey, married **JOHN COOPER**, a widower of Whittlesford, on 29 October 1813 in St. Andrew church in Swavesey, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcription of the parish register of Swavesey:

#### Marriages 1813

Oct 29 COOPER John (x) widr of Wittlesford  
HORNSEY [BT & Banns HORNSLY] Elizabeth (x) wid otp

Wits: Robert SUTTON

Both John and Elizabeth leaves a mark for their signature.

After the marriage, John and Elizabeth Cooper, lived in Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire.

The Banns of the marriage was published earlier at Whittlesford.

From the transcription of the parish register of Whittlesford:

#### Banns 1813

Oct 24 COOPER John widr otp  
HORNSEY Elizabeth wid of Swaversey

**~ 1839**

Elizabeth Cooper died at the age of 63 and was buried 17 November 1839 in the churchyard of St. Mary and St. Andrew church in Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcriptions of the parish registers of Whittlesford:

Whittlesford

Burials 1839

Nov 17 COOPER Elizabeth otp 63

**~ 1841**

In 1841, John Cooper, age 75 was living on South Street in Whittlesham, Cambridgeshire. John was listed as a pauper.

The William Teversham living with him was a grandson of his late wife.

From the 1841 census of Whittlesford:

*Name / Age & Sex / Profession / Whether Born in County*

South Street

John Cooper / 75 M / Pauper / Y

Ann Flitton / 65 F / Pauper / Y

Hephzibah Do / 20 F / ----- / Y

William Teversham / 20 M / Ag Lab / Y

**~ March 1851**

In 1851, John Cooper, age 86 years and widower was living on Butcher yard in Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire. John was listed as an oil mill labourer and on parish relief.

Living with him were two lodgers, John and Joseph Teversham, who were grandsons of his late wife.

From the 1851 census of Whittlesford:

*Name / Relationship / Marital Status / Age & Sex / Profession / Birthplace*

Butcher yard

John Cooper / Head / Wid / 86 M / Oil Mill Lab ) Pauper Relief / Cambridgeshire  
Whittlesford

John Teversham / Lodger / U / 23 M / Ag Lab / Do Do

Joseph do / Lodger / U / 21 M / Do Do / Do Do

### ~ **June 1851**

John Cooper died at the age of 86 and was buried 15 June 1851 in the churchyard of St. Mary and St. Andrew church in Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcriptions of the parish registers of Whittlesford:

Burials 1851

Jun 15 COOPER John otp 86

## Children of Thomas and Elizabeth (Adcock) Hornsey:

2. **ANN HORNSEY** was baptized 4 January 1795 at St. Andrew church in Swavesey, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcription of the parish register of Swavesey:

Baptisms 1795

Jan 4 HORNSEY Ann dau of Thomas & Elizabeth [BT only]

Ann Hornsey died at the age of 4 years and was buried 29 January 1799 in the churchyard of St Andrew church in Swavesey.

From the transcription of the parish register of Swavesey:

Burials 1799

Jan 29 HORNSEY Ann 4 dau of Thomas & Elizabeth

3. + **SUSANNA HORNSEY** was born 16 February 1797? (the PR transcription says born "1791", most likely an error) in Swavesey, Cambridgeshire and was baptized 28 May 1797 in St. Andrew church in Swavesey.

From the transcription of the parish register of Swavesey:

Baptisms 1797

May 28 HORNSEY Susanna dau of Thomas & Elizabeth born 16 Feb 1791

Susanna married John Cooper.

4. **JAMES HORNSEY** was born 16 March 1797 and baptized 7 April 1799 in St. Andrew church in Swavesey, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcription of the parish register of Swavesey:

Baptisms 1799

Apr 7 HORNSEY James son of Thomas & Elizabeth born 16 Mar 1797

James Hornsey died at the age of 2 years and was buried 8 May 1801 in the churchyard of St. Andrew church in Swavesey.

From the transcription of the parish register of Swavesey:

Burials 1801

May 8 HORNSEY James 2 son of Thomas & Elizabeth

5. + **ANN HORNSEY** was born in Swavesey, Cambridgeshire and was baptized 7 December 1800 in St. Andrew church in Swavesey.

From the transcription of the parish register of Swavesey:

Baptisms 1800

Dec 7 HORNSEY Ann dau of Thomas & Elizabeth

Ann married Samuel Westwood.

6. + **ELIZABETH HORNSEY** was born 2 February 1803 and was baptized 25 November 1804 in St. Andrew church in Swavesey, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcription of the parish register of Swavesey:

Baptisms 1804

Nov 25 HORNSEY Elizabeth dau of Thomas & Elizabeth born 2 Feb 1803

Elizabeth married Charles Teversham.

7. **THOMAS HORNSEY** was born 13 April 1804 and baptized 25 November 1804 in St. Andrew church in Swavesey, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcription of the parish register of Swavesey:

Baptisms 1804

Nov 25 HORNSEY Thomas son of Thomas & Elizabeth born 13 Apr 1804

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2nd Generation of the Hornsey family

**Susannah Hornsey (1797 - 1878)**

wife of John Cooper

3. **SUSANNAH HORNSEY** was born 16 February 1797? (the PR transcription says born "1791", most likely an error) in Swavesey, Cambridgeshire and was baptized 28 May 1797 in St. Andrew church in Swavesey.

Father: Thomas Hornsey (No. 1)

Mother: Elizabeth Adcock

**~ 1797**

From the transcription of the parish register of Swavesey:

Baptisms 1797

May 28 HORNSEY Susanna dau of Thomas & Elizabeth born 16 Feb 1791

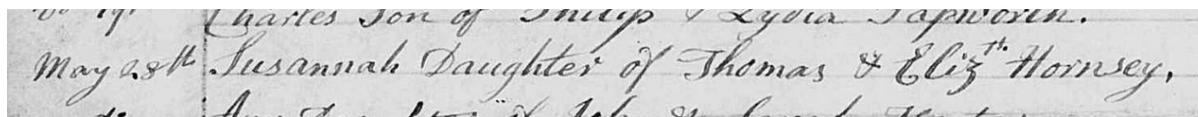
From the Bishop's Transcripts of Swavesey:

(B. T. for) 1797

Baptisms 1797

May 28<sup>th</sup> Susannah Daughter of Thomas & Eliz<sup>th</sup> Hornsey.

Image from the Bishop's Transcript for 1797:



~ **1813**

Several years after the death of Susannah's father, her mother married John Cooper a widower from Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire in 1813 and the family lived in Whittlesford since.

The church of St. Mary and St. Andrew in Whittleford:



~ **1817**

Susanna Hornsey married **JOHN COOPER** on 5 March 1817 in St. Mary and St. Andrew church in Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcription of the parish register of Whittlesford:

Marriages 1817

Mar	5	COOPER	John singleman otp
		HORNSEY	Susanna (x) singlewoman otp

Wits:            Joseph (x) FREEMAN, Ann (x) HORNSEY

From the Bishop's Transcripts of Whittlesford:

Marriages 1817 - Page 5 & 6. No. 14

Marriages solemnized in the Parish of Whittlesford in the County of Cambridge in the Year 1817

John Cooper of this Parish Single man and Susanna Hornsey of this Parish Single woman were married in this Church by Banns this fifth Day of March in the Year One thousand eight hundred and seventeen By me W<sup>m</sup>. Metcalf Rector of Foulmire

This Marriage was solemnized between us

John Cooper

Susanna her X mark Hornsey

In the Presence of

Joseph his X mark Freeman

Ann her X mark Hornsey

Image from the Bishop's Transcript for 1817:

MARRIAGES solemnized in the Parish of Whittlesford  
in the County of Cambridge in the Year 18 17

John Cooper of this Parish  
Single Man

and Susanna Horsey of this Parish  
Single Woman

were married in this Church by Banns with Consent of  
this fifth Day of  
March in the Year One thousand eight hundred and seventeen

By me W. Metcalf Rector of Foulmire

This Marriage was solemnized between us } John Cooper  
} Susanna Horsey

In the Presence of } Joseph Freeman  
} Ann Horsey

No. 16

John Cooper was born in Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire and was baptized 22 September 1793 in St. Mary and St. Andrew church in Whittlesford. He was a son of John and Sarah Cooper.

After John Cooper's mother died, his father married Susannah's widowed mother in 1813 as his 3rd wife.

~ **1819**

John and Susannah Cooper's daughter, Ann, was baptized 17 January 1819

~ **1822**

John and Susannah Cooper's son, James, was baptized 9 June 1822

~ **1826**

John and Susannah Cooper's son, James, died at the age of 4 years and was buried 9 April 1826.

From the book, Cambridgeshire Customs and Folklore, by Enid Porter:

Page 185.

### The Skeleton which lost his Head

In about the year 1826 Ebenezer Hollick, the Squire of Whittesford, leveled the Conical Hills and in so doing unearthed some Roman remains, including some human skeletons. The skull of one of these was taken by a labourer named Matthews, who, on returning home, placed it on his bedroom mantelshelf.

In the middle of the following night he was awakened by a loud pounding on his door and on putting his head out the bedroom window he saw in the garden below a headless skeleton which, in a deep hoarse voice, demanded the return of its stolen head.

In his fright, poor Matthews was only too glad to get rid of the skull, so taking it from the shelf he at once threw it down to its rightful owner.

Recorded in 1966 from Mr J. Maynard of Whittlesford, who said that the story is still known to the old people in the village.

## ~ 1835

John and Susannah Cooper's daughter, Eliza, was baptized 14 June 1835

## ~ 1841

In 1841, John and Susan Cooper were living on South Street in Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire. John was listed as an agricultural labourer.

From the 1841 census of Whittlesford:

*Name / Age & Sex / Profession / Whether Born in County*

South Street

John Cooper / 45 M / Ag Lab / Y

Susan Do / 40 F / ----- / Y

Eliza Do / 6 F / ----- / Y

~ **1851**

In 1851, John and Susanah Cooper were living on South Street in Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire. John was listed as a farm labourer.

From the 1851 census of Whittlesford:

*Name / Relationship / Marital Status / Age & Sex / Profession / Birthplace*

South Street

John Cooper / Head / Mar / 57 M / Farm Lab / Cambridgeshire Whittlesford

Susanah Do / Wife / Mar / 54 F / ----- / Do Swaversa

Eliza Do / Daur / U / 15 F / Lab Daughter / Do Whittlesford

From the book, *Cambridgeshire Customs and Folklore*, by Enid Porter:

Page 96.

Plough Monday - The custom of drawing a plough through Cambridgeshire villages with the threat of ploughing up the doorstep of anyone refusing to give money to the ploughmen and boys was continued in many places until early in this century (20th century).

Page 100-101.

In Whittlesford the day was known as *Tiddle-lol Day* from the practice, continued to the 1860s and 1870s, of boys blacking their faces and going round the village asking for gifts. Those too small to walk were carried by their mothers. The procession kept up a continuous chant of "Tiddle lol, tiddle lol, tiddle lol-lol-lol" as it moved from house to house. In the evening, after dark, the ploughmen visited the homes of the local farmers to get largesse, cracking their whips and pretending to plough up the doorstep or the garden path if the money was withheld.

~ **1856**

John and Susannah Cooper's daughter, Eliza, died at the age of 21 years and was buried 13 July 1856.

## ~ 1861

In 1861, John and Susannah Cooper were living in Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire. John was listed as an agricultural labourer.

From the 1861 census of Whittlesford:

*Name / Relationship / Marital Status / Age & Sex / Profession / Birthplace*

John Cooper / Head / Mar / 67 M / Agricultural Labourer / Cambs Whittlesford  
Susannah Do / Wife / " / 64 F / ----- / Do Swavesy

## ~ 1871

In 1871, John and Susan Cooper were living on Main Street in Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire. John and Susan were listed as a Paupers.

From the 1871 census of Whittlesford:

*Name / Relationship / Marital Stated / Age & Sex / Profession / Birthplace*

Main Street

John Cooper / Head / Mar / 77 M / Pauper / Camb. Whittlesford  
Susan Do / wife/ " / 74 F / Do / " Swavesy

## ~ 1875

John Cooper died at the age of 82 and was buried 17 October 1875 in the churchyard of St. Mary and St. Andrew church in Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcriptions of the parish registers of Whittlesford:

Burials 1875

Oct 17 COOPER John otp 82

## ~ 1877

From a website page about the history of Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire, we find that A. C. Jennings was the Vicar of Whittlesford from 1877 to 1886.

From the British History Online site:

Parishes: Whittlesford

"A. C. Jennings, vicar 1877–86, quarrelled sharply with his most prominent parishioners, especially the Maynards, and would not act with them on parish matters. He also alienated Edward Towgood, owner of Sawston paper-mill, who had previously brought his workmen to Whittlesford, but thereupon led them back to Sawston church."

Rev. A. C. Jennings arrived in Whittlesford to become its vicar in 1877, that would be the year before Susan Cooper died. Since he was relatively new to the area, the event of Susan Cooper's burial must have shocked him more so seeing what the people of the town thought of her.

### ~ 1878

Susan Cooper died at the age of 83 and was buried 28 April 1878 in the churchyard of St. Mary and St. Andrew church in Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcriptions of the parish registers of Whittlesford:

Burials 1878

Apr 28 COOPER Susan otp 83

### ~ 1883

Hermione L. F. Jennings was a daughter of the vicar of Whittlesford, Arthur Charles Jennings. She was born 30 May 1883 and baptized 8 July 1883 in St. Mary and St. Andrew church in Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcriptions of the parish registers of Whittlesford:

Baptisms 1883

Jul 8 JENNINGS Hermione Louisa Fanny of Arthur Charles & Georgiana  
Isabella otp Vicar born 30 May 1883 privately baptized

### ~ 1904

First, about Beatrix Wherry. She was the young lady who received the information that Hermione L. F. Jennings of King's Stanley Rectory, Gloucestershire wrote about Susan

Cooper the Witch of Whittlesford. The article was published in one of the issues that came out in 1905 from the Folklore Society.

Beatrix Wherry also wrote an article "Wizardry on the Welsh Border" which came out in the 25 March 1904 issue from the Folklore Society. In the beginning of the article, the editor made some comments about her. And it mentioned that Beatrix has given fictitious names to the informants.

From the Folk-Lore, Vol. XV, No. 1., 25th March 1904 issue:

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Collectanea.

WIZARDRY ON THE WELSH BORDER.

(Read at Meeting, 17th February, 1904.)

[The following article, by a young lady who is still at school.....

Miss Wherry has given fictitious names to her informants, but the genuineness of her narratives must be self-evident to any one who knows the garrulous dramatic visionary folk of the Welsh Marshes..... - ED.]

So it is evident that in the article about the Witch of Cambridgeshire, she done the same, changing the witch's name to "Mrs. Smith" and inserting only initials for the informants (probably fictitious initials too). Beatrix Wherry also didn't mention the location of Whittlesford in the article either.

Beatrix Wherry's mother was a writer and has done work on folklore.

From Wikipedia:

Albinia Lucy Wherry (18 October 1857 – 4 March 1929) was a British nurse and author, best known for her works on the subjects of biography, art, and folklore. She was the oldest daughter of British colonial administrator and linguist Robert Needham Cust and Maria Hobart. She had one sister and two brothers. In 1881, she married surgeon George Edward Wherry and they produced a daughter, Beatrix Albinia, in 1888. Wherry also trained as a nurse at Leicester Infirmary.

## ~ 1905

The article "A Cambridgeshire Witch" came out in a Folk-Lore issue of 1905 published by the Folklore Society.

It was a article by Hermione L. F. Jennings of King's Stanley Rectory, Gloucestershire. The article was communicated through Miss Beatrix Wherry to the Folklore Society.

As shown with Miss Wherry's article of 1904, she probably was the one who changed the names of the informants, the name of the witch to "Mrs. Smith", and the town's name was not mentioned in this article.

In 1905, there were still many people in Whittlesford, some that remember Susan Cooper personally and many others who heard from their parents and friends that mentioned tales about Susan. So perhaps there was some fear in Jennings and Wherry about mentioning the true identity of the witch.

Miss Jennings, heard the story about the witch from her father who was the vicar of Whittlesford at the time of Susan Cooper's burial. She was intrigued by the stories to the point that when she went back to her birthplace, Whittlesford, for a visit she asked many people there about the witch.

From the Folk-Lore, VOL. XVI. - 1905, Folklore Society:

Pages 187-190

A Cambridgeshire Witch.

(Communicated through Miss Beatrix Wherry.)

Mrs. Smith was born about 1810 and died about 1880. My father was then clergyman of the parish (in Cambridgeshire), and I have heard him say there were such crowds of people at her funeral that they pushed each other right into the grave, all expecting that she would burst her coffin. He was obliged to stop and speak to them, "and a fine lecture he gave them," a woman told me when lately I revisited my old home, "and serve 'em right too, for their wonderful ignorance, believing in such things."

On the occasion of the same visit I asked another old acquaintance, Mrs D---, if she could tell me anything about Mrs. Smith. "Oh yes," she said, "she used to live near us and would often come to see mother. Sometimes we would lay a knife or a pair of scissors just inside the door, and then she would say, 'I can't come in, my sole is coming off my shoe,' and she couldn't come in until we had taken the knife away, because a witch can't pass over steel. Other times we would hide a knife under the cushion on the

arm-chair and ask her to sit down, but she would pick up the cushion and say, 'Why, you have got a knife hidden there!' "

I then asked if it was true that she had power over animals. "Oh yes!" was the reply, "my mother saw a waggon opposite the public-house down the road there, and the horses couldn't move it. The man was cursing, and thrashing 'em something cruel, and the horses was pulling, but they couldn't move the cart nohow. At last he got so wild, he caught hold of a pitchfork and drove it into the horse's knee, but even then [!] it couldn't go on. Well, Mrs. Smith she came down the road. 'Don't treat the poor horses like that,' she says, and directly she spoke off went the horses as if nothing was the matter.

Then there was a woman here as had a pig as was taken wonderful bad, a-whirling round in the field and frothing at the mouth. Well, the woman she sent for a man to kill it, and he came a-sharpening his knife, when all of a sudden the pig it stopped rushing round, and just ran after the man as was going to kill it - and Mrs. Smith she come by just at the minute." "And did they kill the pig?" I asked. "No, in course," she said, "it was quite well after that."

"Mrs. Smith seems to have been very kind to animals," I remarked. "Well you see, Miss," she said, "if a pig was hurt, it hurt her too: if they cut a pig on the nose, the mark came on her face. There was another woman as wanted to kill a pig as was took bad, so Mrs. Smith she took some meal and she says to the woman, 'I owe you this,' she says; and if the woman had answered she would not have been able to kill that pig.

The children they used to have all sorts of jokes with her; sometimes they would stick pins into her footmark and she would turn around and ask them what they were a-doing of."

"I have been told she had imps," I said, "did you ever see any?" "No," said Mrs. D ---, "I didn't, but other people have." I asked her to tell me something about them. "After Mrs. Smith died mother laid her out. There was a chest of drawers in the room and such a squeaking and a hollering going on inside it like a lot of rats, but when mother looked in there was nothing inside it. Before she died she said to mother, 'When I am dead don't you make a peep-show of me, Sarah,' but mother she did, and I went and so did lots of others. My sister Mary she saw an imp once; she was on her way to the mill and something jumped out on her, a black thing; it wasn't exactly a dog nor a rat, it looked more like a frog; the thing jumped on her and Mary she screeched something awful and ran for dear life. Mother heard she had been bitten by a mad dog, so she sent a message down she had better go to the doctor. But Mary said, no, it wasn't a dog as had jumped on her, it had the look of a frog. Mrs. Smith came to see mother. 'Is it true,' she says, 'as your darter's been bitten by a dog?' 'No,' says mother, 'it was a frog that jumped on her.' 'Ah,' says Mrs. Smith, 'it would have been a pity if she had killed it.' You see, Miss, if she had killed it, that would have hurt *her*."

"Did anybody else see the imps ?" I asked.

"Yes, there was a man saw Mrs. *and* Mr. Smith, a-feeding the imps out of a box; that was when her husband was alive.

There was my cousin, Jim D--- ; everybody knows he drank, but not so bad as some, not by a long way. He was coming home one night, and do what he would he could not reach home. He could walk straight in any other direction, but directly he tried to walk home something seemed to stop him, a-pulling of him back. He climbed hedges, he tried every way, and a fine state of mind he was in lest the police should catch him roaming about, and think he was up to mischief. All at once he thought he saw a woman on a horse, and when he come close, he saw it was the old girl on a hurdle ! That's how she used to go about at night. Another man he saw her a-flying over hedges and ditches on her hurdle."

"There was my brother's little girl Florry as was very ill. They lived over at T---. There was a witch there, Miss. Well, they put the child's illness down to her. So my brother he got a bottle and filled it with water and put in some of the child's hair and a lot of other things as I can't remember, then they corked it up and put it on the fire to boil. Then when the bottle burst that would hurt the witch—that is, if you did not speak to her; and she came and she did her best to make them speak. There was a woman here as Mrs. Smith had a spite against. She did not leave her house for years and years, but directly Mrs. Smith died she was all right again, and so we always says as she was bewitched. Then there was a little niece of mine staying here with her mother. She was on her mother's lap sitting near the fire, and she looks up the chimney and starts screaming awful, and nothing would pacify her. They took her out of the house cause they couldn't bear the noise, but directly she was brought back she would look up the chimney and start screaming again, so we thinks she must have seen something up the chimney, and it was Mrs. Smith's doing."

"What was she like to talk to?" I asked.

"Oh, she was always very nice to us. My mother, she told her plain, that if she tried any of her tricks on our animals, she would just mark them so that it would come out on her, so that everyone should see. If you gave her anything or lent her anything, then she had got a hold over you."

Mrs. D---- had many more anecdotes about pigs which Mrs. Smith had made ill. The complaint always took the form of whirling round and round. Many people had seen them in that state, and as soon as Mrs. Smith spoke to them they recovered immediately. But in subsequent visits Mrs. D---- refused to return to the subject, as she said it made her feel nervous at night . Another woman in the village afterwards told me nearly the same stories, and with reference to the marks coming out on the witch's

hands, she declared she had seen them covered with cuts. She had herself, so she said, been an eye-witness of the scene, when a man she knew put a bottle on the fire and "said some words" over it, and directly the water began to simmer, old Mrs. Smith rushed to the door and made such a noise that they were obliged to speak to her.

Hermione L. F. Jennings.

King's Stanley Rectory, Gloucestershire.

## ~ 1969

Enid Porter wrote about Susan Cooper the Witch of Whittlesford in her book, *Cambridgeshire Customs and Folklore*, which was published in 1969.

Enid became the Curator of the Cambridge and County Folk Museum in 1947. Over the years there she collected many folk tales and the old people would come into the museum and then tell her stuff that happened in their home villages in the past.

The old folks in the 1960's or earlier would have been the children of the people that were around at the time Susan Cooper.

From the book, *Cambridgeshire Customs and Folklore*:

Page 175

Whittlesford

On 28th April 1878 Susan Cooper of Whittlesford died. Mr J. Maynard, who was born in the village in the year of her death, can recall hearing in his youth many tales of Susan's witchcraft, but the one he now remembers best was the one told him on many occasions by an old bricklayer of Whittlesford.

My mother and Susan Cooper each bought a pig out of the same litter. Susan came in to see my mother's pig after a time and said it was doing much better than hers. But my mother felt quite sure Susan had witched it so she had it killed the next day as she knew it wouldn't do no more good. She put it in the pot but it wouldn't take the salt and was no good.

Large crowds turned up in the churchyard at Susan's funeral, thinking they were going to see some strange things happen. Mr Maynard spoke in 1966 to a man in the village who remembered hearing from his father that all the schoolchildren rushed to trample the ground over Susan Cooper's grave, immediately the burial service was over, 'so that the imps couldn't get out'.

~ **2009**

In 2009, Jeremy T. Dixon of Melbourne, Australia was researching about the witches of East Anglia.

In this case, he was researching about the witches of Cambridgeshire. He earlier found the article that was in the 1905 Folklore about a Mrs. Smith in "A Cambridgeshire Witch" and the writer, Hermione L. F. Jennings, mentioned that she was the daughter of the clergyman of the parish at the time.

Jeremy then did some cross referencing and found him, Reverend A. C. Jennings, who was the vicar of Whittlesford. And with further checking came across Enid Porter's reference of Susan Cooper the Witch of Whittlesford.

From a post dated 16 August 2009 in The Cauldron, A Pagan Forum:

Jeremy T. Dixon started a topic and posted this.

Susan Cooper of Whittlesford, the Cambridgeshire Witch Identified

« Topic Start: August 16, 2009, 11:22:34 pm »

Hi, this is my first post here apart from the introduction. I think I've got the right forum....I have an interest in the actual or reputed traditional witches of East Anglia.

I want to share a small discovery. In 1905 an interesting article appeared in the British journal "Folkore", "A Cambridgeshire Witch" .... which describes a "Mrs Smith" in an unnamed Cambridgeshire village. The article is unusual as it tells the story through the eyes of people who were neither skeptical nor entirely hostile.

Through the magic of the internet it is now quite easy to join the dots and identify the village and the person. But so far as I know no-one has done it before. The author of the article describes herself as the daughter of the local Church of England vicar, and born in the relevant village.

As a vicar's daughter she belonged to the gentry, and furthermore had an unusual name. A little searching on Google finds her, she was born in Whittlesford Cambridgeshire in 1883. Her father was the Rev. Charles Arthur Jennings, a noted classical scholar of the time.

Further searching on witchcraft and Whittlesford identifies "Mrs Smith". Folklorist Enid Porter's "Cambridgeshire Folklore" (1960 or 1961) is partly online and in describing the witches of Cambridgeshire it tells the story of Susan Cooper's well attended funeral in Whittlesford in 1878. It refers to her imps (the children stamped over her grave to make sure the imps didn't escape) and refers to her interest in pigs. (A

special interest in pigs was commonly attributed to female witches of this area, btw, a point which I hope to get back to. The "imps" were very likely flesh-and-blood white mice or rats; a frequently reported familiar in East Anglia )

"Mrs Smith" was Susan Cooper all right. "Smith" and "Cooper" are the only occupational surnames, as I understand the matter, which are common among Romany.....I mention this because there is a lot of circumstantial evidence linking Romany in East Anglia with traditional witches. Not identifying, obviously, but links keep on turning up.

As for Whittlesford, just outside Cambridge, it is famous also for a sheela-na-gig ( a sexually explicit female carving of medieval origin, sometimes taken as evidence of pagan practices) on the local Anglican Church. Gerald Gardner mentions it in one of his books, "The Meaning of Witchcraft"....

All of this bears on questions related to the origins of Wicca and the nature of traditional witchcraft in East Anglia and related issues. This is a minor joining of the dots to be sure, but a real addition to the factual base for discussing these questions.

## Children of John and Susan (Hornsey) Cooper

8. + **ANN COOPER** was born 1818 in Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire and baptized 17 January 1819 in St. Mary and St. Andrew church in Whittlesford.

The birth year was calculated from her age of 53 in the 1871 census.

From the transcriptions of the parish registers of Whittlesford:

Baptisms 1819

Jan 17 COOPER Ann dau of John & Susan otp lab

Ann married 1st William Peters and 2nd Thomas Creek

9. **JAMES COOPER** was baptized 9 June 1822 in St. Mary and St. Andrew church in Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcriptions of the parish registers of Whittlesford:

Baptisms 1822

Jun 9 COOPER James son of John & Susan otp lab

James Cooper died at the age of 4 years and was buried 9 April 1826 in the churchyard of St. Mary and St. Andrew church in Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcriptions of the parish registers of Whittlesford:

Burials 1826

Apr 9 COOPER James otp 4

10. **ELIZA COOPER** was born in Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire and was baptized on 14 June 1835 in St. Mary and St. Andrew church in Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcriptions of the parish registers of Whittlesford:

Baptisms 1835

Jun 14 COOPER Eliza dau of John & Susan otp lab

In 1841, Eliza Cooper, age 6 years, was living with her parents on South Street in Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire (see above under the parents for census details).

In 1851, Eliza Cooper, age 15 years, was living with her parents on South Street in Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire (see above under the parents for census details).

Eliza Cooper died at the age of 21 years and was buried 13 July 1856 in the churchyard of St. Mary and St. Andrew church in Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcriptions of the parish registers of Whittlesford:

Burials 1856

Jul 13 COOPER Eliza otp 21

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2nd generation of the Hornsey family

## Ann Hornsey (1800- 1877)

Wife of Samuel Westwood

5. **ANN HORNSEY** was born in Swavesey, Cambridgeshire and was baptized 7 December 1800 in St. Andrew church in Swavesey, Cambridgeshire.

Father: Thomas Hornsey (No. 1)

Mother: Elizabeth Adcock

### ~ 1800

From the transcription of the parish register of Swavesey:

Baptisms 1800

Dec 7 HORNSEY Ann dau of Thomas & Elizabeth

### ~ 1813

Several years after the death of Ann's father, her mother married John Cooper a widower from Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire in 1813 and the family lived in Whittlesford since.

### ~ 1820

Ann Hornsey married **SAMUEL WESTWOOD** on 11 February 1820 in St. Mary and St. Andrew church in Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcriptions of the parish registers of Whittlesford:

Marriages 1820

Feb 11	WESTWOOD HORNSEY	Samuel (x) of Pampisford Ann (x) otp
	Wits:	Martha WESTWOOD, Frederick FENTON, Thos clerk FARNHAM

Both Samuel and Ann left a mark for their signatures.

Samuel Westwood was born ca. 1799 in Pampisford, Cambridgeshire. After the marriage, Ann lived in Pampiford.

### ~ 1841

In 1841, Samuel and Ann Westwood lived in Pampisford, Cambridgeshire. Samuel was listed as an agricultural labourer.

From the 1841 census of Pampisford:

*Name / Age & Sex / Profession / Whether Born in same County*

Samuel Westwood / 40 M / Ag Lab / Y  
 Ann do / 40 F / ----- / Y  
 Henery do / 20 M / Ag Lab / Y  
 Joseph do / 15 M / Ag Lab / Y  
 Nathan do / 15 M / Ag Lab / Y  
 David do / 12 M / ----- / Y  
 Marthar do / 10 F / ----- / Y  
 Mary do / 9 F / ----- / Y  
 Lydia do / 5 F / ----- / Y  
 Sarah do / 3 F / ----- / Y  
 William do / 16 M / Ag Lab / Y

### ~ 1851

In 1851, Samuel and Ann Westwood lived in Pampisford, Cambridgeshire. Samuel was listed as an agricultural labourer.

From the 1851 census of Pampisford:

*Name / Relationship / Marital Status / Age & Sex / Profession / Birthplace*

Samuel Westwood / head / mar / 52 M / Ag Lab / Pampisford  
Ann do / Wife / mar / 50 F / ----- / do do  
Martha do / daur / un / 20 F / paper picker / do do  
Sarah do / daur / un / 15 F / ----- / do do  
Eliselth do / daur / ---- / 8 F / ----- / do do  
Harriet do / daur / ---- / 6 F / ----- / do do

### ~ 1861

In 1861, Samuel and Ann Westwood were living in Pampisford, Cambridgeshire. Samuel was listed as an agricultural labourer.

From the 1861 census of Pampisford:

*Name / Relationship / Marital Status / Age & Sex / Profession / Birthplace*

Samuel Westwood / head / mar / 62 M / Ag Lab / Cambridgesh Pampisford  
Ann do / Wife / mar / 60 F / ----- / do Swasey  
Elizabeth do / daug / un / 18 F / Employed in Paper mill / do Pampisford  
Harriet do / dau / un / 16 F / do do / do do

### ~ 1862

Samuel Westwood died in the 4th quarter (Oct-Nov-Dec) of 1862 in the Linton Registration District of Cambridgeshire. Pampisford is in the Linton R. D.

From the England & Wales Death index:

Name:	Samuel Westwood
Date:	Oct-Nov-Dec 1862
Registration District:	Linton
County:	Cambridgeshire
Vol.:	3b
Page:	301

### ~ 1871

In 1871, Ann Westwood, a widow, was living in Pampisford, Cambridgeshire.

From the 1871 census of Pampisford:

*Name / Relationship / Marital Status / Age & Sex / Profession / Birthplace*

Ann Westwood / Head of Family / Widow / 71 F / ----- / Whittlesford Cambs

Thos. White / Son in law / Mar / 24 M / ----- / Gt Abington Do

Harriet Do / Daughter / Mar / 26 F / ----- / Pampisford Do

**~ 1877**

Ann Westwood died at the age of 76 in the 2nd quarter (Apr-May-Jun) of 1877 in the Linton Registration District of Cambridgeshire. Pampisford is in the Linton R. D.

From the England & Wales Death index:

Name:	Ann Westwood
Date:	Apr-May-Jun 1877
Age at Death:	76
Registration District:	Linton
County:	Cambridgeshire
Vol.:	3b
Page:	339

From the book, Cambridgeshire Customs and Folklore, by Enid Porter:

Page 98.

An account of Plough Monday in Pampisford was given in 1963 by Mr. T. F. Teversham of Sawston, who recalled how the plough was pulled by local farm-hands down the High Street and on to Manor and Home Farms. The 'fool' of the party, dressed in one of his sister's flowered dresses and wearing a wide-brimmed, feather-trimmed hat, danced round the plough, holding out a hat for coppers.

The above mentioned Mr. T. F. Teversham was Traviss Frederick Teversham, a great-grandson of Ann (Hornsey) Westwood and Susan (Hornsey) Cooper's sister Elizabeth (Hornsey) Teversham. He wrote a book, History of Sawston.

## Children of Samuel and Ann (Hornsey) Westwood

- i. HENRY WESTWOOD
- ii. WILLIAM WESTWOOD
- iii. JOSEPH WESTWOOD
- iv. NATHAN WESTWOOD
- v. DAVID WESTWOOD
- vi. MARTHA WESTWOOD
- vii. MARY WESTWOOD
- viii. LYDIA WESTWOOD
- ix. SARAH WESTWOOD
- x. ELIZABETH WESTWOOD
- xi. HARRIET WESTWOOD

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2nd generation of the Hornsey family

## Elizabeth Hornsey (1803-1844)

Wife of Charles Teversham

6. **ELIZABETH HORNSEY** was born 2 February 1803 and was baptized 25 November 1804 in St. Andrew church in Swavesey, Cambridgeshire.

Father: Thomas Hornsey (No. 1)  
Mother: Elizabeth Adcock

### ~ 1803 & 1804

From the transcription of the parish register of Swavesey:

Baptisms 1804

Nov 25 HORNSEY Elizabeth dau of Thomas & Elizabeth born 2 Feb 1803

### ~ 1813

Several years after the death of Elizabeth's father, her mother married John Cooper a widower from Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire in 1813 and the family lived in Whittlesford since.

### ~ 1822

Elizabeth Hornsey married **CHARLES TEVERSHAM** on 28 June 1822 in St. Mary and St. Andrew church in Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcriptions of the parish registers of Whittlesford:

Marriages 1822

Jun 28 TEVERSHAM Charles otp  
HORNSEY Elizabeth (x) otp  
Wits: Richard (x) MILLER, Thos FARNHAM

Charles signs and Elizabeth left her mark for the signature.

Charles Teversham was born ca. 1795 in Duxford, Cambridgeshire.

### ~ **Back to 1816 & 1817**

This is about Charles Teversham five years before he married Elizabeth Hornsey.

Charles Teverham, age 23, with William Frost, age 19, and John Scare, age 21 committed burglary at a home in Whittlesford.

The case was explained in detail in the newspapers of the time. The crime was committed on 24 November 1816 and the trial took place in March 1817.

From the newspaper, Cambridgeshire Chronicle and Journal, Friday 28 March 1817:

CAMBRIDGESHIRE LENT ASSIZES.

CROWN COURT.

BURGLARY AT WHITTLESFORD.

Charles Teversham (age 23,) William Frost (aged 19,) and John Scare (aged 21,) were indicted for burglariously entering the dwelling-house of Edward Stone, of Whittlesford, on Sunday the 24th of November last, and stealing and carrying away gold and silver coin and promissory notes, to the value of £216. and upwards.

The prosecutor, Edward Stone, said he is a labourer at Whittlesford, in this county, and lives by himself. He went out about 5 o'clock in the evening on the 24th of November last, and left nobody in the house - is sure he fastened the doors and windows when he went out, and put the key in his pocket - He returned about twelve or one o'clock and found the inside doors, which he left shut, wide open, and a chair which stood under the window, in the middle of the room.

The window had been forced open - a chest of drawers and his box up stairs, which contained his money, both broken open, and the box turned topsy turvy - he lost £216. and upwards, in gold, silver, and notes. Saw them in his box that afternoon. - Two days

afterwards he found £69. 1s. 6d. in a bag under his gate, which the prisoner Frost had confessed he put there.

Daniel Ryder said, he was called in by the prosecutor the morning after the robbery, and saw the box, &c. in the state described by him.

- Rickard, constable of Foulmire, stated, that he apprehended Scare on Sunday the 2d February, at the Swan public-house at Foulmire - that in the evening he made the following confession to him and others: That he (Spare) and the other prisoners met together on the day the robbery was committed, and agreed to go and rob Stone

- they each had a glass of gin - about 7 o'clock they went to Stone's house, and broke open the window - he proposed that one of the others should enter first, he being too large - they neither of them dared, on account (as they said) of the ghost which haunted the house - he then pulled off some of his clothes, and put his head and shoulders in at the window, and said, "now, Mr. Devil, either you or I."

He got in and opened the door to the other prisoners, who went in - he proposed a light - one of them said, that if they had a light she (meaning the ghost) would put it out. - They lighted a candle and robbed the house - they afterwards went into a field, took off their hats, and threw the guineas one by one into them as long as they lasted - he did so by the half-guineas and seven-shilling pieces.

Each of them had a bag of silver. They then divided the notes - he gave them four £1. notes each, and kept a £5. himself. Witness also stated, that a double-barrel pistol loaded, was found upon the prisoner Scare - did not hold out any threats or promises to induce him to make such a confession - did not hear any one else.

Robert Lodge jun. was present when Scare was apprehended - Scare said he had been to church the afternoon the robbery was committed, and coming home, he and the other prisoners agreed to rob Stone's house. This witness also fully confirmed the evidence of Rickard.

David Maynard said, he had been robbed the day that Scare was apprehended, and suspecting him to have been the person, attended before the Rev. Mr. Leworthy, where Scare was taken. Scare produced a £5. note among others, and said, "that is not your's, that is Stone's."

- Dover, constable of Whittlesford, said, he apprehended Teversham on the 2d of December - that he confessed going with the two other prisoners to rob Stone.

The prisoners made no defence. - Guilty - Death.

The Judge passed the awful sentence of the law upon the prisoners in a solemn and impressive manner - "You, William Frost" (said he) "appear to have been seized with

remorse for the crime you had committed, and restored your share of the plunder to the poor man; that may perhaps be the cause of your life being spared.

You, Charles Teversham, have no reason to expect that the same hope can be held out to you.

As for you, John Scare, there is not a single circumstance in my recollection that can induce me to afford you the slightest hope that mercy can be extended towards you; you have been guilty of robbing an aged and industrious man of the hard earnings of a laborious life, and the first purpose to which you applied your guilty gains, was to purchase the dreadful implement you wore about your person. Probably you would have committed a crime of a more heinous nature than the one you now stand convicted of, had not your career been stopt, and which I feel it is my duty to prevent."

His Lordship then passed sentence of death on the three prisoners.

Later the judge cancelled the death sentence for William Frost and Charles Teversham.

John Scare was executed.

From the newspaper, Evening Mail, London, Monday 14 April 1817:

EXECUTION. - On Saturday last, John Scare was executed in front of the County Gaol, Cambridge, pursuant to his sentence, for a burglary in the house of Edward Stone, at Whittlesford. He acknowledged the justice of his sentence, and was quite resigned to his unhappy fate.

From the newspaper, Norfolk Chronicle, Saturday 12 April 1817:

CAMBRIDGE, April 10.

John Scare, convicted at our Assizes of burglariously entering the dwelling-house of Edward Stone, at Whittlefield, and carrying away upwards of 216l. suffered the sentence of the law on Saturday, over the entrance to the County Gaol, in the presence of a most numerous concourse of spectators. He was a native of Whittlesford, only 21 years of age, and was married in May last. He acknowledged the justice of his sentence, and confessed that he had committed the two other robberies with which he was charged.

From the newspaper, Bury and Norwich Post, Wednesday 28 May 1817:

Cambridge, May 26, 1817.

- Charles Teversham and William Frost, who were convicted with John Scare, of a burglary at Whittlesford, and for which the latter was executed, are both ordered to be imprisoned and kept to hard labour, the former for two years, the latter for six calendar months

From the last newspaper article above, we find that Charles Teversham was imprisoned for 2 years with hard labour and William Frost was imprisoned for six months with hard labour.

## ~ 1841

In 1841, Charles and Elizabeth Teversham were living on North Street in Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire. Charles was listed as an agricultural labourer.

From the 1841 census of Whittlesford:

*Name / Age & Sex / Profession / Whether Born in same County*

North Street

Charles Teversham / 45 M / Ag Lab / Y

Elizabeth Do / 35 F / ----- / Y

John Do / 15 M / Ag Lab / Y

Caroline Do / 13 F / ----- / Y

Joseph Do / 12 M / ----- / Y

Marthe Do / 10 F / ----- / Y

Freadrich Do / 8 M / ----- / Y

Victora Do / 2 F / ----- / Y

Louaia Do / month 5 F / ----- / F

## ~ 1844

Elizabeth Teversham died at the age of 41 and was buried 11 April 1844 in the churchyard of St. Mary and St. Andrew church in Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcriptions of the parish registers of Whittlesford:

Burials 1844

Apr 11 TEVERSHAM Elizabeth otp 41

~ **1st March 1851**

The widower, Charles Teversham married a widow, **ELLEN (PETERS) NUNN**, on 1 March 1851 in St. Mary and St. Andrew church in Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcriptions of the parish registers of Whittlesford:

Marriages 1851

Mar 1	TEVERSHAM	Charles of full age widr lab otp son of John lab
	NUNN	Ellen (x) of full age wid [blank] otp dau of William PETERS lab
	Wits:	Peter SAVOURY, Mary (x) LANE

~ **the night of 30th & 31st March 1851**

In 1851, Charles Teversham and his second wife, Ellen, were living on South Street in Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire. Charles was listed as an agricultural labourer.

From the 1851 census of Whittlesford:

*Name / Relationship / Marital Status / Age & Sex / Profession / Birthplace*

South Street

Charles Teversham / Head / Mar / 56 M / Farm Lab / Cambridgeshire Duxford  
Ellen Do / Wife / Mar / 30 F / Lab Wife / Do Whittlesford  
Martha Do / Daur / U / 18 F / Paper Mill (Paper works) / Do Do  
Victoria Do / Daur / ---- / 12 F / scholar / Do Do  
Ann Nunn / Daur in law / ---- / 9 F / Do / Do Do  
John Do / son in law / ---- / 7 M / Do / Do Do  
Eliza Teversham / Daur / ---- / under 1 Mo F / ----- / Do Do

~ **1858**

Charles Teversham died at the age of 63 and was buried 27 October 1858 in the churchyard of St. Mary and St. Andrew church in Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcriptions of the parish registers of Whittlesford:

Burials 1858

Oct 27 TEVERSHAM Charles otp 63

## Children of Charles and Elizabeth (Hornsey) Teversham

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- ii. CAROLINE TEVERSHAM
- iii. JOSEPH TEVESHAM
- iv. MARTHA TEVERSHAM
- v. FREDERICK TEVERSHAM
- vi. VICTORIA TEVERSHAM
- vii. LOUISA TEVERSHAM

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3rd generation of the Hornsey family

## Ann Cooper (1818 - 1889)

Wife of William Peters and Thomas Creek

8. **ANN COOPER** was born in 1818 in Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire and was baptized 17 January 1819 in St. Mary and St. Andrew church in Whittlesford.

Father: John Cooper  
Mother: Susannah Hornsey (No. 3)

### ~ 1818

Ann Cooper was born in 1818 in Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire. The year was calculated from her age of 53 in the 1871 census.

### ~ 1819

From the transcriptions of the parish registers of Whittlesford:

Baptisms 1819

Jan 17 COOPER Ann dau of John & Susan otp lab

### ~ 1836

Ann Cooper married **WILLIAM PETERS** on 13 June 1836 in St. Mary and St. Andrew church in Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcriptions of the parish registers of Whittlesford:

Marriages 1836

Jun 13 PETERS William singleman otp  
COOPER Ann (x) singlewoman otp [BT with consent of parents]  
Wits: James (x) ANDREWS, Rebecca (x) PETERS, Joshua MACER

From the Bishop's Transcripts of Whittlesford:

Marriages 1836 - Page 35 No. 104

Marriages solemnized in the Parish of Whittlesford in the County of Cambridge in the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and thirty six

William Peters of this Parish single man and Ann Cooper of this Parish single woman were married in this Church by Banns with consent of Parents this thirteenth Day of June in the Year One Thouseand Eight Hundred and thirty six

By me W. H. Markby Offg Min<sup>r</sup>

This Marriage was solemnized between us

William Peters

Ann Cooper X her Mark

In the Presence of

James Andrews X his Mark

Rebecca Peters X her mark

Joshua Macer

Image from the Bishop's Transcript for 1836:

[ Page 35 ]

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By me W. H. Markby Off. Min.

This Marriage was solemnized between us { William Peters  
Ann Cooper & her Mark

In the Presence of { James Andrews & his Mark  
Robina Peters & her Mark

No. 112 Joshua Mace

Earlier the Banns of marriage was published at the church. It was last published on 29 May 1836.

From the transcriptions of the parish registers of Whittlesford:

Banns 1836

May 29 PETERS William singleman otp  
COOPER Ann singlewoman otp

William Peters was baptized 19 September 1813 in St. Mary and St. Andrew church in Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire. He was a son of Joseph and Lettice Peters.

~ 1841

In 1841, William and Ann Peters were living on North Street in Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire. William was listed as an agricultural labourer.

From the 1841 census of Whittlesford:

*Name / Age & Sex / Profession / Whether Born in same County*

North Street

William Peters / 25 M / Ag Lab / Y

Ann Do / 20 F / ----- / Y

William Do / 5 M / ----- / Y

Arthur Do / 2 M / ----- / Y

Nathan Do / 1 M / ----- / Y

### ~ **1847**

William Peters died at the age of 34 years and was buried 21 October 1847 in the churchyard of St. Mary and St. Andrew church in Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcriptions of the parish registers of Whittlesford:

Burials 1847

Oct 21 PETERS William otp 34

### ~ **March 1851**

In 1851, Ann Peters, a widow was living on North Street in Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire. Ann was listed as a labourer at a paper mill.

From the 1851 census of Whittlesford:

*Name / Relationship / Marital Status / Age & Sex / Profession / Birthplace*

North Street

Ann Peters / Head / W / 32 F / Paper Mill Lab / Cambridgeshire Whittlesford

William Do / son / U / 15 M / errand Boy / Do Do

Arthur Do / son / ---- / 12 M / scholar / Do Do

Nathan Do / son / ---- / 10 M / Do Parish Relief / [blank]

Joseph Do / son / ---- / 8 M / scholar Parish Relief / Cambridgeshire Whittlesford

## ~ December 1851

The widow, Ann Peters, then married a widower, **THOMAS CREEK**, on 25 December 1851 in St. Mary and St. Andrew church in Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcriptions of the parish registers of Whittlesford:

### Marriages 1851

Dec	25	CREEK	Thomas of full age widr lab otp son of Thomas lab
		PETERS	Ann (x) of full age wid [blank] otp dau of John COOPER lab
		Wits:	Frederick (x) NUNN, Susan Amelia (x) NUNN

Before the marriage, their Banns were published at the church same place.

From the transcriptions of the parish registers of Whittlesford:

### Banns 1851

Dec	14	CREEK	Thomas widr otp
		PETERS	Ann wid otp

Thomas Creek was baptized 7 February 1802 in St. Mary and St. Andrew church in Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire. He was a son of Thomas and Elizabeth Creek.

## ~ 1861

In 1861, Thomas and Ann Creek were living in Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire. Thomas was listed as a farm bailiff.

From the 1861 census of Whittlesford:

*Name / Relationship / Marital Status / Age & Sex / Profession / Birthplace*

Thomas Creek / Head / Mar / 58 M / Farm Bailiff / Cambs Whittlesford

Ann " / Wife / " / 42 F / ----- / " "

Thomas " / Son / ---- / 9 M / Scholar / " "

Alice C. " / Daur / ---- / 5 F / " / " "

Nathan Peters / Son in Law / Un / 20 M / Gardener / " "

~ **1871**

In 1871, Thomas and Ann Creek were living on Creek's Yard in Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire. Thomas was listed as a farm bailiff.

From the 1871 census of Whittlesford:

*Name / Relationship / Marital Status / Age & Sex / Profession / Birthplace*

Creek's Yard

Thomas Creek / Head / Mar / 67 M / Farm Bailiff / Cambs Whittlesford

Ann Do / wife / " / 53 F / ----- / " Do

Thomas Do / Son / Unm / 19 M / Farm Bailiffs Son Ag Lab / " Do

Alice E. Do / daur / ---- / 15 F / ----- / " Do

Eliza Andrew / Lodger / Unm / 20 F / Paper Mill hand / " Duxford

~ **1874**

Thomas Creek died at the age of 72 years and was buried 26 Dec 1874 in the churchyard of St. Mary and St. Andrew church in Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcriptions of the parish registers of Whittlesford:

Burials 1874

Dec 26 CREEK Thomas otp 72

~ **1881**

In 1881, Ann Creek was in the household of Thomas and Margaret Robinson on High St. in Sawston, Cambridgeshire. Ann Creek was listed as a Monthly Nurse.

Note: In the census, it described her as unmarried but that was an error, she was a widow. There were no other Ann Creek born in Whittlesford in the 1813 to 1823 period.

From the 1881 census of Sawston:

*Name / Relationship / Marital Status / Age & Sex / Profession / Birthplace*

High St.

Thomas S Robinson / Head / Mar / 34 M / Tailor / Huntingdon

Margaret Do / Wife / Mar / 37 F / Tailor's Wife / Comberton

Thomas Edwin Do / Son / ---- / 12 M / ----- / Cambs Sawston  
Leonard S Do / Son / ---- / 10 M / ----- / Do Do  
Frederick H Do / Son / ---- / 9 M / ----- / Do Do  
Sidney G. Do / Son / ---- / 8 M / ----- / Do Do  
Margaret C Do / Daur / ---- / 6 F / ----- / Do Do  
Ethel P. Do / Daur / ---- / 2 F / ----- / Do Do

Ann Creek / Monthly Nurse / unkm / 60 F / Monthly Nurse (then written in a different hand) SMS/ Do Whittlesford

William Davis / Tailor / Unkm / 17 M / An Apprentice tailor / Essex Thaxted  
Ezekiel Richardson / Tailor / Unkm / 26 M / Tailor / Kent Greenwich

### **~ 1889**

Anne Creek died at the age of 65 years and was buried 28 December 1889 in the churchyard of St. Mary and St. Andrew church in Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire.

From the transcriptions of the parish registers of Whittlesford:

#### **Burials 1889**

Dec 28 CREEK Anne otp 65

### **Children of William and Ann (Cooper) Peters:**

- i. WILLIAM PETERS
- ii. ARTHUR PETERS
- iii. NATHAN PETERS
- iv. JOSEPH PETERS

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- v. THOMAS CREEK
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