

Oxley family, Wells
Descendants of Joseph Oxley (1783-1841) & Sarah Clarke

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This is a history of the Oxley family which originates in Wells, Somerset. This document describes the descendants of Joseph Oxley (1783-1841) and Sarah Clarke who were married in Wells in 1810. Joseph's father was John Oxley (1708-1785) and his mother was Elizabeth Churchay.

Joseph and Sarah had eight children: Charles (1812-1829), Harriet (1814-1871), Elizabeth (1816-1884), Henry (1818-1888), Sarah (1821-1876), Joseph (1825-1895), Lucy (b.1827).



St. Cuthbert, Wells c.2010

There are only brief notes on those born after 1920. Most of the information is from public sources.

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Charles Oxley (1812-1829). Charles William. The son of Joseph and Sarah. He was born on the 11th March 1812 and baptised at St. Cuthbert, Wells on the 15th April. The family were living in Grope Lane. His father is Joseph Oxley and his mother is Sarah.¹

Charles died, age 17, in 1829 and was buried on the 20th July 1829 at St. Cuthbert, Wells. He was

resident in Sadler Street.²

Harriet Oxley (1814-1871). The daughter of Joseph and Sarah. She was christened in Wells on the 7th August 1814. Her father was Joseph Oxley and her mother was Sarah.³

At the 1841 census, age 25, she was living with several of her brothers and sisters at East Wells, Wells. Their father had just died in February and their mother had died at the end of 1839.

At the 1851 census, age 36, she was living in Croscombe, Somerset with her sister Sarah and working as a Glover.⁴

Croscombe is a village between Wells in the West and Shepton Mallet to the East.

Harriet was a tenant of the house in Croscombe.⁵

Wells Journal 16th August 1856

Sale Notice. In Croscombe

Lot 4. All that Cottage or Dwelling house and Offices situate at Croscombe aforesaid, in the occupation of Harriet Oxley, as tenant thereof.

At the 1861 census she was living in Old Street, Croscombe, Somerset with her sister Sarah.⁶

1861 Census

Old Street, Croscombe, Somerset

Harriet Oxley, Head, unmarried, age 46, formerly Dressmaker, born Wells

Sarah Oxley, Sister, unmarried, age 40, Dressmaker, born Wells

At the 1871 census she was still living with her sister Sarah in Croscombe.⁷

In most of the years from 1861 to 1871 Harriet won prizes in different categories at the Shepton Mallet Flower Show.⁸

1871 Census

Long Street, Croscombe, Somerset

Harriet Oxley, Head, unmarried, age 56, Dressmaker, born Wells

Sarah Oxley, Sister, unmarried, age 50, Dressmaker, born Wells

John Gane, Lodger, Widower, age 67, Retired farmer, born Croscombe

Harriet died, age 57, on the 19th September 1871; registered at Shepton Mallet in the September quarter. There was a notice in the local paper.

Western Gazette, 29th September 1871

Deaths. Sept. 19, Miss Harriett Oxley, of Croscombe, aged 57.

Harriet was buried on the 25th September 1871 at St. Mary, Croscombe.^{9 10}

Elizabeth Oxley (1816-1884). The daughter of Joseph and Sarah. Also Eliza. She was christened in Wells on the 21st July 1816. Her father was Joseph Oxley and her mother was Sarah. Her father was described as a 'Taylor'. They were living in Grope Lane.¹¹

At the 1871 census she was living at Cathedral Green, Wells.¹²

1871 Census

4 Cathedral Green, Wells

Phebe Hawkins, Head, widow, age 63, private income, born Somerton

Elizabeth Oxley, Lodger, unmarried, age 55, Dress maker, born Wells

At the 1881 census she was living in Wells.¹³

1881 Census

25 Market Place, Wells

Elizabeth Oxley, Head, unmarried, age 66, Dress maker, born Wells

Elizabeth died, aged 66, in Wells; registered in the March quarter 1884.¹⁴

Henry Oxley (1818-1888). The son of Joseph and Sarah. He was christened in Wells on the 9th August 1818. His father was Joseph Oxley, a Tailor, and his mother was Sarah. The family were living in Grope Lane.¹⁵

At the 1841 census Henry and his brothers and sisters were living in East Wells, Wells. Their father had just died in the February and their mother had died at the end of 1839.¹⁶

At the 1851 census, age 31, Henry was living with his brother Joseph at Cathedral Green, Wells. He was working as a clerk in the Registry Office of the Bishop of Bath & Wells.¹⁷

At the 1861 census, age 41, Henry was lodging at 6 Close Hall, Wells. He was now working as a clerk in the Probate office.¹⁸

Henry married Eliza Wilkins (1821-1896) on the 30th September, at St. James, Bath in 1869; registered at Bath in the September quarter.¹⁹

Henry was described as age 51, Bachelor, Gentleman, Resident: Wells, Somerset. His father was Joseph Oxley, deceased. Eliza was, age 48, Spinster, Resident: 2 Manvers Street. Her father was George Wilkins, deceased.

The witnesses were: Robert Palmer Wilkins, Mary ? Wilkins.

At the 1871 census they were living in Wells.²⁰

1871 Census

4 Sadler Street, Wells

Henry Oxley, Head, married, age 52, Clerk in Probate office and District registry, born Wells

Eliza Oxley, Wife, married, age 50, born Wookey

Elizabeth M Adams, servant, unmarried, age 13, general servant, born Shepton Mallet

At the 1881 census they were still living in Wells.²¹

1881 Census

4 Sadler Street, Wells

Henry Oxley, Head, married, age 62, 2nd Clerk in Probate Office, born Wells

Eliza Oxley, Wife, married, age 60, Clerk's wife, born Wookey

Alice Maud Evans, Visitor, age 5, born Wells

Julia Ann Bendall, Servant, age 14, General servant domestic, born Hinton Blewett

Henry was for several years one of the Auditors for the City of Wells.^{22 23}

Western Gazette 2nd March 1883

Municipal. The following persons have been nominated for the offices of auditors and assessors for the city: Auditors – Mr. George Lawrence, post master, and Mr. Henry Oxley, gentleman.

In 1884 Henry sent a general letter to the local newspaper to thank the voters.

Wells Journal 6th March 1884

To the Municipal Electors of the City and Borough of Wells

Ladies and Gentlemen

I beg to thank you very much for my re-election as one of the Elective Auditors of the Town Council of

this, my native City, which to me plainly indicates that your confidence in me has not diminished. I am Ladies and Gentlemen, your very obedient servant, Henry Oxley. Sadler Street, Wells, 3rd March 1884.

Wells Journal 3 March 1887

Election of Assessors and Auditors. The above election took place on Tuesday, 1st March. Messrs. T.L. Gleaves and T. Sorel were elected as assessors and Messrs. Henry Oxley and A.G. Russ as auditors.

Henry died, age 69, on the 23rd March 1888; registered at Wells in the March quarter. He was buried at the New Churchyard Wells.²⁴

Probate was granted on the 12th April 1888.²⁵

12 April 1888. The Will of Henry Oxley late of Wells in the County of Somerset Gentleman who died 23 March at Wells was proved at Wells by Eliza Oxley of 5 St. Andrew Street in Wells. Widow. The Relict. The Sole Executrix.

Henry had been responsible for the Municipal Elections in Wells for several years and the Mayor paid tribute to him at the next election for Auditors in 1888.²⁶

Wells Journal 5th April 1888²⁷

The Late Mr. H. Oxley

The Mayor, referring to the election of auditors, expressed his regret at the death of Mr. Henry Oxley, who had been a presiding officer at municipal elections ever since the Borough Act came into operation. He took great pains to make himself acquainted with the Act, and he believed all parties were satisfied that he discharged his duties with fairness and Impartiality.

At the 1891 census Eliza was living in St. Andrew Street.²⁸

1891 Census

St. Andrew Street, Wells, Somerset

Eliza Oxley, Head, Widow, age 70, Living on own means, born Wells

Clara Newport, Boarder, single, age 59, Living on own means, born Baltonsborough, Somerset

Minnie E Adams, Servant, single, age 19, General servant (domestic), born Wells

Eliza died on the 8th May 1896; registered at Wells in the June quarter.²⁹ There was a report in the local paper.³⁰

Wells Journal 14th May 1896

Deaths. On the 8th inst., at 5 St. Andrew Street, Eliza widow of the late Henry Oxley, age 75 years. No flowers or cards by request.

Probate was granted on the 24th June 1896.³¹

Eliza Oxley of Wells, widow, died 8th May 1896. Probate Wells 24 June to Fanny Elizabeth Evans (wife of Joseph Henry Thorn Evans). Effects. £1234 19s.

Sarah Oxley (1821-1876). The daughter of Joseph and Sarah. She was christened in Wells on the 21st January 1821. Her father was Joseph Oxley, a Tailor, and her mother was Sarah. The family were living in Grope Lane.³²

At the 1841 census, age 20, she was living with several of her brothers and sisters at East Wells, Wells. Their father had just died in February and their mother had died at the end of 1839.

At the 1851 census she was living in Croscombe with her sister Harriet and was working as a Dressmaker.³³

1851 Census

Croscombe, Somerset

Harriet Oxley, Head, Unmarried, age 36, Governess, born Wells

Sarah Oxley, Sister, Unmarried, age 30, Dress Maker, born Wells

At the 1861 census she was living in Croscombe with her sister Harriet and was working as a Dressmaker.

At the 1871 census she was still living with her sister Harriet in Croscombe and working as a Dressmaker.³⁴

Sarah died, aged 55, in 1876; registered at Wells in the March quarter.³⁵

Joseph Oxley (1825-1895). Joseph Clarke. The son of Joseph and Sarah. He was christened in Wells on the 14th October 1825. His father was Joseph Oxley, a Tailor, and his mother was Sarah. The family were living in Sadler Street. Joseph had a twin Francis.³⁶

At the 1841 census, age 20, he was living with several of his brothers and sisters at East Wells, Wells. He was working as an Attorney's Clerk. Their father had just died in February and their mother had died at the end of 1839.³⁷

1841 Census

East Wells, Wells. Somerset

Henry Oxley, age 23, Accountant

Harriett Oxley, age 25,

Sarah Oxley, age 20,

Joseph Oxley, age 17, Attorney's clerk

Francis Oxley, age 15, Attorney's clerk

Lucy Oxley, age 13

Joseph married Harriet Churchill (1833-1912) on the 28th January 1850; registered at Cheltenham in the March quarter.³⁸

Harriet's parents were John Stanton Churchill and Harriet Hancock. The writer Ernest Hemmingway is a descendant of this Hancock family.

The marriage was reported in a local paper.³⁹

Bath Chronicle and Weekly Gazette 7th February 1850

Jan. 28, in this city, Mr, Joseph Clarke Oxley, of Wells, to Harriet, eldest daughter of the late Mr. J.S. Churchill, Governor of the Wells Union.

At the 1851 census Joseph and Harriet were at Cathedral Green, Wells with their first child, Edith.⁴⁰

1851 Census

Cathedral Green, Wells, Somerset

Joseph Clarke Oxley, Head, Married, age 27, Solicitor's managing Clerk, born Wells

Harriet Oxley, Wife, Married, age 28, Milliner, born Wells

Edith Lucy Oxley, daughter, age 5 months, born Wells

Henry Oxley, Brother, Unmarried, age 31, Clerk in the Registry Office of the Bishop of Bath & Wells, born Wells

Lucy Oxley, Sister, Unmarried, age 23, Milliner, born Wells

Mary Lester, Servant, Unmarried, age 14, House servant, born Wells

At the 1861 census they were living in Dinder, Somerset.⁴¹

1861 Census

Pond Cottage, Dinder Street, Dinder, Somerset

Joseph C Oxley, Head, Married, age 37, Solicitor's managing clerk, born Wells
Harriet Oxley, Wife, Married, age 28, Formerly Milliner, born Wells
Edith Lucy Oxley, Daughter, age 10, Scholar, born Wells
Emily F Oxley, Daughter, age 7, Scholar, born Wells
Mary M Oxley, Daughter, age 2, born Wells

In 1863 Joseph wrote to Francis Henry Dickinson a local solicitor about the sale of the Hillgrove estate.⁴²

In 1865 Joseph took over the license of the Crown Inn in Wells.⁴³

Bristol Times and Mirror 28th October 1865

Wells. Mr. Joseph Clarke Oxley, clerk to Mr. W.J. Welsh, has obtained a license for the Crown Inn, the tenant, Mr. Charles Foxwell, having given up possession.

At the 1871 census they were living in Wells.⁴⁴

1871 census

4 Market Place, Wells
Joseph C Oxley, Head, married, age 47, Solicitor's managing clerk, born Wells
Harriet Oxley, Wife, married, age 38, born Wells
Emily F Oxley, Daughter, unmarried, age 17, born Wells
Mary M Oxley, Daughter, age 12, Scholar, born Wells
Annie M Oxley, Daughter, age 7, Scholar, born Dinder, Somerset
Edward P Oxley, Son, age 5, Scholar, born Wells
Harriet M Oxley, Daughter, age 3, Scholar, born Wells

In 1873 a beer tap was stolen from the Crown Inn and the culprit was eventually tried and convicted.⁴⁵

Taunton Courier, and Western Advertiser 12th February 1873

Stealing a Large Beer Tap

Robert Francis was charged at the City and Borough petty sessions, on Monday, with stealing a large beer tap, value one guinea, from the Crown Inn, the property of Mr Joseph Clarke Oxley. The prosecutor stated that the Crown Inn was his property. The tap produced by P.S. Tucker was fixed to the furnace and was safe about seven or eight days since. His attention was drawn to the furnace that morning, and the tap was gone. P.S. Tucker proved seeing the prisoner in the yard of the Crown Inn, and finding the tap in a place where he had seen the prisoner conceal it. The prisoner was committed for trial at the assizes.

In 1875 Joseph was involved in a dispute about a sale with Williams Adams Dowling of Kentish Town.⁴⁶

There are several notices from Joseph in the local papers – these are usually in connection with his work as a Solicitor's clerk.⁴⁷

Wells Journal 23^d August 1877

John White Deceased

Notice to Creditors

Pursuant to the Statute 22 And 23 Victoria Chapter 35, Section 29.

Notice is hereby given that Creditors and all other persons having any claims against the Estate of John White, late of Wells, in the County of Somerset, Butcher, who died on or about the 7th day of June 1876, and whose Will was proved by Joseph Clarke Oxley, and Robert Lewis, both of Wells aforesaid, the Executors, in Her Majesty's High Court of Justice, at the District Registry attached to the Probate Division thereof, at Wells, on the 7th day of August 1877, are to send particulars in writing of such claims to the said Joseph Clarke Oxley and Robert Lewis at the office of their solicitor...

Joseph and Harriet were still living in Wells in 1881.⁴⁸

1881 Census

18 Vicar's Close, Wells

Joseph Clarke Oxley, Head, Married, age 57, Solicitor's Managing clerk, born Wells

Harriet Oxley, Wife, Married, age 48, born Wells

Edward Percy Oxley, Son, Unmarried, age 15, Scholar, born Wells

Harriet Mabel Churchill Oxley, Daughter, Unmarried, age 13, Scholar, born Wells

Julian Delourey Fowler, Lodger, Unmarried, age 25, Theological Student BA Oxon, born King's Kerswell, Devon

In 1884 Joseph was involved in a court case about some premises he owned in the Market Place.⁴⁹

Wells Journal 14th August 1884

Dilapidated Premises. Joseph Clarke Oxley, of Vicar's Close, was summoned for disobedience of an order of the Local Authority to close some premises in the Market Place, which were so dilapidated as to be a nuisance. Mr. C. Brown, surveyor, said since the order of the Local Authority to prosecute had been issued Mr. Oxley had closed the premises, and they were now being taken down, Mr. Oxley said the tenant had no business there. Defendant was ordered to pay the costs.

By 1889 Joseph was a Burgess for the City of Wells.⁵⁰

In 1889 Joseph was involved in a case of Regina v Whittle this was part of his job with Messrs. Welsh Son & Chubb in Wells.⁵¹

At the 1891 census Joseph and Harriet were living in New Street, Wells.⁵²

1891 Census

13 New Street, Wells, Somerset

Joseph C Oxley, Head, married, age 67, Solicitor's clerk, born Wells

Harriet Oxley, Wife, married, age 58, born Wells

Harriet M C Oxley, daughter, single, age 23, born Wells

Joseph died, age 71, in 1895 and was buried at St. Cuthbert, Wells on the 13th February 1895. His residence was 13 New Street.⁵³

At the 1901 census Harriet was living with her daughter Harriet Mabel and her family in Wells.⁵⁴

Harriet died, age 79, on the 3rd February 1912 at Upper Milton, Wells.⁵⁵ Probate was granted to her daughter Harriet Mabel on the 7th March.⁵⁶

Joseph and Harriet had eight children: Edith (1850-1867), Emily (b.1854), Mary (b.1859), Ada (bd. 1860), Egbert (1862-1863), Annie (1863-1948), Edward (1866-1956), Harriet (1867-1944).

Edith Oxley (1850-1867). Edith Lucy. The daughter of Joseph and Sarah. She was born on the 30th October 1850 and baptised on the 6th December 1850 at St. Cuthbert, Wells. Her father was Joseph Clark Oxley an Accountant and her mother was Harriet.^{57 58}

The birth was reported in a local paper.⁵⁹

Bristol Times and Mirror 9th November 1850

Births. Oct. 30, at Wells, Mrs. Joseph Clarke Oxley, a daughter

At the 1851 census, age 5 months, she was at home at Cathedral Green, Wells.

At the 1861 census, age 10, she was living at home in Dinder, Somerset.⁶⁰

1861 Census

Pond Cottage, Dinder Street, Dinder, Somerset

Joseph C Oxley, Head, married, age 37, Solicitor's managing clerk, born Wells

Harriet Oxley, Wife, married, age 28, Formerly Milliner, born Wells
Edith Lucy Oxley, daughter, age 10, Scholar, born Wells

Edith died, age 16, in 1867; registered at Wells in the June quarter.⁶¹

Emily Oxley (b.1854). Emily F. Also Flora Emily. The daughter of Joseph and Sarah. She was born in 1854; registered at Wells in the March quarter.⁶²

At the 1861 census, age 7, she was at home at Dinder, Wells
At the 1871 census, age 17, she was at home at 4 Market Place, Wells.

Mary Oxley (b.1858). Mary Madeline. The daughter of Joseph and Sarah. She was born in 1858; registered at Wells in the June quarter. Her mother's name was given as Churchill.⁶³

At the 1861 census, age 2, she was at home at Dinder, Somerset
At the 1871 census, age 12, she was at home at 4 Market Place, Wells

At the 1881 census, age 22, Mary was vesting James Cornish and his family in Bridgwater.⁶⁴

1881 Census

Greenaway Farm, Wembden, Bridgwater, Somerset
James Cornish, Head, Married, age 43, Farmer 80 acres, 1 Lab & 1 boy, b. Luxborough, Somerset
Jane Cornish, Wife, Married, age 43, Farmer's wife, born Wembden
Elizabeth Cornish, Daughter, age 7, Scholar, born Cannington?
Mary M Oxley, Visitor, unmarried, age 22, born Wells
Frank Caple, Servant, unmarried, age 18, Farm servant, born Stougursey, Somerset

Mary married Thomas Hicks in 1882; registered at Wells in the March quarter.⁶⁵

Ada Oxley (bd. 1860). Ada Mildred. The daughter of Joseph and Harriet. She was born in 1860; and baptised at Dinder, Somerset on the 31st October 1860. Her father was Joseph Clarke Oxley an Accountant and he mother was Harriet.^{66 67}

Sadly Ada died as an infant on the 30th November 1860; registered at Wells in the December quarter. She was buried on the 5th December at St. Michael & All Angels, Dinder.^{68 69}

An Inquest was held on the 1st December at the Swan Inn, Dinder.

Shepton Mallet Journal 7th December 1860

Dinder. Inquest. On Saturday afternoon last, the 1st inst., an inquest was held at the Swan Inn, in this village by Bruges Fry, Esqr., coroner, and a highly respectable jury, on the body of the infant daughter (aged nine weeks) of Mr. Joseph C Oxley, of Dinder, The facts elicited at the inquest were, that on the morning of the 30th ult., the father of the deceased, having to leave home for Frome, on business, he and his wife rose about six o'clock, leaving the child in bed, and as they thought, asleep. On going to fetch the infant, about eight o'clock, it was discovered to be dead. T. Purnell, Esqr., M.D., was called in, and he considered death to have arisen from the mother having overlain the child. The Rev. John Armstrong, rector of Dinder, acted as foreman, and a verdict in accordance with the medical testimony was returned.

Egbert Oxley (1862-1863). The son of Joseph and Sarah. Has born in 1862 and baptised on the 1st June 1862 at Dinder. His father was Joseph Clarke Oxley an Accountant and his mother was Harriet.⁷⁰

Sadly Egbert died as an infant on the 14th March 1863 at Dinder, Somerset.⁷¹

This was reported in a local paper.⁷²

Wells Journal 21st March 1863

Deaths. March 14, at Dinder Cottage, near this city, the infant son of Mr Joseph Clarke Oxley.

Annie Oxley (1863-1948). Annie Melita. The daughter of Joseph and Sarah. She was born in 1864 and baptised on the 21st July at Dinder, Somerset. Her father was Joseph Clarke Oxley an Accountant and her mother was Harriet.⁷³

At the 1871 census, age 7, she was at home at 4 Market Place, Wells.

At the 1881 census, age 18, Annie was at Coxley Wick, Somerset and working as a 'Pupil teacher'.⁷⁴

1881 Census

Coxley Wick, Wells

Joseph Burridge, Head, married, age 34, Carpenter, born Pelsham, Somerset

Elizabeth Burridge, Wife, married, age 34, East Horrington, Somerset

Priscilla Burridge, Daughter, age 10, Scholar, born Woodford, Somerset

John J Burridge, Son, age 8, Scholar, born Kewerd, Somerset

George Burridge, Son, age 5, Scholar, born Coxley, Somerset

Edward J Burridge, Son, age 3, Scholar, born Coxley, Somerset

Arthur Burridge, Son, age 1, born Coxley, Somerset

Edward R Marshment, Nephew, unmarried, age 18, Apprentice, born London

George Keates, Father, widower, age 76, Thatcher, born Horrington

Annie Oxley, unmarried, age 18, Pupil Teacher, born Wells

Annie moved to the USA in about 1884. She married William Johnson (1854-1915) on the 7th July 1886 in Manitoba, Canada.

Annie died on the 30th August 1948 and is buried at Wintergreen cemetery, Erie, Erie County, Pennsylvania.

Annie and William had four children. William Percy Johnson (1887-1952), Elsie Melita Johnson (1890-1978), Emily Josephine Johnson (1892-1852), Edith Dora Johnson (1894-1996).

Edward Oxley (1866-1956). Edward Percy. The son of Joseph and Sarah. He was born in 1866 and was baptised at St. Cuthbert, Wells on the 14th January; registered at Wells in the March quarter. His father was Joseph Clarke Oxley an Accountant and his mother was Harriet. They were living in Chamberlain Street, Wells.^{75 76}

At the 1871 census, age 5, he was at home at 4 Market Place, Wells.

At the 1881 census, age 15, he was at home at 18 Vicar's close, Wells.

Edward was first class musician and performed and taught music all his life.^{77 78}

Wells Journal 7th April 1887

Edward P Oxley, (Assistant Organist, Wells Cathedral) gives Lessons on Pianoforte and Harmonium; also in Singing, Terms Moderate, Address 18, Vicars' Close.

Weston Mercury 18th February 1888

Burnham

Baptist Chapel. On Thursday the organ formerly in use at the Parish Church, which has been purchased for the Baptist chapel, was opened by Mr Edward P. Oxley, assistant organist at Wells Cathedral, who gave two recitals on the instrument at three o'clock and at 7.30. ...

In 1890 he won a scholarship given by the Midland Institute, Birmingham and it is probably this that took him to Birmingham where he lived for the rest of his life.⁷⁹

Western Gazette 25 July 1890

Wells. Successful Pupil

Mr. Edward Percy Oxley (lately an articled pupil to Mr. Lavington, organist at the Cathedral) has a second time gained the highest prize and a scholarship for theoretical music given by the Midland

Institute, Birmingham

Edward married Sabrah Annie Martin (1865-1935) in 1896; registered at Aston in the September quarter.⁸⁰

At the 1901 census Edward and Sabrah were living in Handsworth, Birmingham.⁸¹

1901 Census

8 Villa Road, Handsworth, Birmingham

Edward Percy Oxley, Head, married, age 35, Teacher Music (Professional) on own account at home, born Wells

Sabrah A Oxley, Wife, married, age 34, Burslem, Staffordshire

Dora Mabel Oxley, Daughter, age 4, born Handsworth

Mary C Oxley, Daughter, age 2, born Handsworth

Margaret Wale, Lodger, widow, age 71, Living on own means, born Hereford

Sarah Watson, Lodger, widow, age 71, Living on own means, born Bewdley, Worcestershire

At the 1911 census they were still living at 8 Villa Road, Handsworth.⁸²

1911 Census

8 Villa Road, Handsworth, Birmingham

Oxley, Edward Percy, Head, Married, age 45, Organist Teacher of Music, born Wells

Oxley, Sabrah Annie, Wife, Married 15 years, age 45, House Wife, born Burslem North Staffs

Oxley, Dora Mabel, Daughter, age 14, born Handsworth, Staffs

Oxley, Mary Churchill, Daughter, age 12, born Handsworth, Staffs

Oxley, Irene Gwendoline Daughter, age 10, born Handsworth, Staffs

Oxley, Edith Phyllis May, Daughter, age 6, born Handsworth, Staffs

Morgan, Ida Boarder, Single, age 24, School Teacher, born Norwich

Partner, Mabel Victoria, Boarder, Single, age 24, Clerk Educational Dep't, born London

From 1922 to 1930 they were living at 8 Villa Road, Handsworth.⁸³

Sabrah died, age 70, in 1935; registered at Birmingham in the September quarter.⁸⁴

In 1953 Edward was still playing the organ at his local church.⁸⁵

Birmingham Daily Gazette 4th June 1953

45 years at the Organ

How many Birmingham churches, I wonder, can boast an organist who has played for services during the past 45 years! This claim can be made by St. Paul's – the 'jewellers church' – in respect of Mr. Edward P. Oxley, who is now in his 90th year. Mr. Oxley came to Birmingham from Wells Cathedral more than half a century ago and has been organist at St. Paul's since 1908. His friends describe him as a 'truly remarkable man' filled with a love of music and a proud will to carry on his duties at the church.

A dangerous illness before Easter caused many misgivings about Mr. Oxley, but within a few weeks – and to the amazement of the vicar and parishioners – he was back at his stool.

Midland radio listeners will hear Mr. Oxley playing on Sunday when the first broadcast of a service from the church will take place.

Edward died, age 91, on the 29th November 1956; registered at Birmingham in the December quarter.^{86 87}

Probate was granted on the 4th February 1957.⁸⁸

Oxley Edward Percy of 31 Broughton Road, Birmingham 21. Died 29 November 1956.

Administration, Birmingham 4 February to Irene Gwendoline Oxley, spinster. Effects £768 17s 8d.

Edward and Sabrah had four children: Dora (1897-1965), Mary (1898-1975), Irene (1901-2000), Edith (1905-1982).

Dora Oxley (1897-1965). Dora Mabel. The daughter of Edward and Sabrah. She was born on the 22nd August 1897; registered at West Bromwich in the June quarter.⁸⁹

At the 1901 census, age 4, she was living at home at 8 Villa Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

At the 1911 census, age 14, she was at home at 8 Villa Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

Dora married James H Martin (b.1898) in 1919; registered at West Bromwich in the September quarter.⁹⁰

At the 1939 Register they were living in Bacup, Lancashire.⁹¹

1939 Register

31 Alma Street, Bacup, Lancs

Martin, James, Married, b. 4 Apr 1898, Coal dealer, Self employed

Martin, Dora, Married, b.22 Aug 1897, Cotton Polisher Clock Look, Incapacitated by illness

Dora died on the 27th August 1965 and probate was granted on the 5th October.⁹²

Mary Oxley (1898-1979). Mary Churchill. The daughter of Edward and Sabrah. She was born on the 20th November 1898; registered at West Bromwich in the March quarter 1899.⁹³

At the 1901 census, age 2, she was living at home at 8 Villa Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

At the 1911 census, age 12, she was at home at 8 Villa Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

Mary married James E Berry (b.1896) on the 27th October 1932 at St. Paul, Birmingham; registered at Birmingham in the December quarter.^{94 95}

He was described at James Edwards Algernon Berry, age 27, bachelor, School Master resident at Spencer Street School. His father was Charles Berry as Master Baker. Mary was described as Mary Churchill Oxley, age 24, spinster, Clerk, resident at 8 Villa Road, Handsworth. Her father was Edward Percy Oxley a Professor of Music.

The witnesses were: Edward Percy Oxley, Irene Gwendoline Oxley.

At the 1939 Register they were living in Monmouth.⁹⁶

1939 Register

Fafycocd Court, Monmouth

Berry James E A, Married, b.21 March 1896, School Master

Berry Mary C, Married, b.20 Nov 1898, Unpaid domestic duties

Mary died, age 80, on the 13th April 1979; registered at Birmingham in the June quarter.⁹⁷

Probate was granted on the 27th June 1979.⁹⁸

Berry Mary Churchill of 24 Astley Road Handsworth, Birmingham. Died 13th April 1979. Administration Birmingham 27 June, £23283, 790307462A

Irene Oxley (1901-2000). Irene Gwendoline. The daughter of Edward and Sabrah. She was born on the 20th October 1901; registered at West Bromwich in the December quarter.⁹⁹

At the 1911 census, age 10, she was at home at 8 Villa Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

In 1930 all the family were at 8 Villa Road.¹⁰⁰

Electoral Register 1930

8 Villa Road, Soho, Birmingham
Oxley Edward Percy
Oxley Sabrah Annie
Oxley Irene Gwendolin
Oxley Edith Lucy Phyllis May
Martin Samuel Oldham

At the 1939 register she was living at 8 Villa Road with her father Edward and working as a Secretary.¹⁰¹

1939 Register

8 Villa Road, Birmingham
Oxley Edward, b.20th July 1865, widower, Organist & Music Teacher
Oxley Irene G, b. 20th October 1901, single, Audit Clerk
Edith L P M Oxley (later Stanton), b.1 Dec 1904, single, Secretary (Friendly Society)

In 1958 Irene dealt with the probate for her father Edward after his death.

Irene died in 2000; registered at Birmingham in January.¹⁰²

Edith Oxley (1905-1982). Edith Lucy Phyllis May Oxley. The daughter of Edward and Sabrah. She was born on the 1st December 1905; registered at West Bromwich in the January quarter.¹⁰³

At the 1911 census, age 6, she was at home at 8 Villa Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

Edith married William T Stanton in 1940; registered at Birmingham in the June quarter.¹⁰⁴

Edith died, age 77, on the 29th January 1982; registered at Birmingham in the March quarter.¹⁰⁵

Probate was granted on the 19th April.¹⁰⁶

Stanton, Edith Lucy Phyllis May of 7 Radnor Road Handsworth Birmingham died 29th January 1982. Probate Birmingham 19 April £126,098 820305538U

Harriet Oxley (1867-1944). Harriet Mabel Churchill. Known as Mabel. The daughter of Joseph and Sarah. She was born on the 13th July 1867; registered at Wells in the September quarter. She was baptised at St. Cuthbert, Wells on the 12th July 1868, her father was Joseph Clarke Oxley an Accountant and her mother was Harriet.^{107 108}

At the 1871 census, age 3, she was living at home at 4 Market Place, Wells.

At the 1881 census, age 13, she was living at home at 18 Vicar's Close, Wells.

At the 1891 census, age 23, she was living at home at 13 New Street, Wells.

Harriet married William Withers on the 19th May 1893 at St. Cuthbert, Wells; registered at Wells in the June quarter.¹⁰⁹

She was described as Harriet Mabel Churchill Oxley, age 25, spinster, resident in Wells. Her father was Joseph Clarke Oxley a clerk. He was William Withers, bachelor, age 26, bachelor, resident in Milton, Wells. His father was William Withers a farmer. The witnesses were Joseph Clarke Oxley, Annie L Toomer.

At the 1901 census Mabel (Harriet) and William were living at Milton, Wells.¹¹⁰

1901 Census

Milton, Wells

William Withers, Head, age 34, Farmer, born Wells

Mabel Withers, Wife, age 33, born Wells

Percy Withers, Son, age 7, born Wells

Olive Withers, Daughter, age 3 born Wells

Donald Withers, Son, 2 months, born Wells

Harriet Oxley, Mother in law, Widow, age 68, Living on own means

Frances Pitman, servant, age 20, single, Help Domestic, born Maperton, Somerset

Louisa Woolley, servant, age 21, single, Servant Domestic, born Wells

Ernest Woolley, servant, age 18, single, Carter on farm, born Easton

At the 1911 census they were living at Manor Farm, Milton with their seven children.¹¹¹

1911 Census

Manor Farm Milton Wells

William Withers, Head, age 44, Married, Farmer, born Milton, Wells

Mabel Withers, Wife, age 43, Married, born Wells

Percy Withers, Son, age 17, single, Farmer's son working on farm, born Milton, Wells

Olive Withers, Daughter, age 13, single, School, born Milton, Wells

Donald Withers, Son, age 10, School, born Milton, Wells

Clifford Withers, Son, age 8, School, born Milton, Wells

Nora Withers, Daughter, age 6, born Milton, Wells

John Withers, Son, age 4, born Milton, Wells

Joyce Withers, Daughter, age 1, born Milton Wells

Harriet Oxley, Mother in law, age 78, Widow, born Wells

May Allen, Servant, age 17, single, General Servant, Wookey Hole

George Hoad, Servant, age 63, Widower, Cowman, born Staplehurst Road

William died on the 13th March 1930. William Percy their eldest son took over the farm at Milton, Wells.

At the 1939 census Harriet was farming at Ilminster.¹¹²

1939 Register

Bere Mills Farm

Withers Mabel C, b. 13 July 1867, Widow, Dairy Farmer

Withers Donald C, b. 9 February 1901, Married, Dairy farmer, Assisting mother

Withers Clifford N, b. 13 August 1902, Single, Dairy farmer, Assisting mother

Parker Gilbert, b. 23 July 1908, Married, Assistant on Dairy Farm

Parmer Joyce M, b. 10 Sep 1909, Married, Domestic Help

Harriet died on the 1st March 1944 and probate was granted on the 8th July at Bodmin.¹¹³

Withers, Harriet Mabel Churchill of Bere Mills Farm, Ilminster. Somersetshire. Widow died 1 March 1944. Probate Bodmin 8 July to Donald Clarke Withers and Clifford Norman Withers farmers. Effects £1518 17s 5d

This was reported in the Wells Journal.¹¹⁴

Wells Journal 17th March 1944

The Late Mrs. M. C. Withers.

A family with life long associations with agriculture has been bereaved by the death of Mrs. Mabel Churchill Withers, of Bere Mills, Ilminster. Widow of the late Mr. William Withers of Upper Milton and aged 76, she was a native of Wells. The family have farmed at Wells, Keinton Mandeville and Ilminster. The Rev. R.M. Eglin officiated and Mrs. S. Bealey, the organist, played the hymns 'Thy way, not mine, O Lord' and 'Abide with me'. Whilst the 23rd Psalm was sung and the Nunc Dimittis

chanted. The chief mourners were Messrs. W.P., C.N., and J.R., Withers (sons); Mrs V.J. House, Mrs. J Campbell and Mrs, G Parker, (daughters), Mrs. W.P. Withers, Mrs. D.C. Withers. Mrs. J.R. Withers, Messrs. J. Campbell and G Parker (sons in law and daughters in law); Miss N Withers, Miss P Withers, Miss B House, and Mr. G Withers, (grandchildren). Mrs C.N. Withers and Mr. V.J. Houe were unable to attend. There was a large attendance of sympathisers at the service.

Harriet and William had eight children: William Percy Withers (b.1894), Doris Mabel Withers (b.1896), Olive Christine Withers (b.1897), Donald Clarke Withers (b.1901), Clifford Normal Withers (b.1902), Nora Kathleen Withers (b.1904), John Richard Withers (b.1906), Joyce Mary Withers (b.1909).¹¹⁵

Francis Oxley (1825-1885). Francis James. The son of Joseph and Sarah. He was born in 1825 and christened in Wells on the 14th October. He was the twin of Joseph. His father was Joseph Oxley, a Tailor, and his mother was Sarah. The family were living in Sadler Street, Wells.¹¹⁶

At the 1841 census he was living with several of his brothers and sisters in Wells. Their father had just died in February and their mother had died in November 1839.

1841 Census

*East Wells, Wells. Somerset
Henry Oxley, age 23, Accountant
Harriett Oxley, age 25,
Sarah Oxley, age 20,
Joseph Oxley, age 17, Attorney's clerk
Francis Oxley, age 15, Attorney's clerk
Lucy Oxley, age 13*

Francis was involved in a formal dinner in 1845.¹¹⁷

Bath Chronicle and Weekly Gazette, 4th December 1845

Wells. On Wednesday, the tenantry of Robert Davies Esq., solicitor, of this city, were regaled with a sumptuous dinner, served up in true old English style, at the residence of their worthy host, Wookey Hole, near Wells. The bill of fare consisted of all the delicacies of the season. After the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal toasts were given and responded to, followed by a display of the vocal abilities of Mr. Francis J. Oxley, from Wells. The company did not break up till a late hour.

By 1854 Francis had moved to London and was working in a Civil Service job in the Sea Policy and Bankruptcy Stamp Office. This was listed in a London Directory.

Sea Policy and Bankruptcy Stamp Office

Clerks. Samuel Macquoid, jun., C. Ross, Francis James Oxley, and Robert S. Arthur Burgess.

In the period 1851 to 1856 Francis was involved in correspondence between the Inland Revenue and Fosters Solicitors in Wells.¹¹⁸

Francis married Ann Fry (1830-1906) on the 5th October 1858 at St. Cuthbert, Wells.¹¹⁹

He was described as Francis James Oxley, of full age, bachelor, occupation The Majesty's Civil Service. His father was Joseph Oxley an Agent. She was described as Ann Fry of full age, spinster, residence, High Street. Her father was William Fry a Currier.

The witnesses were: Wm Fry, Margat Fry, Fanny Fry.

- A 'Currier' is a specialist leather worker.

The wedding was reported in the local paper.

Western Daily Press 8th October 1858

Marriages. At St. Cuthbert's Church, Wells, on the 5th Inst., by the Very Rev. the Dean of Wells, Mr.

Francis James Oxley, of the Stamp Office, Somerset House, to Miss Anne Fry, the second daughter of Mr. Wm. Fry, of Wells.

The Wells Journal Saturday 9th October 1858

Marriages. Oct. 5, at St. Cuthbert's church, in this city, by the Very Rev. the Dean, Francis James Oxley, of No.6 Ladbroke Place, Ladbroke Grove, Notting Hill, London, to Anne second daughter of Mr. William Fry, of Wells, Somerset.

In 1861 Francis was working in the Stamp Office.¹²⁰

Stamping and Postage-Stamp Department

Edwin Hill, Esq., Supervisor.

Ormond Hill, Esq., Assistant Supervisor.

John Hunt, Esq., Deputy Supervisor of Stamping.

Clerks

Samuel McQuoid, Francis James Oxley, R. S. A. Burgess, James Goggs,
A. J. Ackland, Esqrs.

Joseph Townsend, Joseph Coggins, Superintendents of Stamping Tables.
R. P. Walker, Examiner of Spoiled Stamps

At the 1861 census Francis and Anne were living in Kensington.¹²¹

1861 Census

6 ? East, St Mary Abbots, Kensington

Francis J Oxley, Head, Married, age 35, Civil Service Inland Revenue, born Wells

Anne Oxley, Wife, Married, age 31, born Wells

Francis A Oxley, Son, age 1, born Kensington, Middlesex

Marian J Oxley, Daughter, under 1 year, born Kensington, Middlesex

Maria Youell, Servant, Unmarried, age 19, House servant, born Garston, Norfolk

The Stamp Office where Francis worked inspected both postal stamps but also Inland Revenue Stamps which were used to pay duty, fees and taxes on documents and goods.



In 1868 Francis was involved in identifying a fraud through his work at the Stamp Office.

Leicester Mail 10th October 1868

Extraordinary Bill Stamp Fraud.

At the Newcastle Police Court, on Monday, George Hart and James Colbeck Todd, were charged, the former with having in his possession and custody without lawful excuse, bill stamps from which writing had been discharged and gotten out; and Todd with getting out and discharging writing from stamped paper.

Mr. Tilsely, solicitor, from Somerset House, on behalf of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, read the clause of the Act of Parliament, 3rd and 4th William the Fourth, chapter 97, relating to the case, after which the following witnesses were examined:

- Joseph Dickinson, a clerk in the Stamp Office, Newcastle, said he remembered an application being made to him some time in August or the early part of September, for the allowance on some stamps produced to him at the time, but he could not recollect the person who produced them. Subsequently the prisoner Hart, on the 16th September, came to the office and produced a letter from the Inland Revenue Office, requesting him to apply at the Stamp Office to make an affidavit. He produced 14 bill stamps, which appeared to be unused; there were slightly dirty, but did not appear to have been used. At the same time he signed the affidavit (produced) claiming the allowance for unused bill stamps. The value of the stamps was £12 11s. The affidavit made by the prisoner and the stamps were forwarded to the Commissioners of Inland Revenue.

- Francis James Oxley, assistant examiner of spoiled stamps at Somerset House, said he received the stamps produced on the 22nd or 23rd of September. They were accompanied by a letter written by the assistant secretary, and would have been allowed in the ordinary way, but having his suspicions that they had been previously used, he suggested to the Commissioners that they should be submitted to the chemical laboratory attached to the department.

- George Lewin, assistant in the laboratory, said he had examined the stamps in question, together with others found in the possession of the prisoner Todd, and by means of chemical tests he had re-produced the original writing on nearly all; the whole of the stamps had been previously used.

- Superintendent Detective Dixon stated that on Friday afternoon he went to Hart's shop in the Arcade, and saw the prisoner George Hart, who told him that he had some notes which he had got from a young man, named Todd. He produced some bill stamps, and said he had some more in his pocket. He produced the latter at the station house. There were eleven in number. In consequence of what Hart said, witness in company with Detective Thorburn, visited Todd's lodgings, No. 5, Brunswick Place. They searched a large box, in which they found a very large quantity of papers, amongst them a good many bill stamps, with writing upon them, and two basins and a saucer. One of the basins and the saucer contained a liquid in which stamps were immersed. Witness took possession of these, and gave a sample of the liquid to Mr. Lewin. In the bottom of the box witness found other three stamps, clean as they were now produced, with the writing erased. Prior to going to Todd's lodgings he saw him in the police station and asked him if he had any stamps about him, when he replied that he did not know, but pulled out his pocket book, in which there were two stamps.

- Detective Thorburn stated that he apprehended Todd on Friday afternoon, and brought him to the police station, when he said he got the bills from his father's old waste papers, and Mr. Hart got them from him. Between the leaves of a book which was found at the prisoner's lodgings there were a number of bill stamps, which had been placed there for the purpose of drying them. The magistrates committed the prisoners to take their trial at the assizes.

In 1870 Francis was promoted to 'Examiner of spoiled Stamps'.¹²²

Civil Service

Mr. Francis J. Oxley, assistant examiner of spoiled stamps, has been appointed to be examiner of spoiled stamps.

At the 1871 census they were living in Pinner, Middlesex.¹²³

1871 Census

Camden Villa, Pinner, Middlesex

Francis James Oxley, Head, married, age 45, Civil Service examiner of Postal stamps, Somerset House Inland Revenue, born Wells

Annie Oxley, Wife, age 41, married, Civil Servant's wife, born Wells

Marion F Oxley, Daughter, age 10, Scholar, born Kensington

Emily A Oxley, Daughter, age 4, Scholar, born Pinner

George H Oxley, Son, age 9 months, born Pinner

Harriet Carter, Servant, unmarried, age 32, General servant domestic, born Hillingdon

Mary Shrimpton, Servant, unmarried, age 17, Nurse Domestic, born Watford, Hertfordshire

Camden Villas was part of a new up-market estate built in 1855 in Pinner and called Woodridings. They were mostly large semi-detached Italianate villas copying designs in Swiss Cottage. There are still one or two of the villas left in what is now Woodridings Avenue.

In 1873 Francis dealt with the death of his father in law, William Fry.¹²⁴

Wells Journal 22nd May 1873

William Fry, Currier (Deceased)

Pursuant to an Act of Parliament 22nd and 23rd Victoria, Cap, 35, Sec, 29., intituled 'an Act to further amend the Law of Property, and to relieve Trustees.'

Notice is hereby given that all Creditors and Persons having any Claims or Demands upon or against the estate of William Fry, formerly of Wells, in the County of Somerset, Currier, who died on the 6th day of May 1871, and whose will was proved by Edmund Fry, John Samuel Fry, and Francis James Oxley, the Executors, in Her Majesty's Court of Probate, at Wells, on the 12th day of June following, are hereby required to send (if by post prepaid) the particulars of their Debts, Claims, or Demands to the said Executors at my Office, at Wells aforesaid, on or before the 21st day of June next, after which time the said Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the Claims of which the said Executors shall then have notice, and that they will not be liable for the assets or any part thereof so distributed to any person of whose Debt, Claims, or Demand they shall not then have had notice.

Dated, this 20th day of May 1878

M.L. Walsh,

Solicitor, to the Executors.

By 1876 Francis was listed as the 'Examiner of Spoiled Stamps'.

Inland Revenue – Stamp and Tax Branch

Cancel Office 1876

Examiner of Spoiled Stamps, Francis J. Oxley, Esq.

At the 1881 census they were still living in Pinner.¹²⁵

1881 Census

Pinner, Middlesex

Francis James Oxley, Head, married, age 55, Civil Service examiner of Postal stamps, Somerset House Inland Revenue, born Wells

Annie Oxley, Wife, married, age 51, born Wells

Francis A Oxley, Son, unmarried, age 21, Banker's Clerk, born Kensington

Marion F Oxley, Daughter, unmarried, age 20, born Kensington

Emily A Oxley, Daughter, unmarried, age 14, born Pinner

George H Oxley, Son, age 10, born Pinner

Annie Deacon, Servant, unmarried, age 42, Cook Domestic Servant, born Staines

Emily Wakehaus, Servant, unmarried, age 16, Housemaid Domestic servant, born Stanmore

In 1882 Francis was still working as the 'Examiner of Spoiled Stamps' at the Inland Revenue.¹²⁶

The Stamp Office covered the whole country and adverts were often placed in newspapers giving the hours of business.¹²⁷

Spoiled Stamps

The hours of attendance for the allowance of Spoiled Stamps at Somerset House are from Eleven to Three o'clock daily, except Saturday, when the hours are from Ten till One. Affidavits sworn in the country cannot be received during the above hours.

*The hours of attendance at No. 2, Great Winchester Street Buildings, London Wall, for the allowance of Sea Policy and General Spoiled Stamps, are from Eleven to Two o'clock on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Friday's Chief Examiner. Francis James Oxley, Esq.
1885-1895*

Francis died, aged 59, on the 12th March 1885; registered in Hendon in the March quarter.¹²⁸ This is also recorded on the Death Duty Registers.¹²⁹

Francis was buried at Paines Lane Cemetery, Pinner.¹³⁰

Probate was granted on the 27th April 1885.¹³¹

*Oxley, Francis James. Personal Estate. £2,828 9s.
27 April, The will of Francis James Oxley late of Woodridings Pinner in the County of Middlesex Gentleman who died 12 March 1885 at Woodridings was proved at the Principal Registry by Edmund Fry of 36 Victoria Road, Old Charlton in the County of Kent, Gentleman, John Samuel Fry of Keward House, Wells in the County of Somerset Corn Dealer, and Anne Oxley of Woodridings Widow the Relict of the Executors.*

At the 1891 census Anne was living in Margate.¹³²

1891 Census

*9 Oxford Street, Margate, Kent
Anne Oxley, Head, widow, age 62, Living on own means, born Wells
Marion F Oxley, Daughter, single, age 30, born Notting Hill, London
Emily A Oxley, Daughter, single, age 24, born Pinner, Middlesex
Edith Speed, Servant, single, age 15, Domestic servant, born Margate, Kent*

At the 1901 census Anne was living in Margate.¹³³

1901 Census

*9 Oxford Street, Margate, Kent
Anne Oxley, Head, Widow, age 71, Living on own means, born Wells
Emily A Oxley, Daughter, Single, age 34, born Pinner, Middlesex*

Anne died, age 76, in 1906; registered at Thanet in the March quarter.¹³⁴

Francis and Anne had five children: Francis (b.1859), Marion (1860-1941), Amy (1862-1865), Emily (1866-1945), George (1870-1949).

Francis Oxley (b.1859). Francis Arthur. The son of Francis and Anne. He was born on the 25th August 1859; registered at Kensington in the September quarter. He was baptised at St. Cuthbert, Wells, on the 5th January 1860. His father was Francis James Oxley a Civil servant and her mother was Anne. The family were living at 6 Ludwoth Place, Kensington, Notting Hill.^{135 136}

At the 1861 census, age 1, he was living at home at St. Mary Abbotts, Kensington.

At the 1871 census, age 11, he was boarding at a School in Bushey, Hertfordshire.

1871 Census

Bushey, Hertfordshire

Henry L Biggs, Head, age 34, Commercial instructor, born Potterne, Wiltshire

Francis A Oxley, Pupil, age 11, born Middlesex, London

At the 1881 census, aged 21, he was living at home in Pinner and working as a Banking Clerk.

At the 1891 census Francis was living in Bromley, Kent.¹³⁷

1891 Census

35 Johnson Road, Bromley, Kent

James Westbrook, Head, married, age 60, Living on own means, born Hayes, Kent

Georgina Westbrook, Wife, married, age 48, born Winchester

Francis A Oxley, Boarder, single, age 31, born Notting Hill, London

George de Winser, Visitor, age 10, born France (Belgian subject)

Edward Campbell, Visitor, age 8, born Paddington, London

Marian Oxley (1860-1941). Marian Fanny, also Marion. The daughter of Francis and Anne. She was born on the 16th September 1860; registered at Kensington in the December quarter.¹³⁸

At the 1861 census, age under 1 year, she was living at home in St. Mary Abbots, Kensington.

At the 1871 census, age 10, she was living at home in Pinner.

At the 1881 census, age 20, she was living at home in Pinner.

At the 1891 census, age 30, she was living with her widowed mother at Oxford Street, Margate.¹³⁹

At the 1911 census, age 44, she was living with her sister Emily in Margate.¹⁴⁰

1911 Census

27 Prices Avenue, Margate

Marion Fanny Oxley, Head, age 50, single, born, Notting Hill

Emily Annie Oxley, Sister, age 44, single, born, Pinner

Winifrid Horne, Servant, age 17, single, born, Margate

At the 1939 census Marion and Emily were living in Broadstairs.¹⁴¹

1939 Register

26 Callis Court Road, Broadstairs and St Peter's, Kent

Oxley, Marion F, b.16.Sep.1860, single

Oxley, Emily A, b.21 Jul 1866, single

Marian died, age 80, on the 2nd March 1941 at Coulsdon near Croydon; registered at Surrey Mid Eastern in the March quarter.¹⁴²

This was also reported in the local Thanet newspaper.¹⁴³

Thanet Advertiser 14th March 1941

Deaths. 2nd March, at Coulsdon, Marian Fanny Oxley, formerly of Broadstairs.

Probate was granted on the 15th May.¹⁴⁴

Oxley, Marian Fanny of 26 Callis Court Road, Broadstairs, Kent spinster, died 2nd March 1941 at Coulsdon Surrey. Probate Llandudno 15 May to Emily Annie Oxley spinster. Effects £1826 3s. 10d.

Amy Oxley (1862-1865). The daughter of Francis and Anne. She was born in 1862; registered at Kensington in the June quarter.¹⁴⁵

Amy died, only 3 years old, in 1865; registered at Hendon in the September quarter.¹⁴⁶ This was reported in a local paper.¹⁴⁷

Hertford Mercury and Reformer 9th September 1865

Deaths. On the 3rd inst., at the Woodridings, Pinner, of scarlatina, Amy Gertrude, the daughter of Mr. Francis J. Oxley, aged three years.

Emily Oxley (1866-1945). Emily Annie. The daughter of Francis and Anne. She was born in Pinner in and baptised on the 18th August 1866. Her father was Francis James Oxley as Civil Servant and her mother was Ann. The family were living at Woodridings, Pinner.¹⁴⁸

At the 1871 census, age 4, she was living at home in Pinner.

At the 1881 census, age 14, she was living at home in Pinner.

At the 1891 census, age 30, she was living with her widowed mother at Oxford Street, Margate

At the 1901 census, age 34, single, she was living in Margate with her mother.

At the 1911 census she was living with her sister Emily at 27 Prices Avenue, Margate.

At the 1939 Register she and her sister Marion with living at 26 Callis Court Road in Broadstairs.¹⁴⁹

Emily died, age 79, in 1945; registered at Thanet in the September quarter.¹⁵⁰

Probate was granted on the 27th October 1945.¹⁵¹

Oxley Emily Annie of 26 Callis Court Road Broadstairs, Kent, spinster died 26th August 1945 at South Court Nursing Home Ramsgate Road, Broadstairs. Probate Llandudno 27th October to George Henry Oxley, retired civil servant.

George Oxley (1870-1949). George Henry. The son of Francis and Anne. He was born on the 16th June 1870 at Pinner and baptised on the 14th July 1870. His father was Francis James Oxley, Civil Servant, and his mother was Ann. The family were living at Woodridings, Pinner.¹⁵²

At the 1871 census, age 9 months, he was at home at Camden Villa, Pinner.

At the 1881 census, age 10, he was at home in Pinner.

At the 1901 census, age 30, he was single and living in Deptford and working as a Clerk for the Inland Revenue.¹⁵³

1901 Census

123 Shardelots Road, Deptford, London

Alfred Wright, Head, married, age 43, Chain maker, born Shoreditch, Middlesex

Rosa Wright, Wife, married, age 40, born London

George H Oxley, Boarder, single, age 30, Clerk Inland Revenue, born Pinner

George married Bertha Yates Simons (or Collins) (1869-1946) in 1902; registered at Lambeth in the September quarter.¹⁵⁴

At the 1911 census George and Bertha were living in Paddington.¹⁵⁵

1911 Census

41 Castellain Mansions Paddington London W, Paddington

George Henry Oxley, Head, age 40, Married, Clerk, Tax Surveying Branch, Inland Revenue, born Pinner, Middlesex

Bertha Yates Oxley, Wife, age 41, born, Broxbourne, Herts.

At the 1939 register George and Bertha were living in Herne Bay.¹⁵⁶

1939 Register

Ravensthorpe, Hillboro Rd, Herne Bay

Oxley George H, b.16 Jun 1870, Married, Civil Servant (Retd)

Oxley Bertha Y, 11 Jul 1869, Unpaid domestic duties

George dealt with the probate when his sister Emily died in 1945.

Bertha died in 1946; registered at Bridge, Kent in the September quarter.¹⁵⁷

George died, age 79, on the 8th December 1949; registered at Bridge in the December quarter.¹⁵⁸

Probate was granted on the 25th February 1950.¹⁵⁹

Oxley George Henry of Ravensthorpe Beltinge Road, Herne Bay, Kent. Died 8th December 1949. Probate London 25th February 20 Lloyds Bank Ltd. Effects. £6833 10s. 1d.

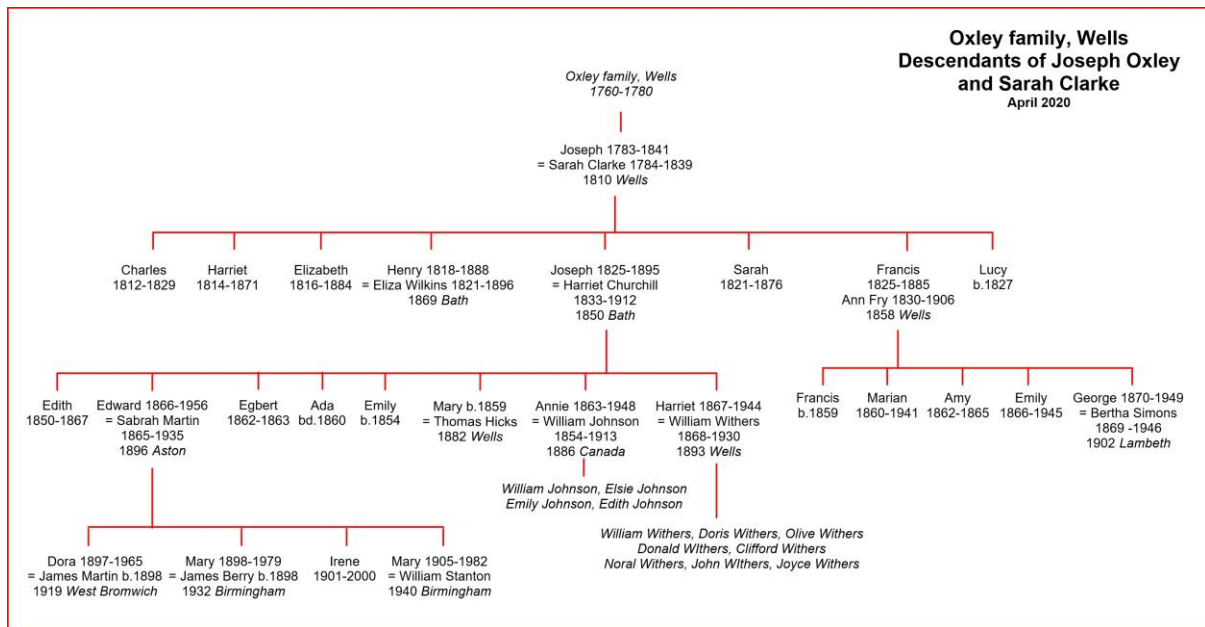
Lucy Oxley (b.1827). The daughter of Joseph and Sarah. She was christened in Wells on the 19th September 1827. Her father was Joseph Oxley, a Tailor and her mother was Sarah. The family were living in Sadler Street.¹⁶⁰

At the 1841 census, age 13, she was at home in East Wells, Wells.

At the 1851 census, age 23, she was at home in Cathedral Green, Wells and working as a Milliner.

There is some information, not confirmed, that Lucy went to Australia and married a John Fielder (1828-1900) who came originally from Croscombe and she died in Australia in 1859.

Family Tree ¹⁶¹



¹ Record set Somerset Baptism Index 1788-1812. D/P/W ST C 2/1/5
² Somerset Burial Index. 1813-1837. D/D/RR 439 A
³ England Births & Baptisms 1538-1975. Wells, Somerset, 1814
⁴ 1851 Census. Shepton Mallet. H107/1933/629/2
⁵ Wells Journal 16th August 1856
⁶ 1861 Census, Crosscombe, Somerset. RG9/1662/87/4
⁷ 1871 Census. Shepton Mallet. RG10/2444/65/10

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- ⁸ Western Gazette 17 August 1866
 - ⁹ PRO: Deaths. Harriet Oxley Sep 1871, age 57, Shepton Mallet, Vol. 5c 347
 - ¹⁰ Somerset Burial Index 1858-1900. D/P/CROS 2/1/12
 - ¹¹ Somerset Baptism Index. 1813-1837. D/D/RR 439 A
 - ¹² 1871 Census. Wells, Somerset. RG10/2446/98/30
 - ¹³ 1881 Census. Wells, Somerset. RG11/2410/52/28
 - ¹⁴ PRO: Deaths. Elizabeth Oxley, Mar 1818, age 66, Wells, Vol. 5c 381
 - ¹⁵ Somerset Baptism Index 1813-1826. Wells. D/P/W ST C 2/1/12
 - ¹⁶ 1841 Census. Wells, Somerset, HO107/962/11/29
 - ¹⁷ 1851 Census, Wells, Somerset. HO107/1934/295/11
 - ¹⁸ 1861 Census. Wells, Somerset. RG09/1665/24/1
 - ¹⁹ Somerset Parish Records, 1538-1914; Reference Number: D/P/ba.ja/2/1/22
 - ²⁰ 1871 Census, Wells, RG10/2446/85/5
 - ²¹ 1881 Census, Wells, RG11/2410/41/5
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