

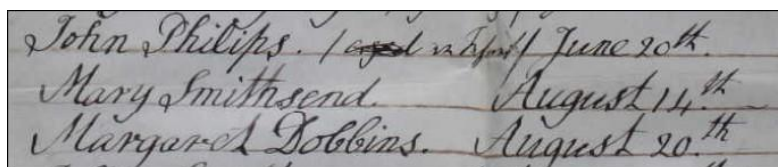
Smithsend & Romney families 18th & 19th century

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This is the history of the Smithsend family which originates in and around Tewkesbury in the 14th Century. This document describes the links between the Smithsend family in Tewkesbury and the Romney family of Droitwich.

The families were linked when Mary Romney (c.1735-1806) married Nicholas Smithsend (c.1739-1790) in Croxhall, Derbyshire in 1765. When Nicholas and Mary's daughter Elizabeth Smithsend (1771-1833) died in 1833 she had no descendants and left a large amount of the Smithsend properties to her Romney relatives and the Smithsend name continued to be used as a forename in the Romney family.

Nicholas Smithsend (c.1739-1790) inherited a substantial estate with properties and farms around Tewkesbury, Walton Cardiff, Fiddington, Ledbury, and Droitwich. Just before he died he built a new house and estate in Walton Cardiff (Walton Cardiff House) which became their main residence. Nicholas' wife Mary Romney died in 1806.



Burials Ashchurch 1806

Children of Nicholas Smithsend (c.1739-1790) & Mary Romney

Mary Smithsend (1765-1820). Mary Ann. The daughter of Nicholas and Mary. She was born in July 1765 and baptised at St. Nicholas, Worcester.

Mary died on the 4th May 1820, age 51, and was buried at Ashchurch on the 11th May 1820.^{1 2}

There was a brief obituary in the Monthly Magazine.³

At Walton Spa, 50, Miss Smithsend, esteemed for her general benevolence.

There was an entry in the Death Duty registers for 1820.⁴

Maria Smithsend (c.1766-1768). The daughter of Nicholas and Mary. She was born in about 1766 and died as an infant about 2 years old.

Maria died in 1768 and was buried on the 22nd June.^{5 6 7}

There is a memorial in St. Andrew, Droitwich.

In the same vault are deposited the body of James Romney son of William and Mary Romney. Maria Smithsend and William Romney their grandchildren. Also Ann daughter of James Watts and Elizabeth Romney who all died in infancy.

Sarah Smithsend (1770-1825). The daughter of Nicholas and Mary. She was born in 1770 and was baptised at St. Nicholas, Worcester.

Sarah died, age 55, on the 1st October 1825 and was buried at Ashchurch on 7th October 1825.^{8 9}

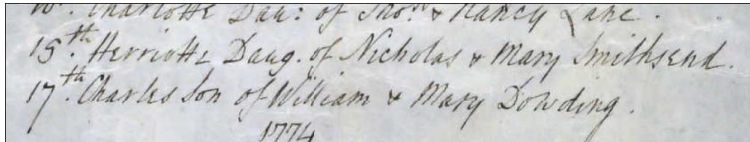
There is an entry on the Death Duty Registers for 1826.¹⁰

Harriet Smithsend (1774-1791). The daughter of Nicholas and Mary. She was born in about 1774.

Harriet died, aged 17, on the 8th July 1791. There was a notice in Berrow's Worcester Journal.¹¹

On Friday last died, at Clifton, near Bristol, Miss Harriet Smithsend, youngest daughter to the late Nicholas Smithsend, Esq. of this city.

Harriet was buried at Ashchurch on the 14th July.



Ashchurch Burials 1791

Elizabeth Smithsend (1771-1833). The daughter of Nicholas and Mary. Elizabeth was born in 1771 and baptised at St. Nicholas, Ashchurch on the 10th November.¹²

Elizabeth was the last surviving daughter.

Full details of the Elizabeth are covered in a separate document.

The Romney family of Droitwich

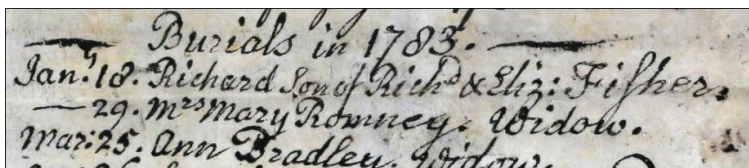
The father of Mary Smithsend (née Romney) (c.1735-1806) was William Romney (1702-1766). The Romney family came from Droitwich and were wealthy landowners.

William Romney (1702-1766). Also Rumney. He was born in about 1702.

William married Mary Watts on the 4th October 1733 at Droitwich.¹³

William died, age 64, on the 30th June 1766 and was buried at St. Andrew, Droitwich.

Mary died, age [88] on the 26th January 1783 and was buried in the family vault.



St. Andrew, Droitwich 1783

There is a memorial in the church.

Also William Romney Gent. who died June 30 1766 aged 64. His example was worthy of imitation as a good husband and parent, a hospitable neighbour and an honest man.

All is all. Mary Romney relict of Wm Romney Snr and only surviving daughter of James Watts who died Jan 26th 1783 aged 88?. She was a most affectionate wife, a prudent and tender mother of her children by whom her loss will ever be regretted.

William and Mary had five children: Mary Romney (c.1735-1806), William Romney (1734-1777), James Romney (bd.1739), James Watts Romney (1743-1818), Anne Romney (b.1743).

Mary Romney (c.1835-1806). The daughter of William and Mary.

See details above and separate document on the Smithsend family.

William Romney (1734-1777). The son of William and Mary. He was born in 1734.

William was involved in a lease with his brother James in 1768.¹⁴

Lease for a year from James Watts Romney of Worcester, gent., to Francis Highway, the younger, of Birmingham, tanner, and William Romney of Droitwich

In 1775 his brother in law Nicholas Smithsend made William one of the executors of his Will.

In case I shall dye without issue male I give and devise all my lands, tenements and Hereditaments (the Estates which I settled on my marriage with my present wife to be subject to the uses in such settlement contained) unto my wife's brother William Romney of Droitwich in the County of Worcester and James Oliver of the City of Worcester aforesaid, Grocer, and their Heirs. In Trust for my four daughters Mary-Ann, Sarah, Elizabeth and Harriet and all and every other daughter and daughters which I may happen hereafter to have and of the several and respective heirs of the body and bodies of all and every such Daughter and Daughters lawfully [living]. Said Daughters to take as tenants in common and not as joint tenants.

William was also a guardian for the children.

I commit the Guardianship of my children during their [respective] minorities to my said Wife and to her brother Mr. William Romney of Droitwich in Worcestershire and James Oliver of the City of Worcester and the survivor of them.

William died, age 43, on the 1st December 1777. He is buried at St. Andrew, Droitwich. There is a family memorial in the church.

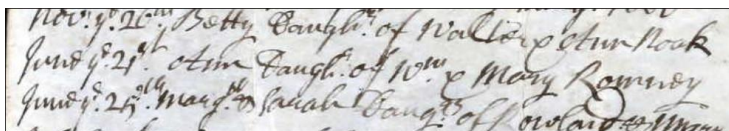
And likewise of William his son who died on Dec 1st 1777 aged 43. He was a dutiful son and affectionate brother and a sincere friend. For his many private virtues both Religious and Social he lived respected and died lamented.

James Romney (bd.1739). The son of William and Mary. James died as an infant.

There is a memorial at St. Andrew, Droitwich where he is buried.

In the same vault are deposited the body of James Romney son of William and Mary Romney. Maria Smithsend and William Romney their grandchildren. Also Ann daughter of James Watts and Elizabeth Romney who all died in infancy.

Anne Romney (b.1743). The daughter of William and Mary. She was baptised on the 21st June 1743 at St. Andrew, Droitwich.¹⁵



Baptisms 1743, St. Andrew, Droitwich

James Romney (1743-1818). James Watts. The son of William and Mary. He was born in 1743; a son also named James had died in infancy in 1739.

James was an Attorney and Money lender in Worcester and later Doddenham, Worcs. In 1766 there is a record of him taking on an apprentice, Thomas Beach Eades.¹⁶

James is mentioned with his brother William on a Lease dated 12th September 1768. This may be something to do with his marriage arrangements.¹⁷

Lease for a year from James Watts Romney of Worcester, gent., to Francis Highway, the younger, of Birmingham, tanner, and William Romney of Droitwich, co. Worc., gent., of messuages and lands in Suckley, co. Worc.

James married Dorothy Highway (1738-1810) on the 16th September 1768 at Chaddesley Corbett, Worcestershire.¹⁸

Dorothy was born on the 13th December 1738 at Chaddesley Corbett. Her father was Francis Highway and her mother was Dorothy [Cave].¹⁹

James is mentioned as a legatee of a Will in a document dated 1771/1772. He is referred to as James Watts Romney of Worcester, gentleman.²⁰

James, of Old Swinford, is mentioned on a lease in 1779 along with William Romney of Droitwich. They are described as ironmasters and co-partners owning cottages in Kingswinford. The text may be referring to the past as William (his brother) died in 1777.

In about 1781 James had been made a bankrupt. There were regular meetings to pay back creditors.²¹

Dividends to be made

James Watts Romney, late of Doddenham in the county of Worcester, Money Scrivener, at eleven in the forenoon, at Tom's Coffee House in the City of Worcester.

The issues related to bankruptcy dragged on for several years. James and his wife Dorothy were involved in a complex court case in April 1785; perhaps arising from the bankruptcy.

James is listed on a Lease of 1799 where his is referred to as James Watts Romney of Old Swinford.²²

It may be Dorothy who died on the 21st December 1810 and is buried at St. Peter, Martley.²³

James died in 1818 and was buried in Worcester on the 12th June 1818.²⁴

The death was reported in the local paper.²⁵

Worcester Journal 11th June 1818

Deaths. On Monday, after a long and painful illness, in the 75th year of his age, Mr. James Watts Romney, of Tundridge House, in the parish of Suckley.

Tundridge House was a substantial property – much altered in the 19th century.



Tundridge House, Suckley c.2010

James and Dorothy had five children: William Romney (bd.1771), James Watts Romney (1771-1808), Dorothy Romney (bd.1772), William Romney (1775-1833), A daughter (c.1776)

Children of James Watts Romsey and Dorothy Highway

William Romney (bd.1770). The son of James Watts Romney and Dorothy. He died as an infant in 1771.

James Romney (1771-1808). James Watts. James Jr. The son of James Watts Romney and Dorothy. He was baptised on the 1st September 1771, at St. Nicholas, Worcester.

James married Elizabeth in about 1800.

James died in 1808 was buried at St. John, Suckley on the 13th January 1808.²⁶

The death was briefly described in a local paper.²⁷

Worcester Journal 14th January 1808

Thursday last died, at his brother's house, in Foregate Street, Mr. James Watts Romney, of Poswick, near Whitbourne, Herefordshire.

A notice appeared in the paper on the winding up of his estate.²⁸

Worcester Journal 11th February 1808

All Persons having any Demands on the Executors of the late Mr. James Watts Romney, the younger, of Poswick, in the county of Hereford, are requestee to send the Accounts thereof to Mr. William Romney, and Mr. James Churchill, the Executors, or either of them: And all Persons indebted to him are requested to pay the Amount of their Debts to the Executors immediately.

James and Elizabeth had three children: William Romney (1803-1870), Francis Romney (1804-1871), Ann Romney (bd.1805).

Francis Romney (1804-1871). Francis Henry. The son of James and Elizabeth. He was born in 1804 and baptised on the 22nd November, at Whitborne, Herefordshire.²⁹

Francis went to Worcester College Oxford, training for the Church.

Francis married Rebecca Harriette West on the 15th November 1831, at Clifton.³⁰

The marriage was reported in a local paper.³¹

Monmouthshire Merlin 26th November 1831

Marriages. At Clifton, the Rev. Francis Henry Romney, of Ashchurch, near Tewkesbury, to Rebecca Harriette, eldest daughter of Jas. West Esq. of the former place.

In July 1832 Francis was ordained as a Priest at a ceremony at Gloucester cathedral.³²

Rebecca died, age 21, in August 1833 as reported in a local paper.³³

Worcester Journal 1st August 1833

Deaths. On Monday night, after a few hours illness, aged 21, Rebecca Harriette, wife of the Rev. Francis Henry Romney, of Ashchurch Vicarage, near Tewkesbury.

On the 12th October 1833 Francis received his M.A. at an Oxford ceremony.³⁴

In 1833 Elizabeth Smithsend died in Walton Cardiff; she was the second cousin (once removed), of Francis. As part of her Will Elizabeth arranged to fund a full time curate for St. Nicholas, Ashchurch and left land and property to the Bishop of Gloucester for this purpose. The current curate who only worked on a voluntary basis, gave up the curacy, and Francis was installed as the full time curate at Ashchurch.

"... that whereas the stipend of the incumbent of the church or perpetual curacy of Ashchurch was of very inconsiderable amount, by reason whereof the incumbent of the said church was generally a clergyman having other preferment and therefore unable to reside in the said parish of Ashchurch; and that the said Elizabeth Smithsend considered it would be highly advantageous to the said parish, and be conducive to the interests of true religion, and to the promotion of piety and works of charity if the incumbent of the said living were resident..."

The Tewkesbury Register and Agricultural Gazette 27th March 1959

St. Nicholas, Ashchurch

Stipends .. The final augmentation of the living came from the last of the Smithsend family (Elizabeth Smithsend who died in 1832) and her relative the Rev. F.H. Romsey, arranged the improvement of the living (by some £120 a year) and the building of the new rectory (the present one) and a number of improvements in the church and yard.

Rectory farm, which Elizabeth owned was left to Francis and his heirs so he was entitled to the rent from it. The farm's tenant in 1833 was Thomas Hobbs. This might have been the original Fiddington Manor which was owned by a John Clutterbuck in 1672 and which a Henry Moore sold to Nicholas Smithsend, Elizabeth's great grandfather in 1678.³⁵

Francis also acted as a trustee for some of Elizabeth's bequests.

One half of the Frith estate in Ledbury was also left to Francis. This was an estate of about 200 acres, a large house, several cottages, and several other pieces of land near Ledbury. This estate probably came into the family from the marriage of Elizabeth's great grandfather Nicholas Smithsend to Anne Vobe in 1681.

A brief codicil was made on 4th April 1833 to Elizabeths' Will where it was explained that Francis Henry Romney was given a gift of £1,000 and that this was not to be considered as part of the estate.

Francis married Jane Lesingham at Peckham on the 20th August 1834.³⁶

In July 1837 Francis gave up the curacy at Ashchurch.³⁷

From 1838 to 1841 Francis may have had a post at the Episcopal Chapel, Hill Street, Peckham and is recorded on the Electoral register in Peckham for those years and his sons Frank and Churchill were born there. This was a small 'chapel of ease' built in 1814. It later became St. Chrysostom, Peckham The building was demolished in the 1960's.³⁸

At the 1841 census Francis and Jane were living in Great Malvern.³⁹

1841 Census

Hawthorn Cottage, Great Malvern, Worcs.

Francis Romney, age 36

Jane Romney, Age 30

Francis Romney, age 3

Churchill Romney, age 1

Jane Romney, age 0, born Worcs.

Jane Willice, age 25, born Worcs.

Maria Styles, age 20, born Worcs.

John Hinder, age 18

In 1843 Francis was appointed to the Curacy of Whittington.⁴⁰

In 1846 Francis was appointed to the Curacy of Barnard's Green, Great Malvern.⁴¹

Around this time Francis also became a curate at Great Malvern Priory and from 1844 to 1846 was a Curate at Guarlford St. Mary's. Guarlford is a small village near Malvern.

At the 1851 census Francis and Jane were living in Claines.⁴²

1851 Census

Droitwich Road, Claines, Droitwich, Worcs.

Francis H. Romney, Head, Married age 46, Curate of Tibberton, born Herefordshire

Jane Romney, Wife, Married, age 41, Clergymans wife, born Gloucs.

Frank Romney, Son, age 13, Scholar at home, born, Camberwell, Surrey

Churchill, Romney, Son, age 12, Scholar at home, born Camberwell

Jane Romney, Daughter, age 10, Scholar at home, born Newland, Worcs.

M. A. S. Romney, Daughter, age 6, Scholar at home, born Newland.

At the 1861 census Francis and Jane were living in Salwarpe, Droitwich.⁴³

1861 Census

Middleton Cottage, Middleton, Salwarpe, Droitwich, Worcs.

Francis H. Romney, Married, Head, age 56, born Whitbourne, Herefordshire

Jane Romney, Wife, Married, age 51, born Hardington, Gloucs.

Frank Romney, Son, Unmarried, age 23, Farmer of 73 acres employing 3 men & 1 boy, Peckham, Surrey

Churchill Romney, Son, Unmarried, age 22, Solicitor, Peckham

Ida Romney, Daughter, Unmarried, age 20, born Newland, Worcs.

Mary A. S. Romney, Daughter, Unmarried, age 16, born Newland

Anna M. G. Romney, Daughter, age 9, Scholar, Claines, Worcs.

Sarah I. Barton, Servant, Unmarried, age 13, House servant, born Martin Hussingtree, Worcs.

Francis died, age 66, on the 7th March 1871; registered at Worcester in the March quarter.^{44 45}

Probate was granted on the 28th April.⁴⁶

The Will of the Reverend Francis Henry Romney formerly of the Parish of Claines in the County of Worcester but late of the City of Worcester, Clerk who died 7th March 1871 at the said City was proved at Worcester by Jane Romney of the said City Widow the Relict and Churchill Romney of Tewkesbury in the County of Gloucester Gentleman the son, the Executors.

At the 1871 census Jane was living in Worcester.⁴⁷

1871 Census

Sansome Street, St. Nicholas, Worcester

Jane Romney, Head, age 61 born Gloucs.

Jane Romney, Daughter, age 30, born Worcs.

Mary Romney, Daughter, age 25, born Worcs.

Anna Romney, Daughter, age 19, born Worcs.

Mary Attwood, Servant, age 19, born Worcs.

Jane died, age 68, on the 13th August 1877 at Worcester. Her son Churchill dealt with the probate.^{48 49}

Francis and Jane had five children: Frank Romney (b.1838), Churchill Romney (b.1839), Jane Romney (b.1841), Anna Smithsend Romney (b.1845), Anna Maria Garmstone Romney (b.1851).

Frank Romney (1838-1920). Also Francis. The son of Francis and Jane. Frank was born in 1838 in Peckham, Surrey.

At the 1841 census, Frank, age 3, was at home in Great Malvern

At the 1851 census, Frank, age 13, was at home in Droitwich

At the 1861 census, Frank, age 23, was farming in Droitwich – a farm of 73 acres.

At the 1871 census, age 32, Frank was living in Tewkesbury with his brother Churchill.

We think that Frank spent many years in America but returned to England in about 1888.

Frank married Jessie Goodier on the 27th September 1888 in Manchester. This was reported in a local paper.⁵⁰

Manchester Courier And Lancashire General Advertiser. 27th September 1888

Romney Goodier. On the 4th inst., at Grace Church, Chicago, Illinois, Jesse E. Goodier, eldest daughter of John Goodier, of Eccles, to Frank Romney, of Fielding, De Kalb County, Illinois, late of Malvern, Worcestershire.

At the 1911 census Frank was living in Stafford.⁵¹

1911 Census

6 Middle Friars Stafford

Frederick Tavernor, Head, Married, age 58, Railway fitters assistant, born Stafford

Hannah Tavernor, Wife, Married, age 48, born Darlaston, Staffs.

John Tavernor, Son, Single, age 20, Journeyman joiner, born Rugeley, Staffs.

William Tavernor, Son, Single, age 18, Railway clerk, born Rugeley, Staffs.

Ann Holmes, Mother in law, Widow, age 78, born Newton Staffs

Frank Romney, Boarder, Married, age 73, Private means, born Peckham

Frank died, age 82, in 1920; registered at Ormskirk in the March quarter.⁵²

Churchill Romney (1838-1879). Also Rumney. The son of Francis and Jane. He was born in 1838 in Peckham, Surrey; registered at Camberwell, London in the December quarter.⁵³

His father had left the curacy at Ashchurch in 1837 and perhaps took up a post in Peckham as both Churchill and his brother were born there.

At the 1841 census, age 2, he was at home in Great Malvern.

At the 1851 census, age 12, he was at home and going to School in Droitwich.

In 1860 Churchill completed his law exams.

Worcester Journal 8th December 1860

Legal. Mr. Churchill Romney, son of the Rev. F.H. Romney, was last week admitted an attorney of the several courts of common law, and a solicitor of the High Court of Chancery.

At the 1861 census, age 22, he was not married and living at home in Droitwich. He was working as a Solicitor.

Around this time Churchill joined the locally well known firm of Solicitors C.W. Moore. This later became Moores & Romney solicitors. The Moore family are these days most often associated with well known Tewkesbury writer on the countryside John Moore (1907-1967).

John married Louisa Devereux (1839-1927) on the 19th December 1865 at Tewkesbury Abbey.⁵⁴

Louisa's parents were William Devereux (1796-1861) and Elizabeth Phillips (1797-1850). The Devereux family were based in Bromyard. They were linked to the Moore family by several marriages.

No.	When Married.	Where and Between.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Residence.	Rank or Profession of Father.
19	Dec 19	St Andrew's Church, Tewkesbury	22	Single	Solicitor	Tewkesbury	William Devereux, Bromyard	Farmer
			19	Single	Farmer	Tewkesbury	Charles Romney, Tewkesbury	Solicitor

Married in the parish church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church

This Marriage was solemnized between us Charles Romney in the presence of Wm Devereux

Marriage certificate, Tewkesbury 1865

The witnesses were Frank Romney and [L] Devereux.

The wedding was reported in a local paper.⁵⁵

Worcestershire Chronicle 27th December 1865

Marriages. Dec. 19th, at the Abbey Church, Tewkesbury, by the Rev. F.H. Romney father of the Bridegroom, Churchill Romney, Esq., solicitor, of that town, to Louisa, youngest daughter of the late William Devereux Esq., solicitor, Bromyard.

In 1869 their first child Churchill Henry was born but sadly died only six weeks old.⁵⁶

This was reported in the local paper.

Worcester Journal 25th September 1869

Births. Romney. Sept. 15, at Church Street, Tewkesbury, the wife of Mr. Churchill Romney, a son.

In 1870/71 Churchill and Louisa were listed on an Electoral register for Tewkesbury.⁵⁷

At the 1871 census Churchill and Louisa were living in Church Street, Tewkesbury.⁵⁸

1871 Census

*Church Street, Tewkesbury, Gloucs.
Churchill Romney, Head, age 31, born Surrey
Louisa Romney, Wife, age 31, born Herefordshire
Frank Romney, Brother, age 32, born Surrey
Sarah Pates, Servant, age 19, born Gloucs.*

In November 1873 Churchill stood as a Conservative candidate for the municipal elections in Tewkesbury. He was not elected as there was a big swing to the Liberal party.⁵⁹

Churchill died, age 41, on the 29th January 1879; he was taken ill with diphtheria and did not recover.⁶⁰

This was reported in the local paper.^{61 62 63}

Worcestershire Chronicle 1st February 1879

Deaths. Romney. Jan. 29, at his residence, High Street, Tewkesbury, after a short but severe attack of diphtheria, Churchill Romney, Esq., in his 41st year.

Worcestershire Chronicle 1st February 1879

*Deaths. Tewkesbury.
Obituary. Quite a gloom was cast over this borough on Wednesday evening by the announcement of the death, at the age of 40, of Mr. Churchill Romney, a member of the firm Moores and Romney, solicitors. The deceased gentleman was the eldest son of the late Rev. F.H. Romney, vicar of Ashchurch, and was articled to the firm of which he was a member at the time of his decease, and from his long business, as well as social connection, was known to every inhabitant, and was universally loved and respected. He was seized with diphtheria on the 20th ult., from which he never rallied, and died shortly after five o'clock on the 29th ult. From his excellent business qualities, his upright and honourable conduct, and his genial and gentlemanly bearing, his loss will be greatly felt.*

Worcestershire Chronicle 8th February 1879

*Tewkesbury. Funeral of the Late Mr. Romney.
On Monday the remains of the late Mr. Churchill Romney were conveyed to their last resting place in the Cemetery amidst such universal exhibition of respect and regret as is seldom witnessed. The mournful cortege left the late residence of the deceased, at the upper end of the*

High Street, about two o'clock, and slowly wended its way to the Cemetery, a large number of residents following. Along the whole of the route there was scarcely a house that had not its blinds drawn or shutters up, and the number of persons who assembled to watch the procession evinced the most respectful feelings. The service was a most impressive one, and was performed by the Vicar, the Rev. Robert Hemming Robeson, and the senior curate, the Rev. T. Rivington.

The burial was at Tewkesbury municipal cemetery. Probate was granted on the 7th March.^{64 65}

Romney Churchill. 7th March. The Will of Churchill Romney late of Tewkesbury in the County of Gloucester Cheltenham who died 20th January 1879 at Tewkesbury was proved at Gloucester by Louisa Romney of Tewkesbury Widow the Relict and the sole Executrix. Personal Estate under £1,500.

On the 10th May 1879 Louisa advertised a sale of household furniture, paintings and other items.⁶⁶

On the same day there was an advert for the sale of Walton House. This is when Walton House passed out of the Smithsend and Romney families. On the death of Elizabeth Smithsend in 1833 the house passed to her 2nd cousin once removed Francis Henry Romney (Churchill's father) and to Churchill when his father died in 1871.

Neither Francis or Churchill lived there and it was for most of that time let to tenants including George Ruddle J.P. who was there from 1833-1863. Francis was a clergyman and Churchill a solicitor so the running and upkeep of the estate would have been beyond their means and probably of no interest.⁶⁷

Worcester Journal 10th May 1879

Ashchurch, Gloucestershire. One Mile from the Market Town of Tewkesbury and the same distance from the Ashchurch Railway Station

To be sold by Auction By Moore and Son. On Wednesday, the 21st day of May, 1879, at the Swan Hotel, Tewkesbury, at Three for Four o'clock p.m., subject to Conditions of Sale, by direction of the Executrix of Churchill Romney, Esq., deceased.

A Very Delightful and Charming Freehold Residential Estate, adjoining the road leading from Tewkesbury to Stow, comprising a substantially built Family Residence known as 'Walton House', with its extensive and ornamental flower and kitchen gardens, Lawn Tennis Ground, Greenhouse, Potato and Tool Houses, Detached two stall Stable, two Loose Boxes, Saddle Room, and Coach House with Loft over, two Cattle Sheds, and Fold Yard (in which is a Pump); and six pieces of Superior Pasture Land, lying in a ring fence, and containing in the whole 43A. 1R. 33P., in the occupation of the Rev. E. V. Amery.

The Mansion is approached by a winding Carriage Drive, and belted by a fine plantation of Elm, Ash, Larch, and other Timber Trees, as also by many Ornamental Shrubs, and commands extensive and diversified views of the Malvern, Bredon, and Cotswold Hills, and the lovely surrounding country.

Descriptive particulars, with the Lithographic Plans and View of the House, may be obtained of Messrs, Pidcock and Sons, Solicitors, Worcester; or of the Auctioneers, Tewkesbury.

At the 1881 census Louisa was living in Cheltenham.⁶⁸

1881 Census

3, Southampton Place, Cheltenham, Gloucs.

William Hull, Head, Married, age 43, Fancy draper, born Cheltenham

Annie Hull, Wife, Married, age 47, born Mapperton, Northamptonshire

Ellen Beesley, Sister in law, Single, age 37, Boarder, born Mapperton

Louisa Tarling, Assistant, Single, age 20, Assistant draper, born Gotherington, Gloucs.

Emily Tarling, Assistant, Single, age 15, Assistant draper, born Gotherington, Gloucs

Louisa Romney, Lodger, Widow, age 42, Formerly solicitors wife, born Bromyard, Hereford.

Frank Romney, Lodger, Single, age 7, Scholar, born Tewkesbury, Gloucs.

At the 1891 census Louisa was living in Great Malvern.⁶⁹

1891 Census, Great Malvern

The Lees, Firs Estate, Great Malvern

Louisa Romney, Head, Widow, age 52, Living on her own means, born Bromyard, Hereford.

Francis W. Romney, Son, Single, age 17, Scholar, born Tewkesbury

Alice Hicks, Servant, Single, age 19, General domestic servant, born Hanley Castle, Worcs.

At the 1901 census Louisa was living in Great Malvern.⁷⁰

1901 Census

Grasmere, St Andrews Road, Great Malvern, Worcs.

Louisa Romney, Head, Widow, age 62, Living on own means, born Bromyard, Herefordshire

Francis W. Romney, Son, Single, age 27, Solicitor, born Tewkesbury

Annie Gunnell, Servant, Single, age 18, Cook domestic, born Worcs.

At the 1911 census Louisa was living in Great Malvern.⁷¹

1911 Census

Grasmere St Andrew's Road Malvern, Worcs.

Louisa Romney. Head, Widow, age 71, Private means, born Bromyard Herefordshire

Frances William Romney, Son, Married, age 37, Solicitor, born Tewkesbury

Alice Marion Romney, Son's wife, Married, age 34, born Tokio Japan

Ellen Gertrude Bridges, Servant, Single, age 25, Cook domestic, born Walsall Staffs.

Catherine Hicks, Servant, Single, age 22, Housemaid domestic, born Gt Malvern Worcs.

Louisa died, age 88, in 1927; registered at Upton on Severn in the June quarter.⁷²

Louisa was buried at Tewkesbury municipal cemetery on the 15th June 1927.⁷³

Churchill and Louisa had two children: Charles Romney (bd.1869), Frances William Romney (1873-1963)

Jane Romney (1841-1917). The daughter of Francis and Jane. She was born in 1841 at Newlands, Worcestershire. Jane was baptised on the 14th July 1843 at St. Nicholas, Worcester.⁷⁴

At the 1841 census, age 0, she was at home in Great Malvern

At the 1851 census, age 10, Jane was at home in Droitwich and attending school.

At the 1861 census, age 20, she was at home in Droitwich – though her name is given as Ida.

At the 1871 census, age 30, was at home with her mother in Droitwich.

In 1879 Jane was involved in the probate after the death of her Sister Mary Anna.

At the 1881 census Jane, age 40, is living with her sister Anna and her family in Kensington.

At the 1891 census Jane was living at Herne Bay; her nephews and nieces were staying with her.⁷⁵

1891 Census

Station Road, Herne, Blean, Kent

Jane Romney, Head, Single, age 50, Living on her own means, born Newland, Worcs.

George R. Karop, Boarder, age 11, Scholar, born London

Gerald C. Karop, Boarder, age 10, Scholar, born London

Dorothy M. Karop, Boarder, age 9, Scholar, born London

*Philip A. Karop, Boarder, age 6, , Scholar, born London **

* Blean is a civil parish to the North of Canterbury.

George Karop attended King's School Canterbury from 1892-1895 so the children may be living at Herne Bay to be closer to school. Their parents were living in Kensington in 1891. George Senior moved his private practice to Herne Bay in about 1907.

At the 1911 census Jane, age 70, is living in Bromley, Kent. Her sister Anna and her grown up children are staying with her.

Jane died, age 76, in 1917; registered at Blean in the June quarter.⁷⁶

Jane is buried at Herne Bay Cemetery.⁷⁷

Mary Romney (1844-1879). Mary Anna Smithsend. Known as Minnie. The daughter of Francis and Jane. She was born on the 17th November 1844 at Newlands, Worcestershire.⁷⁸

Newland is a village to the North of the Malvern Hills.

Mary used 'Smithsend' as a forename.

At the 1851 census, age 6, she was at home in Droitwich.

At the 1871 census, age 25, Mary was at home in Worcester.

Mary died, age 35, on the 6th October 1879; this was registered at Kensington in the December quarter.⁷⁹

The death was reported in a local paper.⁸⁰

London Evening Standard 9th October 1879

Deaths. Romney Oct. 6, Mary Anna (Minnie) Romney, second daughter of the late Rev. F.H. Romney, of Worcester.

Probate was granted to her sister Jane on the 10th November.⁸¹

*Mary Anna Smithsend Romney. 10 November. The Will of Mary Anna Smithsend Romney late of 198 Holland Road Kensington in the County of Middlesex, Spinster, who died 6 October 1879 at 198 Holland road was proved at the Principal Registry by Jane Romney of 198 Holland Road, Spinster, the sister the sole Executrix. Personal Estate under £4,000. **

* Holland road was where Mary's sister Anna Karop was living with her family.

Anna Romney (b.1851). Anna Maria Garmston. Also Hannah. The daughter of Francis and Jane. She was born in 1851 at Claines; registered at Droitwich in September quarter. She was baptised on the 3rd September 1851.⁸²

At the 1861 census, age 9, she was at home in Droitwich.

At the 1871 census, age 19, Anna was at home in Worcester.

Anna married George Charles Karop (1853-1927) at St. Luke, Westbourne Park, Westminster on the 17th December 1878.⁸³

The wedding was reported a local paper.⁸⁴

Northern Whig 24th December 1878

Karop-Romney. December 17, in St. Luke's, Paddington, London, by the Rev. Mr. Knowles, George C. Karop, M.R.C.S, to Anna Maria, Garmston Romney, youngest daughter of the late Rev. F.H. Romney of Worcester.

At the 1881 census George and Anna were living in Kensington.⁸⁵

1881 Census

198, Holland Road, Kensington, London

George C. Karop, Head, Married, age 28, Practitioner MRCS, born City of London, Middlesex

Hannah M. Karop, Wife, Married, age 29, born Worcester

Jane Romney, Sister in law, Single, age 39, born Worcester

George R. Karop, Son, Single, age 1, born City of London

Gerald C. Karop, Son, Single, age 0, born City of London

Mary Wooton, Servant, Single, age 18, Cook domestic, born Sulgrave, Northamptonshire

Angelina Tobutt, Servant, Single, age 19, Hsemaid domestic, born City of London

*Elizabeth Loop, Servant, Single, age 13, Nurse domestic, born City of London **

* M.R.C.S is a member of the Royal College of Surgeons

At the 1891 census George and Anna were living in Kensington.⁸⁶

1891 Census

198 Holland Road, Kensington

George C. Karop, Head, Married, age 38, General Practitioner of Medicine, born Marylebone

Anna M.G. Karop, Wife, Married, age 39, born Claines, Worcs.

Fanny C. Weber, Servant, Single, age 19, Cook Domestic, born Woolwich

Ada A. Harrison, Servant, Single, age 18, Housemaid domestic, born Herne Bay

At the 1901 census George and the children are living in Kensington. We do not know where Anna was registered.⁸⁷

1901 Census

198, Holland Road, Kensington, London

George Karop, Head, Married, age 48, Medical practitioner, born Marylebone, Middlesex

George R. Karop, Son, Single, age 21, Underwriters clerk, born Kensington

Gerald Karop, Son, Single, age 20, Underwriters clerk, born Kensington

Jane Romney, Sister-in-law, Single, age 60, Own means, born Madresfield, Worcs.

Annie Lakey, Servant Single, age 28, Cook domestic, born Binstead, Hampshire,

At the 1911 census Anna and her grown up children are living in Bromley with Anna's sister Jane Romney.⁸⁸

1911 Census

25 Holligave Road, Bromley, Kent

Jane Romney, Head, age 70, Single, Private Means, born Madresfield, Worcs.

Anna Maria Karop, Sister, age 58, Married, born Claines, Worcs.

George Romney Karop, Nephew, age 31, Single, Commercial clerk, born Kensington

Gerald Churchill, Karop, Nephew, age 30, Single, Insurance clerk, Marine insurance, born Kensington

Philip Andrew Karop, Nephew, age 26, Single, Stockbroker's clerk, Stock exchange, born Kensington

Fanny Langley, Servant, age 30, Single, Housekeeper (domestic), born Battersea

At the 1921 census George and Anna were living in Herne Bay, Kent.⁸⁹

1921 Census

Inniscorrig, Beltinge Road, Herne Bay, Kent
George C. Karop, Head, age 68, Ophthalmic Surgeon M.R.C.S Eng, born Marylebone
Anna M. G. Karop, Wife, age 69, Home Duties, born Worcs.
Dorothy M. Karop, Daughter, age 38, Home Duties, born Kensington
Fanny Langley, Servant, age 43, General Domestic Servant, born Battersea
Joan Langley, Visitor, age 6, born Clapham

Anna died, age 75, on the 31st July 1926; registered at Blean in the September quarter. She is buried at Herne Bay Cemetery.⁹⁰

George died, age 76, in 1927; registered at Blean in the September quarter.⁹¹

There was an obituary for George in the British Medical Journal.⁹²

British Medical Journal 5th May 1928

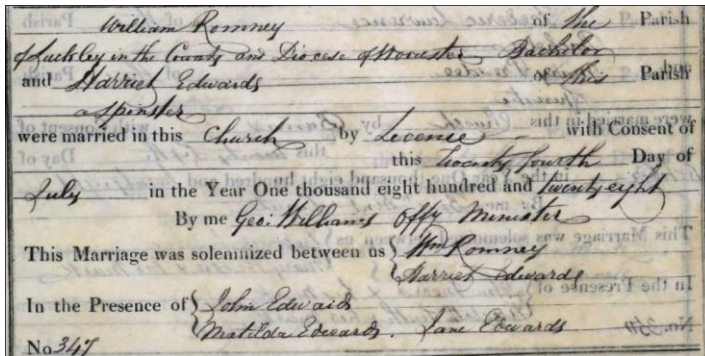
Obituary. The late Dr. George Charles Karop, who died suddenly at his residence at Herne Bay last August, was of Danish descent but of English birth, having been born in London in 1853, He was educated in part at Heidelberg, and afterwards entered as a medical student at the Middlesex Hospital, obtaining the diplomas M.R.C.S Eng. And L.S.A, in 1875. For about a year he held a resident post at this hospital, subsequently becoming a surgeon in the service of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company. He next returned to the Middlesex Hospital as a tutor in physiology in the medical school, with notable success as a teacher, and later was for ten years clinical assistant at the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital (Moorfields). In London, and later at Herne Bay, to which place he removed in 1907, he built up a considerable practice as an eye specialist, being for many years honorary ophthalmic surgeon to the Herne Bay Queen Victoria Memorial Cottage Hospital, Throughout practically the whole of his life Dr. Karop took a keen interest in microscopy, being closely identified with the Quckett Microscopical Club, which he joined in 1873, and of which he was the honorary secretary from 1883 to 1904. He was also a Fellow of the Royal Microscopical Society, and served for a time on the council of that body. Microscopical research was his chief hobby, his main interest, apart from its medical aspects, being in the diatomaccae. He took no prominent part in the public affairs in Herne Bay, but he was a well-known and respected figure in that town, where he was much esteemed for his personal qualities. His wife died in 1926; he is survived by three sons and a daughter.

Anna and George had four children: George Romney Karop (b.1880), Gerald Churchill Karop (1881-1956), Dorothy M. Karop (b.1883), Philip Andrew Karop (b.1885).

Anne Romney (bd.1805). The daughter of James and Elizabeth. She died as an infant.

William Romney (1803-1870). The son of James and Elizabeth. He was born in 1803 and baptised on the 6th June at St. Andrew, Droitwich.⁹³

William married Harriet Edwards on the 24th July 1828, at Bedwardine. The witnesses were John Edwards, Matilda Edwards, Jane Edwards.⁹⁴



Marriage. William Romney & Harriet Edwards, Bedwardine 1828

Bedwardine is on the southern outskirts of Worcester. Harriet Edwards was born in 1805 and baptised on the 3rd November at Stockton on Teme, Worcs.⁹⁵

In 1833 when Elizabeth Smithsend, William's second cousin (once removed), died William was left a bequest in her Will. He received one half of the Frith estate near Ledbury.

This was an estate of about 200 acres, a large house, several cottages, and several other pieces of land near Ledbury, Herefordshire about 20 miles North West of Tewkesbury. This estate probably came into the family from the marriage of Elizabeth's great grandfather Nicholas Smithsend to Anne Vobe in 1681. The Vobes were a wealthy Ledbury family. It was the most complex bequest in Elizabeth's Will but the reason for the complexity is not clear.

The estate was split into two equal halves and one half was left in trust to Francis Henry Romney (William's brother) and the other half to William. The trustees were Coningsby Norbury and William Romney of Worcester (William's Uncle). The current tenant was John Edy.

William's share was to be used to pay of the mortgage debts on Lower Tundridge Farm which amounted to £2,600.

There was also provision for a separate income for Harriet and for the future provision for the children of William and Harriet's children.

William was also left about 30 acres of land in Droitwich and Salwarpe in trust; the current occupier was Richard Smith. The trust provisions prevent 'the destruction' of the land. This was probably meant to prevent their use for the extraction of salt. The trustees were Coningsby Norbury and William Romney of Worcester.

At the 1841 census William and Harriet were living in Suckley.⁹⁶

1841 Census

*Lower Tundridge Farm, Suckley, Worcs.
William Romney, age 35, Farm, born Worcs.
Harriett Romney, age 35, born Worcs.
Eliza Romney, age 11, born Worcs.
Ann Romney, age 9, born Worcs.
William Romney, age 8, born Worcs.
James Romney, age 7, born Worcs.
Francis Romney, age 4, born Worcs.
Frederick Romney, age 3 months, born Worcs.
Sarah Portman, age 20, born Worcs.
Elizabeth Symonds, age 15, born Worcs.*

At the 1851 Census William and Harriet were living in Suckley.⁹⁷

1851 Census

*Upper Tundridge, Suckley Worcs.
William Romney, Head, Married, age 47, Farmer of 100 acres emp 2 labourers, born Droitwich
Harriett Romney, Wife, Married, age 46, Farmers wife, born Worcester
Eliza Romney, Daughter, Unmarried, age 21, Farmers daughter, born Suckley, Worcs.
Anne Romney, Daughter, Unmarried, age 19, Farmers daughter, born Suckley, Worcs.
William Romney, Son, Unmarried, age 18, Farmers son, born Gloucestershire
James Romney, Son, Unmarried, age 16, Farmers son, born Worcs.
Francis Romney, Son, Unmarried, age 14, Scholar, born Worcs.
Frederick Romney, Son, Unmarried, age 10, Scholar, born Suckley, Worcs.
Walter Romney, Son, Unmarried, age 7, Scholar, born Suckley, Worcs.
Mary Watkins, Servant, Unmarried, age 23, House servant, born Alfrick, Worcs.*

At the 1861 census William and Harriet were living in Lower Tundridge.⁹⁸

1861 Census

*Lower Tundridge, Walls Hill, Suckley, Worcs.
William Romney, Head, Married, age 57, Farmer of 100 acres employing 2 men & 1 boy
Harriet Romney, Wife, Married age 56
Francis Romney, Son, Unmarried, age 23, Farmers son
Frederick Romney, Son, Unmarried, age 20, Farmers son, born Suckley
Elizabeth Weaver, Servant, Unmarried, age 26, Dairymaid
Peter Weaver, Servant, Unmarried, age 21, Cow man*

William died on the 19th November 1870; registered at Martley in the December quarter.⁹⁹

Probate was granted on the 10th December.¹⁰⁰

Romney William. 10th December 1870. The Will with a Codicil in the Parish of Suckley in the County of Worcester Farmer deceased who died 10th November 1870 at Lower Tundridge aforesaid was proved at Worcester by the oaths of Richard Allies of Little Frome in the County of Hereford Farmer and Churchill Romney of Tewkesbury in the County of Gloucester, Gentleman, the Executors. Effects under £4,000

Harriet sold the stock, agricultural implements and produce in 1871.¹⁰¹

Worcester Journal 18th March 1871

*Suckley. To be Sold by Auction, by Weaver and Moore.
On Tuesday, the 21st day of March, 1871, at Lower Tundridge, in the Parish of Suckley, adjoining the Turnpike Road leading from Worcester to Malvern, distant 8 miles from Worcester and 4 from Malvern.*

The valuable live stock, comprising 5 Capital Young Dairy Cows and Calves, or to Calve; 19 superior Ewes and Lambs or to Yean; 11 Cross-Bred Tegs, and Two Shear Shropshire Down Ram, 4 Powerful and Active Cart Horses, Sow in Farrow, and 6 Strong Stores. A general selection of Agricultural Implements; about 10,000 capital Hop Poles, about 2,200 Gallons of Prime Cider, Store Casks, Hogsheads, Dairy Utensils, and other Effects, late the Property of William Romney, Esq., Deceased. The Sale will commence at Eleven. Catalogues may be obtained at the Beauchamp Hotel, Malvern; Bell Hotel, Worcester; New Inn, Alfrick; Tewkesbury and Upton on Severn.

At the 1871 census Harriet was living at Little Tundridge.¹⁰²

1871 Census

Little Tundridge, Suckley, Worcs.

Harriet Romney, Head, age 67, born Worcs.

James Romney, Son, age 35, born Worcs.

Francis Romney, Son, age 33, born Worcs.

Emma Walker, Companion, age 35, Worcs.

Richard Wood, Servant, age 15, born Worcs.

Harriet died on the 20th February 1875 at Leigh Sinton. Probate was granted on the 5th April.¹⁰³

William and Harriet had seven children: Eliza Romney (b.1830), Ann Romney (b.1832), William Romney (b.1833), James Romney (b.1834), Francis Romney (b.1837), Frederick Romney (b.1841). Walter Romney (b.1844)

Eliza Romney (1829-1867). Eliza Harriet. The daughter of William and Harriet. She was born in 1829 and baptised on the 18th September, at Suckley.¹⁰⁴

At the 1841 census Eliza, age 11, was living at home in Suckley.

At the 1851 census, age 21, she was living at home in Suckley.

At the 1861 census Eliza, age 29, was living with her brother William in Upper Tundridge.¹⁰⁵

1861 Census

Upper Tundridge, Walls Hill, Suckley, Worcs.

William Romney, Head, Unmarried, age 27, Farmer of 217 acres employing 6 men & 2 boys, born Gloucester.

James Romney, Brother, Unmarried, age 25, born Worcester

Eliza Romney, Sister, Unmarried, age 29

Sarah Maund, Servant, Unmarried, age 20 General servant

William Haffield, Servant, Unmarried, age 18, Groom

Elizabeth died, age 37, in 1867. Probate was delayed until 1876.^{106 107}

National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations), 1858-1995. 1876 Romney Eliza Harriet, 22nd December. Administration of the effects of Eliza Harriet Romney late of Suckley in the County of Worcester Spinster who died 27th January 1867 at Suckley was granted at Worcester to Richard Allies of Little Froome near Bromyard in the County of Hereford Farmer one of the Executors of the Will of William Romney the Father and next of Kin. Effects under £450.

Anne Romney (1831-1857). Anne Matilda. Also Ann. The daughter of William and Harriet. She was born in 1831 and baptised on the 17th June 1831.¹⁰⁸
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At the 1841 census Anne, age 9, was at home in Suckley.

At the 1851 census Anne, age 19 was at home in Suckley.

Anne died on the 26th May 1857 at Suckley. Probate was granted in 1876.¹⁰⁹

Romney Anne Matilda. 22nd December. Administration of the effects of Anne Matilda Romney late of Suckley in the County of Worcester Spinster who died 26 May 1857 at Suckley was granted at Worcester to Richard Allies of Little Froome near Bromyard to the County of Hereford Farmer one of the Executors of the Will of William Romney the Father and Next of Kin. Effects under £400.

William Romney (1833-1870). The son of William and Harriet. He was born in 1833 at Deerhurst, Gloucestershire.

At the 1841 census, age 8, he was at home in Suckley.

At the 1851 census, age 18, he was at home in Suckley.

At the 1861 census, age 27, he is farming at Upper Tundridge with his brother James and sister Eliza.

William married Frances Bishop on the 15th May 1869, at Abberley, Worcs. This was reported in a local paper.¹¹⁰

Worcestershire Chronicle 26th May 1869

Marriages. May 15th at Abberley Church, by the Rev. John Lewis Moilliet, rector, William Henry, eldest son of William Romney, Esq., of Suckley, to Frances, eldest daughter of Mr. James Bishop, of Lodge Farm, Abberley in this County.

William died, age 37, on the 23rd November 1870. Probate was granted on the 10th December.¹¹¹

Romney William. 10th December. The Will with a Codicil of William Romney late of Lower Tundridge in the Parish of Suckley in the County of Worcester Farmer deceased who died 19th November 1870 at Lower Tundridge aforesaid was proved at Worcester by the oaths of Richard Allies of Little Froome in the County of Hereford Farmer and Churchill Romney of Tewkesbury in the County of Gloucester Gentleman the Executors.

We think that Frances remarried in 1876.

James Romney (1834-1875). James Churchill. The son of William and Harriet. He was born in 1834 and was baptised on the 13th December at Salwarpe.¹¹²

At the 1841 census James, age 7, was living at home in Suckley.

At the 1851 census James, age 16, was at home and working on the farm.

At the 1861 census James is at Wallis Hill, Suckley and working on a farm with his brother William.

At the 1871 census James was living with his mother in Little Tundridge.

James married Fanny Lydia Williams (1854-1933) in 1872; registered at Worcester in the June quarter.¹¹³

James died on the 6th March 1875; registered at Worcester in the March quarter. James is buried at Suckley.¹¹⁴

Probate was granted in April.¹¹⁵

Romney James Churchill. 5th April. The Will of James Churchill Romney late of Suckley in the County of Worcester. Farmer who died 6th March 1875 at Suckley was proved at Worcester by Churchill Romney of Tewkesbury in the County of Gloucester Gentleman and John Cuthbert Edwards of Ledbury in the County of Hereford Hop and Seed Merchant the Executors. Effects under £3000

At the 1881 census Fanny was living with her uncle James in Martley.

At the 1891 census whilst the children William and Eliza are at Alfrick there is no record of Fanny.

At the 1911 census Fanny is living with her daughter Eliza (Towndrow) in Worcester.

In 1903 Fanny and her sister Sarah attended a funeral in Worcester.¹¹⁶

Worcestershire Chronicle 4th July 1903

Funeral of the Late Mr. J. Hinks. In Worcester.

Mrs. Sarah Romney, Mrs. Fanny Romney, Mr. and Mrs. Towndrow.

Fanny died on the 3rd February 1933 at Malvern. Probate was granted in July.¹¹⁷

Romney Fanny Lydia of The Grit Farm Malvern Link Worcestershire widow died 3rd February 1933 at Stokefield Nursing Home Graham Road Malvern Worcestershire. Probate London 5 July to Charles Goulet M.D. and Kenneth George Romney Towndrow artist. Effects. £738 11s. 3d.

James and Fanny had two children: Eliza Harriet Romney (b.1873), William Henry Smithsend Romney (1874-1893).

Eliza Romney (1873-1922). Eliza Harriet. The daughter of James and Fanny. She was born in 1873; registered at Martley in the September quarter.¹¹⁸

At the 1881 census Eliza's mother Fanny is at Alfrick with her relatives there is no mention of Eliza.

At the 1891 census Eliza, age 17, was at Alfrick but her name is given as Lily.

Eliza married George Towndrow (1876-1959) in 1899; registered at Martley in the September quarter.¹¹⁹

At the 1901 census George and Eliza were living at Malvern Link.¹²⁰

1901 Census

Fern Cottage, Worcester Road, Malvern Link, Upton on Severn, Worcs.

George H. Towndrow, Head, Married, age 25, Nurseryman, born Malvern Link, Worcs.

Eliza H. Towndrow, Wife, Married, age 26, born Suckley, Worcs.

Kenneth G. R. Towndrow, Son, Single, age 9, born Malvern Link, Worcs.

Francis J. Birch, Cousin, Single, age 22, Student of music, born Woolwich, Kent

Mary M. Jines, Servant, Single, age 17, General servant, born Leigh Sinton, Worcs.

At the 1911 census George and Eliza were at Malvern Link.¹²¹

1911 Census

2 the Beeches Worcester Road Malvern Link, Worcs.

George Henry Towndrow, Head, Married, age 35, Rose grower – nurseryman, born Leigh, Worcs.

Eliza Harriett Towndrow, Wife, Married, age 35, born Suckley, Worcs.

Kenneth George Romney Towndrow, Son, age 10, School, born Leigh, Worcs.

Daphne Corina Romney Towndrow, Daughter, age 1, born Leigh Worcs.

Fanny Lydia Romney, Mother-in-law, Widow, age 55, born Alfrick, Worcs.

At the 1921 census George and Eliza were living in Southport.¹²²

1921 Census

34, Alma Road, Birkdale, Southport, Lancashire

George Henry Towndrow, Head, age 45, Florist Fruiterer Greengrocer Seedman Employer, born Malvern Link, Worcs.

Eliza Harriett Towndrow. Wife, age 45, Home Duties, born Suckley, Worcs.

Kenneth George Towndrow, Son, age 21, Black & White Advertising Artist Own Account born Malvern Link, Worcs.

Daphne Corina Towndrow, Daughter, age 12, born Malvern Link, Worcs.

Eliza died in 1922; registered in Lancashire in the June quarter.¹²³

George remarried to Agnes Webster in 1923.

George died in 1959 at Marylebone.

George and Eliza had two children: Kenneth Romney Towndrow (1901-1953), Daphne Corina Towndrow (1909-1991).

William Romney (1874-1893). William Henry Smithsend. The son of James and Fanny. He was born in 1874; registered at Martley in the December quarter.¹²⁴

William was given Smithsend as a forename.

At the 1881 census William, age 6, was living at Alfrick with his mother's family.¹²⁵

1881 Census

Cherry Green, Alfrick, Martley, Worcs.

James Williams Head, Single, age 66, Farmer 180 acres employ 2 men, born Cradley, Herefordshire

Lydia Williams, Mother, Widow, age 92, 1789, Annuitant, born Alfrick, Worcs.

Rebecca Williams Sister law, Widow, age 50, Farmer, born Worcs.

Fanny Lydia Romney, Daughter, Widow, age 27, Annuitant, born Alfrick, Worcs.

William Romney Grand nephew, Single, age 6, Scholar, born Suckley, Worcs.

Sarah Jane Romney. Daughter, Widow, age 23, Annuitant, born Alfrick, Worcs.

James Edward Williams Son, Single, age 25, Farm servant domestic (indoor) born Alfrick, Worcs.

At the 1891 census William, age 16, was living at Alfrick.¹²⁶

1891 Census

Cherry Green, Alfrick, Martley, Worcs.

Rebecca Williams, Head, Widow, age 60, Farmer, born Worcester

James Williams, Son, Single, age 36, Farm bailiff, born Alfrick, Worcs.

Sarah Romney, Daughter, Widow, age 33, Living on her own means, born Alfrick, Worcs.

Lily Romney, Granddaughter, Single, age 17, Scholar, born Suckley, Worcs.

William Romney. Grandson, age 16, Scholar, born Suckley, Worcs.

Ellen Birch, Sister, Single, age 43, Living on her own means, born Worcester

Daniel Dutson, Servant, Single, age 15, Farm servant, born Leigh, Worcs.

William died on the 24th April 1893; registered at Martley in the June quarter.¹²⁷

This was reported in the local paper.

Worcestershire Chronicle 29th April 1893

Died. Romney April 24, at Cherry Green, Alfrick, William Henry Smithsend son of the late James Churchill Romney, of Lower Tundridge, Suckley, age 18.

Probate was granted in July.¹²⁸

Romney William Henry Smithsend of Cherry green Alfrick, Worcestershire, died 24th April 1893. Administration, Worcester 27 July Fanny Lydia Romney, widow. Effects, £348 11s 9d.

Francis Romney (1837-1877). The son of William and Harriet. He was born in 1836 and was baptised on the 1st August, at Salwarpe.¹²⁹

At the 1841 census Francis, age 4, was at home in Suckley.
At the 1851 census, age 14, he was at home in Suckley.

At the 1861 census, age 23, Francis was at home in Suckley.
At the 1871 census, age 33, Francis was at home in Suckley.

Francis married Sarah Jane Williams (1858-1944) on the 17th April 1877; registered at Martley in the June quarter.¹³⁰

Sarah was the sister of Fanny Romney (née Williams) who was married to Francis' brother James.

The marriage was reported in a local paper.¹³¹

Worcestershire Chronicle 21st April 1877

Romney-Williams. April 17, at Suckley, by the Rev. John Pearson, Francis Romney, Esq., of Leigh Sinton, to Sarah Jane, second daughter of the late John Williams, of Alfrick.

Francis died very soon after his marriage on the 25th April. Probate was granted on the 11th June.¹³²

Romney Francis. 11 June. Administration of the Personal Estate of Francis Romney late of Leigh Sinton in the Parish of Leigh in the County of Worcester Gentleman who died 25 April 1877 at Leigh Sinton was granted at Worcester to Sarah Jane Romsey of Lower Tundridge in the Parish of Suckley in the said County the Relict. Personal Estate under £4,000.

The death was reported in the local paper.

Worcester Journal 28th April 1877

Romney. April 25, at Leigh Sinton, in his 40th year, Francis Romney.

At the 1881 census Sarah was living in Alfrick with her relatives and with Fanny Romney and her children.

At the 1891 census Sarah was living at Alfrick.¹³³

1891 Census

Cherry Green, Alfrick, Martley, Worcs.

Rebecca Williams, Head, Widow, age 60, Farmer, born Worcester

James Williams, Son, Single, age 36, Farm bailiff, born Alfrick, Worcs.

Sarah Romney, Daughter, Widow, age 33, Living on her own means, born Alfrick, Worcs.

Lily Romney, Granddaughter, Single, age 17, Scholar, born Suckley, Worcs.

William Romney. Grandson, age 16, Scholar, born Suckley, Worcs.

Ellen Birch, Sister, Single, age 43, Living on her own means, born Worcester

Daniel Dutson, Servant, Single, age 15, Farm servant, born Leigh, Worcs.

At the 1911 census Sarah was visiting a family in Hastings.¹³⁴

1911 Census

Sarah Jane Romney, Visitor, age 53, widow

Joseph Amos Bailey, Head, age 55, married 27 years, Gas fitter, born Hastings

Ann Bailey, Wife, age 49, born Cambridge

Seymour Bailey, Son, age 16, born Hastings

Nellie Bailey, Daughter, age 12, born Hastings

Frederick Hope, Boarder, age 21, Single, Clerk, born Hastings

At the 1921 census Sarah was visiting relatives in Alfrick.¹³⁵

1921 Census

Bridgestone Mills, Alfrick, Worcestershire, England

Ellen Notley, Head, age 60, Miller Flour Mills Own Account, born Alfrick, Worcs.

Catherine Ellen Notley, Daughter, age 26, Home Duties Assisting Mother, born Cradley, Herefordshire

Ellen Dyer, Birch, Aunt, age 85, None Retired, born St John's, Worcs.

Sarah Jane Romney, Visitor, age 62, None Retired Private Means, born Alfrick, Worcs.

At the 1939 register Sarah was living in Worcester.¹³⁶

1939 Register

45 Fort Royal Hill, Worcester

Allen Mumford, 7 Sep 1851, Gardener Retired, Married

Maude Mumford, 1 Jan 1890, Domestic Duties, Married

Kate Gore-Jones, 30 Sep 1862, Private Means – Retired, Single

Sarah Romney, 31 Oct 1857, Female, Private Means – Retired, Widowed

Sarah died on the 26th September 1944; registered at Evesham in the November quarter.

Probate was granted in November.^{137 138}

Romney Sarah Jane of 45 Fort Royal Hill Worcester widow died 26 September 1944 at 5 Avonside Hampton Evesham Worcestershire. Probate Oxford 21 November to Harold Notley Williams farmer. Effects £729 6s. 4d.

Frederick Romney (1841-1868). The son of William and Harriet. He was born in 1841; registered at Martley in the March quarter.¹³⁹

At the 1841 census, age 3 months, Frederick was at home in Suckley.

At the 1851 census, age 10, he was at home in Suckley.

At the 1861 census, age 20, Frederick was at home in Suckley.

Frederick died on the 26th December 1868; registered at Martley in the December quarter.¹⁴⁰

Probate was granted in 1876.¹⁴¹

Romney Frederick. 22nd December. Administration of the effects of Frederick Romney late of Suckley in the County of Worcester Gentleman a Bachelor who died 26 December 1868 at Suckley was granted at Worcester to Richard Allies of Little Froome near Bromyard in the County of Hereford Farmer one of the Executors of the Will of William Romney the father and Next of Kin. Effects under £1,500.

Walter Romney (1844-1861). The son of William and Harriet. Walter was born in 1844; registered at Martley in the March quarter.¹⁴²

At the 1851 census, age 7, Walter was at home in Suckley.

At the 1861 census, age 17, was in Worcester.¹⁴³

1861 Census

25, Cross, St Nicholas, Worcester

Frederick J. Gough, Head, age 27, Chemist and druggist, Kidderminster, Worcs.

Mary Jane Gough, Wife, age 31

Jane C. Gough, Daughter, age 2

Susan M. Gough, Daughter, age 0

John Povay, Apprentice, age 18, Apprentice, Ellesmere, Shropshire

Walter Romney, Apprentice, age 17, Apprentice, Suckley, Worcs.

Eliza Hammersley, Servant, Unmarried, age 23, General servant, born Dilhorne, Staffordshire
Ann Macgee, Servant, Unmarried, age 18, Nursemaid, born Durham
James Slait, Servant, age 13, Errand boy, born Kempsey, Worcs.

Walter died on the 23rd December 1861; registered at Martley in the December quarter.¹⁴⁴

The death was reported in a local paper.¹⁴⁵

Worcestershire Chronicle 1st January 1862

Deaths. Dec. 23rd, at Lower Lindridge, Suckley, after a few days illness, age 17, Walter, youngest son of Mr. William Romney.

Dorothy Romney (bd.1771). The daughter of William and Mary. She died as an infant in 1771. She was buried at St. Andrew, Pershore on the 18th October 1771.¹⁴⁶

William Romney (1775-1833). The son of William and Mary. He was born in 1775.

William was apprenticed as a Surgeon in 1789, at the age of 14. His Master was John Rayment (1758-1851), Surgeon, of St. Swithin, Worcester.¹⁴⁷

William lived and worked at 10 Foregate Street, Worcester. There was a separate building at the rear which was the Surgery and Stable! He was living there in 1820.¹⁴⁸

In 1807 William joined with several other medical professionals in refusing to inoculate with small pox as a protection against the disease. This was the procedure of inserting the small pox virus under the skin of patients. This was a dangerous method; but in 1796 Edward Jenner had discovered the alternative of inoculating against small pox using a injection containing the cow pox virus and this was becoming widely used.

Worcester Journal 2nd March 1907

One Hundred years ago

Worcester, March 4, 1807. We the undersigned, convinced, by the experience of many years, of great and numerous advantages resulting from the inoculation of the cow pox, both as it regards the preservation and happiness of individuals, and the interests of society, and which become more striking, when they are contrasted with the evils that unavoidably attend the inoculation of so contagious and dangerous disease as the small pox; feel ourselves called upon to enter into the following resolution: That we will not, under any circumstances or application whatever, inoculate or sanction the inoculation, for the small pox.

It is hoped that such medical gentlemen of the county who approve the above resolution will transmit their names by letter to Mr. Blower, apothecary of the Worcester Infirmary, in order that, in the course of a fortnight from the above date the may be inserted in a future advertisement.

N.B. The surgeons of the Worcester Infirmary still continue to vaccinate the poor, gratis, every Monday and Thursday morning, between the hours of ten and eleven o'clock at the Infirmary.

In 1808 William acted at the Executor of the Estate of his brother James Watts Romney Jr. who died that year. James Churchill, William's brother in law, was the co-executor.¹⁴⁹

In 1833 William was listed as an Executor of the Will of his first cousin Elizabeth Smithsend (1772-1833); she was the daughter of his Aunt, Mary Smithsend. William also received several bequests.

Coningsby Norbury of Droitwich and William were also the main trustees of the parts of the estate left in trust to other relatives. Coningsby was left £200 pounds in the will and William Romney was left 'Chawson' a cottage in which he was currently living, presumably as Elizabeth's tenant, and also some land called 'The Rough' near the village of Chawson near Droitwich. William was also left some other land near Droitwich currently occupied by a Mr. Ireland. William was also left seven shares in the Droitwich canal.

It is not clear William took any part in dealing with the Will as he died the same year.

William died, age 58, in 1833 and was buried at St. Nicholas, Worcester on the 11th November.^{150 151}

There was a notice in a local paper dealing with the William's estate.¹⁵²

Worcester Herald 13th December 1834

Notice. All Persons to whom Mr. William Romney, late of the City of Worcester, Surgeon, stood indebted at the time of his decease, and whose respective Debts have not yet been paid, and all Persons now having any claim or demand against the Estate of the said William Romney, are requested to send in the particulars thereof to Mr. Thomas Hyde, Solicitor, Worcester, within one month from this time, in order that the same may be examined and discharged. And all Persons indebted to the Estate of the said William Romney are requested to pay the amount of their respective Debts to the said Mr. Thomas Hyde, who is duly authorised to receive the same. Worcester, 9th December 1834.

William's house in Foregate street was advertised for sale in 1834.¹⁵³

Worcester Herald 21st December 1833

*Excellent Dwelling House and Premises in Foregate Street, Worcester
To be Sold by Auction by Mr. Bentley*

By direction of the Executor under the Will of William Romney, Esq. deceased, at the Star and Garter Inn, Worcester, on Friday, the 3rd day of January, 1834, at six o'clock in the evening, subject to such conditions of sale as will be then produced.

All that capital Dwelling House and Premises desirably situate in the best part of Foregate Street, in the parish of St. Nicholas, in the Cit of Worcester, late in the occupation of the deceased, who carried on the Business of a Surgeon therein for many years to great advantage : containing a dining room 21 feet by 13 feet 6; drawing room 18 feet by 17; five good bed chambers, 2 dressing rooms, and 2 closets; hall, cooking kitchen, brewhouse, small Surgery, dry ale cellar, and cider vault; a passage communicating with small Garden at the back, at the extremity of which is a Building lately used as a Surgery, with room over; as also a Stable for Two Horses, with Saddle room and Loft.

The above Property is held by a Lease under the Dean and Chapter of Worcester for 40 years, renewable every 14; have a frontage of 28 feet 6 inches, and are 126 feet 8 inches in depth. For further particulars, and to view the same, apply to Messrs. Hyde, Solicitors, Foregate Street, or the Auctioneer, of Sansome Lodge, Worcester.

In 1834 the property William received in the Will of Elizabeth Smithsend was advertised for sale.¹⁵⁴

Worcester Herald 29th March 1834

*Neat Cottage Residence and Land, at Chawson near Droitwich
Freehold and Land Tax Redeemed. To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. Bentley*

By direction of the Executor under the Will of William Romney, Esq. deceased, at the George Inn and Foley Arms Hotel, Droitwich, on Tuesday the 8th day of April, 1834, at 4 o'clock in the Afternoon, subject to such conditions of Sale as will be then produced;

Lot 1. All that neat Cottage Residence, in the Gothic Style, with stuccoed Front and slated Roof, pleasantly situate at Chawson, in the parish of Salwarpe, one mile from Droitwich, in the county of Worcester; consisting of a Dining room, 24 feet by 13, Parlour, Entrance Hall, five airy Bed rooms, the one 25 feet by 14, Store room and Kitchen, Pantry and Cellar, together with a detached Bakehouse, Coach house, and two stall Stable, Kitchen and Pleasure Gardens, Lawn, Fish Pool, Plantations, and Orchard planted with choice Fruit Trees, the whole containing by admeasurement 1a. 1r. 35p. The House is neatly fitted up with Marble Chimney Pieces, Grates, and every other useful Fixture, which will be included in the Purchase.

Lot 2. All that capital piece of rich Meadow Land, (with Shed thereon,) called the Rough, containing by admeasurement 4a. 1r. 24p. situate near to Lot 1, and bounded on the North by the Droitwich Canal. Thomas Oliver, who resides in the Cottage, will show both Lots, of which early Possession may be

had, the same being in hand. For any further information apply to Messrs. Hyde, Solicitors, or the Auctioneer all of Worcester.

William had one child: Fanny (d.1837). Her death was reported in a local paper.¹⁵⁵

Worcester Journal 19th October 1837

Deaths. Fanny, eldest daughter of the late William Romney, Esq.,. surgeon of Worcester.

Ann Romney (1776-1842). The daughter of William and Mary. She was born in 1776.¹⁵⁶

Ann married James Churchill in about 1790.

James Churchill (1765-1836) was born in 1765.

James is named on an insurance document of 1792. He was referred to as 'James Churchill, Herald and House Painter.'¹⁵⁷

James is referred to as a 'brother in law' in the Will of James Watts Romney of 1808. He acted as the co-executor of the Will with William Romney. James Watts Romney died aged 37 and in his Will he left most of his possessions and estate in trust for his wife and children.¹⁵⁸

In 1808 James Churchill was living in Whitborne, Herefordshire. Whitborne is a village just to the North of the Malvern Hill. Doddenham, in Worcestershire, is the next village to the East.

A 19th century painting gives an impression of Foregate Street in the 1850's. The church shown is St. Nicholas.



Foregate Street c.1850, Worcester City Art Gallery.

It may be James who was living at 26 Foregate Street, Worcester in 1828.¹⁵⁹

James died, age 71, in 1836 and was buried at St. Nicholas, Worcester on the 18th August.

Ann is listed in a city directory for Worcester in 1840 as 'Mrs James Churchill' living at 23 Foregate Street.¹⁶⁰

At the 1841 Census Ann was living in Worcester.¹⁶¹

1841 Census

Foregate Street, St Nicholas, Worcester

Ann Churchill, age 60, born Worcs.

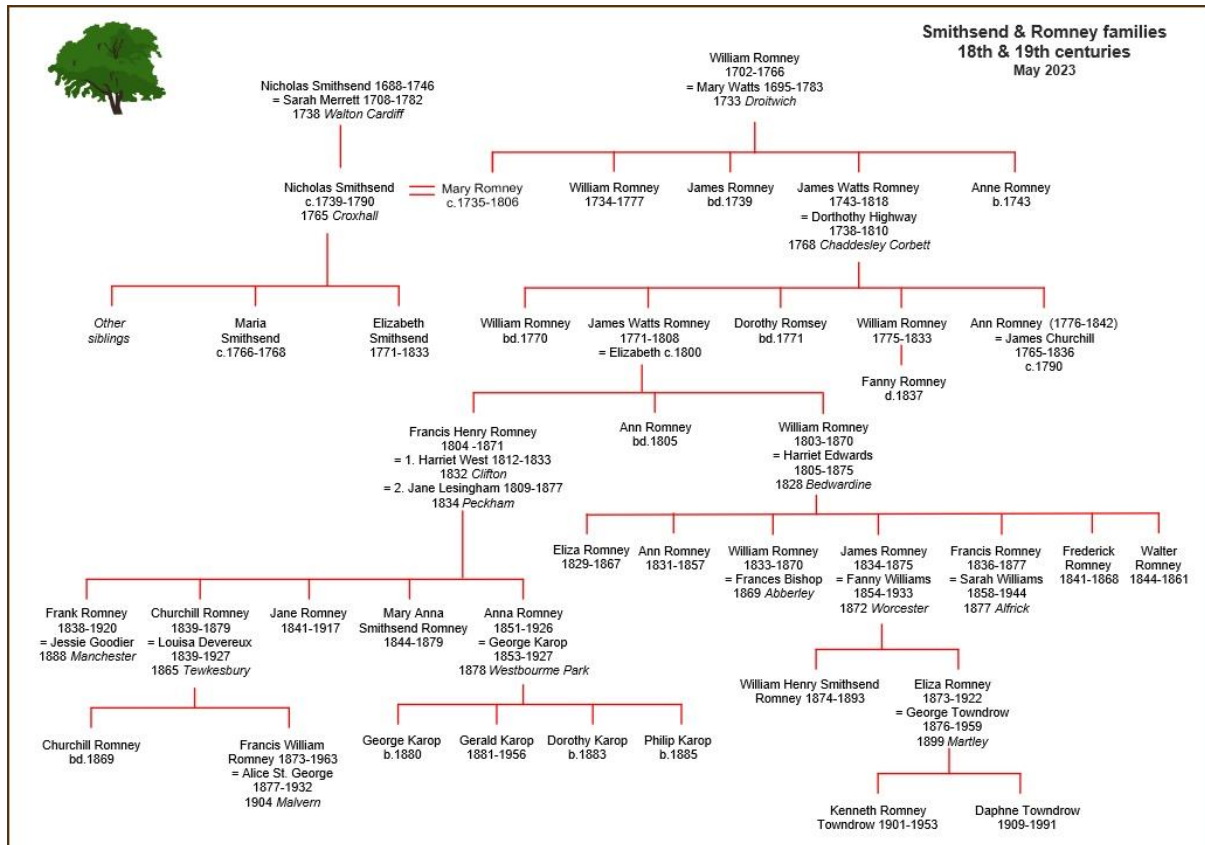
Elizabeth ?

Ellen ?, age 15

Ann died in 1776 and was buried at St. Nicholas, Worcester on the 5th February.¹⁶²

Probate was granted on the 28th February 1776.¹⁶³

Family Trees ¹⁶⁴



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- 49 PRO: Deaths. Jane Romney, age 68, Sep 1877, Worcester Vol. 6c 141
- 50 Manchester Courier And Lancashire General Advertiser. 27th September 1888
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- 52 GRO: Deaths. Frank Romney, age 82, Mar 1920, Ormskirk Vol. 8b 1231
- 53 GRO: Births. Churchill Romney, Dec 1838, Mother. Lesingham, Camberwell Vol.4 152
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164 PRO: Public record office (National Archives)
GRO: General registry office (National Archives)
NBI: National burial index
IGI: International Genealogical index (Family Search)
TWPR: Tewkesbury parish registers
ASPR: Ashchurch parish registers
WRO: Worcester Record Office
SOG: Society of Genealogists
THS: Tewkesbury Historical Society
Dates before 1751 are based on the Julian calendar where the new year started on the 25th March.
Many of these records can also be found at ancestry.co.uk and findmypast.co.uk
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