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E003 Elizabeth Mary FOOKS, nee Shiffner.

OBITUARY. Died 16 March 1984

Burial of ashes at Old Hamsey on 21 March. R.I.P.

Betty Fooks, as she was generally known, was the last surviving Shiffner to have lived at Coombe Place. Daughter and eldest child of Sir John and Lady Shiffner, she remembered her grandfather, Parson Sir George, very well. Her father lived at Bevern Bridge and Betty regularly cycled to Coombe for Sunday lunch. When Sir George died in 1906, Sir John, as he then became, moved to Coombe but he never liked it there and in 1910 he returned to Bevern Bridge. Betty's life was fraught with tragedy. Her father, to whom she was devoted, was found dead from gunshot wounds in April 1914. The next Baronet, another Sir John, [her brother] was killed by shrapnel during a German counter-attack on the Royal Sussex [regiment] in September 1918, aged 19. Betty married Major Tidmarsh who, when he left the Army, became a professional artist – he was also Master of the Beagles at one time. He died in middle age of a heart complaint. Her second brother, Sir Henry, was mortally wounded by a German bullet whilst on reconnaissance at Sidi Rezegh in November 1941. Some years later Betty married Col. Fooks and lived at Horsted Keynes but unhappily once again became a widow. According to my father in her young days she was a bold and dashing horsewoman. He told of her exploits as a child on a pony when she led the 'field' throughout an epic hunt. She was friendly with the poet Siegfried Sassoon of foxhunting fame. She called him 'The man with the Yellow Gloves'. Her's was a vivid personality. She leaves a daughter, Belinda, to whom we extend our sympathy.

Jack Harmer, Church News 1984

E003 Captain John SHIFFER, Bart.

Sussex Agricultural Express - Thursday 09 April 1914 (continued)

FUNERAL AT HAMSEY.

The late baronet was laid to rest in Old Hamsey Churchyard on Wednesday afternoon, the grave being situated close to those of other members of the Shiffner family, including Sir John's father, the Rev. Sir George Shiffner, a former rector of the parish. County and local residents assembled in large and representative numbers to pay a last tribute of respect to one who had been a familiar figure in their midst. The funeral was of a military character. The coffin, enveloped in a Union Jack, was drawn on a gun carriage by six horses from deceased's residence to the church, the route taking the one through the farmyard at Hamsey Place (occupied by Mr. J. Kenward). Sergt. Feegan (of the 47th Battery R.F.A., Preston Barracks, Brighton) headed the cortege, three drivers of the same unit acted as postillions, and two gunners were seated on the gun carriage. The little church was filled and there was a still larger assembly at the graveside. The Rev. E. Shiffner Best (Rector of Hamsey), a cousin of the deceased, read the opening sentences of the burial service and officiated in the church, the Rev. Preb. Poole (Rural Dean) reading the lesson and performing the last rites at the graveside. The choristers from Offham Church were in attendance and the organist (Mr. A. E. Bennett) played Mendelssohn's aria, "O, rest in the Lord" as the coffin approached the church. The 39th Psalm was chanted and the hymns sung were "Nearer, my God to Thee" and "On the resurrection morning." As the coffin was borne from the church the choir chanted

the Nunc Dimittis. The grave had been lined by Mr. A. Rothwell (gardener at the Coombe), moss, ivy, arum lilies, daffodils and trails of smilax being used for the purpose. The following six estate employees acted as bearers: Messrs. W. Pelling, A. Mitchell, J. Ford, A. Dudman, W. Walker, and A. Rothwell. The coffin plate bore the inscription: "John Shiffner, of Coombe, 5th baronet, formerly Captain R. A., born 8th August, 1857; died 5th April, 1914." With the coffin was buried a white floral cross from Lady Shiffner inscribed: "In ever loving memory, from Elsie."

The family mourners were: Miss Betty Shiffner (daughter); Masters John B. Shiffner and Henry B. Shiffner (sons); Miss Shiffner and Miss Nellie Shiffner (sisters); Lord Calthorpe (brother-in-law of Lady Shiffner); Mr. H. Blunt (brother-in-law); and Sir Gilbert Greenall (cousin). Mr. G. B. Shiffner (brother) was unavoidably prevented from attending and also Sir Henry King and Mrs. Croxton Johnson (sister). Among others present were Mr. E. C. Knight (agent for the estate), Mr. J. Best (Andover), Mr. J. W. Ryder, Mr. J. Chandler (Lewes), Mr. F. Frankfort Moore (Lewes), Rev. H. S. Musgrave (East Chiltington), Rev. F. S. Sclater (Newick), Rev. T. H. L. Jellicoe (Chailey), Col. Dewe (Lewes), Mr. W. Heaver (East Chiltington), Mr. F. Stacey (East Chiltington), Mr. J. Horton (Offham), Mr. R. Norman (Chailey), Mr. W. H. Barnes (Cooksbridge), Mr. Hubert, J. Hillman (Lewes), Mr. Montague S. Blaker (Town Clerk of Lewes), Mr. and Mrs. C. Dawson and Miss Postlethwaite (Lewes) Mr. Lionel Bent (Haywards Heath), Mrs. Dalrymple (Hamsey), Mr. A. Smith (Offham), Mr. A. Sayers (Offham), The Mayor of Lewes (Councillor T. G. Roberts), Alderman G. Holman, Alderman J. H. Every, Alderman G. J. Wightman, Councillor G. Lloyd, Councillor P. W. King, Mr. M. H. Woods (Wivelsfield), Mr. J. I. Blencowe and Mr. R. C. Blencowe (Chailey), Mr. Perregrine Birch (Haddon), Mr. W. E. Nicholson (Lewes), Dr. W.G. Heasman and Miss Heasman (Eastbourne), Mr. A. S. L. Perfect (Lewes), Mr. W. F. Ingram (Lewes), Mr. and Mrs. Speller (Barcombe), Mr. R. J. Streatfield (Uckfield), Lord Monk Bretton (Conyboro'), Mr. and Mrs. H. Scarlett (Firle), Mr. R. H. Powell (Lewes), Mr. A. E. Risdale (Lewes), Mr. H. Cruse (Lewes), Mr. C. Mattin and Mr. C. Norman (estate keepers), Mr. R. Wadsley (Cooksbridge), Mr. W. Green (Falmer), Mr. F. G. Courthope (Lewes), Mr. F. G. Courthope (Lewes), Mr. W. G. Cotesworth (Chailey), Mr. E. Bedford (Lewes), Mr. T. A. Stewart-Jones (Lewes), Mr. C. B. Kidd, M.F.H., Mr. Kennedy Megaw (Brighton), Mr. Brinckman (Coombe Place), Mr. Guy Watkins (Coombe Place), Mr. A. Biden (Barcombe), Lieut.-Col. L. C. F. Thompson (East Hoathly), Mr. F. Moffatt Smith (Ringmer), Mr. S. Harbord (East Hoathly), Mr. F. J. Cornwell (Barcombe), Miss Harmer (Offham), Mr. J. G. Harmer and Mr. H. Harmer (Offham), Mr. D. Crocket (Barcombe), Mr. W. W. Grantham and Master Ivor Grantham (Balneath), Mr. J. Kenward (Hamsey), Mr. T. Axford (Cooksbridge), Mr. E. C. Mann (Lewes), Mr. F. Thomas (Offham), Dr. J. R. Steinhäuser (Lewes), Mr. W. Parsons (Firle), Mr. G. Jenner (Offham), Mr. F. Flint (Lewes), Mr. E. P. Warren (Lewes), Mr. H. Martin (Brighton), Mr. F. B. Whitfeld (Lewes), Mr. T. H. Laurence (Ringmer), Major Goldfinch (Lewes), Mr. A. McBean (Cooksbridge), Mr. J. Aylwin (Offham), Mr. J. R. Martin (Chailey), Mr. B. Woollard (Cooksbridge), Mr. J. E. White (Lewes), Mr. A. King (Chailey), Mr. F. Woollard (Brighton), Mr. W. Savage (Cooksbridge), Mr. H. Escott (Lewes), Mr. F. Parris (Ringmer), Mr. Ben Turner (Offham), Major Lang (Chief Constable for East Sussex), Mr. E. Best (Worthing), Mr. R. Best (Cooksbridge), Mr. J. Rooke, Mr. G. Warren (Brighton), Mr. Edmund White (Landport), Mr. F. S. Shepstone (Barcombe), Mr. J. Ream (representing Messrs. Chatfield Ltd.) Mr. W. Wright and others.

Beautiful floral tributes were sent as follows:—

Yours ever, Betty.

With love from Ningo and Jon-Jon.

In most loving memory, from Bet and Nelly.

With deep sympathy, the Rev. E. S. Best

From Edward and Amy, with sincere sympathy and deep regret.
From Miss Dashwood (Newick), in remembrance.
With sincerest sympathy, Mr. Ronald Todd (South Croydon).
With deepest sympathy, from the indoor and outdoor servants in wallands House, Lewes.
In affectionate memory, Mr. and Mrs. Reginald F. Jowers (B.....Square, London).
In loving memory, from G. and George.
With sincerest sympathy, Lieut.-Col. D. Arbutnot and the officers of 50th Brigade Royal Field Artillery, Preston Barracks, Brighton.
With Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Harding's deepest sympathy (Lowndes-square, S.W.)
With our sincere, Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Misa and Miss Misa (Uckfield).
With deepest sympathy, from the tenants of the Coombe Estate.
With Mr. and Mrs. Norman Dalrymple's sincere sympathy (Hamsey Old Rectory).
With deepest sympathy from the indoor and outdoor servants at Bevern Bridge House.
With deepest sympathy, from Willie and Sybil (Bsalneath).
With sincere sympathy, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Biden (Barcombe).
With sincere regret, from the members of the Chailey Cricket Club.
With every kind thought, Mr. and Mrs. O. Hoffman Burrows (Brighton).
With deep sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dawson and Miss Postlethwaite (Lewes).
Sincerest sympathy, from the High Sheriff of Sussex (Rowfield Grange, Billingshurst).
With sympathy, from the Rev. F. S. Sclater and Mrs. Sclater and family (Newick Park).
With Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Burder's very sincere sympathy (Barcombe).
With deepest sympathy, from Sir Gilbert and Lady Greenall.
In loving memory, from Sir James and Lady Davy (Pyrford, Surrey).
With very sincere sympathy, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Loud (Lewes).
In ever affectionate remembrance, Arthur E. Ridsdale (Lewes).
From Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Mackwood, with sincere sympathy (Newick).
With very sincere sympathy, Mr. G. M. Dixon and the Misses Dixon (Holmleigh, Lewes).
With sincere sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Guy Watkins (Bishops Waltham, Hants).
In respectful sympathy, from the members of the Offham Cricket Club.
With deepest sympathy, from Eayet D. Dobson (Patcham Place).
With deep sympathy, Mr. and Mrs. Jephson (Lewes).
From Major and Mrs. King (Isfield Place).
With deepest sympathy, from Mrs. and Miss Egerton Welch (Brighton).
With sincere sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Bampfyld.
In affectionate remembrance, from Louie, Polly and Nelly Best.
In affectionate remembrance, from Dr. and Mrs. Gratwicke Heasman and Miss Heasman (Eastbourne). With love, from Norah.
With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Ernest V. Clark (Lewes).
With Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bartlett's sincerest sympathy (Westbourne-terrace, W.).
With much sympathy, Lady Grantham and Miss Muriel Grantham (Barcombe Place).
With deepest sympathy, from Capt. and Mrs. Ruck Keene (Henley-on-Thames).
Truest sympathy and love, from Maude.
From Sir Francis and Lady Bridgman (Copgrove Hall, Leeds).
In affectionate memory, from Herbert and Alice.
From Harry and Mary Scarlett.
With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gorrings (Southwick).
In sincere sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. F. Moffatt Smith (Ringmer).
With much sympathy, Viscountess Gage (Firle).
In kind remembrance, Lord and Lady Calthorpe (Perry Hall, Perry Bar, near Birmingham).
With deepest sympathy and in affectionate remembrance, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril E. Greenall (The Manor, Carlton Scroop).
Mr. John Fuller, Lewes, was the undertaker.

LEWES MAGISTRATES' TRIBUTE

At the Lewes Petty Sessions on Thursday morning the Chairman (Mr. F. B. Whitfeld) said before commencing business that morning he felt that he must refer to the very sad death through an accident of their friend and brother Magistrate, Sir John Shiffner. He was sure it was the wish of that Court that their heartfelt sympathy should go forth to Lady Shiffner and her family in their terribly sudden bereavement.

The other Magistrates concurred. They were: The Mayor of Lewes (Councillor T. G. Roberts), Sir John Bromley, C.B., Alderman George Holman, Alderman J. H. Every, Dr. W. F. Crosskey, Mr. Harry Willett, Mr. W. Brown, Mr. Harry Scarlett, and Mr. J. Fletcher Yearsley.

E004 Elsie, Lady SHIFFNER 1972

An extract from Our Parish by Jack Harmer.

THE AMERICAN

In January 1894, John [Shiffner] had married Elsie Burrows, whose father was an American with business interests in Hong Kong, where she was born in 1872. Sent to Dresden and Paris to further her education, then to England, she was presented at Court (Queen Victoria) in 1893. She met Captain John Shiffner at a Charity Ball, strangely enough at the Brighton Pavilion where Shiffner forebears had so often disported themselves. Married at 21 she can have seen little of her native land, to which she never returned. When she married into the Shiffner family, she was heard to remark that they seemed to her 'terribly stuffy'.

I can only report my personal impressions, gleaned from living next door for several years when she was at the Old School House. A lady of great courage which sustained her throughout a long life of many trials and tragedies. We have already recorded how she lost her husband in 1914. Then her eldest son in 1918. Later mention will be made of her other son who fell in North Africa in 1941. Lady Shiffner worked in the Voluntary Aid Detachment during the 1914-18 War and perfected a method of taking impressions in papier-mache for the fitting of artificial limbs. She became head of that department, again at the Royal Pavilion, then used as a War Hospital. For this work she was awarded the O.B.E. and became a Dame of St John of Jerusalem. Later she became ill with a complaint of the thyroid gland, at that time inoperable. But experiments were under way at Guys Hospital. Dr Langmiur-Watt asked if she would agree to become a 'guinea pig' in this new field of medicine. She replied, "If the Lord hadn't meant it I wouldn't have met you in my hour of need!" It worked. She recovered. Between the wars she served as a Magistrate and as Girl Guides District Commissioner. She served with the W.V.S. attached to the American Embassy during World War II in London.

It always seemed to me that she aimed to uphold the best traditions, as she understood it, of the English Squirarchy. More English than the English. Perhaps her first vision, as a stranger, was somewhat rose tinted. Nevertheless she stuck to it. In Mr Ward's time Parochial Church Council meetings were always held in comfort at the Old School. For reasons unknown Mr Strangways discontinued the custom, repairing instead to the discomfort of Cooksbridge Reading Room (now converted to a garage for the house). A staunch supporter of the Church. Regular in her attendance. Perhaps there was a tendency, in those days, to place too much reliance on her generosity. Tall, dignified and gracious, she typified a generation

whose passing leaves us deprived of many sterling qualities and virtues which we can ill afford to lose.

She died in 1972, a mere six weeks short of her century

E005 Mary BLUNT (nee Shiffner) 1909

Sussex Agricultural Express - Friday 22 January 1909

THE LATE MRS. BLUNT.

FUNERAL AT HAMSEY. In the graveyard adjoining the quaint little church at Hamsey, Mrs. Mary Louisa Blunt was laid to rest on Tuesday afternoon. The deceased lady, who was the second daughter of the late Rev. Sir George Shiffner, Bart., had passed away the previous Thursday at her residence, Hurst Barns, East Chiltington. Born in December, 1859, Mrs. Blunt married in 1895, Mr. Herbert Arthur Scawen Blunt, and during the past few years they had resided at Hurst Barns, Mrs. Blunt, keeping as a hobby, a fine stud of Shetland ponies.

During the funeral ceremony, the sun shone brilliantly, and provided a striking contrast to the sad event. Mourners assembled in representative numbers to pay a last tribute to a lady who had won universal admiration, and the floral tributes made a magnificent collection. The principal mourners followed the hearse from the house to Hamsey Church in carriages, the residents of the immediate district congregating at the church. A simple, but impressive service was held in the sacred edifice, the unaccompanied singing of the choir boys being particularly striking. The officiating ministers were the Rev. E. Shiffner Best (rector of Hamsey), and cousin of the deceased, and , the Rev. A. C. Lucey (rector of Westmeston), who until recently had the spiritual charge of East Chiltington, in which parish Mrs. Blunt resided. The final ceremony at the graveside was equally impressive. The grave had been lined with greenery and white flowers, and as the coffin was lowered, several beautiful floral tributes were noticed on the top, including one from the husband. The chief mourners were: Mr. H. Blunt (husband). Sir John Shiffner, Bart., J.P. (brother). Lady Shiffner, Mrs. Croxton Johnston (sister). Ms. Geo. Shiffner (brother), Miss Shiffner and Miss Eleanor Shiffner (sisters), Mr. John Best and Miss Best (cousins). Others present included Mr. J. I. Blencowe, J. P., the Hon. Ethel Dodson, Mr. W. G. Cotesworth, J.P., Mr. J. S. Davy, C.8., Sir Gilbert Greenall (Grantham), Mr. Harry Scarlett, J.P., Mr. W. F. Ingram, Rev. H. S. Musgrave (East Chiltington), Mr. H. H. Pownall, J.P., Rev. J. P. S. Woodward (Plumpton), Mr. F. B. Whitfeld, J.P., Mr. R. C. Blencowe, Mr. E. C. Knight, Mr. J. Kenward, Mr. Frank Loud, Mr. J. Harmer, Mr. J. Harmer, jun., Mr. H. Harmer. Mr. James Horton, Mr. J. Alywin, Mr. A. King. Mr. W. H. Barnes. Mr. W. Luty, Mr A. Best, Mr. R. Harper, Mr. E. Best, Mr. A. Woolland, Mr. S. Wood, Mr. J. R. Martin, Mr. G. Norman, Mr. A. Brookes, Mr. F. A. McBean, Mr. W. Churches, Mr. W. Warren (Brighton), Mr. H. Nye, Mr. W. J. Adams, Mr. F. Fames. Mr. A. Cook, and others.

Floral tributes were sent by Frank and Isabel; (Hamsey House), Miss Ridsdale (Hyde Park), Mrs. N. Edward Charrington (Offham House), Mr. and Mrs. Edmund White, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Day. Mrs. Ingram and the Misses Ingram (the Lodge, Milverton), Mrs. R. Gordon Wickham and J. E. Dennison (Canterbury), Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Greenall. (Grantham), Mr. and Mrs. J. Kenward (Hamsey), Lord MonkBretton,; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Davy, Viscount Gage, Sir Wm. and Lady Grantham, Lady Bridgeman, Lieut-Col. and Mrs. R. Gartside Tipping and Miss M. Gartside Tipping (Davenport Hall), Major Goldfinch, Mrs. Goldfinch and Miss Isabel Goldfinch

(Lewes), Major and Mrs. H. P. Molineux (Eastbourne), Major and Mrs. C. E. Laurie (Farnborough), Capt. and Mrs. R. F. Pearson (Southborough), Mr., Mrs. and Miss H. Powell Edwards (Novington Manor), Mrs. Gerald Spencer, J. and E. Parsons, Alice Brand, Mr. and Miss Streatfeild (Uckfield), Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Whitfeld (Newick), Mrs. Arthur Daniell, George Mount, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Loud (Lewes), E. S. Best, J. D. Best, and A. R. Best, Mrs. O. Hoffman Burrows (Brighton), Mrs. and Miss Blencowe (Bineham), Mrs. F. C. Hawkins (Eastbourne), Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Knight, Mrs. Lang (Lewes), Mrs. Lane (Middleton), Mr. R. Leisham Moorhead, M.B.C.M. (Blindley Heath), Mr. H. R. Peckham, Mr. and Mrs. R. Parker (Ryders Wells), Mr. and Mrs. Sheepshanks, Mr. and Mrs. W. Sopper and Miss Sopper (East Chillington), Mildred and Hilda Lawe (Canterbury). F. and A. Vidgen. W. J. Woollard, "Emmie, Louie, and Nellie," "Gran and Alice" (Canterbury), "Ernest and Mona," "Johnnie and Elsie" (Coombe, Lewes), "Dorothy" (Milverton), "Blanche." G. and "George," "Betty, Jack and Harry" (Coombe), "Rose, Bet, and Nellie," in and out-door servants at Wallands House, Lewes, in and out-door servants at Coombe. in and out-door employees at Hurst Barns.

E006 Sir George SHIFFNER 1906

Sussex Agricultural Express - Saturday 27 January 1906

DEATH OF THE REV. SIR G.C. SHIFFNER.

The head a well-known Sussex family, and grand seigneur of Sussex Rectors, passed away on Tuesday, in the person of the Rev. Sir George Croxton Shiffner, 4th Baronet. He died at his residence, Coombe Place, Offham, near Lewes, after a long illness, at the age of 86. The news was received with profound regret, the deceased baronet being held in the highest respect throughout the county. He was the eldest son of the Rev. Sir George Shiffner, 3rd Baronet, who was Vicar of Ampot, and Residentiary Canon of Chichester; and who married in 1817, Elizabeth, eldest daughter of the Rev. Croxton Johnson, Wilmslow, Cheshire. Born on the 21st August. 1819, he was educated at Harrow, and at Christchurch, Oxford, where graduated 1842. Having decided to enter the Church, he was ordained in 1844, by Dr. Gilbert, Bishop of Chichester; his first curacy being at Hamsey, of which parish he became Rector in 1848, on the nomination of his uncle, Vice-Admiral Sir Henry Shiffner, 2nd Baronet. It will be seen that he was Rector of Hamsey for the long period of 58 years, the parish, although containing only 500 inhabitants, possessing two churches: the ancient edifice, known as St. Peter's, being used only on the occasion of funerals. Divine service is held at Offham Church, which is more convenient for worshippers than the old church, which is some distance from the village.

Sir George Shiffner succeeded his father in the baronetcy in 1863, and had married in 1854, Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of the late Mr. John Greenall, of Myddleton Hall, Lancashire. Lady Shiffner died in 1897, leaving a family of two sons and four daughters. For some years the deceased Baronet had been unable to take an active part in Church and county affairs, owing to advancing years; albeit, throughout his life he filled his high position with distinction to himself and advantage to those around him. The owner of a considerable acreage of agricultural land, he was much concerned with the condition of the farming industry, and never lost an opportunity of promoting its welfare. He had a sincere regard for manly English sports, and was a great friend to hunting. The Southdown Foxhounds frequently drew his covers, and enjoyed sport on the estate, and out of respect for his memory the Hunt suspended operations between Sir George Shiffner's death and funeral. From 1877 to 1887 the deceased Baronet was Rural Dean of Lewes, and for many years was one of the representatives chosen by the East Sussex County Council to sit on the Board of

Conservators under the Salmon Fisheries Act. The heir to the title is the eldest son, Captain John Shiffner, who was born in August, 1857, and was educated at Harrow. He married 1894, Elsie, daughter of Mr. Ogden H. Burrows, of Newport, Rhode Island, U.S.A. Captain Sir John Shiffner was in the Royal Artillery, and took part in the Zulu and South African Wars. Like his father before him, he is Justice of the Peace for the county of Sussex, and a staunch Conservative and Tariff Reformer.

The funeral took place yesterday (Friday) afternoon, the deceased baronet being interred by the side of the late Lady Shiffner in the quaint old graveyard at Hamsey, where for generations members the family have been laid to rest. The cortege left the house at half-past two, and, amid many signs of respect and sympathy, proceeded by way of Offham, past deceased's own church, to Hamsey, where large number of parishioners and others had congregated to pay their last respects to one who was loved and respected from one end of the parish to the other. The service in the church was conducted by the Rev. Prebendary Perfect, of Lewes, assisted the Rev. Athelstan Corbett (cousin of the deceased), and the Rev. C. B. De Jersey (the late Rev. Sir George Shiffner's curate). Under the supervision of Mr. Adams, who for 25 years had been head gardener and clerk the late baronet, the grave was beautifully decorated trailing ivy and white chrysanthemums, while here and there lilies of the valley, snowdrops, narcissus, arum lilies, white tulips, and Christmas roses were placed about. The approach to the grave was also covered with red baize. The immediate mourners were Captain J. Shiffner and Mr. George B. Shiffner (sons), Mrs. Croxton Johnson, Mrs. Blunt, Miss E. F. Shiffner, and Miss N. Shiffner (daughters), Sir Gilbert Greenall. Among the large number present were Lord Monk Bretton, Major Goldfinch, Mr. W. W. Grantham (Balneath Manor), Alderman Flint, Mr. Aubrey Hillman, Alderman G. Wightman, Councillors Lloyd and Blakett, Dr. Loud, Mr. G. Whitfeld, Mr. J. G. Langridge, Supt. Stevens (Lewes), Mr. J. I. Blencowe, J.P. (Chailey), Hon. Charles Brand, J.P. (Littledene), Mr. Harry Scarlett, J.P. Mr. J. Kenward (Hamsey Place), Mr. C. F. W. Sturgeon (Ashcombe), Dr. Belcher (Lewes), Mr. H. H. Pownall, J.P. (Chailey), Mr. F. B. Dyer (Lewes, representing the Sussex Agricultural Society), Mr. R. W. McKergow (Brighton, Master of the Southdown Foxhounds), Mr J. Jenner (Landport), Dr. Steinhaeuser (Lewes), Mr. P. Burtenshaw (Lewes), Mr. J. Harmer (Offham), Mr. E. C. Knight (steward to the late Sir George Shiffner), Mr. F. Thomas (Cooksbridge), Mr. B. Turner (Offham), Mr. F. Stacey (Stantons), Rev. A. C. Lucey, Mr. W. G. Cotesworth J.P. (Chailey), Mr. H. Phillpot, Mr. H. R. Stevenson, Mr. H. J. Powell, Mr. A. Hoadley, Mr. Frank Verrall, Mr. and Mrs. Clare, Mrs. Green, M. Quinton (Lewes), Mr. Woollard (Cooksbridge), Mr. Harper (Tulleyswell), Mr. Oden (Chailey), Mr. J. Norman (Chailey), Mr. A. Cook (Beechwood), Mr. R. Norman (Chailey), Mr. J. Aylwin (Offham), Mr. G. Warren (Brighton), Mr. J. Horton (Offham).

The bearers were the estate workmen: Messrs. W. Pelling, J. Ford, J. Mitchell, A. Mitchell, T. Woodhams, and A. Dudman.

The many floral tributes included the following:—

With sincerest sympathy, from Mr. B. Turner Offham; From the Rev. C. B. De Jersey, with deepest sympathy; With sincerest sympathy and deep regrets from the choir and organist at Offham; From G. and George; With sincerest sympathy, from Mrs. Adams and family; Mr. and Mrs. Edmund C. Knight, Court House, Offham; In affectionate remembrance, from John and Elsie; In loving memory, from Nurses Henbrey and A. Leamon; With Mr. and Mrs. Slater's deepest sympathy, Newick Park; With love, from Frank, Isabel, Herbert, and Muriel, Hamsey; With love from R. Dunn (gardener), in remembrance of much kindness; With Mr. and Mrs. Biden's most sincere sympathy; In friendly remembrance, Mr. and Offham Burrows (Brighton); With kind remembrance, Miss G. C. Rigden and the Misses Rigden; With kind remembrance, from Olive; With deepest love and sympathy, from his sister Mius and Mrs.

Best and the Misses Best (Abbotts Ann); With Mr, and Mrs. Grantham's sincerest sympathy, 17, Cadogan-place, S.W.; With love and deepest sympathy, from Harry and Mary Scarlett; With deepest sympathy, from James McBean; With Louisa Shiffner's love; From Admiral and Mrs. B. Bridgman, with love and deep regret (Copgrove); From Mr. and Mrs. Edmund White Hamsey Rectory; With respect and sympathy, from the indoor and outdoor servants at Court House Offham; With sincere sympathy, from Rev. and Mrs. Ingham Salmon and Miss Hilda Mary Salmon (Barcombe Rectory); With much sympathy, from Sir William and Lady Grantham and Miss Muriel Grantham (Barcombe Place); From Mr. and Mrs. Harman and family, with sorrow and regret; From the tenants of the Coombe Estate; With much sympathy from Viscount and Viscountess Gage (Firle); With sincere regret, from the indoor and outdoor servants Coombe Place; With love and remembrance from Mollie and Herbert; As a mark of respect and sympathy from Mrs L. M. Kidd (Royal Albion Hotel, London); From Albert and Mrs. Rye and family, with grateful remembrance; With deepest respect and sympathy from the staff and children at Offham Schools; With affectionate regards, from Lady Graham; From Mr. and Mrs. George H. Day, Bolney); In affectionate remembrance, from Bet and Nellie. The inscription was:—"George Croxton Shiffner, died 23rd January, 1906; aged 86 years."

Sheffield Daily Telegraph – Wednesday 24 January 1906

"The Times" of today publishes obituary notices of the Rev. Sir George Croxton Shiffner, Rector of Hamsey and Rural Dean of Lewes from 1877 to 1887.

Morning Post - Thursday 25 January 1906

We regret to announce that the Rev. Sir George Croxton Shiffner, fourth Baronet, of Coombe, Lewes, Sussex, died there on Tuesday, at the age of eighty-six. The eldest son of the Rev. Sir George Shiffner, third Baronet, by marriage with Elizabeth, eldest daughter of the Rev. Croxton Johnson, of Wilmslow, Cheshire, he was born August, 1819, and was educated at Harrow and at Christ Church, Oxford, graduating in 1842, and proceeding M.A. in 1846. He was ordained in 1844 and after serving as a curate for four years was in 1848 presented to the family living of Hamsey, which he had since held. Sir George Shiffner, who succeeded his father the baronetcy in 1863, married in 1851 Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of the late Mr. John Greenail, of Myddleton Hall, Lancashire. She died 1897. He is succeeded by his elder son, Captain John Shiffner, who was born in August, 1857, was educated at Harrow, and served for some time in the Royal Artillery. The funeral is fixed to take place at Hamsey Old Church to-morrow afternoon at three o'clock.

Daily Telegraph & Courier (London) - Thursday 25 January 1906

OBITUARY. An octogenarian baronet, who was also one of the oldest beneficed clergymen in the diocese of Chichester, passed away on Tuesday in the person of Sir George Croxton Shiffner, of Coombe-place, Lewes. In 1848 he was nominated by his uncle, Vice-Admiral Sir Henry Shiffner, to the Rectory of Hamsey, a small parish, about two miles north of Lewes, which he continued to hold till his death — a period of fifty-eight years. He is succeeded in the baronetcy by his eldest son, Captain John Shiffner, late R.A., of Bevern-bridge House, Chailey, Sussex. The Rectory of Hamsey is of the net yearly value of £500, and is in the gift of the family.

Morning Post - Wednesday 16 May 1906

The Rev. Sir George Croxton Shiffner, of Coombe, Hamsey, Sussex, who died January 23, aged 86, directed that all his real and leasehold property is to follow the trusts of the settled

family estate; and he appointed one moiety of his marriage settlement funds to his son Captain Sir John Shiffner, late R.A. He gave £1,000 and £100 per annum while spinsters to each of his daughters Elizabeth Frances and Eleanor Isabella and the residue of his property to his said son. The gross value of the estate amounts to £23,714, including personalty of the net value of £4,711.

Illustrated London News - Saturday 26 May 1906

The will (dated Sept. 8, 1897), with three codicils, of the Rev. Sir George Croxton Shiffner, Bart., of Coombe, Hamsey, Sussex, who died on Jan. 23, has been proved by Captain Sir John Shiffner, Bart., the son, the gross value of the estate being £23,714. The testator appoints one moiety of the funds of his marriage settlement to his son; and all his real property is to follow the trusts of the settled family estate. He gives and while spinsters £100 per annum, to each of his daughters, Elizabeth Frances and Eleanor Isabella, and the residue of his property to his son.

E010 Edward PARTINGTON 1883

Sussex Express, 17 July, 1883

HAMSEY. FUNERAL OF E. PARTINGTON, ESQ.

On Saturday, July 14th, Edward Partington, Esq., of 45 Gloucester Place, Hyde Park, and 53 Davies Street, Berkeley Square, was buried at Hamsey. Deceased was the second son of Thomas Partington Esq., of Offham, near Lewes, who was well known in this county, having been Chairman of quarter sessions at Lewes for 25 years. Edward Partington, whose death we now record, was born November 23rd, 1806, and died at his residence, in Gloucester Place, on July 9th, 1883, aged 76, after an illness of nine years. He early in life became a partner in the firm of Bordle and Partington, solicitors and conveyancers of 53 Davies Street, Berkeley Square, in the business of which firm he took an active part up to the commencement of his illness.

E012 Elizabeth VENTHAM 1936

Sussex Agricultural Express - Friday 30 October 1936

FUNERAL AT HAMSEY. MRS. ELIZABETH VENTHAM

The death occurred on Friday of Mrs. Elizabeth Ventham. aged 55, of 3, Council-cottages, Cooksbridge.

She was born at Offham, and was married at the Parish Church to Mr. Charles John Ventham in 1904. Mr. and Mrs. Ventham spent the first eight years of their married life at Cheam, Surrey, and then returned to Offham.

Mrs. Ventham's father, Mr. J. Mitchell, and her uncle, Mr. F. Mitchell, were employed as bricklayers at the Coombe Estate for over 40 years.

Mr. Ventham. two sons and one daughter are bereaved. The funeral at Old Hamsey Church on Tuesday was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. R. S. H. Ward).

The mourners were:— Mr. C. J. Ventham (widower), Mr. and Mrs. C. Ventham, jun. (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. F. Ventham (son), Miss Rose Ventham (daughter), Mrs. James Mitchell (mother), Mrs. Dunmore, of Kingston-on-Thames (sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Ventham, of Brighton (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. J. Lear, of Wivelsfield, Miss A. Martin, of Horley, Mr. and Mrs. E. Turner, of Chailey, Mr. and Mrs. T. Turner, of Lewes. Mrs. Paris, of Plumpton. Mrs. A. Turner, of Chailey, Mrs. J. Holder, of Lewes. Miss Grace Satcher, Mrs. D. Moore and Mr. E. Mitchell (cousins), and Miss Powell. Others present included Mrs. Spittle (Lewes), Mr. B. Pennells (Lewes), Mrs. Ticehurst (Lewes). Mrs. Moon, Mrs. Frank Thomas. Mrs. A. E. Gearing, Miss M. Gearing, Miss V. Gearing, Mrs. Brooks. Miss Brooks, Mrs. Haggard, Miss Harmer. Mrs. Hastings. Mr. W. J. Hill (Lewes). Mr. E. Cottingham, Mrs. Hare, Mrs. Greenfield. Mrs. Newman, Mrs. C. Ridley. Miss Rothwell, Mrs. A. Rothwell and Mrs. Bullock.

Flowers were sent by:—"Her sorrowing husband, mother and daughter"; Her sorrowing son, Fred, and Phoebe; Charlie and Flo; Mabel and Fred, Edith and Bertha; Ernest, Maud and children; Albert and Gertrude; Nance, Bert and Jefferey (Lewes); Sophie, Jim, Blanche and Alan; Grace and Edie (Lewes); Aunt Mercy and cousins Becky, Mary and F. and M. Satcher; Trayt and Edie, Sue and Joe, and Edie; Alf and Nellie; Uncle Fred and all at No. 8; all cousins at Earlswood; Peter and Pat; Phil; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Powell; Mr. and Mrs. G Hastings; Jack and Wally Haggard; Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Gearing and family; Hamsey Football Club; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Roberts; Mr. and Mrs. F. Staplehurst and family; all her neighbours at Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and Ferndale; Joan, Bill and John Horton; Mr. and Mrs. Eade and family; Mr. and Mrs. W. King and family; Mary Buckman; G. Richardson; Mrs. Thomsett; the Rev. R. S. H. Ward; Dowager Lady Shifner; Mr. and Mrs. G. Welfare; the Rothwell family; Mrs. A. Mitchell. Mrs. C. G. Huggett, Syd and Prank; Miss Cruse. Dorothy and Doris; Miss Shifner and Miss Eleanor Shifner; Mr. and Mrs. Langridge, Charlie; Edie and Gladys; Mr. and Mrs. A. Paris; Mr. and Mrs. Ticehurst; Amy and Jack; J. and E. Ashdown and family; Mrs. Brooks and Beattie, "from the garden she loved"; W. Godly; Mr. and Mrs. Windybank.

E013 James MITCHELL 1914

Sussex Agricultural Express - Friday 27 November 1914

OFFHAM.

Mr J. MITCHELL.— At the of 61 the death occurred on Friday of Mr. James Mitchell, who for many years had been employed on the Coombe Estate. The funeral took place on Wednesday at Hamsey Old Churchyard, the first part of the burial service being held at Offham Church. It was fully choral, deceased having been a member the Parish Church choir for 35 years. The Rector (Rev. E. Shifner Best) officiated. Among those present was Mr. E. C. Knight (Estate Steward).

E016 Major Bertie SHIFFNER 1900

Sussex Agricultural Express - Tuesday 29 May 1900

FUNERAL OF MAJOR SHIFFNER AT HAMSEY

Amid every manifestation of sympathy and regret the funeral of Major Bertie Shiffner, of Coombe Banks, Uckfield, took place at Hamsey Church on Saturday afternoon. The remains were conveyed in a car and pair by road from Coombe Banks to the church, where the last rites were performed. The service was impressively conducted the Rev. E. Sanderson, rector Uckfield. The mourners and those present to pay a last tribute of respect to the deceased gentleman included Mrs. Bertie Shiffner, the Rev. Sir G. C. Shiffner, Bart., Miss Shiffner, Miss E. Shiffner, Mr. G. B. Shiffner, Capt. Best, the Rev. E. Best, Mr. J. D. Best, Mr. Herbert Blunt, Nurse Saunders, the Hon. Charles Brand, Mr. R. J. Streatfield, Mr. John Blencowe, Mr. W. P. Blencowe, Captain G. Ruck Keene, Mr. Harry Scarlett, Major Thurlow, Mrs. Thurlow, Mr. R. Curteis, Mr. Hope, Mr. B. White, Colonel Knatchbull, Mr. E. C. Knight, Mr. C. Dawson, Rev. W. J. Nesbitt, Mrs. Charles Ellis, Mr. Herbert Whitfeld, Mr. George Day, Mr. F. Baxendale, Mr. George Maryon Wilson, Mr. George Lucas, Mr. Horton, Mr. Kenward and Mr. Harmer.

The coffin, which was of polished oak with brass handles, bore the following inscription:—

MAJOR BERTIE SHIFFNER,
Late 61st Regiment;
Died Mar 22, 1900,
Aged 69 years.

The grave was lined with trailing ivy and choice ferns, studded with white roses and lilies, work of Mr. J. Adams, gardener to the Rev. Sir G. Shiffner, Bart.

The wreaths, which were exceedingly beautiful and numerous, formed a very handsome collection, and were sent, amongst others, by the following:—

In affectionate remembrance, from Mollie.

In very affectionate remembrance, from Bet and Nelly.

In affectionate remembrance, from Captain and Mrs Shiffner.

In affectionate remembrance, from Croxton and Emmle.

In affectionate remembrance, from Georgia and G.

In ever-loving memory, from his Sister and Nieces.

In very affectionate remembrance, from Georgia.

From Major, Mrs. and Miss Thurlow.

With kind sympathy, Mr. and Mrs. Barchard.

With love and regret, from Lady Graham.

A small token of respect and sympathy, John Brown, H.M.S. Excellent.

With deep sympathy, from C. and E. Kayortt.

With sincere sorrow from an old friend, Mr. Maryon Wilson.

With deepest sympathy. Miss Scarlett.

With sincerest regret from an old friend. Sir Spencer Maryon Wilson, Bart.

With sincere regret, from Mr., Mrs., and Miss Streatfield.

From K. and A. H. Scarlett.

With fraternal regret, from the W.M. and brethren of the Loxfield Lodge of Freemasons.

No. 2,450.

With Nurse Saunders deepest sorrow.

With respectful sympathy, from all the servants at Coombe Banks.

With the sincere sympathy of the tradesmen of Uckfield.

The funeral arrangements were carried out in a most efficient manner Mr. John Fuller, of Lewes.

E017 Frank SHELTON 1954

Sussex Agricultural Express - Friday 26 March 1954

MR. F. C. SHELTON

The funeral was arranged to take place at Offham Church yesterday (Thursday), the interment following at Hamsey Churchyard, of Mr Frank Cresswell Shelton, of 10. Offham. Mr. Shelton died on Sunday, aged 80. He was born at Chailey and had lived at Offham for over 40 years. Before he retired he kept a smallholding. Mr. Shelton leaves a widow and two daughters.

E023 Alfred MERRICKS 1905

Sussex Express, Surrey Standard & Kent Mail, Saturday October 21 1905

AN OLD PUBLIC SERVANT. THE LATE MR A. MERRICKS: COOKSBRIDGE

By the death of the late Mr. Alfred Merricks, of Cooksbridge, the parish of Hamsey has lost an old and valued servant. The deceased gentleman, who was seventy-eight years of age, was a native of Lewes, but had lived at Cooksbridge practically all his life. He was born on the 22nd August, 1827, and was the second son of the late Mr. George Merricks, who was for over forty years a relieving officer of the Chailey Union. Mr. George Merricks also had a corn store at Lewes, and took up his residence at Cooksbridge, seventy-six years ago, when the subject of this notice was only two years old. With the exception of about three years, when he took a mill at Wisborough Green, soon after his marriage the late Mr. Merricks lived at Cooksbridge for the remainder of his life.

On the 26th March, 1860, Mr. Merricks was appointed Assistant Overseer for Hamsey by the vestry, his election being proposed by Mr. J.P. Walters, who lived at Cooksbridge, and seconded by Mr. Richard Trower (the father of Mrs. F. Flint, of Lewes). He carried out the duties attaching to the office up till the time of his death, with the exception of the short while he lived at Wisborough Green in the early seventies. It is interesting to note that Mr. Merricks collected the whole of the money which was raised by the parish towards the cost of erection of St. Peter's Church, Offham, the first stone of which was laid on the 15th June, 1858. It was originally proposed to pull down the existing church at Hamsey, but this strange project was not proceeded with, and the parish agreed to raise £600 through the rates, towards the cost of the new church, the remainder being kindly subscribed by Sir Henry Shiffner, the Rev. Sir George C. Shiffner (the present rector), Mr. Thomas Whitfeld, and other gentlemen. The rate mentioned was spread over a period of thirty years, during which time church rates were abolished, and although the money was contributed by the ratepayers, it was probably the last church rate collected in the country. The late Mr. Merricks was elected Clerk to the Hamsey Parish Council, on its formation in 1894, while he also held a number of other public appointments. He married a daughter of the late Mr. Henry Martin, of Firle, and leaves a son (Mr. George Henry Merricks, of Anerley), and a daughter (Mrs. A.H. Merricks, of Krugersdorp, South Africa, who is at present at Cooksbridge). His death, which occurred on Monday last, has occasioned feelings of regret throughout the parish.

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon, in Hamsey Churchyard, in the presence of a number of relatives and sympathising friends. The Rev. C. B. de Jersey (Curate of Hamsey) officiated. The chief mourners were Mrs. Merricks (widow), Mr. G. H. Merricks (son), Mrs. A. H. Merricks (daughter), Mr. A. H. Merricks (son-in-law), Mr. J. G. Merricks, Swindon, and formerly of Johannesburg (nephew, Mrs. J. Slarks, Lewes, and Mr. and Mrs. F. Woollard, Brighton; while others present were Mr. G. C. Knight (representing the Rev. Sir George C. Shiffner, Bart.), Mr. J. Kenward, Mr. J. Harmer and Miss Harmer, Mr. W. J. Woollard, Mr. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. G. Aylwin, Mr. J. Adams, Mr. J. Horton, jun., Mr. C. Patrick, Mr. and Mrs. J. McBean, Mrs. A. A. McBean, and Mr. F. Martin (Brighton). The grave was lined with ivy and cypress, and the coffin, which was of polished oak with brass fittings, bore the inscription:—

" Alfred Merricks, born 22nd August, 1827, died 16th October, 1905."

A bunch of lilies from the widow was buried with the coffin, the other floral tributes being as follows:—

From George ("For us He giveth His beloved sleep");

From Frances and Alfred, "Until the day breaks";

In loving memory, from Alice and Jim (Brighton);

With deepest sympathy, from Albert and Bobbie (Brighton);

In loving memory, from all Larkhall-rise, Clapham;

With loving sympathy, from "Auntie";

With loving sympathy and affectionate remembrance, from Aunt Carrie;

With sympathy, from Lord Monk Bretton;

In kind remembrance, from Sir George and the Misses Shiffner;

With sincere sympathy, from J. and A. A. McBean;

With much sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Kenward (Hamsey Place);

From Mr. and Mrs. Harmer and family, in affectionate remembrance an old friend.

Norwood News - Friday 30 August 1935

Obituary

MR. G. H. MERRICKS. Proprietor of an Old-Established Firm

The funeral takes place next (Friday) at Hamsey Old Church Sussex, of Mr. George Henry Merricks, 2 Portland-road, South Norwood, passed away on Monday evening a short illness. He was 64 years of age.

Mr. Merricks was known to hundreds of South Norwood residents as proprietor of an old-established chandler's business at Portland which he had conducted for 22 years. Formerly he was manager to Messrs. Payne and Bird removal contractors of Anerley. He was a popular figure in South Norwood and will be greatly missed.

Some time ago Mr. Merricks contracted a form of blood poisoning following a mosquito bite on his face and he never really recovered his usual health. His condition was so serious last week that he moved to a nursing home.

A bachelor, Mr. Merricks had kindly attention of his cousin Martin, as housekeeper for many years, and she nursed him through his illness until a specialist his removal to a nursing home.

Mr. Merricks was a Sussex man and his body will be interred in grave at the ancient and parish church at Hamsey, near Lewes.

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E026 Clara BEECHING 1899

Sussex Agricultural Express - Friday 24 February 1899

HAMSEY FUNERAL OF MISS CLARA JANE BEECHING.

The funeral of Miss Clara Jane Beeching, youngest daughter of the late Mr. John Beeching, took place Thursday, Church. The service was impressively read by Rev. Sir G. C. Shiffner. The hymn at the graveside by the choir was, "A few more years shall roll." The coffin was of polished elm, with massive brass fittings. The plate bore the following inscription

"CLARA JANE BEECHING, Died 10th February, 1899."

The coffin was profusely covered with beautiful floral wreaths, crosses, and other emblems from relatives and friends, among which were the following:—

To dearest Dovie, from her loving sister Alice.
From her affectionate brother William.
To my darling Dovie, from her broken-hearted sister Annie.
From her ever loving brother Albert.
With deepest sorrow, from Julia.
To my dear little Dovie, from her loving sister Bessie.
With deep regret, from Sarah.
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Beeching (Cuckfield), with [cousins] sympathy.
With much sympathy, from Miss Shiffner and Miss Eleanor Shiffner.
With sympathy, from Mrs. F. B. Whitfeld, Offham House.
With kind sympathy, from a friend.
With sympathy and kind remembrance, from Mr. and Mrs. Green, Cooksbridge.
With deep sympathy, from W. R. W.
With deepest sympathy, from W. James.
With fondest love, from Bessie and Annie.
With much sympathy, from Mr. Adams, Offham.
With much love and deep sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Nye and family.
From little May Nye.
With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Tester.
With deep sympathy, from The Picketts.

The arrangements were satisfactorily carried out by Mr. Fuller, of School-hill, Lewes.

E027 Joseph SATCHER 1894

Brighton Evening Argus March 23rd 1894

JOSEPH SATCHER

This morning at about twenty minutes past nine, a boy, aged 16, son of a hay trusser, residing at the corner of Beechingwood Lane, near Warringore Wood, was instantaneously killed in the chalk pit at Offham under very distressing circumstances. He was in the employ of Mr. Horace Weston, of Cooksbridge, and came to the pit with a wagon and team of horses to fetch chalk, of which there is a large quantity lying loose in the bottom of the pit. Whilst loading the chalk, the carter, a man named William Scrase, heard a slight noise overhead, and calling to the boy, moved quickly away. A piece of chalk about the size of ones fist, however, caught the unfortunate lad on the head, fracturing the skull, and he fell dead on the spot.

E037 Richard TAWNEY 1905

Sussex Agricultural Express - Saturday 22 April 1905

HAMSEY. THE LATE MR. RICHARD TAWNEY.

The remains the late Mr. Richard Tawney were interred in Hamsey Churchyard on Monday afternoon. Mr. Tawney, who was well known the parish, had been employed as gardener at Hamsey House, the residence of Mrs. Whitfeld, for no less than thirty-three years, and was acknowledged by all a capable and skillful horticulturist and floriculturist. He was frequently a judge local shows, and he acted in this capacity at Newhaven for many years. He was ardent co-operator, and for twenty years he was member of the Committee of the Lewes Society; whilst he was also associated with the Lewes Chrysanthemum and the Cooksbridge Friendly Societies. Mr. Tawney had been in failing health for some time, and in consequence he went to Maidstone for a change. His health did not improve, and an operation was performed the Kent County Hospital, but this proved of no avail, and he died on Wednesday of last week, the 47th anniversary of his wedding, at the institution named. The funeral service was conducted the Rev. C. B. de Jersey, and there was a large attendance of parishioners and friends. The chief mourners were Mrs. Tawney (widow), Mr. and Mrs. F. Tawney (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Tawney (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. Harry Tawney (son), Mr. F. Tawney (grandson), the Misses A. and F. Tawney (grand-daughters), Mr. Charles Millen (nephew), Mrs. Moon, Mrs. Adams, and Mr. Newman. There were also present Mr. Herbert Whitfeld, J.P., Mrs. Day (Bolney), Mr. Adams (representing the Committee of the Lewes Cooperative Society), Mr. W. J. Woollard, Mr. P. Burtenshaw, Mr. Keeble. Mr. and Mrs. Brett, and the following ladies representing the Lewes Co-operative Women's Guild: Mrs. Wells, Mrs. Nye, Mrs. Wilmhurst, Mrs. Geall, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Piper, and Mrs. Slarks. The servants at Hamsey House were also present. The coffin bore the inscription: Richard Tawney, died April 12th, aged 73 years. Wreaths were sent as follows: In kindest remembrance of past days, Mrs. Whitfeld, Mrs. Nugent, Mrs. Hawkins; In kindest remembrance, Mr. F. B. Whitfeld (Albert Gate, Knightsbridge); Mr. Herbert Whitfeld (Old Bank House, Lewes); In kind remembrance, Mr. and Mrs. Day (Rycroft, Bolney); With deep sympathy, Mr. and Mrs. Brett and Charles; With sincere sympathy, Mr. Keeble and family; With loving sympathy, from the Women's Co-operative Guild, " Not lost, but gone before"; With deep sympathy, from the Maids at Hamsey House; With sympathy, A Friend; With

sincere regret, Mr. and Mrs. Adams and family, "Until the day break and the shadows flee away"; With deep sympathy, from Members and Old Members of the Hamsey Reading Room; With sympathy and token respect for old colleague, from the Committee of the Lewes Co-operative Society: With deepest sympathy, from Mr. N. Parsons and family.

E038 James McBEAN 1910

Sussex Agricultural Express - Friday 26 August 1910

COOKSBRIDGE. MR. JAMES McBEAN.

Sunday, the death occurred of Mr. James McBean in his seventieth year. The Deceased was the founder of the nursery which is carried on at Cooksbridge and Plumpton, and gained considerable fame as an orchid cultivator. At local shows Mr. McBean was much in demand as a judge, and his genial presence will no doubt be greatly missed at these annual functions. A staunch Nonconformist, the deceased did much for the cause and was one of the founders of the Chailey Mission-room. He leaves a widow and three sons to mourn their loss. The funeral took place yesterday (Thursday) afternoon at Hamsey.

E038 Annie McBEAN 1919

Sussex Agricultural Express - Friday 16 May 1919

FUNERAL OF MRS. McBEAN.

The funeral of Mrs. Annie McBean, widow of the late Mr. James McBean, of Cooksbridge, took place amid every token of respect and sympathy, in the quaint old churchyard at Hamsey. The deceased lady passed peacefully away, after a short illness, in her 74th year. During her forty years' residence in the parish she had gained a wide circle of friends, many of whom attended at the graveside. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. E. Shiffner Best.

The mourners were:—Mr. and Mrs. Charles McBean (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. A. McBean (son and daughter-in-law), the Misses Violet, Grace, Lilian, and Kathleen McBean (granddaughters), and Mrs. Newton. The second son and family were unable to attend, owing to their residence in Winnipeg, Canada. Others present included: Mr. and Mrs. Morrison, of West Hoathly; Councillor and Mrs. Lloyd, of Lewes; Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, of Rusthall; Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Hicks, of Chailey; Mr. and the Misses Hewett, of Barcombe; and Mrs. Kenward, of Hamsey Place. Friends from Brighton included: Messrs. Finnigan, Pannell, Ockenden, Bevis, and Mowle; and from Chailey, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Brown, Mr. A. Brown, Mrs. Wood, and Mr. W. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. G. Blanchard, Mrs. A. Setford, Nurse Lucas, Miss M. Everatt, Miss Heasman, Mrs. G. Heasman, Mrs. Beck, Mr. and Mrs. Swaffield, Private J. Parker and Private C. Everatt.

The floral tributes were many and beautiful, including the following:—"In ever loving memory of our darling mother, from Charlie and Mary." "In ever loving memory of our darling mother, from Frank and Bessie and family (Canada)." "In ever blessed and affectionate memory of the best of mothers man has been favoured with, from Bert and Bessie." "In ever loving memory of our darling grandma, from Violet, Grace, Bubbles, Kathleen, Pearl, and Doris." "With

deepest sympathy and in loving memory, from Beatrice Heasman." "In loving memory, from G. and M. Morrison (West Hoathly)." "In loving memory of our dear old friend, from Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, and Mrs. Newton." "In loving and affectionate memory of a dear friend, from Mr. Hewett and family." "Wish deepest sympathy, from the Nursery Staff." "In loving memory, from Rebe." "In affectionate remembrance, from all at Hewens." "With deepest sympathy, from the friends of the Chailey Mission. "A token of deep sympathy, from the Barcombe Mission Friends." "With loving memory of a dear old friend, from Mr. and Mrs. Golds and family." "In loving remembrance, from May, and in deep sympathy, from John." "With sincere sympathy, from Louie Proctor." "A token of remembrance and sincere sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. F. Wollard." "In affectionate memory of my dear old friend, from Mrs. Gainsford (Brighton)." "With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Cowan (Wandsworth)." "With sincere sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Hicks, and Mrs. Brown." "With deepest sympathy and kind remembrance, from Mr. and Mrs. J. Evans (Colwyn Bay)." "With much sympathy, from Mr. R. Best and family." "With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Bunney (Barcombe)." "With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Miles (Brighton)." The bearers were Messrs. G. Parker, J. Thomas, A. Sinnock, and F. Farnes, from the staff the Orchid Nursery. The funeral arrangements were efficiently executed Mr. J. King, of Chailey.

E043 John HOMER 1912

Sussex Agricultural Express - Friday 13 September 1912

HAMSEY. DEATH OF MR. J. HOMER.

A familiar and much respected figure has passed away in the person of Mr. John Homer of Hamsey Crossing Cottage. For upwards of thirty years deceased had been in the employ the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Company, and during the last six years he had efficiently carried out the duties of signalman at Hamsey Crossing. His death occurred with tragic suddenness and those who were so accustomed to seeing him at his post can hardly realise that he has gone. It appears that on Tuesday morning last about 8.45 Mr. Homer was taken ill in the signal box and until relief came from Cooksbridge his wife signalled the trains, and carried out the duties of her husband. Medical aid was summoned as soon possible, but deceased gradually grew worse, and his case became so acute that on Wednesday night about eleven o'clock he was removed to the Lewes Victoria Hospital. An operation was at once performed, but Mr. Homer had got beyond all medical skill and passed away on Thursday evening, death being due to cancer. Deceased, who was 59 years of age, always showed every kindness and courtesy, to users of the Hamsey road and never kept one waiting at the gates unnecessarily. Cyclists have often been thankful to him for lending them a helping hand, and motorists and others seldom had cause to complain. Mr. Homer leaves a widow and six children to whom the deepest sympathy is extended in their sad bereavement. The funeral took place on Monday at Hamsey Old Churchyard, the Rev. E. Shiffner Best officiating. The chief mourners were Mrs. Homer (widow); Messrs. A. E. Homer and F. J. Homer (sons); Mrs. H. Parsons, Horsham, Mrs. A. Dawson. Brighton, Mrs. F. Kemp, London, and Miss Daisy F. Homer (daughters); Mr. H. Parsons (son-in-law); Messrs. H. Robinson and F. Robinson. Lewes (brothers-in-law); Mrs. Emily Farnden, Chichester (sister-in-law); Mrs. Robinson (sister-in-law); Mrs. Lintott, Chichester (sister-in-law); Mrs. Emma Farnden, Barnham (niece); and Mr. J. Robinson (nephew). Among other mourners were porters from Cooksbridge Station.

Floral tributes were sent as follows:— In ever loving memory of my dear husband. In loving memory of our dear father. In loving remembrance of our dear dad from his sorrowing children. In loving memory darling dad (the above were from various members of the family). With deepest sympathy from Reggie Holland and Wallie Gillett (Lewes Telegraph messengers). With sympathy and kind remembrance from all at the Old Rectory (Hamsey). In loving memory of my dear John, from Fred and Elza. In loving memory of dear uncle, from Jesse. In remembrance of dear granddad, from his dear little grandchildren. Irene and Lily. With deepest sympathy from the staff at Cooksbridge Station. From J. Bowley, with deepest sympathy. A token of respect, sympathy, and regret, from Mr. and Mrs. Kemp and family (London).

E045 Caroline HYDE 1934

Sussex Agricultural Express - Friday 02 February 1934

DEATH OF MRS. HYDE

The death occurred Monday of Mrs. Caroline Hyde, of Drove House, Hamsey. Mrs. Hyde, who was 87 years of age, was a native of Brighton, and had lived in Hamsey for the past 60 years. She was the widow of Jonathan Hyde, who died 22 years ago, and who was formerly employed as a carter by the late Mr. John Kenward, of Hamsey Place. Mrs. Hyde is survived by three sons and four daughters.

Sussex Agricultural Express - Friday 09 February 1934

THE LATE MRS. C. HYDE. Funeral at Hamsey.

The funeral took place at Hamsey Old Church on Saturday of Mrs. Caroline Hyde, widow of Mr. J. Hyde, of Drove House, Hamsey. Mrs. Hyde, who was 87 years of age, had resided at Hamsey for about 60 years. Her husband, who predeceased her 22 years ago, was employed as a carter for the late Mr. John Kenward, of Hamsey Place. Deceased is survived two sons and four daughters.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. S. Best), and the mourners were Mr. Fred Hyde (son), Mrs. H. Taylor (daughter), Mr. and Mrs. E. Lower, and Mr. and Mrs. T. Evenden (sons-in-law and daughters), Mr. and Mrs. A. Hyde (son and daughter-in-law), Miss Hyde (daughter), Mr. E. A. Lower and Mr. A. Hyde, jun. (grandsons), Miss D. Hyde, Miss C. Taylor and Miss D. Small (granddaughters), Mrs. Dickerson and Mrs. Nichols, Mrs. F. Hyde (daughter-in-law) was unable to be present owing to indisposition.

Floral tributes were inscribed follows:

"In affectionate remembrance, from Luce, Albert and family." "To dear mother, with love, from Syd, Lot and Ern (Forest Hill)." "In loving memory, from Fred, Hart and Dolly," "In affectionate remembrance, from Nell, Tom and Tommy." "To mother, with heartfelt sympathy, from Lizzie, Arthur and family." "To dear gran, with love, from Ernie (Forest Hill)." "In deepest sympathy to dear gran, from Daisy and Fred." "In remembrance and sympathy, from Mrs. J. G. Harmer and Miss F. M. Kenward." "With sincere sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Botting." "In kind remembrance and sincere sympathy, from Minnie."

E049 Bessie McBEAN 1939

Mid-Sussex Times – Tuesday, February 28, 1939

THE LATE MRS. A. A. McBEAN. FUNERAL SERVICE AT HAYWARDS HEATH.

The announcement in our last issue of the death of Mrs. Bessie McBean, wife of Mr. A. A. McBean, of Ingleside, Bolnore Road, brought sympathy from a wide circle of friends to a family which has been held in high regard during a residence of fifteen years in Haywards Heath.

Although she had been in declining health for a year, the end came somewhat unexpectedly. Mrs. McBean was born at Crowborough, but early in her life her family moved to Cooksbridge, where her husband is the proprietor of a noted orchid nursery. She was a great home-lover, but she found time to go and do good work in religious organisations, and while at Cooksbridge she acted as organist for twenty-nine years at the Chailey Undenominational Mission.

At Haywards Heath the family have been closely identified with the Perrymount Road Methodist Church, where Mrs. McBean was a member of the Committee of the Women's Fellowship, and took her part in overseas missionary work. Her four daughters have occasionally contributed to the programmes at musical services, and the youngest, Mrs. E. O. Frank, of Cuckfield, is the present organist.

A large number of friends attended

THE FUNERAL SERVICE

on Friday morning in the Perrymount Road Methodist Church, the officiating minister being the Rev. G. H. Ireland. Miss C. M. Tedham was at the organ, and prior to the service she played "O Rest in the Lord" (Mendelssohn) and "The Homeland" (A. Sullivan). The chief mourners were Mr. A. A. McBean, (husband), Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Wood, Cooksbridge, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Martin, Fletching, Mrs. A. R. Burch, Peterhead, and Mr. E. O. Frank, Cuckfield (sons-in-law and daughters), Mrs. A. Mitchell, Tunbridge Wells (sister), Miss Thelma Wood, Cooksbridge, (grand-daughter), Mrs. and Mrs. Charles McBean, Hove (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Mrs. Newton, Haywards Heath, Mrs. J. Glaskin, Brighton, Mr. and Mrs. B. Mitchell, Chailey, Mrs. Hollingham, London, Mr. and Mrs. Everatt (Pitdown), and Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Jackson, Hove (nephews and nieces), Mr. and Mrs. F. Armstrong, East Grinstead and Miss Winnie Sales, Cooksbridge (cousins), Miss Rona Glaskin, (Brighton), Mr. W. H. Charlwood (East Grinstead, Mr. and Mrs. F. Wood (East Grinstead) and Mr. A.T. Burch (Worthing). Mrs. E. O. Frank, Cuckfield (daughter), Mrs. A. Hicks, Chailey (sister), and the Rev. A. R. Burch, Peterhead (son-in-law), were unable to attend.

The staff of McBean's Nursery at Cooksbridge was represented by Mr. J. Thomas, Mr. S. B. Rothwell and Miss Heasman.

OTHERS PRESENT

were Mr. W. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Burt, Mr. and Mrs. F. Bradley, Mrs. W. J. Burstow, Miss Burstow, Mrs. Bray, Nurse Brinkhurst, Mr. A. E. Blunt, Mr. Alan Brown, Mr. Albert Brown, Miss Caffyn, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Child, Mr. and Mrs. J. Cruse (Newick), Mr. F. Chandler, Mrs. J. Darbyshire (Burgess Hill), Mrs. Ellems (Lindfield), Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Ellwood, Mr. and Mrs. S. Fames (East Grinstead), Mrs. J. Finch, Mrs. Sybil Grantham (Chailey), Dr. C. H. Glenn,

Mrs. Frank Greenwood (Patcham), Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Goodman (Ardingly), Mrs. Gossett, Mrs. Hoare, Mrs. R. Hoare, Mr. and Mrs. G. Hilton, Mr. Horace Hilton, Mr. W. H. Honess (Plumpton), Mr. and Mrs. G. Hayles, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hayles, Mrs. Ireland, Mr. S. D. John (Scaynes Hill), Mr. C. P. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. C. Jenkin (Lindfield), Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Jackson, Miss Kent, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Langridge, Mr. F. J. Mantell, Bolney (representing the Connaught Institute Mission, Brighton), Mr. and Mrs. Frank Martin (Offham), Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Martin (Plumpton), Mrs. G. Martin (Chailey), Mr. John Martin (Fletching), Nurse Meadows, Miss Norton, Mr. and Mrs. W. Norman (Chailey), Mr. R. M. Ogilvie, Mrs. Pullen, Mr. and Mrs. C. Pearse and Miss Pearse (Easthampnett), Mrs. Wesley Perkins (Burgess Hill), Mrs. G. Parsons (Cuckfield), Mr. S. J. Ray (Lewes), Miss Robbins and Mrs. T. A. Wood (representing the Lindfield Congregational Church), Mrs. Reece, Mrs. H. Spicer, Mrs. C. Stoner, Mrs. Stedman (Lindfield), Mr. Henry Thomas (Lewes), Mrs. J. Thomas (Cooksbridge), Mr. A. Vine, Mss Vine, Mrs. Vidler, Mr. W. G. Wheatley (Burgess Hill), Mr. and Mrs. J. Wood, Sen., and Mr. and Mrs. J. Wood, Jun. (Newick), Mr. and Mrs. E. Wise and Miss Wise (Balcombe), Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Walser, Mrs. Wingham, Mrs. W. H. Worskett (Cuckfield), Mrs. A. E. Whittington, Miss Willett and Mrs. W. G. Whatford.

The service included the hymns, "O Love of God, how strong and true" and "Jesus lives." As the cortege left the church the organist played Handel's "Largo." Many other friends, and the remainder of the nursery staff from Cooksbridge, gathered at Hamsey Churchyard, where the interment was conducted by the Rev. R. S. H. Ward (Rector), assisted the Rev. G. H. Ireland. BEAUTIFUL FLORAL TRIBUTES were sent Hubby. The Children. Sisters Alice and Annie. Brother Frank and family (Winnipeg, Canada). Brother Charles and family. Thelma, Pat, Elizabeth, and wee Clement and Ian (grandchildren). Bee, Bert, and Alice. Grace and Jack. Kitty and Eb, (Fordcombe). Sophie, Nancy and Connie (Barcombe). Lily, "Nellie" (Steyning). Ada. Agnes, Florrie and Annie (Bournemouth). Winifred R. Sales. Will and Annie (Brighton). Kath, Alf and Willie. Fred, Peggy and Dolly. Mr. and Mrs. Burch (Worthing). Mrs. Grantham (Elsewhere, Chailey). Muriel and Sydney J. Ray, "Rose" Polishes Ltd. (Portslade). S. Padgham and V. Sellwood. Nellie and Jack (Mr. and Mrs. Randell). All at Summerfield Cottage. Messrs. Charlesworth Ltd. (Haywards Heath). Mr. and Mrs. W. Norman (Chailey). Mr. and Mrs. F. Wood and family. Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Frank. Mr. and Mrs. G. Martin and Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Martin. The Dowager Lady Shiffner (Lewes). Mrs. W. Frank and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Frank. Mrs. Martin (Colinbourne). Mary and Edith Marlin. The Friends at Chailey Undenominational Mission. The Orchid Nursery Staff at Cooksbridge. The Barcombe MissionHall. Mr. and Mrs. Wilmore (Barcombe). Mr. and Mrs. Setford and family. Mr. and Mrs. J. Burstow and family. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Worskett. C. M. Tedham. Mrs. Durrant (The Cottage, East Franklands). Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Langridge. Mr. and Mrs. F. Bradley and family. Isobel and Mildred Murray. The Members of the "Kurta Bee" (Haywards Heath). Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Walser, Irene, Muriel and Jack. Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Royle. Mr. and Mrs. J. Weller. All at Folly Farm. All the Glaskins. Sidney and Mrs. Fames. Mr. and Mrs. T. Armstrong. Mrs. and Miss Pannell. Mr. and Mrs. George Hayles and family. Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Benjamin. The Rev. and Mrs. G. H. Ireland and congregation of Perrymount Road Methodist Church. Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Ellwood and family. The Women's Fellowship at Perrymount Hoad Methodist Church. Mr. and Mrs. F. Greenwood. Mr. and Mrs. Percy Pearse. All at Homeland and Park Farm. Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Knight and Mr. Knight. Sen. The members of the Hamsey Parish Council. Mr. and Mrs. John Martin. Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Harmer. Mr. and Mrs. Moorby and Vernon. George, May and Lionel Bendell. Mrs. Parker and Mr. and Mrs. F. Shepherd. L. E. Ward and family. W. and E. M. Martin. Gladys and Edna. Peggy and Nora Price (Chailey). Mr. and Mrs. Miller and Albert. Allie Calwav. F. R. Manvell and family. Esther J. Manvell. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. George Hilton and Sons, Haywards Heath.

E049 Albert McBEAN 1942

Sussex Agricultural Express - Friday 07 August 1942

FAMOUS ORCHID GROWER. DEATH OF MR. A. A. McBEAN.

Mr. Albert Alexander McBean, of Ingleside, Bolnore-road, Haywards Heath, and of the Orchid Nurseries, Cooksbridge, who died at the Haywards Heath Hospital on Friday at the age of 68, was an orchid grower of international fame. Mr. McBean was senior member, in years of service, of the Orchid Committee of the Royal Horticultural Society. At Cooksbridge Nurseries, where orchids were probably first grown half a century ago, he succeeded his father, the late Mr. James McBean and the orchids from these nurseries have a world-wide reputation and won many prizes at Chelsea Flower Show.

Mr. McBean lived in the Cooksbridge district for many years, and was a prominent figure in local affairs and a well-known cricketer. He was Chairman of the Hamsey Parish Council for a long period succeeding the Rev. E. Shiffner Best, a former Rector. He was connected with many other organisations.

Of a deeply religious nature, Mr. McBean was superintendent of the Undenominational Mission Hall, Chailey and his wife is hon. secretary of the mission. Mr. McBean's father and Mr. T. Hewett were founders of the mission.

After moving to Haywards Heath, Mr. McBean became chapel steward and church treasurer of the Perrymount Road Methodist Church. As a local preacher he was well known over a wide area.

Twice married, he leaves a widow and four daughters of his first marriage. They are Mrs. K. W. H. Wood, of College Farm, Ardingly; Mrs. E. J. Martin, of Mill Farm, Fletching; Mrs. A. K. Burch, of Carlisle; and Mrs. E. O. Frank, of Cuckfield.

All four daughters are musical. Mrs. Frank is organist at Perrymount Road Methodist Church, Haywards Heath.

THE FUNERAL

There was representative gathering the funeral on Tuesday. The first part of the service was held in the Undenominational Mission Hall, Chailey, followed by the interment in Hamsey churchyard. The service was conducted by the Rev. Windsor Bevan (minister of the Perrymount-road Methodist Church) and the Rev. G. H. Ireland, of Anerley, London (formerly minister of the same church). Mrs. John Wood, of Newick, was at the organ and the hymns sung were "Rock of Ages" and "Light after darkness."

Mr. Bevan, in an address paid warm tribute to Mr McBean's sterling Christian character. The mourners were: Mrs McBean (widow), Mr. and Mrs R. W. H. Wood, Mr. and Mrs E. J. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. E. O Frank (sons-in-law and daughters), Mr. and Mrs. J. Heasman of London (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Mrs. B. A. Newton (niece), Miss Thelma Wood (grand-daughter), Mr. H. Jackson (nephew, also representing Mr. and Mrs. C. G. McBean, of Hove (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. R. Hollingham, of Putney, Mr. and Mrs B. Mitchell (nephews and nieces), and Mrs. M. Glaskin (cousin).

The Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Burch. of Carlisle (son-in-law and daughter) were prevented from being present.

Many floral tributes were received.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

To give those Haywards Heath and other friends who were unable to attend the funeral service an opportunity of paying tribute to Mr. McBean's memory, a memorial service was held at the Perrymount-road Methodist Church on Wednesday. The Rev. Windsor Bevan officiated, and Dr. A. Abdey, of St. Andrew's, Hove, was at the organ.

Mid Sussex Times - Wednesday 05 August 1942

DEATH OF MR. A. A. McBEAN.

We regret to state that the death occurred on Friday, at the age of 68, of Mr. Albert Alexander McBean of Ingleside, Bolnore Road, Haywards Heath, and of the Orchid Nurseries, Cooksbridge. He had suffered an illness extending over three months, and for the past ten weeks had been in Haywards Heath Hospital. He is survived by Mrs. McBean and four daughters, Mrs. R. W. H. Wood, of College Farm, Ardingly; Mrs. E. J. Martin, of Mill Farm, Fletching; Mrs. A. H. Burch (whose husband is a Methodist minister at Carlisle); and Mrs. E. O. Frank, of Cuckfield. There are also six grandchildren. Mr. McBean, in point of years of service - nearly 40 years was senior member of the Orchid Committee of the Royal Horticultural Society. His father, the late Mr. James Ure McBean, came south from the highlands of Scotland and established several nurseries in Sussex. Along with his son, he introduced the culture of orchids an enterprise which has grown to such an extent that the glass-houses cover a full acre of land, and plants and blooms from them at Cooksbridge have been sent to many parts of the world. Mr. A. A. McBean had much success in producing some of the best varieties of orchids. His exhibits won him many cups and gold medals, including the Sherwood Cup in 1924 awarded at the Chelsea Flower Show for the most meritorious specimen. For years, up to the time of his death, he was Chairman of Hamsey Parish Council, succeeding the Rev. Shiffner Best, the late Rector, and was also Chairman the Hamsey Parish A.R.P., and Treasurer the Cooksbridge Reading Room. in religious life Mr. McBean was Superintendent the Undenominational Mission Hall, Chailey, having succeeded his father, who had shared with the late Mr. Thomas Hewett, of Barcombe, the founding of the Mission as long ago as 1885. Mrs. McBean is the Hon. Secretary of the Mission, a position she has filled with success for over 20 years. From Cooksbridge the family moved to Haywards Heath in 1924, still continuing the orchid business, at Cooksbridge. At Haywards Heath Mr. McBean supported the Perrymount Road Methodist Church, and held the offices of Chapel Steward and Church Treasurer. As a local preacher he had occupied several pulpits in the Sussex Methodist Mission, and he also conducted services at numerous undenominational churches. Mr. McBean lost his first wife in 1939 and subsequently married Miss A. H. Heasman, of South Common, Chailey. The funeral service took place the Chailey Mission Hall on Tuesday, the interment following in Hamsey churchyard. A report this and also the memorial service the Perrymount Road (Haywards Heath) Methodist Church will appear our next issue.

Mid Sussex Times - Wednesday 12 August 1942

THE LATE MR. A. A. McBEAN. THE LAST SAD RITES AT CHAILEY AND HAMSEY.

The high esteem in which the late Mr. A. A. McBean. F.R.H.S., of Ingleside, Bolnore Road, Haywards Heath, was held in Mid-Sussex was indicated at his funeral on August 4, when the

Udenominational Mission Church at Chailey, of which he was the Superintendent, was filled to overflowing.

Among the mourners and near relatives present were Mrs. A. A. McBean (widow). Mr. and Mrs. R. W. H. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Martin and Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Frank (sons-in-law and daughters). Miss Thelma Wood (grand-daughter). Mrs. M. Glaskin. Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Hollingham. Mr. H. Jackson. Mr. and Mrs. B. Mitchell, and Mrs. B. Newton (nephews and nieces), Mrs. J. H. Heasman and Mr. Burch. Sen., Worthing. Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Ellwood. Mr. and Mrs. Langridge. Mrs. F. Bradley and Miss M. Walser.

The Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Burch (son-in-law and daughter), Carlisle, were unable to make the journey; and Mr. Jackson represented Mr. Charles McBean (brother) and Mrs. Charles McBean, prevented from coming by health reasons. Mr. Frank McBean, an elder brother is in Canada.

The Orchid Nurseries at Cooksbridge were represented by Messrs. J. Thomas, A. Sinnock, S.B. Rothwell, A. E. Miller, L. Stevens, B. Clifton, Miss F. Campbell and Mrs. A. Campbell. Barcombe Mission was represented by the Misses Hewett and Mrs. S. Cox and members of the Perrymount Road (Haywards Heath) Methodist Church were also present. The Rector of Chailey (the Rev. G. W. Taverner). Mrs. W. W. Grantham (Chailey). Nurses Meadows and Brinkhurst (Haywards Heath) and many others were in attendance, including three Canadian soldiers.

THE SERVICE

was conducted and the address given by the Rev. Windsor Bevan. Methodist Minister of Haywards Heath. The Scriptures, read by his predecessor, the Rev. G. H. Ireland, M.A., now of Atterley Road, were from Psalm 27 ("The Lord is my Light") from St. John 14 ("Let not your heart be troubled") and Revelation 7:9 ("After this I beheld, and to a great multitude which no man could number.") The hymns sung were "Rock of Ages" and "Light After Darkness." Mrs. J. Wood, Jun., being the organist.

In the course of his address, the Rev. Windsor Bevan said that while much might be said or written about Mr. McBean's unique work in the world of orchids, yet the supreme concern of his life was the winning of men and women for his Lord. That was evidenced by his quiet work in many pulpits and churches in Sussex, but especially was it seen in his services for that particular Mission. Mr. McBean took over the work of Superintendent of the Mission from his father, and had been associated with it for over 50 years. Nothing would have pleased him more than to know that all present were dedicating themselves anew to the service of Jesus Christ.

At Hamsey Old Church, where the interment was in the family grave, the service was conducted by the Rev. R. S. H. Ward (Rector) and the Rev. Windsor Bevan. Members of Hamsey Parish Council present at the graveside included Messrs. J. G. Harmer (Vice-Chairman). R. M. Botting. F. Martin. F. Thomas and W. J. Wood, with the Clerk (Mr. C. L. Evans), who also represented Hamsey A.R. P. Wardens.

There were nearly fifty lovely floral tributes, including those from the employees of the firm, the friends the Chailey Mission, the Sunday School children, the Barcombe Mission, and Hamsey Parish Council.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE

was held at the Perrymount Road Methodist Church, Haywards Heath, on Wednesday afternoon, it being conducted by the Rev. Windsor Bevan. There was a large congregation,

which included members of Mr. McBean's family, and representatives of Methodist Churches in other districts.

The following names were given us: Mr. Henry Thomas (Lewes), Mr. G. Barker-Smith (representing Methodist Local Preachers, Brighton), Mr. Montagu Allwood (Wivelsfield), Mr. Wesley Perkins (Circuit Steward, Burgess Hill), Mr. A. W. Tice (Manager, Westminster Bank), Mr. E. N. Child (Prudential Assurance Company), Mr. W. Wheatley (Burgess Hill), Mrs. T. Whinnerah (retired Sergeant-Major in the Salvation Army) and the Rev. A. L. Walker (Franklands Village).

The service commenced with the hymn "Fight the Good Fight", followed by the lesson, taken from Psalm 40 ("I waited patiently for the Lord"), and St. John 15.1 ("I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman").

Mr. Bevan, in the course of a brief address, asked those present to make that service one of thanksgiving to God in memory of Mr. McBean. He was sure they would remember him with thanks-giving for his services to the community. Those who knew him best in his daily work loved and paid great tributes to him for his knowledge and love of that beautiful flower, the orchid. They

THANKED GOD FOR HIS SERVICE THROUGH THE FLOWERS.

In his work he sought, not only to use his hand to the glory of God, but through Him to work among his workmates and business associates. He was sure they too, would thank God for his labours. They also remembered his services to his fellow-men. They would miss him at Chailey, but they would remember him throughout Sussex and other places as a servant of Christ. He had the art of making Christ plain, and the gift of speaking plainly about great things because he himself understood them. In that church they had benefited by his word, and he knew that many of them had carried away sacred memories after hearing him. They owed a debt of gratitude for his services as Secretary and as Chapel Steward. They could not measure his influence, but they could thank God for it. They ought to thank God, too, for his release from pain and for his glorious entry into his reward. He was sure they praised God for the faith he had during his illness, and they thanked Him for the faith he had to the end of life. He was sure the greatest thing they would carry away that afternoon was the thought of the glory of the resurrection of Christ. Mr. McBean had now entered into the life on the other side, and they thanked God for all who had served and partaken of that glory.

A favourite hymn of Mr. McBean's, "Here, O, my Lord" was then sung, followed by prayer and then another hymn, "Jesus Lives".

Dr. A. W. Abdey, F.R.C.O., organist to the Brighton Corporation, was the organist, and during the assembling of the congregation he played Choral Preludes by Brahms, Parry and Darke, and at the close of the service Stanford's Benedictus.

Floral tributes were sent by: His wife, Children, Grandchildren, Brother Frank and family (Canada). Charlie, Frank, Mary and families. May, Joan, Rhona and Mrs. Glaskin. Alice and Annie. Alice and Bert. Emmie, Jim and Reg. Bubbles, June and Reg Hollingham. The staff at Cooksbridge. All friends at the Mission. The Sunday School Children. The Barcombe Mission Friends. Minister, Members and Friends of Perrymount Road Methodist Church. Mrs. Frank and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Frank (Lewes). Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Martin. Mrs. Martin, Mary and Edith. W. Martin and family. Members of Hamsey Parish Council. Charlesworth and Co. C. J. and J. H. Dixon. Mr. and Mrs. A. Setford and family. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin F. Young (Lewes). Mr. and Mrs. Buffard and Eva Pannell. Mr. and Mrs. Wood

and John and Grace. Mrs. F. Taylor. H. R. and M. Cottingham. Mrs. Thomas and Winnie. Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Knight. S. and C. Hewett. Mr. and Mrs. F. Burchett (Lewes). Mr. and Mrs. A. Miller. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bennett. Mr. and Mrs. G. Heaseman. Lady Monk Bretton. Mr. and Mrs. Crayton Farrord. Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Walser and family. Mr. and Mrs. F. Bradley and family. Mr. and Mrs. G. Hayles and family. Mr. and Mrs. A. Langridge. A. I. Paling. Messrs. G. Hilton and Sons had charge of the funeral arrangements.

E054 John HARMER 1911

Sussex Agricultural Express - Friday 13 October 1911

DEATH OF MR. J. HARMER, HAMSEY.

A well-known agriculturist passed away on Friday, in the person of Mr. John Harmer, senr., of Mill Laine Farm, Hamsey. Deceased had reached the advanced age of 77, having been born at the homestead in which he passed away. Mr. Harmer had always evinced keen interest in the welfare of the parish, and his genial disposition made him many friends. He rendered much useful service on the Hamsey Parish Council, and took an active part in the promotion of the local celebrations of Queen Victoria's Jubilee and the Coronations of King Edward VII. and King George V. Deceased was for many years Rector's Warden at the Parish Church, and only resigned this office a short time ago. He was one of the original trustees of the Cooksbridge Reading Room, and it is interesting to note that Mr. Harmer was the oldest tenant on the Coombe Estate. Latterly the deceased had been enjoying a well-earned retirement from farming, having relinquished the farms at Barcombe, Cooksbridge, and Offham, which he had carried on since his father's death in 1859. Mr. Harmer leaves a widow, two sons, and three daughters.

The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon at Hamsey Churchyard, the first part of the service being held at Offham Church. The Rector (Rev. E. Shiffner Best) officiated. The hymns, "On the Resurrection Morning" and "For ever with the Lord," were sung, and the organist (Mr. W. Harriott, of Barcombe) played the Dead March in "Saul," "O, Rest in the Lord," and part of Chopin's "Marche Funebre." The deceased was carried from the Church to his last resting place by employees of his sons, the bearers being Messrs. Knight, E. Plummer, F. Sandells, E. Smith, H. Thomsett, and G. Upton. With the coffin was buried a handsome floral tribute from the widow.

The chief mourners were Messrs. J. G. Harmer and H. G. Harmer (sons); Miss Harmer and Miss G. Harmer (daughters); Mrs. J. G. Harmer (daughter-in-law); Mr. W. Harmer (brother); Mr. W. J. Harmer, Mr. Darnton, and Mr. Holman (nephews), and Mrs. Dolski (niece). Among others present were Capt. Sir John Shiffner, Bart., Mr. T. Axford, Mr. and Mrs. James Aylwin, Mr. W. H. Barnes, Mr. Bannister, jun., Mr. Baker, Mr. G. F. Chandler, Mr. W. H. S. Clark (secretary of the East Sussex branch of the National Farmers' Union), Mr. G. E. Elliott, Mr. D. Fames, Mr. G. Goddard (representing Cooksbridge Reading Room), Mr. H. J. Horton, Mr. R. Harper, Mr. E. C. Knight, Mr. W. King, Mr. and Mrs. John Kenward, Mr. G. Merricks, Mr. J. Mitchell, Mr. F. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. George Norman, Mr. Russell (Lewes), Mr. H. J. Redman, Mr. Rothwell, Mr. W. Shrivell, Mr. F. Thomas, Mr. J. E. Woollard, Mr. F. Woollard, and others.

Floral tributes were sent as follows: —

In ever-loving memory of our dear father, from the children. In ever-loving memory, from John and Chrissie. In loving remembrance, from Mr. and Mrs. Darnton (Yorks.). Dear grandpa, with love from Jack and Mary. In loving remembrance of dear uncle, from Will and Lily. With deep sympathy and in affectionate remembrance, from Mr., Mrs., and Miss Kenward. In grateful remembrance of an old friend, from Mrs. Elliott and George. With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. G. Merricks (Penge). In affectionate memory of dear uncle, from Ted and Rose. With deepest sympathy, from Mr. G. A. Broad and Miss A. Broad. With deepest sympathy, from all at "Theobalds," Wivelsfield. A token of respect and deep sympathy, from the members of the Hamsey Church Choir. From Mr. and Mrs. Lynn, Ethel, and Dorothy, in memory of a dear friend. With sincere sympathy, from Sir John and Lady Shiffner. With deep sympathy and sincere regret, from the Rev. E. Shiffner Best. With much sympathy, from Miss Shiffner. Miss Eleanor Shiffner, and Mr. George Shiffner. With deepest sympathy, from Mr. Albion Russell and family. In loving memory, from Mr. and Mrs. T. Axford. With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. R. Harper and family. With deep sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Telling. In kind remembrance, from Mr. and Mrs. F. Thomas. With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Redman. With respectful sympathy, from the employees and wives. A token of esteem and with deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woollard. With Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Merricks' sincerest sympathy (Worthing). In loving memory of our dear uncle, from Les, Guy and Margery.

E057 Mary BANNISTER 1913

Sussex Agricultural Express - Friday 31 January 1913

DEATH OF MISS BANNISTER: HAMSEY.

We regret to record the death of Miss Mary Bannister, which occurred at Hamsey Place, near Lewes, on Monday. The deceased lady belonged to an old and much respected Sussex family. She was the daughter the late Mr. Bannister, of Little Horsted, and brother of Mr. Robert Bannister, of Stoneham. Miss Bannister for some years past lived with her sister, who is the wife of Mr. John Kenward, of Hamsey Place. The deceased was a staunch Churchwoman, and formerly devoted much of her time to parish work. The funeral will take place at Old Hamsey Church at 3.15 this (Friday) afternoon.

Sussex Agricultural Express - Friday 07 February 1913

FUNERAL AT HAMSEY.

Amid signs of sympathy and regret the funeral took place in the old Hamsey Churchyard on Friday afternoon of the late Miss Mary Bannister, death was reported in our last issue. For some time past deceased had resided at Hamsey Place, the residence of her sister, Mrs. John Kenward. Miss Bannister was the sister and sister-in-law of two well-known East Sussex agriculturists, her brother being Mr. Robert Bannister, of Stoneham, Lewes, and her brother-in-law, Mr. John Kenward. The service, which was conducted by the Rev. E. Shiffner Best, was fully choral. As the mourners entered the church and took their seats, the hymn, "For ever with the Lord," was sung. The 90th Psalm was chanted, and after the reading of the lesson, the choir sang "The resurrection morning." The only other choral portion of the service in the church was the Nunc Dimittis. At the grave side, "Peace, Perfect Peace," was feelingly rendered. The coffin, which was polished oak, with brass fittings, bore the inscription :-

Mary Bannister, died 27th January, 1913, aged 83 years and was interred in a grave lined with laurustinus, which had been carried out by Mr. H. Freeman, employee of Mr. J. Kenward. The chief mourners were Mr. R. Bannister (brother), Mr. and Mrs. John Kenward (brother-in-law and sister), Mrs. A. K. Burtenshaw, Miss F. Kenward, Miss E. Bannister, Miss F. Bannister, Miss K. Bannister (nieces), Miss Bannister (Cuckfield, cousin), Mr. A. K. Burtenshaw (Hailsham), Mr. J. Harmer, Mr. H. Bannister (Uckfield), Mr. T. A. Bannister (Uckfield), Mr. H. J. Bannister (Newhaven), Mr. H. R. Bannister (Small Dole), Mr. E. Bannister (Stoneham, Lewes), Mr. A. F. Bannister (Newick), Mr. G. Bannister (Oxted), Mr. R. Bannister (Nutley, nephews), Mr. W. G. Bannister (Ditchling), Mr. R. Kenward, Mr. J. H. Kenward, and Miss Kenward (Barkham Manor, Fletching), and Mrs. T. A. Bannister (Uckfield). Among others present were noticed Mr. and Mrs. J. Hodson (Lewes), Mr. and Mrs. J. Aylwin (Offham), Mr. H. J. Hillman (Lewes), Mr. Thomas, Miss Thomas, the Misses Harmer, Nurse Sable, Mr. J. Harmer, Miss Mitchell, Mr. Mitchell, Miss Thorpe, Mrs. Goddard, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Upton, Mr. and Mrs. Scrase.

Wreaths were sent as follows: In ever loving memory of our dear sister and auntie, Hamsey Place, Lewes. In loving memory, from all at Stoneharn. In loving memory, from Annie and Bertie. In loving memory, from John and Chrissie and the children. In loving memory of Aunt Mary, from Fred and Rose. With love and remembrances, from cousins at Rosehill. In remembrance, Constance E. Green. In kind remembrance, from Annie and Clara. In loving memory, from Mr. and Mrs. H. Bannister and family. With Mr. and Mrs. Burtenshaw's sincere sympathy. With love and sympathy, from Nellie and Fanny, Tom and Minnie. With sincere sympathy, from Nurse Sable. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Dalrvmple, the Old Rectory, Hamsev. In loving memory, from all Barkham Manor, With sympathy from Mr. and Mrs. H. Marchant and family. In ever loving memory from Katie, George, and Bob. In loving memory from Harry and Laurie.

E067 John FLETCHER 1913

Sussex Agricultural Express - Friday 18 July 1913

DEATH OF MR. J. D. FLETCHER.

At the Victoria hospital the death occurred on Monday of Mr. John Douglas Fletcher, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Fletcher, No. 1, Priory Terrace, Lewes, who came to reside at the county town few months ago. Deceased was only 25 years of age, and had been ailing some time. The interment took place at old Hamsey churchyard on Wednesday morning, some of deceased's ancestors being buried there. An early celebration of Holy Communion at St. Michael's Church preceded the funeral, the Rev. Dr. Belcher conducting the service at the church and graveside. Mr. F. J. Beck was the undertaker.

E076 Mark PACKHAM 1958

Sussex Agricultural Express - Friday 25 July 1958

FUNERAL OF EX-HAMSEY BLACKSMITH

Believed to be one of the oldest inhabitants in Hamsey parish, Mr. Mark Packham, of 4. Malthouse-cottages, Cooksbridge died at his home on Thursday last week after a short illness.

Aged 87, Mr. Packham went to Cooksbridge 42 years ago, but had lived in Hamsey parish since he was a young boy.

Born at Netherfield, Mr. Packham was the Hamsey parish blacksmith for many years, retiring 22 years ago. He was a keen gardener right until the time his death, and took considerable interest in Hamsey Football Club and Cooksbridge Cricket Club. Mr. Packham leaves a widow, six sons and three daughters.

The funeral took place at the old Hamsey Church on Monday. The Rector (the Rev. J. G. V. Strangways officiated).

Chief mourners were Mrs. M. J. Packham (widow), Mr. and Mrs. E. Packham, Mr. and Mrs. R. Packham, Mr. and Mrs. P. Packham, Mr. and Mrs. A. Packham, Mr. and Mrs. J. Packham, and Mr. C. Packham (sons and daughter-in-laws), Mrs. K. Downes and Mrs. J. Tomsett (daughters), the Misses M. P. E. and C. Packham (granddaughters), Messrs. T. and D. (grandsons).

E078 Frank THOMAS 1933

Sussex Agricultural Express - Friday 13 January 1933

COOKSBRIDGE FARMER. DEATH OF MR. F. THOMAS

The funeral took place at Hamsey Old Church on Tuesday, of Mr. Frank Thomas, of Nursery House, Cooksbridge, whose death occurred the previous Thursday at the age of 71 years. Mr. Thomas was for many years a well-known Cooksbridge farmer, having occupied Lower Tulleys Well Farm from the time of his father's death until retired ten years ago. He was born at Lower Tulleys Wells, which is now carried on his son, Mr. F. Thomas. Altogether the farm has been in the occupation of the family for over 100 years.

For many years Mr. Thomas was a churchwarden at Offham, and at one time member the Hamsey Parish Council. In his younger days he was captain of the old Hamsey Cricket Club, when they played at Coombe. He is survived by a widow and two sons.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. S. Best), and the mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. F. Thomas (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. H. Thomas (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. W. Thomas (brother), Mr. and Mrs. F. Willard (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Mr. J. French (cousin), Mrs. Grant (niece), Mr. and Mrs. Lea (nephew and niece), Mr. S. Lea (nephew), Mr. G. Thomas (nephew), Mr. G. Calway (nephew), Mr. G. Willard (nephew), Mr. H. Thomas (nephew), Mr. and Mrs. W. T. B. Foster, of Seaford (nephew and niece), Mr. G. Willard (great nephew), Mr. W. Grant (great nephew), Miss French (great niece), and Mrs. A. E. Martin (niece).

Others present included Mr. A. Martin, Mr. E. Rhodes, of Barcombe, Mr. A. Mitchell, Mr. J. Avery, of Chailey, Mr. W. Carter, of Lewes. Mr. G. Hobden, of Barcombe, Mr. E. J. Richards, of Newick, Mr. P. A. Richards, of Newick, Mr. E. T. Richards, of Newick, Mrs. A. Morrish,

Nurse Eager, Mr. and Mrs. S. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. E. Dredge, Mr. J. Thomas (representing Mr. A. A. McBean), Mr. A. Wells, Mr. H. Sinnock, Mr. and Mrs. E. Turner, Mrs. Gearing, Miss Gearing, Mrs. Ventham, Mrs. Parsons, Mrs. A. Hyde, Mrs. Langridge, Mrs. Ford. Mrs. Moon. Mr. A. Packham (representing Mr. J. Batup). Mr. J. G. Harmer, Mr. and Mrs. J. Harper. Mr. A. Setford, of Chailey. Mr. F. Mitchell, Mr. J. Cornwall. Mr. J. I. Blencowe. Mr. J. Page. Mr. H. Rogers and Mr. H. Rogers, jun., of Piltdown, Mr. H. S. Pullinger, Mr. J. Hemsley, Mr. G. Thomas, Mrs. Furnell, Miss Furnell and Mrs. Newman.

The wreaths were from:—Mother; Bob and Ethel; Frank and Betty: four little pals, Kathleen, Billy, Brian and Roy; Willie and Elsie; Willie, Lily and family, Spatham, Ditchling; Mary, Tom, Dorrie, Will and Frank; Bessie and Henry (Mayfield); Joy, Frank, Carrie and the boys; Bessie, Gwen, Minnie and the boys; Connie and Claire; Willie, Fanny and family (Hendall); George and Marjorie; Bert, Lizzie and family; Elsie, Lady Shiffner; Miss Shiffner, Miss Eleanor Shiffner and Mr. G. Shiffner; W. and A. Uridge; Violet; Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Gearing and family; Mr. and Mrs. John Page; all at 41 and 45 Beechwood-lane; Mrs. Bertie Woollard and daughters; Harry Bartlett (Eastbourne); Mr. H. and the Misses Harmer (Offham); Mr. and Mrs. J. Ford and family, Beechwood; Mr. and Mrs. E. Rhodes; Mr. and Mrs. Harper and John; Mr. and Mrs. George Martin and family; Mr. and Mrs. C. Marshall; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Parry and family; Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Harmer; Alfred and Emily Sayers; E. Hill.

E080 Julia KENWARD 1920

Sussex Agricultural Express - Friday 27 August 1920

THE LATE MRS. KENWARD. FUNERAL AT HAMSEY.

The funeral of Mrs. John Kenward, OF Hamsey Place, whose death we recorded last week, took place at Old Hamsey Church on Saturday afternoon. The service was choral, the hymn "Peace, perfect peace" being sung in the church, and "O God our help in past" at the graveside. Employees from the estate acted as bearers. The chief mourners were Mr. J. Kenward (husband), Miss Kenward (daughter), Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Burtenshaw (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. and Mrs. J. Harmer (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. Robert Bannister (brother), Mr. H. B. Marchant (brother-in-law), Mr. Robert Kenward (brother-in-law), Miss N. Bannister, Miss F. Bannister, Miss K. Bannister. Miss M. Kenward, Mrs. Howell (nieces), Mr. A. Bannister, Mr. N. Bannister, Mr. T. Bannister, Mr. N. Marchant, Mr. P. Marchant (nephews), Mrs. T. A. Bannister and Mr. Howell.

Among the many floral tributes were the following:-

"To our darling, from Father and Flossie; "In loving memory of dear mother, from John and Chrissie;" "Sincere sympathy from Jess and Will; "To our darling mother, from Annie and Bertie; "In loving memory, from Henry and Kitty;" "With deepest sympathy from Edith and Gladys;" "In loving memory from Henry and B;" "With Loving remembrance and sympathy from Nellie and Fannie (Uckfield);" "In remembrance from Connie;" "From Clementes;" "With love from Tom and Minnie, Phyllis and Frank;" "With deepest sympathy from Jack and Evelyn;" "With love to Grandma from Jack and Mary, with Nan;" "With Mr. and Mrs. Marchant and family's sincere sympathy (Eastbourne);" "In loving memory of a dear friend, from Mrs. Harmer and family;" "In kind remembrance from Mr. and Mrs. Burtenshaw (Hailsham);" "In loving memory from all Barkham;" "With deepest sympathy from Mrs. Holmes;" "With deepest sympathy from Lady Shiffner (Coombe);" "From Lady Monk Bretton;" "In loving memory from all at Stoneham;" "With sincere sympathy from Dr, and Mrs. W. A. Dow;" "With sincere

sympathy from Mrs. Stacey and Ettie." "With deepest sympathy from the Hamsey members of the Girls' Friendly Society;" "With deepest sympathy and kindest memories from the farm servants and wives (Hamsey Place and Cowlease)."

E080 John KENWARD 1929

Sussex Agricultural Express - Friday 01 March 1929

HAMSEY. DEATH OF MR. J. KENWARD.

The death took place in the early hours yesterday (Thursday) morning of Mr. John Kenward, of Hamsey Place. The deceased gentleman, who was 79 years of age, had been in failing health for five years. His passing will be regretted by a very large circle of friends, particularly the farming community. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Kenward of Moon's Farm, Piltdown. Members of the family have been at the farm for over 500 years. At the end of last year Mr. Kenward's younger brother, Mr. Robert Kenward, died at Piltdown at the age of 72 years. A nephew of Mr. Kenward, Mr. J.H. Kenward, now resides at Moon's Farm. The late Mr. Kenward had lived at Hamsey Place for over forty years, and during that time, until about five years ago, when failing health compelled him to give up active work, he took a prominent part in local affairs. For many years he was a member of the Chailey Rural District Council and Board of Guardians. He was also chairman of the Hamsey Parish Council for many years. Mr. Kenward was a keen agriculturist and built a remarkably fine flock of Southdown, which he disposed of in 1920. Before purchasing Hamsey Place Mr. Kenward lived for a time at Ketchers Farm, Newick. He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Kenward having predeceased him a number of years ago. The funeral will take place at Hamsey Old Church on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

E085 Amelia SANDS 1924

Sussex Agricultural Express - Friday 25 April 1924

HAMSEY RESIDENT'S FUNERAL.

The funeral took place at Old Hamsey Church on Thursday of last week. Mrs. Amelia Charlotte Sands, the wife of Mr. G. Sands, of 41, Beechwood Lane, Hamsey, who passed away on the previous Sunday. Although she had been ailing for some time, the end came rather unexpectedly. The deceased lady, who was highly respected, had a large number of friends at Hellingly and Hamsey, having resided at the latter place for a good number of years. The Rector (Rev. E. S. Best) officiated at the funeral ceremony, and the chief mourners were as follows:—

Mr. G. Sands (widower), Tom, Albert and Wallie (sons). Ethel and Violet (daughters), Ted and Jenny (son-in-law and daughter), Will and Ethel (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins (brother-in-law and sister), Mr. and Mrs. Taylor (brother-in-law and sister), Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith (brother-in-law and sister), Mrs. N. Goldsmith (sister), and Miss Bessie Woodsford (friend).

The coffin was of polished elm and bore the inscription,
"Amelia Charlotte Sands, died April 13th age 53."

A number of floral tributes were sent as follows:—

“In loving memory, from her broken hearted husband, Gone, but not forgotten”; “In loving memory, from her dear daughter Jenny, son-in-law and family”; “In loving memory, from her loving son Tom, daughter-in-law Fanny and family”; “In loving memory, from her dear son and daughter, Arthur and Edie”; “In loving memory of dear mother, from her dear son Albert, and Ivy, daughter-in-law”; “In loving memory, from her dear son Will, daughter-in-law and baby”; “In loving memory, from thy daughters Ethel and Violet”; “With deepest sympathy, from her dear son Wallie and friend Bessie”; “In loving memory, from sister Polly, husband and family”; “In loving sympathy, from sister Sally and Will”; “In loving memory, from sister Rose, Ben and Jessie”; In loving memory, from her brother Albert, Alice and family”; “In loving memory, from her sisters and brothers Arthur, Nellie, Fanny and Dick”; “With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Cottingham, Chapel Farm”: “With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, junr., Lower Tulleys Wells Farm”; “With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Walters and family. King’s Cottage, East Chiltington.”

E085X Daniel FARNES 1927

Sussex County Herald, Saturday, August 6, 1927

DEATH OF MR D. FARNES, THE GRAND OLD MAN OF OFFHAM

The grand old man of Offham, Mr Daniel Farnes, died on Saturday a little under three months after celebrating his 97th birthday. He had been ill for a month, but was actually confined to his bed for only two days. Like many people who reach advanced years Mr farnes, or “Targie,” as he was known in the village, had never before had a serious illness.

He was a wonderful old man who carried his age far better than many 20 years his junior. He lived at Offham, opposite the Post Office, with his daughter Miss E. Farnes. Born at Catt’s Farm Cottage, Rotherfield, on May 14, 1830, he was the son of the late Mr Thomas Farnes. He had three sons, two daughters and his grandchildren and great grandchildren number nearly 100. The funeral took place on Thursday afternoon at Hamsey Old Church and the interment took place in the churchyard adjoining. The service was conducted by the Rev. E. S. Best (Rector of Hamsey and Cooksbridge).

The mourners were:— Mr T. D. Farnes, Mr F.W. Farnes and Mr J. H. Farnes (sons); Mrs K. Mitchell and Miss E. Farnes (daughters); Mr D. Farnes, Mr S. Farnes, Mr A. Mitchell, Miss Rose Farnes, Miss F. Farnes, Mr W. Bedwell, and Mrs W. Sutton (grandchildren); Mr Alec Farnes (great grandson); Mr F. Mitchell (son-in-law); Mrs J. Mitchell and Mrs Ventham.

E087 Henry NEDEHAM BROWNE 1930

Sussex Agricultural Express - Friday 28 February 1930

HAMSEY FUNERAL. THE LATE MR. H. N. BROWNE

The funeral took place at Hamsey Old Church on Friday, of a former well-known resident of the parish, Mr Henry Nedeham Browne, who at the age of 53 passed away suddenly in London the previous Tuesday. Mr Browne was a well known artist, and took a great interest in the preservation of Hamsey Old Church. He lived at Offham House for five years, and after

the death of his wife about two years ago, at Ousedale House. Later he resided for a short time at Seaford, and then returned to London.

The first part of the service was held at Offham Church and was conducted by the Rev. C. S. Ensell (Rector of St. Anne's, Lewes), who also officiated at the graveside. There were no hymns, but the organist (Mr. T. Church Saxby) played music which included Chopin's Funeral March. The grave was lined with white flowers and evergreens.

The family mourners present were: Miss K. Nedeham Browne (daughter), Mr. H. E. Nedeham Browne (son), Miss I. E. Browne Nedeham (daughter), Mr. W. B. E. Nedeham Browne (son), and Miss H. M. Nedeham Browne (daughter).

Others present included Miss Joan Cann, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Edwards, Mrs. Ensell, Mr. G. E. Hart (Uckfield), Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Lemon, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. McK. Nichol, Mr. H. J. Redman, Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Sweet (Uckfield), Mr. C. L. M. Saunders and Councillor H. W. Walton.

A floral cross from the family was lowered with the coffin, and other floral tributes were inscribed as follows:—

"With sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Botting." "With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Coppard." "With all our sympathy, from C. and N. Ensell." "With love and sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Edwards and family". "With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. King and Edith." "In affectionate remembrance, from Dr. and Mrs. Henry Lemon". "In loving memory of Harry and Kitty, from Aunt Mary." "From Mr. W. R. Monckton and Mrs. R. E. Monckton." "In affectionate remembrance, from Margaret." "With deep sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Moinet." "In very affectionate memory Dr. and Mrs. J. McK. Nichol." "With love, from Nurse." "With deepest sympathy, from Offham Cricket Club." "With deepest sympathy, Elsie Lady Shiffner." "With sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. J. Sturgis."

E096 Lucy RIDLEY 1951

Sussex Express, March 1951

MRS. L. RIDLEY

The funeral service took place at Offham Church on Wednesday last week for Mrs. Lucy Ridley, widow of William Ridley, who lived for many years at 3, Friendly Hall, Cooksbridge.

Mrs. Ridley, who was 96, had resided for the past five years with her daughter, Mrs. Craddock, at Horley, and previously for 50 years at Cooksbridge. She died at Horley on March 17. She leaves a total of 87 descendants, having had 10 children (nine of whom are living), 23 grandchildren, 52 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

The service was conducted by the Rector of Hamsey and Cooksbridge (the Rev. R.S.H. Ward), and interment followed in Hamsey churchyard.

The chief mourners were Mr. and Mrs. W. Ridley, Mr. H. Ridley, Mr. G. Ridley, Mr. A. Ridley and Mrs. C. Ridley (sons and daughters-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. F. Mason, Mrs. A. Hyde and Mrs. W. Craddock (son-in-law and daughters), Mrs. F. Town, Mrs. A. Griffin, Mrs. B. Nichols and Mrs. H. Windless (grand-daughters), Mr. T. Ridley, Mr. W. Craddock and Mr. M. Ridley

(grandsons) and Mrs. G. Newnham (niece). Mr. E. Ridley (son) was unable to attend owing to illness.

E097 Mary OSBORNE 1925

Sussex Agricultural Express - Friday 20 November 1925

THE LATE MRS. W. OSBORNE. FUNERAL AT COOKSBRIDGE.

On the 8th inst., Mrs. Mary Margaret Osborne, wife of Mr. W. Osborne, of Railway Cottage, passed away. She was taken ill the previous night and died very suddenly. She was 53 years of age, and is survived her husband and two daughters. The funeral took place at Old Hamsey Church on Thursday afternoon last week. There was large number of friends and sympathisers present.

The following is a list of the wreaths:—

"In loving memory of dear wife, from Dad, May and Don";
"With deepest sympathy, from Mary and Albert";
"With remembrances and deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. A. 1. Fleet";
"With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Thomas";
"With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Simmonds";
"With deepest sympathy, from Mr. Cole";
"With kind remembrance and deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Haggart"; "With deepest sympathy, from members of the Rainbow Inn Slate Club";
"In deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Taylor";
"With sincere sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. C. Ridley";
"In affectionate remembrance, from Mrs. Dann and girls";
"With deepest sympathy, from all at Southport";
"In loving memory of our dear sister and Aunt Margaret, from Nan, Charlie and little Nancy";
"With deepest sympathy, Alice and Bert";
"With loving sympathy, Flo, Frank, Ella and Joan ;
"With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler";
"With truest sympathy from .11 all at the Vicarage, the Rev. and Mrs. D. C. Makay-Clarke ";
In loving, memory and deep sympathy, from Mr, and Mrs. Upton";
"From Mr. and Mrs. Richards and the little children, with love";
"With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Gearing";
"With sincere sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Budd";
"In kind remembrance and with deepest sympathy from Mr. and Mrs. Sayers and Alec";
" With deepest sympathy, from dear little Frankie and Paddy";
"With affectionate remembrance, from Mr. and Mrs. Sandalls";
"With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Kneller";
"In loving memory of a good kind friend, from Mrs. Blunden";
"With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Eade and family."

E102 Edward Charles KNIGHT 1932

Sussex Express Friday 18 March 1932

**COOMBE ESTATE AGENT. DEATH OF MR. E. C. KNIGHT.
CHAILEY COUNCILLOR FOR 25 YEARS.**

The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon of Mr Edward Charles Knight, of The Gables, Southover, Lewes.

Mr. Knight, who was 63 years of age, had been in failing health for the past two years, but his death occurred somewhat unexpectedly on Sunday. Mr. Knight had been agent for the Coombe Estate for 37 years, first for the late Sir George Shiffner, then for the late Sir John Shiffner, and in recent years for Sir Henry Shiffner. He came to Offham from Hampshire. He married Miss Scarlett, a niece of the late Mr. R. J. Streatfield of The Rocks, Uckfield. His wife was a sister of the late Mrs. George Shiffner and died in November of last year. Three daughters and one son survive.

For over 25 years Mr. Knight was a member of the Chailey Rural District Council, and of the now defunct Board of Guardians. For a number of years he had acted as vice-chairman of the District Council and was chairman of the Finance Committee. His resignation, which he tendered owing to failing health, was accepted with regret at the last meeting of the Council. For many years Mr. Knight had acted as a commissioner of the Lewes and Laughton Levels. He was also chairman of the Hamsey Parish Council.

The funeral was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. S. Best), and the mourners were : Mrs Lionel Knight, Miss K. A. Knight and Miss J. A. Knight (daughters). Mr. Austen Knight (son), Canon Knight and Mr. W. Knight (brothers), Mr. Montague Knight and Mr. Christopher Knight (nephews), Mr. Lionel Knight (son-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. Yorke Scarlett, Elsie Lady Shiffner, O.B.E., Sir Henry and Lady Shiffner, Mrs SHiffner, Mr. Edward Shiffner (representing Mr George Shiffner), Major and Mrs. Tidmarsh, Miss Shiffner and Mr. and Mrs. W. Scarlett.

The following employees of Coombe Estate acted as bearers: Messrs A. Mitchell, sen., A. Mitchell, jun., W. Pelling, G. Venus, B. Ridley and J. Walter, jun.

The members of the Chailey Rural District Council present were: The Rev. F. S. Sclater, Mr T. W. Pickard, Mr. J. I. Blencowe, Mr. F. J. Cornwell, Mr. A. Setford, Mr. N. E. Bannister, Mr. M. Stacey, Mr. F. Washer and Mr. W. H. M. Killick. The officials of the District Council present were: Mr. A. F. Perkins (clerk), Mr. R. P. Cheale (surveyor) and Mr. R. O. Dallaway (rating officer).

Others present included: Colonel H. I. Powell Edwards, Mr. R. C. Blencowe, Mrs. John Sturgis, Mrs. Moinet, Nurse Berry, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Woods, Miss Aylwin, Dr M. L. C. Irvine, Mr. A. M. Goodall (representing Lord Monk Bretton), Mr. C. D. Thorowgood (hon secretary of the Southdown Hunt), Mrs. Barchard, Mr. W. M. Porter (Burgess Hill), Captain C. H. Cotesworth, Mr. C. Morrish, Mr. H. V. Fuller, Mrs. Aylwin, Miss Harmer, Mr. and Mrs. F. Thomas, jun., Mr. F. Thomas, sen., Mr. J. G. Harmer, Mrs. J. I. Blencowe, Mr. C. H. N. Adams, Mr. C. Akehurst, Mr. W. Woollard, Mr. F. Anderson, Mr. F. G. Taylor, Mr. J. Larwill and Mr. H. Chandler (representing Hamsey Brick Co.), Mr. and Mrs. Charles Elwell, Miss Blencowe, Mr. W. P. Else, Mr. F. H. Martin, Mr. G. Martin, Mr. S. Martin, Mr. A. Smith, Mr. E. H. Fuller, Mr. A. E. Gearing, Mr. and Mrs Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. F. Payne, Mr. E. E. Stephens, Mr. C. Sargent, Mr. G. Staplehurst, Mr. J. Holter, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Homewood, Mr. W. Scrase, Mr. H. Howell, Mr. W. King, Mrs. C. Ventham, Mrs. F. Staplehurst, Miss D. Staplehurst, Mrs. Morris, Mr. G. Cottington, Mr. W. Cottington, Mr. A. T. Miller, Mrs. Walls, Mrs. Stephens, Miss Tully, Mrs. E. Moon, Mrs. A. Hyde, Mrs. E. Smith, Mrs. F. Mitchell, Mr. A.

Dudman, Miss W. A. Walter, Miss Pelling, Mrs. Shelton, Miss G. Langridge, Mrs. Coppard and Mrs. Baker.

[Plus many inscriptions from wreaths]!

E103 Elizabeth NUGENT 1939

Sussex Agricultural Express - Friday 14 February 1939

MRS. E. NUGENT BURIED AT HAMSEY

The days when Messrs Molyneux and Whitfeld conducted a banking business at what is now Barclays Old Bank, in Lewes High-street, are recalled at the funeral at Hamsey Church on Friday, of Mrs. Edith Nugent, daughter of the late Mr, and Mrs. George Whitfeld She was born at Old Bank House, and her brother, the late Mr Frank Whitfeld, was managing director at the bank. Subsequently she lived with her parents at Hamsey House Hamsey, until her marriage to Mr Edmund Burke Nugent. After her husband's death some years ago she went to live at Surbiton where her death occurred on Monday last week. The funeral was conducted by the Rector of Hamsey (the Rev R. S H. Ward), and those present were Mr. A. Nugent and Mr. G. Nugent (sons), Mrs. G. H. Day (sister). Colonel and Mrs. Whitfeld (nephew and niece). Colonel F. D. C. Hawkins (brother-in-law). Mr and Mrs. J W Norton, of Bexhill. and Mr. M. Terry (cousins), and Mrs. Ada Lewis.

E105 Thomas UPTON 1919

Mid Sussex Times - Tuesday 02 December 1919

DEATH AND FUNERAL OF A NONOGENARIAN.

On November 21st Mr. Thomas Upton, an old and respected inhabitant of Staplefield, passed away, at the advanced age of 95, at the residence of his son, Mr. G. Upton, Hamsey, Lewes. He was laid to rest on November 25th, at the Old Church, Hamsey, the Rector (the Rev. Mr, Day) officiating.

The chief mourners were Mr C. Upton (son), Mr, and Mrs. G. Upton (son and daughter-in-law), Mrs. Longhurst (daughter), Mr. and Mrs. Brockes (daughter and son-in-law). Several grandchildren were also present, and Mr. J. Turner, late Minister of Providence Chapel, Staplefield, where the deceased worshipped nearly all his life. Mr. Turner spoke a few words at the graveside, and concluded with prayer. Mr. Upton was a good man, and loved by all who knew him. He was especially fond of the young, who would read the Bible to him, as he could neither read nor write; yet if in reading a mistake was made he knew it at once, so well was his memory stored with the good things of the Bible.

E106 Sarah HORTON 1930

Sussex Agricultural Express - Friday 01 August 1930

DEATH OF MRS. HORTON. SUB-POSTMISTRESS OF OFFHAM.

Deep regret was felt in Offham district when on Sunday, there passed away, after an illness of three weeks, Mrs. Sarah Sophia Horton, of the Post Office. The deceased, who was 61 years of age, was the widow of Mr. J. H. Horton, who died about seven years ago. He was sub-postmaster at Offham, and after his death Mrs. Horton was appointed sub-postmistress. She took a keen interest in the social life of the village, being a member of the Women's Institute and a supporter of the Offham Cricket Club. Her passing has been mourned by many, and much sympathy is felt for her three sons in their great loss.

The funeral took place at Hamsey Old Church on Wednesday, the service being conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. S. Best).

The principal mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. Horton (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. J. Horton and Mr. G. Horton (sons), Mr. and Mrs. G. Merrett (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. H. Escott, Mr. E. Perry, Miss N. Gale, Mr. and Mrs. Snushall, of Seaford, and Mr. W. Lee Amie. Others present included Mr. E. C. Knight, Mr. A. Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. Shelton.

The floral tributes were inscribed as follows:—

“With fondest love, from Bill and Joan, George and Bill Amies.”

“Mother Sophie, from Eva and Jack, Dot and Ann.”

“In ever loving remembrance of our dearest sister and friend, from George and Rhoda and Betty.”

“With deepest sympathy, from 3, Munster Cottages.”

“In memory of happy days, from Mr. and Mrs. King and family.”

“In affectionate remembrance of very dear friend, from E. Povey.”

“With sympathy and in remembrance, from Dorothy and John Burfoot (Eastbourne).”

“With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. R. Stredwick.”

“In affectionate memory and with deepest sympathy, from Nita Bullen.”

“With deepest sympathy, from Mr. W. Pelling and Maggie.”

“With sincere sympathy and regret, from Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Knight (Lewes).”

“With deepest sympathy, from Barbara and Gladys Newman.”

“With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Chaplin and family.”

“In remembrance and sincerest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Harmer, Cooksbridge House.”

“With deepest sympathy, from J. and S. King (Chailey).”

“With deepest sympathy and remembrance, from Mrs. E. Rothwell and family.”

“With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. A. Mitchell.”

“With deepest sympathy, from all at Manor Farm.”

“With our deepest sympathy, from Vic. and Grace (Epsom).”

“In loving memory of our dear friend, from the members of the Hamsey and Cooksbridge Women's Institute.”

“With deepest sympathy, from a few friends”

“With deepest sympathy and loving memory of much kindness, from Lizzie Nye.”

“With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. H. Jarrett.”

“In loving memory, from Doris and Fred.”

“With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Coppard, and Mr. Payne.”

“In loving memory of a dear friend, from Nell and her father and mother.”

“With deepest sympathy, from Elsie Lady Shiffner.”

“In loving memory, from Mr. and Mrs. Ventham and family,”

“From Mr. and Mrs. Snushall and family.”

“From Mr. and Mrs. Skelton, Doris and Gladys, with our sympathy.”

"With kindest thoughts and much sympathy, from Mr, and Mrs. A, Smith and family."
"With deepest sympathy, from the Offham Cricket Club."
"In remembrance, from the Misses Harmer (Offham)."
"With deepest sympathy, from Mr. Bateup and Jim."
"With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. H. Escott and little John."
"With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Moinet (Offham House)."
"With deepest sympathy, from W. Walker and E. Moon."
"In loving memory of dear Mrs. Horton, with much sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Sayers."
"In loving memory and with sympathy, from Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Langridge, and Mrs. Thomsett."

E107 Mary & Alfred JENNER 1932, 1946

Sussex Agricultural Express - Friday 18 November 1932

COOKSBRIDGE

THE LATE MRS. JENNER.—The funeral took place at Hamsey Old Church yesterday (Thursday) of Mrs, Mary Ann Jenner, wife of Mr. A. Jenner, of 8, Council-cottages. Mrs. Jenner died suddenly Monday. She is survived by a widower, three sons and four daughters. The service was conducted the Rector (the Rev. E. S. Best), and the mourners were: Mr. A. Jenner (widower), Mr. G. Jenner (son), Mr. and Mrs. A. R. W. Jenner (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. Ditcham (son-in-law and daughter). Mr. W. H. Jenner (son), the Misses Ivy and Violet Jenner (daughters), Mrs. J. Billingshurst (sister). Mr. and Mrs. H. Jenner (brother-in-law and sister-in-law). Miss Parsons (niece). Master E. Ditcham (grandson). Mrs. E. Miller was unable be present owing to illness. Others present included Mrs. Rothwell, Mrs. Ventham, Miss M. Gearing, Miss V. Gearing, Mrs. R. Ridley, Mrs. W. Ridley, Mrs. Bullock, Mrs. C. Ridley, Miss G. Sinnock, Miss E. Sinnock, Mrs. Dickerson and Mrs. Furnell. There were many floral tributes.

Sussex Agricultural Express - Friday 14 June 1946

MR. A. JENNER

The funeral took place at Old Hamsey churchyard on Saturday of Mr. Alfred Jenner, of 8. Cooksbrldge cottages, Cooksbrldge, who died on the previous Wednesday, at the age of 69. He was a widower, and had been ill for 11 years. He was born at North Common, Chailey, where he lived for many years. Later he resided at Barcombe for nine years, and he had lived at Cooksbrldge for the past 18 years. He was a member of the South Saxon Lodge of Oddfellows for over 52 years. He leaves three sons and four daughters.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. H. S. Ward (rector of Hamsey). The family mourners Included Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Jenner, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. W. Jenner and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jenner (sons and daughters-in-law). Mr. and Mrs. H. Ditcham (son-in-law and daughter). Miss I. G. Jenner, Mrs. E. Miller and Mrs. J. Harbury (daughters). Mr. H. Jenner (brother). Miss Doris Jenner (grand-daughter). Miss A. M. Woodgate (housekeeper) and Mr. Frank Brooks. There were numerous floral tributes, including one from the members of the South Saxon Lodge of Oddfellows, Chailey.

E109 Dora OSBORNE 1933

Sussex Agricultural Express - Friday 09 June 1933

TEACHER'S FUNERAL. MISS D. M. OSBORNE BURIED AT HAMSEY.

The funeral took place at Hamsey Old Church, on Friday, of Miss Dora Margaret Osborne, younger daughter of Mr. William Osborne, and of the late Mrs. Osborne, of Cooksbridge. Miss Osborne, who was 26 years of age, passed away the previous Sunday, at Acton Hospital. For the past six years she was a teacher at Wormholt Park School, Shepherds Bush. She was educated at Cooksbridge School, where she gained a scholarship to the Lewes Secondary Girls' School. After leaving the Secondary School she went to Goldsmith's College, London. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. K. S. Best) and the mourners were Mr. W. Osborne (father), Miss M. Osborne (sister), Mrs. F. Tubbs (aunt), Mrs. A. Osborne (aunt), Mrs. A. Turner, Misses E. and A. Turner, and Mr. F. Cornwall.

Others present included Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Taylor, Mr. A. Norris, Mrs. Gearing. Miss Gearing, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Fleet, Mrs. C. Ventham, Mrs. A. Cornwall, Mr. and Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Newman, Mrs. Smith, Miss E. Smith, Mrs. Wiggins, Mr. F. Chaplin, Mrs. Staples, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Nicholls, Mrs. Chalcroft, Mrs. Shelton, Mrs. Sayers, Mr. and Mrs. Saunders, Mrs. Kneller, and Miss V. Smith, Miss Clarke and Miss Lincoln (fellow teachers Wormholt Park).

The wreaths were inscribed as follows:—

"In ever loving memory, Dad and May", "With loving memories of dear Don and with deepest sympathy, from Aunt Nan, Uncle Charlie and Cousin Nancy", "In loving memory of Don, from Baby and May", "To dear Don with love, from Frank", "With fond remembrance, from Auntie May", "From Edie, with love", "In loving memory of dear Don, from Auntie, Uncle, Ella and Joan, Tunbridge Wells", "With deepest sympathy, from Uncle Bert, Jack and Renee.", "In loving remembrance dear Don, from Miss Tubb", "With deepest sympathy, from the stall and children of the Hamsey Council School", "With deepest sympathy, from friends at Wormholt Park", "With love, Ted and Togo." "With sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. B. Chatfield." "With sincerest sympathy from Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thomas, Lower Tulleys Wells". "In loving memory, from Mrs. Parker", "With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Sandells", "From Mr. and Mrs. Sayers and Alec, with all kind remembrances and deepest sympathy", "With deepest sympathy from one of her old pupils, Linda", "In affectionate remembrance and with deepest sympathy, from Miss Vobes", "With deepest sympathy, (from Mr. and Mrs. Kneller and the boys", "With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Taylor and family". "With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Simmonds and Mrs. Cornford". "In loving memory dear Don, from Mrs. Fleet and family, and Nurse Wiggins". "With heartfelt sympathy and regret, from Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Gearing and family", "From Dorothy and Gladys Shelton, with our sincere sympathy." "In memory of Dora, from Mr. and Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Midhurst, Elizabeth and Anne", "With deepest sympathy, from all at 3 Elm Cottages", "With deepest sympathy from Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Smith, and Mr. J. R. Hutchinson", "With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Cornwall, Jim and May".

E111 Alice CALWAY 1949

Sussex Agricultural Express - Friday 04 March 1949

MISS ALICE CALWAY

By the death of Miss Alice Calway, of Orchid Nursery House, Cooksbridge, a great loss will be felt by her many friends in the district. Although a cripple for many years, Miss Calway's bright personality was an inspiration to others, and her infirmity did not prevent her from taking a leading part in local affairs. For many years she was hon. secretary of the Hamsey and Cooksbridge Child Welfare Clinic. She also served on the committee of the Chailey and Hamsey District Nursing Association, and she did much valuable work for the Red Cross during the recent war. She was an enthusiastic and active member of Hamsey and Cooksbridge Women's Institute, and up to the time of her death was hon. secretary of Hamsey Parochial Church Council.

Following a largely attended service at Offham Church, the interment took place at Old Hamsey on Thursday last week. The Rev. R. H. Ward officiated.

The immediate family mourners were Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Cross (brother-in-law and sister), Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Calway (brother and sister-in-law) and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Courage (nephew and niece).

Among the many beautiful flowers were wreaths from Hamsey and Cooksbridge Child Welfare Clinic, Hamsey and Cooksbridge Women's Institute, Chailey and Hamsey District Nursing Association, and Bishopstone Women's Institute.

E112 Mary WHITE 1915

Sussex Agricultural Express - Friday 01 January 1915

FUNERAL AT HAMSEY

The death occurred Sunday of Mrs. Mary White, wife Mr. Edmund White, Landport, Lewes, and late the Bengal Civil Service. The deceased lady had been in failing health some time, but passed away with tragic suddenness. During their residence at Landport, [Ousedale House?] Mr. and Mrs. White have made numerous friends and to Mrs. White's most intimate acquaintances the announcement of her death came as a great shock. Deceased leaves widower but no family.

The funeral took place at old Hamsey Churchyard on Wednesday afternoon, the first part the service being held in Offham Church. The Rector (Rev. E. Shiffner Best) officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. Edmund White (widower); Miss White (sister-in-law); Mr. Moxey (brother); Lieut. Eric Moxey, Lancashire Fusiliers (nephew); Mr. Charles Wimble (brother-in-law); Miss Glubb (friend); Mr. A. C. Chandler (chauffeur); Miss Chandler (housekeeper); Miss Edith Hutson (maid); Mr. J. Holder (gardener) and Mrs. Holder; and Mr. F. Broomfield (gardener).

Among others present were; Lady Shiffner, Mrs. Musgrave-Brooksbank; Mrs. F. Lond, Rev. Preb. Poole, R.D., Mrs. Lang, the Misses Goldfinch, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Jephson, Mr. F. G. Courthope, Mrs. H. Whitfeld, the Misses Rigden, Mrs. A. S. L. Perfect, Mr. G. Lachlan (Anerley), Mr. W. H. Barnes, Mr. A. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kenward, Messrs. Holder and Broomfield (gardeners at Landport) had lined the grave with white chrysanthemums and evergreens.

The coffin plate bore the inscription: " Mary wife of Edmund White, Ob. December 27th, 1914."

The floral tributes to the number of thirty bore the following inscriptions:

"In kindest remembrance of dear Sister Mary, from Clara."

"To dear Mary, Florence White (South Kensington)."

"From Audrey."

"With loving memory and sympathy, from William and Delia."

"With Ethel's love and remembrance (Miss Little, Hove)."

"Deepest sympathy, from A. and L. E. Chandler and Hutson."

"With deepest sympathy, from Holder and Broomfield."

"With deepest sympathy. Lady Shiffner and Miss Shiffner (Bevern Bridge House, Cooksbridge)."

"With deepest sympathy, from Lady Grantham and Miss Muriel Grantham (Barcombe Place)."

"With love from Muriel Whitfeld."

"Mrs. Charrington, with deepest sympathy (Offham House, Lewes)."

"With Mr. and Mrs. Dalrymple' sincere sympathy."

"From Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Thomson, with loving sympathy (Rosary-garden. London, S.W.)."

"With sincere sympathy, from Mrs. Ralph L. Payne."

"With deep and sincere sympathy, Mr. and Miss. Frank Loud (Lewes)."

"Mrs. H. W. Higham, Glen Lyn, Sanderstead Hill, Surrey."

"Kind remembrance, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Perfect (Lewes)."

"With deep sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs, H. Jenner (1, New-road, Lewes)."

"With affectionate sympathy, from Edith, Dorothy and Leo Parker."

"In affectionate memory, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Jephson (Myton, Lewes)."

"In affectionate remembrance, Mrs. C. and the Misses Rigden (Lewes)."

"In loving memory, Miss Goldfinch and Miss Isabel Goldfinch (Lewes)."

"With love, from Mrs. Firminger and Miss Firminger (The Limes, Lewes)."

"With love and deep sympathy, from Hugh, Milly, Margaret and Little Milly."

"In affectionate remembrance, Mrs. Musgrove-Brooksbank."

"In very affectionate remembrance, from Bet and Nelly (Walllands House, Lewes)."

"With sincere sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Knight (Lewes)."

"In affectionate remembrance, Mrs. Reginald H. Powell (Lewes)."

"With deepest sympathy, from Captain and Mrs. Selby Ash."

"With deepest sympathy and many regrets, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dawson and Miss Postlethwaite (The Castle Lodge, Lewes)."

"In loving remembrance, from Mary Upton (Hamsey)."

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. Caleb Mitchell, Ltd.. Lewes, under the personal supervision Mr. W. Frank.

E113 Georgiana & George SHIFFNER 1931, 1949

Sussex Express Friday 16 Oct 1931

MRS. GEORGINA SHIFFNER. FUNERAL AT HAMSEY.

The funeral took place at Hamsey Old Church Thursday last week Mrs. Georgina Mary Shiffner, who passed away the previous Monday at Rossington Home Farm, Doncaster, at

the age of 61 years. She was the wife of Mr. George Bridger Shiffner, who is uncle of Sir Henry Shiffner, Bart., of Coombe Place, and a brother-in-law of Elsie Lady Shiffner, O.B. E., J.P. She is survived by two sons and four daughters.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. S. Best), and the principal mourners were Mr. G. B. Shiffner (widower) Mr. E. Shiffner and Sub-Lieut. J S Shiffner (sons). Miss D. Shiffner, Miss B. Shiffner and Miss M. B. Shiffner (daughters), Mr. and Mrs. York Scarlett (brother and sister-in-law), Air Vice- Marshal F. R. Scarlett and Mrs. Scarlett (brother and sister-in-law) Mr. and Mrs. E C Knight (brother-in-law and sister). Sir Henry Shiffner. Bart (nephew), Elsie Lady Shiffner (sister-in-law). Major and Mrs. G. Tidmarsh (nephew and niece). Mr. P Scarlett (nephew). Mrs. H. Scarlett (aunt) and Miss Streatfeild (cousin). Others present included Lord Monk Bretton, Mr. K. C. Blencowe, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Blencowe, Mr. J. Harmer. Mr. I. Sclater. Miss Harmer, Mrs. Aylwin and Miss Aylwin.

The coffin was carried by six employees of the Coombe estate. Messrs. A. Mitchell, A. Mitchell, jun., B. Ridley, G. Venus, W. Pelling and W. King.

There were many beautiful floral tributes.

Sussex Agricultural Express - Friday 08 April 1949

Obituary. MR. G. B. SHIFFNER

The funeral took place on Tuesday of a prominent resident of the district, Mr. George Bridger Shiffner, of Downlands, Ringmer, who died on Thursday last week.

Born in 1866, Mr. Shiffner was the son of the Rev. George Croxton Shiffner, fourth Baronet, of Coombe Place, Lewes. He was educated at Radley College and married Georgiana Mary, daughter of the late Lieut. Colonel W. J. Scarlett, of Gigha, County Argyll. His wife died in 1931.

In 1894 Mr. Shiffner became land agent for the property of his uncle, Mr. R. J. Streatfield, at Rossington in the West Riding, where he was also a Justice of the Peace.

During the 1914-18 war he was the Divisional Commander of the Special Constabulary of the West Riding.

Retiring in 1937, Mr. Shiffner went to Downlands, Ringmer. He was president of the Ringmer Bowling Club.

THE FUNERAL

The first part the service took place at Offham Church, and the interment was in Hamsey Churchyard. The Rev. C. E. Ward conducted service.

The chief mourners included Mr. E. Shiffner (son), the Hon. Mrs. Pelham (daughter), Miss B. Shiffner daughter), Mr. A. Pelham (also representing his father, the Hon. Mr. H. G. G. Pelham), Miss E. Shiffner (sister), Elsie Lady Shiffner (sister-in-law) and Lady Shiffner, Mrs. Tidmarsh (niece), Major and Mrs. Best (cousins), Mrs. F. R. Scarlett, and Commander Scarlett Streatfield.

Others present included Brig.-General D. J. E. Beale-Brown, Mrs. Lombard-Hobson, Mr. R. Breffit (Chief Constable of East Sussex) and Mrs. Breffit, the Rev. and Mrs. J. Victor, Admiral and Mrs. R. H. Pearce, Colonel and Mrs. J. Ward, Mr. E. Daune, Mr. W. Pelling, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Harmer, Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Colt, Messrs. P. R. Wicks and F. Russell (representing Ringmer Bowling Club), Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Geering, Mr. and Miss Cowan, and Mr. and Mrs. E. Divall.

E116 Elsie (Coaral) BROOKS 1936

Sussex Agricultural Express - Friday 27 April 1934

DEATH MISS E. C. M. BROOKS

The death occurred on Saturday Miss Elsie Corial May Brooks, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brooks, of 2, Council-cottages. Miss Brooks, who passed away on her 18th birthday, was born in Bedwellty, South Wales. The funeral took place at Hamsey Old Church yesterday (Thursday), the service being conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. S. Best).

Sussex Agricultural Express - Friday 04 May 1934

COOKSBRIDGE FUNERAL. The Late Miss E. C. M. Brooks.

The funeral took place at Hamsey Old Church on Thursday of last week, of Miss Elsie Corial May Brooks, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brooks, 2, Council Cottages, Cooksbridge. Miss Brooks passed away on the previous Saturday, her 18th birthday. Her father has been employed at Messrs. Chatfield's timber yard for the past 30 years. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. S. Best), and the mourners were; Mr. Mrs. F. Brooks (parents), Miss B. Brooks (sister), Mr. E. Brooks (brother), and Mrs G. Brooks (uncle and aunt), Mrs. A. Fleet and Mrs. T. Starkey (aunts), Mr. J. Brooks (uncle), Mrs. E. Brooks (aunt), Mrs. N. Kent, Mrs. A. Norris, Mrs. H. Harland and Mrs. W. Harland (cousins), Mrs. T. Page and Miss F. Page, Mrs. Plummer, Mr. B. Cornwall and Mr. and Mrs G. Townshend.

Others present included Mrs. B. Rothwell, Mrs. C. Ventham, Mrs. and Miss Gearing. Mrs. Sayers, Mrs. F. Thomas, Mrs. Skelton, Mrs. C. Ridley, Miss G. Sinnock, Miss G. Chambers, Mrs. A. Hyde. Mrs. R. Ridley and Mrs. R. Bullock.

Floral tributes were inscribed as follows: " To our darling, from Dad and Mum, Bibs and Brouger "; " In ever loving memory of dear Corial, from Auntie Emm, Ellie and Archie"; "With love to Corial, from Auntie Molly and Uncle George"; "In loving memory of Corial, from Uncle Jack and Aunt Lou "; "In loving memory of dear Corial, from Auntie Flo, Uncle Tom, Elsie and Ted"; "Kind thoughts, from Auntie Nellie and Bessie"; "In loving memory of Corial, from Aunt Sally and family"; "To Corial, in affectionate remembrance, from Glad and Norman"; " With deepest sympathy, from Son and Ellen, to dear Corial"; "With deepest sympathy and kind thoughts of dear Corial, from Beattie and Will, Brighton "; "In remembrance of Corial, from Mab. Stan, Bren and Pat"; " In loving memory dear Corial, from Lily and Harry, Brighton"; "In loving memory of dear Corial, from Leslie"; "To dear Corial, from Ronnie and Jack"; "With fondest love and deepest sympathy, from Fluff "; With deep sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs C. de W. Taylor"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mick, Mrs. Plummer and Rene, Mr. and Mrs. T. Page and family"; "A token of regret, from the neighbours of Cooksbridge Cottages": " With

deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Townshend, George and Kit"; "In loving memory of dear Corial, from Rene and Phil "; "With sweetest memories of dear Corial, from her friend Kathleen"; "In remembrance Corial, from Con"; " With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. C. Plummer and Mr. and Mrs. H. Cornwall "; " With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Turner, Elizabeth and Ann"; "In fond remembrance of dear Corial, with love, from Nellie, Bevern Bridge Cottages"; "In sweet and loving memory of dear Corial, with love and deepest sympathy, from Mrs. Gander and Rose"; " With deepest sympathy and in kind remembrance of dear Corial, from Lizzie and Ted"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. F. Thomas"; "To wee Corial, from the garden, Mrs. Westwood"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Hastings"; "To Corial with fondest remembrance, from Rosie": "In loving memory, from Peter "; " With deepest sympathy, from Miss Cheale."

E118 Florence AVERY 1937

Sussex Agricultural Express, Friday 26 February 1937

BURIED AT HAMSEY. MRS. F. A. AVERY, OF COOKSBRIOGE

The funeral Mrs. Florence Ann Avery, aged 72, of Park Lodge, Cooksbridge, took place at Hamsey Old Church on Saturday. Mrs. Avery, who had lived in Sussex nearly all her life died on the previous Wednesday. She was the widow of Mr. Jesse Avery, who died three years ago. There are three sons and two daughters; one son, Mr. M. G. Avery, is in Tasmania. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. R. S. H. Ward) and the mourners were:—

Mr. and Mrs. S. Avery (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. A. Avery (son), Mr. A. Godber (son-in-law), Mrs. Baker and Mr. E. Avery (cousins), Mr. and Mrs. Biffin, Mr. R. Box and Miss W. Collins. Mrs. A. Godber and Miss A. Avery (daughters) were unable to attend owing to illness. Flowers were sent by:—

The family in Australia, and Winnie; Kath, Dora and Ernie; Pips, Sis, Olive and mother; Bryan's and Binkie's little garden; Oscar and Ruby; Miss Betty V. Batchelor; Ellen and family (Challey); Mr. and Mrs. A. Smith (Lewes); Mrs. Wiggelsworth and Francie; Paddy; Mrs. Box and family; Mr. Mansell and Hodie; Nickie; Peggy; Mrs. F. N. Tarrant, Mr. and Mrs. R. K---; Mrs. Bryan A. Woods and daughter (Cooden); Mrs. John Liddell (Northumberland).

E121 Richard NORMAN 1936

Sussex Agricultural Express - Friday 07 February 1936

MR. R. NORMAN. FUNERAL AT HAMSEY

Mr. Richard Norman, aged 69, a member a family well-known in Iford and district for several generations, died on Saturday at Offham, where he had lived for some years. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Norman, he lived at Iford for over 20 years, and was at one time employed there as a farm labourer by Mr. John Hudson. Later became platelayer on the railway, and lived at Railway Cottage, Hamsey, for 34 years. He left the railway soon after the war, and afterwards was employed Mr. French, of East Chiltington. Eight years ago he went to live with a sister, Mrs. Staplehurst, at 42, Beechwood-lane, Offham, where he died.

He was a member the Ancient Order of Foresters for a long period.
The funeral took place yesterday (Thursday) at Hamsey Old Church, and the Rev. E. Shiffner Best (Rector) officiated.

The mourners were Mr. C. Norman (brother), Mrs. Staplehurst (sister), Mrs. Hifernam (sister), Mrs. Lyons (niece), Mr. and Mrs. A. Rothwell (nephew and niece). Miss 1). Norman (niece), Mr. T. Burns (brother-in-law), Mr. F. Rothwell and Mr. G. Rothwell.

Others present were Mrs. Gearing, Mrs. F. Ventham, Mr. L. Ince, Mr. A. Mulqueen, Mr. W. Jones, Mr. A. Manley, Mrs. H. Freeman and Mrs. Hyde.

Wreaths were sent by:—Emily, Ruth and T. Burns (Tinker); Charlie, Louie, Dolly, Bob, Phil and George; Lizzie, George and Maud; S. and F. Mockford (Iford); all 21, Bank Cottages, Offham; Brother Tom and Niece Dolly; Maggie and family; The Station Hotel Slate Club; F. and B. Chaplin; Reggie, Mollie and Jack; all his workmates; the Blacksmith's Arms Slate and Tontine Club.

E122 Deborah & Alfred MITCHELL 1936, 1942

Sussex Agricultural Express - Friday 03 April 1936

FUNERAL AT HAMSEY. MRS. D, K. MITCHELL

A native of the parish in which she had resided all her life, Mrs. Deborah Kate Mitchell, of 8 Offham, died at her home on Friday, aged 72.

She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Farnes, and on the last day of 1887 was married at Offham Church to Mr. Alfred Mitchell, who survives her. Mr. Mitchell has been closely connected with the parish church for the past 50 years. For 30 years he sang in the choir and was bellringer.

There are four sons, all of whom served through the war.

The funeral at Hamsey Old Church on Tuesday was conducted by the Rev. R. S. H. Ward. The mourners were Mr. Alfred Mitchell (widower), Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mitchell (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. J. Mitchell (son), Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Mitchell (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. E. Mitchell (son), Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Farnes (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. T. Farnes and Mr. F. W. Farnes (brothers), Mrs. J. Mitchell (aunt), Mrs. C. Ventham, Mrs. F. Beard, Mrs. Driver, Mrs. D. Moore and Miss Satcher (nieces).

Others present included Mr. A. Mulqueen, Mr. G. M. Horton, Mr. W. G. Horton, Miss Harmer, Mrs. G Moon, Miss Pelling, Mr. L. Ince (Lewes), Mrs. V. Moon, Mrs. Shelton, Miss G. Langridge, Mr. and Mrs. F. Chaplin.

Flowers were sent by:—“Her sorrowing husband”; Albert and Gert; Jim and Ern; Alf and Nellie; Emily, Muriel and Len; brother Tom and sister; all at Sutton Grove; Fred, Flo and Sam; Louie and Bessie; Sophia, Bessie and Charlie; Grace and Edie; Sir Henry Burrows Shiffner, Dowager Lady Shiffner; Mr. and Mrs. Langridge and family; Mr. and Mrs. Chaplin and family; a few of the neighbours; Mr. and Mrs. Baker; the Rothwell family, and Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Huggett; an old neighbour (J. Blackman); Little Pearl, Rose and Marjorie; Lettie and Alfie; Mr.

and Mrs. G. Conway (Lewes); Mr. and Mrs. Wraight (Hildenborough); Mr. and Mrs. A. Smith and family; Mrs. Morley; Edie and Vic; Joan and Bill Horton; directors and staff of Elphick and Sons (Lewes).

Sussex Express, 5 June 1942

MR A. MITCHELL

The funeral of Mr. Alfred Mitchell, of 8 Offham, who died on May 25th, took place on Friday at Hamsey Old Church.

Mr. Mitchell, who was 79, was born at Beechwood and had lived in the Hamsey district all his life, being employed on the Coombe Estate for a very long period and being a bell ringer and member of the choir at Offham Church for over thirty years. He leaves four sons.

The Rev. R.S.H. Ward, Rector of Hamsey officiated, and the mourners included Mr. and Mrs. A. Mitchell (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. E. Mitchell (son), Mr. J. Mitchell (son) and Mr. L. Farnes (nephew).

Many friends were also present and a number of wreaths were laid on the grave.

E123 Albert DYER 1943

Sussex Agricultural Express - Friday 12 November 1943

HAMSEY. The Late Mr. A. Dyer.

After a long and painful illness, Mr. Albert Dyer passed away at Hamsey last week. He was 39 and leaves a widow. The funeral service was conducted at Hamsey Church by Bishop Saunders (rector of Barcombe). Mr. J. King, of Chailey, made the funeral arrangements.

E126 Isabel & Francis WHITFELD 1910, 1924

Sussex Agricultural Express - Friday 28 October 1910

DEATH OF MRS. FRANK WHITFELD LEWES. FUNERAL AT HAMSEY YESTERDAY.

A great sorrow has fallen upon Lewes this week. The death of Mrs. Frank Whitfeld removes from our midst a gracious and kindly woman who was beloved by all. She passed away at eleven o'clock on Monday morning in the presence of her husband and only son. Mrs. Whitfeld had been ailing for some months, but her courage and cheerfulness did not desert her, and as recently as last week she gave personal attention to affairs which were for the benefit of others. The wife of Mr. Francis Barry Whitfeld, J.P., of Bank House, Lewes, with whom deep sympathy is felt, the deceased was associated with the county town from her girlhood, and there was no one in the neighbourhood who had a larger circle of friends or did more social and charitable work. She was a daughter of the late Captain Luckraft, R.N., whose name will be warmly cherished in Lewes. The Luckrafts brought sunshine wherever

they went, and the lady who became Mrs. Frank Whitfeld was always bright, thoughtful for others, and unwearied in well doing. The Victoria Hospital, Shaftesbury Society, Ragged School, Children's Home, and other deserving local institutions have lost kind friend. The crippled children in Lewes will remember her with grateful feelings, as on two occasions she defrayed the expenses of a pleasant outing to Seaford for them. The sick poor of Lewes and neighbourhood have received many a delicacy accompanied by visit or a kindly message from her. Mrs. Whitfeld was lady bountiful and a shining example of good nature combined with tact and judgment. In promoting concerts, theatricals and such like for charitable objects the deceased lady was always to the fore, and she frequently appeared on the stage in amateur dramatics arranged behalf of the hospital or some good cause. Like her sister, she possessed considerable talent and many will recall the great success she achieved as "Pollv Perkins" in Caste. Lewes Cricket Week owed much to Mrs. Whitfeld and the Southdown Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club found in her a warm supporter.

The funeral took place at Old Hamsey Church yesterday (Thursday) afternoon in the presence of a very large assemblage. The cortege left the residence at Lewes shortly after two o'clock, the first part of the service being held at Offham Church at half-past two. Both in and outside the Borough there were manifold tokens of the affection and esteem in which the deceased lady was held. The service was choral and was taken by the Rev. A. Whitfeld and the Rev. E. Shiffner Best. Mr. Harry Steadman presided at the organ. The hymns were "Let saints on earth in concert sing," and "On the Resurrection morning." Among the congregation were: Viscount Gage, Lord Willingdon, Mrs. Charrington, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund White, Rev. R. Rossiter (Horsham), Major Lang (chief constable of East Sussex), Mrs. Lang, Mrs. Charles Hamilton. Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Blaker, Miss N. Beard, Mr. A. S. L. Perfect, Mrs. Gerald Spencer (Ringmer), Mr. R. H. Powell, Miss Marjorie Powell, the Misses Shiffner, Mr. W. W. Grantham, Lieut-Col. L. C. F. Thompson, Hon. Charles Brand, Miss Betty Brand, Mr. A. Lee, Mr. and Miss Shenstone, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Blencowe, Major Towers Clark, Mr. J. H. Husey Hunt, Mr. G. R. Beard. Mr. E. P. Beard, Mr. Walter Lintott, Mr. J. G. Harmer, C.C., Mr. Harry Willett, Mr. Charles Dawson, Mr. E. C. Knight, Alderman J. H. Every, Alderman and Mrs. J. Miles, Dr. Crosskey, Mr. J.J. Wilson, Mr. R. N. Crosskey, Alderman Flint, Alderman Wightman, Councillor King, Mr. T. R. White, Sir A. Dent K.C.M.G., Mr. W. R. Champion, M.P., Mr. F. G. Courthope, Mr. W. G. Courthope, Mr. F. Barchard, Rev. H. Harbord, Mrs. Loud, Miss Perfect, Miss E. Ingram, Major King, Major Thurlow, Sir John and Lady Shiffner, Capt. Sergison, Mr. R. J. Streatfeild, Mr. Harry Scarlett, Major Goldfinch, Mr. H. Harvey Smith, Mr. C. Davies Gilbert, Mr. A. Harris, Mr. W. H. Barnes, Rev. F. J. Poole, Mr. V. P. Misa, Mr. Kennedy Megaw, Mr. R. W. McKergow, Mr. A. E. Ridsdale, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Woods, Mr. Guy Nevill, Mr. Walter Bartlett (under sheriff), Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Ingram, Mr. T. A. Stewart-Jones, Prebendary and Mrs. Salmon, Mr. Frankfort Moore, Mr. Bernard Palmer, Dr. Steinhäuser, Mr. H. H. Pownall, Mr. F. W. Rubie, the Rev. W. E. Dalton, Mr. John Kenward, Mr. W. E. Nicholson, Mrs. T. J. Farncombe, Mr. E. Smith, Mr. T. L. Frank, Mr. G. Connett, Mr. A. Cheale, Mr. J. C. Kenward, Mr. Pritchard, Mr. C. Lofts, Mr. T. Taylor, Mr. John Harmer, Miss Harmer, Mr. R. C. Blencowe, the Rev. T. H. L. Jellicoe, Mr. Rothwell, Mr. Frank Brown, Mr. J. Mitchell, Mr. F. Mitchell, Mr. W. King, Mr. J. Horton.

The grave was lined with white chrysanthemums, marguerites and ivy, and other evergreens. the coffin was inscribed: "Isabel Georgina Whitfeld, entered into rest October 24th, 1910." A cross, composed of magnificent violets and lilies of the valley rested on the coffin, and was inscribed "Our Darling."

The chief mourners were : 1st carriage, Mr. F. B. Whitfeld, Mr. George Whitfeld, Miss Luckraft, Mrs. H. Whitfeld ; 2nd carriage, Mrs. A. P. Lucas, Mrs. Bullock, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Bullock ; 3rd carriage, Mrs. Nugent, Mrs. Dav, Major Marker, Mr. A. Nugent; 4th carriage, Mrs.

T. Stanley Whitfeld, Mr. T. Stanley Whitfeld, Col. Hawkins, Major Molineux ; 5th carriage, Mrs. Parkin, Mr. Parkin, Colonel Du Cane, Miss Gell; 6th carriage, Major Lambert, Capt. Massey, Mr. A. S. L. Perfect, Mr. F. Loud; 7th carriage, Mrs. Broomfield, Elton, Rose, Edwards ; 8th carriage, Mr. A. H. Trevor, nurse; 9th carriage, Colonel Robertson, Mr. Herbert Gibson, Mr. Sheppard Cross.

Amongst the many beautiful floral tributes received were those from Mrs. Stewart-Jones. Mr. and Mrs. T. Stewart-Jones (Lewes), Major H. D. O. Ward (R.A. Junior United Service Club), Councillor and Mrs. P. W. King (Lewes), Dr. and Mrs. F. Loud, Lewes), Mr., Mrs. and Miss Shenstone (Sutton Hall), Mr. and Mrs. Edmund White (Landport House), Mr. and Mrs. F. Barchard, (Horsted Place), Major and the Misses Goldfinch (Lewes), Mrs. and Miss Lang (Lewes), Mrs. Charles Brand (Littledene), Miss Graves (East Southsea), Mr., Mrs. and Miss Border (Barcombe). Mr. and Miss Streatfeild (The Rocks), Mr. I. A. Turner (Oxford and Cambridge Club), Mrs. John and Miss M. Blencowe (Chailev), Mr. W. G. Courthope (Lewes), Mrs. G. Colvin White (Coburg Hotel, W.), Mr. and Mrs. Walter and Miss Bartlett, Mrs. Henry Cole (Hove), the Staff of Lewes Old Bank, Bet and Nell, old servants at Hamsey. Mrs. Richards, Mr. and Mrs. Rothwell, and J. Parsons), Seymour and Alice, Miss Croxton Johnson (Bognor), Mr. and Mrs. Cotton, Emilv Ravenhill and Laura Day, Mr. J. H. G. Lang, David R. Sassoon, Gertrude and Gladys Rolls Hoare, Georgie Bockwith-Smith and Cissie (Glvnde Place), Mrs. Ebdon (Baldslow), Miss Leveson, Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Mitchell-Innes (Belgrave-square, S.W.V Miss Florence Gill (Brighton), Sir John and Lady Shiffner,- Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Perfect (Lewes), Mrs. Edward Charrington (Offham House), L. K. A. Jarvis, Mr. T. B. and the Misses Sullivan, Mr. J. Fletcher-Yearslev, (Lewes) F. Brown, Mr. Herbert Gibson, Miss Phyllis Gibson and Mr. K. Gibson (Brentwood), Mr. J. H. Husey-Hunt (Lewes), Lieut.-Co], and Mrs. Divie K. Robertson and Miss Ethel Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Tavior, Roland Gwvnnne, Viscount and Viscountess Gage, Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Misa (Uckfield), Eva Hutton, Mr. and Mrs. John Pepys Cockerell, her God-daughter Olive, Mrs. and the Misses Rigden (Lewes), Mrs. Barclay Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Biden (Barcombe), Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Addison (Ashburn Place, S.W), Mr. and Mrs. Jephson, Major and Mrs. R. L. Scarlett, Mrs. J. King, Mrs. Gerald Spencer, Guy and Nelie, Gladys and Eric F. Penn (Hyde Park), Major and Mrs. Towers-Clark (Chailey), Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Baxendale (Framfield Place), Major and Mrs. F. H. Thurlow (Westminster), Mrs. F. Currev (West Kensington), Lady Duke, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Knight, Capt. and Mrs. Watson. Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Ingram, Lady du Cane, Mr. and Mrs. H. Rennie-Robertson (Highlands), Miss Kathleen Carlos-Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Durrant-Cooper (Reigate), Mr. and Mrs. R.W. McKergow (Brighton), Mrs. R.H. Powell (Lewes), Sir Alfred and Lady Dent (Eastbourne), to our dear mistress with deepest sympathy from the servants, Lord and Lady Willingdon, Mayor and Mayoress of Lewes, her oldest friend E.G.M.Stroude, Captain and Mrs. Henry King, Preb. Mrs. and Miss Salmon, Jack and Eva, Col. Du Cane, Mr. and Mrs. G.R. Beard (Lewes), Bunny, Sidney and Jack, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Shepherd-Cross (Preston Brook), Major, Mrs. and Miss Lang (Lewes), Arthur and Mary, the Misses Perfect (Lewes), Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey, Eric Smith (Ashford), Capt. And Mrs. C.M.H. Massey (Dorking), Mrs. Harcourt Rose (Newick), Mrs. Brand (St Lennox-gardens), Sir William, Lady and Miss Grantham, Mrs. Robert Carr Lambert and Miss H. Lambert, Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Parker, C. and A. Hamilton, F.G. and L.C. (Southover, Lewes), Lewes Ladies Golf Club, Mrs. F.C. Hawkins, Rev. E.S. Best, Major and Mrs. Molineux, Mr. and Miss Maxwell Stanley, Tessie, Claude and Nigel, from her sisters, Beatrice Catchouse, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Tim and John, Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Egerton, and others.

Sussex Express, Friday January 11 1924

SUDDEN DEATH OF Mr. F.B. WHITFELD, J.P. PUBLIC WORK IN LEWES.

The death of Mr. Francis Barry Whitfeld. J.P. of The Old House, Lewes, has occasioned widespread regret, not only in the county town but throughout the county, particularly as it happened under such painfully sudden circumstances. It will be remembered that, about couple of years ago Mr. Whitfeld was seriously ill with phlebitis, and his condition then gave rise to considerable anxiety, but he made an excellent recovery and up to Monday night appeared to be in his usual health. He spent the early part of the evening at the County Club and then attended the dance of the Lewes Priory Cricket Club in the Town Hall. He retired to rest about half past eleven, but about three o'clock on Tuesday morning he was taken ill and Dr. F. Loud was at once summoned. Everything possible was done, but Mr. Whitfeld gradually sank and died at four o'clock, the cause of death being heart trouble.

Mr. Whitfeld was born in Lewes on the 23rd of May, 1852, being the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Whitfeld, of Hamsey House, Lewes, and was therefore, in his seventy-second year. He was educated at Uppingham, and on the 6th of June, 1877, married Miss Isabel Georgina Luckraft, daughter of the late Captain Luckraft, R.N., who for many years was well-known as the Governor of the Naval Prison at Lewes. Mrs. Whitfeld died in 1910, leaving a son, Mr. George S. Whitfeld. Mr. Whitfeld was well known the county as a banker. He was founder with the late Major H. P. Molineux, J.P., the banking firm of Molineux, Whitfeld and Co., and it was only year ago that Major Molineux died. When the bank was absorbed by Barclay's Bank in 1866, Mr. Whitfeld was given a seat on the Board of Directors. He was also local director of the Lewes circle of banks. He took an active interest in the work of the Lewes branch, being frequently the bank, his last visit being on Monday afternoon.

PUBLIC WORK. Mr. Whitfeld took a keen interest in public work in Lewes, and was in close touch with a great part of the business of the town. He was appointed Borough Treasurer of Lewes the 1st of August, 1888, and was always helpful in the financial matters of the borough. He was placed on the Commission of the Peace for the County on the 12th of February, 1889, and for a great number of years was Chairman of the Lewes Bench, giving a great amount of time and attention to the work. He was sympathetic in his consideration of the cases which came before him and the poor and unfortunate often found in him a friend. He was one of the oldest trustees of the Newhaven Harbour and Ouse Lower Navigation, and also acted as Treasurer for several other public bodies in the county, including the Sussex Archaeological Society.

Mr. Whitfeld took a particular and very practical interest in the Lewes Victoria Hospital, of which he was Chairman of the directors, having been associated with the institution for about forty years. It was largely owing to his generosity that the hospital was rebuilt some years ago. He contributed £1,000 towards the scheme in memory his father, and was greatly interested in every step which was taken which had the welfare of the hospital as its object.

IN THE REALM OF SPORT. Mr. Whitfeld was a prominent figure in the realm sport the county. He was a prominent member of the Southdown Hunt. In earlier years frequently followed the hounds, but latterly his interest was rather on the administrative side of the sport. He was always helpful in any effort in connection with the Hunt, and was one of the Hon. Secretaries for the Hunt Ball, which was held in the Town Hall on Friday night. He was also present and was highly gratified at the great success of the function. He was very fine croquet player and frequently took part in the tournaments of the Southdown Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club. In earlier years he was an enthusiastic cricketer. Like the late Major Molineux. was an amateur actor of considerable ability. He was member of the County Club, Lewes.

AN ARDENT CRICKETER. "Leather Hunter," the well known writer on cricket in the Sussex Daily News, makes the following reference Mr. Whitfeld:- "The late Mr. Francis Barry Whitfeld

was an ardent supporter of Sussex cricket. He was the elder brother of the old Etonian, Cambridge University and Sussex Captain, the late Mr. Herbert Whitfeld. He was educated at Uppingham, but was not a regular member the eleven. The first occasion I saw him play was the first match on the present Hove ground in May, 1872, for the Gentlemen of Sussex against the Players Sussex. Mr. L. Woodard, of Lancing fame and a relative of the famous Woodards who founded the Sussex Colleges, Lancing, Hurst and Ardingly, also played in this fixture. In the year 1876 he also appeared for the Gentlemen of Sussex against the Players, contributing an innings of 26, while the late Mr. Charles Marshall Kennedy, of Sussex and Gloucestershire fame, was the top scorer with 87.

Mr. F. B. Whitfeld only played in one match for Sussex, vis., against the first Australian team to England, at Hove, on 29th and 30th August, 1878, when the demon bowler, Mr. F. R. Spofforth, clean bowled him in each innings, the first for single and the second a duck. In the field Mr. Whitfeld was exceedingly good, bringing off three catches. In the second innings Sussex, which only realised 47 runs. Mr. Spofforth was credited with six wickets for 31, and his vis-à-vis, the late Mr. H. F. Boyle, four wickets for 15. In the first innings of the Australians, who were dismissed for 80, James Lillywhite, still alive, obtained the following wonderful analysis: 36 overs, 22 maidens, 25 runs, 5 wickets, the Australians winning seven wickets. Mr. F. B. Whitfeld was also a staunch supporter the Lewes Priory Club, founded in 1730, and reorganised 1812, and also the Sussex Martlets.

LEWES MAGISTRATES' TRIBUTE. At the Lewes Petty Sessions on Tuesday, Mr. A. J. Jack occupied the chair and there were also on the Bench the Mayor (Lieut.-Colonel C. D. Crisp, O.B.E.), Miss M. M. E. Coker, Alderman G. Holman, Mr. W. J. Blencowe, Mr. W. Brown, Mr. M. Norman, Mr. Harry Willett, Mr. Hugh Stott, Mr. T. Pargeter, and Mr. J. Hills. The Chairman.—I regret to have to announce to the Court the death our revered Chairman, Mr. F. B. Whitfeld, which took place in the early hours of this morning. You all know in this county and in this court the useful work that he has done and the great interest he has taken in everything the county, and especially in the town of Lewes, and his loss will very severely felt. The Court would wish adjourn to-day, but unfortunately there is a case which must be taken. The Bench wishes instruct the Clerk to send a message of condolence to our late Chairman's family.

LEWES LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY. At a lecture under the auspices of the Lewes Literary and Scientific Society, which was held in the Town Hall, on Tuesday evening, Major J. J. Lister, who presided, said they could not proceed with a meeting like that without referring to the great loss the county, and especially the town of Lewes, had sustained through the death Mr. Whitfeld. He was one of their most important townsmen and one the kindest men who could possibly be found. He felt sure it was a great blow to all of them when they heard of his sudden death that morning.

OUSE LOWER NAVIGATION TRUSTEES. On Tuesday afternoon a meeting of the Harbour and Ouse Lower Navigation Trustees was held the Lewes Town Hall, and Mr. R. H. Powell, who occupied the chair, said he rose with rather sad feeling because, like most of them, he had heard of the death of Mr. Whitfeld. He was certainly one of their oldest trustees, having been a trustee that body for very many years. They would not like to part without a reference to the sad event. He had known Mr. Whitfeld personally for a great many years, and he was very sorry to hear that he had gone. The members rose to express their regret, and it was decided that an expression of sympathy should be sent the family.

HUNTING CANCELLED. It is announced that owing the death Mr. Whitteld, the Southdown Foxhounds will not meet until after the funeral, which takes place to-morrow at Hamsey Church.

THE FUNERAL. The funeral service will take place at St. John's Church, Lewes, at half past two tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon, and will be attended by the Mayor, members and officials of the Corporation, and the Magistrates. The interment will subsequently be at Hamsey Old Church, where Mr. Whltfeld's wife was buried.

E085 Amelia SANDS 1924

Crawley and District Observer - Saturday 30 March 1940

HAMSEY.

THE LATE MRS. S. V. NORTH.

On Saturday morning, in Hamsey Churchyard. the funeral took place of Mrs. Jessie Ellen North, wife of Mr. Sidney V. North. of Ousedale House. Offham Road). whose death, at the age of 64 years, occurred in the Lewes, Victoria Hospital the previous Wednesday. The deceased lady had been in a weak state of health for some time and had undergone an operation, but it was hoped that she was progressing. Her passing came as a shock to the family. She was a native of Margate. The family have resided at Ousedale House for the past 10 years, but part of that time they spent away from Lewes yachting. Mr. North was, until recently, head of the London firm of architects, Messrs. North, Robin and Wilsdon. He is much respected in Lewes and the surrounding neighbourhood. For some time he has taken an active interest in the Lewes A.R.P. organisation and is the warden of No. 4 Area. Mrs. North had also taken keen interest in local affairs. In addition to her husband, the deceased leaves one son, Mr. W. North; and three daughters, Mrs. L. Benjamin, Miss P. North and Miss B. North. She also leaves a brother. Mr. T. D. Wood, of Margate. The funeral service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. R. S. H. Ward). The 90th Psalm was read and the lesson was taken from Revelation xxi. The chief mourners were Mr. Sidney V. North (husband), Mr. and Mrs. Guy, W. North (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. L. Benjamin (son-in-law and daughter), Miss North and Miss Betty North (daughters), Mr. and Mrs. Jack North (cousins), Mrs. McLees, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. W. Bishop, of Brighton. Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Jeffreys and Mr. R. J. Jeffreys, of Ivor, Bucks, Mr. B. Bonus and Mr. A. Hyde. The interment took place in the churchyard. The following inscriptions were attached to the floral tributes: Sid; to our darling mummie, Betty and Peggy; all my love, Tom; deepest sympathy, Phyllis; with deepest sympathy, from Pat Herndon; Guy. Mollie and the children; with love, Mary and Loftus; with deepest sympathy and in ever-loving memory of dear Jessie, Florrie and Wallie; with affectionate remembrance and love to dear cousin Jessie, from Jack and Berry, Bessie and Bess; with deepest sympathy. Frank Laurence (Haywards Heath); in deep sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Dudley North and family; deepest sympathy, Wendy, Jack and Mrs. Cook; to all at Ousedale, with deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Jeffreys; deepest sympathy, Bobby; deepest affection. Lou; with our deepest sympathy, from all at A.R.P. Post No. 7 Lewes; with deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Rowland Gorringer; with my kindest thoughts dear madam. from E. Winter.

E130 Elizabeth PARKER 1943

Sussex Agricultural Express - Friday 29 January 1943

MISS E. PARKER

The death occurred on Tuesday of Miss Elizabeth Parker, of St. John's-terrace. Lewes. She was 81 years old. A native of Hamsey, Miss Parker had been living in Lewes since the last war. At the time of her death she was residing with her sister, Mrs. Geall. The funeral takes place to-morrow (Saturday) at Hamsey Church.

E133 Annie FORD 1936

Sussex Agricultural Express - Friday 18 September 1936

OFFHAM DEATH.

A native of Hamsey. Mrs Annie Maria Ford, of 1, Offham, died on Tuesday, aged 67. She was the wife of Mr, J. W. Ford. Five daughters and one son are bereaved. The funeral takes place to-day (Friday) at Offham Church at 2.30.

E134 Fanny RIDLEY 1936

Sussex Agricultural Express - Friday 16 October 1936

COOKSBRIDGE LOSS. DEATH OF MRS. F. K. RIDLEY

Cooksbridge has lost a great friend by the death on Monday of Mrs. Fanny Kate Ridley, aged 46, of Friendly Hall. She was well esteemed in the village, where she had lived for the past 40 years, on account of her many acts of kindness. She was a member of the Chailey and Cooksbridge Nursing Association. Her birthplace was Uckfield.

Her husband, Mr. Albert Ridley, one son and five daughters are bereaved.

The funeral was at Hamsey Old Church yesterday (Thursday) afternoon conducted by the Rector (the Rev. R. S. H. Ward).

The mourners were: Mr. A. Ridley (widower), Mr. E. Ridley (son), Mr. and Mrs. C. Edwicker and Mr. and Mrs. B. Skinner (sons-in-law and daughters), the Misses B. Ridley, D. Ridley and L. Ridley (daughters), Mr. H. Reed (father), Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Reed and Mr. and Mrs. H. Reed, of Newhaven (brothers and sisters-in-law), Mr. Mark Reed and Mr. C. Reed (brothers), Mr. and Mrs. J. Tanner, Mr. and Mrs. H. Washer, Mr. and Mrs. P. Geall, of Lewes (brothers-in-law and sisters), Mr. and Mrs. C. Ridley, Mr. and Mrs. W. Ridley, Mr. and Mrs. H. Ridley, of Newhaven (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law), Mrs. H. Oliver (sister), Mrs. P. Reed, of London, Mrs. Hyde and Mrs. Craddock (sisters-in-law), Mrs. C. Ridley, Mrs. R. Ridley, Mrs. E. A. Reed and Mrs. J. Baker (nieces), Mr. E. A. Reed (nephew). and Mr. A. Simmons, of Lewes.

Others present were: Mrs. Gearing, Miss M. Gearing, Miss V. Gearing, Mrs. Staplehurst, Mrs. S. Beard, Miss C. Hotston, Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Hastings.

Flowers were sent by:— Her sorrowing husband, sons and daughters; dad; mother, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; Mary, Vi, Frank, George, Ernest and Harry; Laura, Cecil, Jim and family; Polly; Grace, Harry and family; Maud and Mark; Ern, Annie and family; Millie, Harold and family; Arthur; Beattie. Fred and little Freddie; Mabel, Bill and the grandchildren; Annie, Harry and family (Newhaven); Vi and Charlie; Freddie and Donald (Lewes); Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Gearing; Mr. and Mrs. Cole and Roy; W. Osborn; Cooksbridge and Hamsey Cricket Club; Mr. and Mrs. E. Cornwell; Mr. and Mrs. Eade and family; all at 2, Elm-cottages; Mr. and Mrs. H. Simmons and family (Lewes); Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Tarrant; Mr. and Mrs. Westwood; Lottie, Mrs. Oatten, Mrs. Plummer, Mrs. Beard and Marjorie; Mr. and Mrs. Tout, Mrs. F. Staplehurst; committee of the National Deposit Friendly Society.

E135 Richard & Helena BROWN 1938, 1956

Sussex Agricultural Express - Friday 23 September 1938

MR. RICHARD BROWN

Mr. Richard Brown, of Landport Farm, Lewes, died on Wednesday, aged 70 years. Mr. Brown was a son the late Mr. John Brown, of Ditchling Court, and had spent most of his life in the Lewes district. He went to Landport in 1918 to take over the farm following the death of his uncle. He was at one time a well-known breeder of Southdown sheep. He resigned last year from the committee the Sussex Agricultural Show.

In the hunting field, Mr. Brown was familiar figure and he had hunted with the Southdown, the Brighton Foot Beagles and the Old Surrey and Burstow.

He had been married for 40 years and besides a widow, leaves two sons and four daughters. One son was a former rancher in Canada. The funeral takes place at Hamsey Old Church today (Friday) at 11am.

Sevenoaks Chronicle and Kentish Advertiser – Friday 30 September 1938

The Marquess of Abergavenny was represented by Sir Patrick McMahon at the funeral at Old Hamsey Church on Saturday of Mr. Richard Brown, a well-known Sussex farmer, of Landport Farm, Lewes

Sussex Agricultural Express - Friday 27 July 1956

LEWES RESIDENT SINCE 1896

RESIDENT of Lewes for almost 60 years, Mrs. Helena Brown, of Landport House, Lewes, died on Friday at her home after an illness which had lasted some months. She was 88. Born in Surrey, she came to Lewes in 1896 when she married the late Mr. Richard Brown at Mailing Church. In 1918 they moved to Landport House, which they farmed until the death of her husband in 1938, when her family took over management.

She leaves two sons and four daughters.

The funeral service was held at St. John's Church, Lewes, on Wednesday, and interment followed at Hamsey Old Churchyard. The Rev. A. P. Cameron (rector of St. John's) officiated.

E137 George NORMAN 1939

Sussex Agricultural Express, Friday 14 April 1939

COOKSBRIDGE FUNERAL

A native of Cooksbridge and a well-known brewer, Mr. George Norman, of Ditchling-road, Brighton, was buried at Hamsey Church on Thursday of last week. Mr. Norman carried on the brewers' business at Cooksbridge founded by his father, and on his retirement nearly 30 years ago, he went to live at Brighton. Soon after his retirement the Cooksbridge Brewery was destroyed fire. Mr. Norman had been married for nearly 60 years, and he leaves a widow and two daughters. At one time Mr. Norman was captain of the Cooksbridge Cricket Club, and for some years he was a member of the South Saxon Lodge of Oddfellows. Before the interment there was a service at St. Matthias' Church. The family mourners were: Mrs. Norman, Miss D. Norman (daughters), Mr. H. Cook, Mr. R. Cook and Mr. G. Cook (nephews).

E142 Sir Charles KENDERDINE 1936

Sussex Agricultural Express - Friday 29 May 1936

DEATH OF SIR CHARLES KENDERDINE AT COOKSBRIDGE

Sir Charles Halstaff Kenderdine, of Southdown Cottage, Cooksbridge, died on Monday, aged 69. He had lived at Cooksbridge for the past nine years, and took a keen interest in the local gymkhana. He was very fond of his beautiful garden which has been commented upon in leading horticultural circles.

Lady Kenderdine received a message of sympathy from Queen Mary on Wednesday.

Sir Charles did a great deal of work on behalf of disabled ex-Servicemen, and had raised £500,000 for their benefit. From 1917 to 1920 he was Director of Artificial Limb Supplies, and Chairman of the Advisory Council on Artificial Limbs at the Ministry of Pensions.

By means of public subscription, he raised sufficient money to purchase Roehampton House which had been founded as a hospital for limbless ex-Servicemen and was known as Queen Mary's Hospital. He was hon. secretary and treasurer of the Hospital until November, 1933, when he resigned and became a governor.

He was secretary of the Land Union from 1910 to 1917, and was created a Knight of the British Empire in 1918.

Lady Kenderdine. three sons, and a daughter are bereaved.

The funeral was at Old Hamsey Church yesterday (Thursday), conducted the Rev. R. S. H. Ward.

The mourners were: Lady Kenderdine (widow), Lieut.-Commander and Mrs. R. J. B. Kenderdine (son and daughter-in-law), Lieut.-Commander D. C. Kenderdine (son), Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Cockburn (son-in-law and daughter). Miss Iris Kenderdine (grand-daughter), Mr. R. H. Bailey, Colonel H. V. Bailey, Mr. C. V. Bailey (brothers-in-law). Major and Mrs. Stewart Morice (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Mr. Jack Kenderdine and Mr. J. V. Bailey (nephews), Mrs. Dunkin (niece).

The following members of the staff at Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton, were present: Mr. C. Maugham (chief accountant), Mrs. Fairbairn and Mr. P. Wright.

Others who attended included: Lady Monk Bretton, Commander A. V. Courage, Mr. A. McBean, Dr. R. S. Tooth, Mr. M. Clement Smith, Mr. Walter J. Hobday, Mrs. Bullock, Mrs. Sinnock, Mrs. Busk, Mr. H. Howell, Mr W. Longhurst, Mrs. Charman, Mrs. Kingscote, Miss Mary Kennard and Mrs. A. Clements.

Wreaths were from: Lady Kenderdine; Derek; Iris; Dick and Florence; Reggie and Vivian; Robin; Mr. and Mrs. Frederick A. Cockburn; Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Cockburn; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest H. H. Cockburn; Pauline. Jack and John; Dossie Betty and Peter: Minna; Brian and K. (Brian T. Dixon); Mary Nighton and Iris; Maud and John; Louisa Cuppage; Dorothy; Kathleen Viscountess Falmouth; Dowager Viscountess Harcourt; Dowager Lady Shiffner; Violet Kingscote; Harry and Allison; H. Cooper and family; George W. Spencer; Charlie and Lady Graves; Mr. and Mrs. Moncrieff Cockburn; Commander and Mrs. Courage; Commander and Mrs. Locker Lampson; C. Maugham; Jessie Fairbairn and Percy S. Wright; W. Kearney; Mrs. Stuart Hindmarsh; Walter J. Hobday; Mary Bailey and Gladys; Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Moinet; Ernest Watson; Mr. and Mrs. Llewellyn; Mr. and Mrs. Geering; Mr. Ronald Tooth; Mr. and Mrs. Montague Ellis; Mr. and Mrs. Onslow Graham; Mr. and Mrs. Marsham Townshend; C. J. Wardle, J.P.; W. M. Flagge; Mr. and Mrs. Lowndes and family; Mrs. V. C. Webster; Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Bailey; Mr. Philip A. Cohen; Miss Field-Hall; Mr. and Mrs. Noel Lloyd; the limbless ex-Servce members of the British Legion Poppy Factory, Richmond; Mrs. W. O. Scrymgeour Wedderburn; the staff, Cooksbridge. the Cooksbridge and Hamsey Cricket Club; officers and members of the Hamsey Football Club; the West End branch of the Royal Insurance Company; the committee the Queen Many Roehampton Hospital; the council and staff of the Land Union; the old Roehampton staff; Buzz and Muriel; Lady MonkBretton; Bessie and Vivian; and the Rev. R. S. H. Ward. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Carvills, Ltd., 24, High-street, Lewes.

The Lancet, May 30th 1936

The death on Monday last at Lewes of Sir Charles Halstaff Kenderdine removes one whose services rendered to the victims of the European war were of outstanding value. A well-known land agent, he was at the outbreak of war secretary of the Land Union, but when the disabled soldiers and sailors began to reach home he became the leading spirit in the care and treatment of thousands of mutilated men.

He was director of the artificial limb supplies and chairman of the advisory council on artificial limbs at the Ministry of Pensions from 1917-20; the light metal limbs which were soon devised were a substantial improvement on anything previously in use, while great attention was paid to standardizing the construction of limbs. The restoration to conditions approaching normal life of many who would previously have been doomed to hopeless crippledom was frequent and the good results of the work cannot be exaggerated.

When Queen Mary's Hospital at Roehampton was established for the reception of mutilated sailors, soldiers and airmen, Sir Charles was the main instrument in raising through public subscription sufficient money to buy Roehampton House, where the beneficent work was later extended to the civilian as well as the military disabled. Sir Charles, who was created K.B.E. in 1918, was also one of the founders of the Queen's Hospital at Sidcup where facial injuries received during the war were treated, often with sensational results. The hospital is now a convalescent centre under the dispensation of the London County Council.

E145 Elizabeth KING 1943

Sussex Agricultural Express - Friday 03 December 1943

EAST CHILTINGTON. Bereavement.

The death Mrs. Elizabeth Martha King occurred at her home, Spooners Farm, on Thursday last week. Mrs. King, who was 76 years of age, was the wife, of Mr. W. King, and her death came after a short illness. The interment took place at the Old Church, Hamsey, on Monday, the Rt. Rev , C. J G. Saunders (rector of Barcombe) officiating. Besides the widower, three sons and three daughters are bereaved.

E150 Frank CHAPLIN 1948

Sussex Express, 25 June 1948

Obituary. MR. F. L. CHAPLIN

The death occurred at Offham in the early hours of Friday of Mr. Frank Laurence Chaplin, landlord of the Blacksmith's Arms since 1925. Mr. Chaplin was 58, and was born at Woodchurch, near Ashford, Kent. He married in 1915 and went to Offham in 1925. One of his three children. Mrs. E. Fisher, returned to her home in Southern Ontario, Canada, last January after a six months' visit to her parents.

Mr. Chaplin operated taxi service in the village. He was a keen member of the Lewes branch of the Brighton and District Licensed Victuallers' Association. He was a keen gardener and took great interest in darts, tontine and slate clubs on the premises.

The funeral took place at Offham on Tuesday, the burial taking place at Hamsey. The Rev. R. H. S. Ward, Rector of Hamsey. officiated.

Mourners were Mrs. F. L. Chaplin, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chaplin (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. E. Cottington (son-in-law and daughter). Mr. and Mrs. P. Chaplin (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. S. Chaplin (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. A. Chaplin (brother), Mr. and Mrs. R. Blackford and Mr. and Mrs. F. Rubie (brothers-in-law and sisters), Mr. D. Betts (Crown Hotel. Lewes, representing Brighton Licensed Victuallers), Mr. W. Paine (representing Messrs. Page and Charrington), Mr. A. Absolum (secretary, Blacksmith's Arms Slate Club), Mr. J. Mitchell (secretary, Blacksmith's Arms Tontine Club), Mr. C. Marshall (darts captain) and Mrs. Hodgekins.

Among the floral tributes were wreaths from the Blacksmith's Arms Slate Club; "Friends of the Blacksmith Arms"; "Directors of Page and Overtons"; "members and officials of Hamsey F.C.;" "Friends in the Village"; Lewes branch, Brighton and District Licensed Victuallers' Association".

E154 Michael STURGIS 1936

Sussex Agricultural Express - Friday 31 July 1936

HAMSEY BOY'S DEATH

At the Old Church on Monday, the funeral took place of Michael Henry Sturgis, the nine-year-old twin son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sturgis, of Hamsey House. The boy was a pupil at a school at Maidenhead, and had suffered from mastoid trouble for some time, but was about as usual the day before his death, which took place on Friday.

E155 John STURGIS 1946

Sussex Agricultural Express - Friday 11 January 1946

Hamsey Resident's Death. MR. J. B. STURGIS

Many Sussex residents, particularly those living in the Lewes area, will regret to read of the death of Mr. John Bryan Sturgis, of Hamsey House, Lewes, which occurred at Lewes Victoria Hospital Wednesday, following an operation.

Mr. Sturgis, who was born in London, was 64. He came to Sussex from Hertfordshire about 20 years ago, and had resided at Hamsey House ever since. He took great interest in all local affairs, particularly those connected with Hamsey parish. He was elected member of the Chailey Rural District Council in September, 1938, taking the place of Sir George Boughey, who resigned as the representative of Hamsey, St. Anne's Without, St. John's Without and South Malling Without. He was a very useful member of the Council and for several years was chairman of the Finance Committee. As late as Saturday last he was at the Council's offices. He was taken ill on Sunday morning and was operated upon the same day.

The late Mr. Sturgis was an enthusiastic supporter of hospitals, and up to the time of his death he was chairman of the local committee of the Sussex Hospitals' Thanksgiving Appeal. Throughout the war he served as captain in the 16th (Lewes) Battalion, Sussex Home Guard, acting as Intelligence officer at Battalion headquarters, and he was responsible to the Territorial Association for all Battalion accounts. He was chairman of the Lewes Liberal Association.

He leaves a widow (Mrs. Isabel Sturgis), three sons, Capt Andrew Sturgis, Capt. John Sturgis and Mr. Timothy Sturgis, and one daughter, Mrs. A. Haines. Much sympathy has been expressed with them and his other relatives.

There will be a private cremation service in Brighton to-morrow (Saturday), and at 2.30 p.m. the same day there will be a memorial service at Offham Church.

Hamsey Loss

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MR. J. B. STURGIS

Following cremation at Brighton, a memorial service for Mr. John Bryan Sturgis, whose death at his residence, Hamsey House, Offham, on Wednesday last week at the age of 64 years, was announced in our last issue, was held at St. Peter's Church, Offham, on Saturday afternoon, the ashes later being interred at Old Hamsey Church.

The service was conducted by the Right Rev. C. J. G. Saunders (rector of Barcombe). The family mourners present were Mrs. Sturgis (widow), Captain J. R. Sturgis (son), Miss M. Ellice and Mrs. W. Ellice (sisters-in-law), Major J. Ellice (nephew), Colonel and Mrs. H. R. Sturgis (brother and sister-in-law) and Mr. C. Ellice (brother-in-law).

Among those attending the service were the following representatives of the Chailey Rural District Council, of which deceased had been a member since 1936: Colonel W. Churchill Hale (chairman), Mr. T. W. Pickard (vice-chairman, also representing the Newhaven Harbour and Ouse Navigation Trustees), the Hon. H. G. G. Pelham, Major Bradstock, Dr. R. E. Franklyn Pearse, Mr. W. L. Kenning, Mr. S. B. Richards, Major E. A. Nesbitt, Mr. A. F. Perkins (clerk), Mr. R. P. Cheale (surveyor) and Dr. G. M. Lobban (medical officer of health). The 16th Sussex (Lewes) Battalion of the Home Guard, in which Mr. Sturgis held the rank of captain and was battalion intelligence officer, was represented by the following: Lieut.-Colonel H. W. Styles (officer commanding), Lieut.-Colonel B. Whiteman, M.C. (second-in-command), Captain L. A. Downey (adjutant), Messrs. L. Winwood and J. Gosling (battalion headquarters), Mr. R. M. Botting (former Hamsey platoon commander), Lieut.-Colonel Strickland (Cavalry Squadron commander), Mr. Debenham (second-in-command, Cavalry Squadron) and Mr. R. Ravenshear ("C" Company).

Others present included Brigadier-General the Hon. A. Bussell and the Hon. Mrs. Russell, Major Claude Knight (also representing the Hon. Mrs. Knight, Lord Monk Bretton, Lady Monk Bretton, and the Chailey and district Girl Guides), Mrs. Strickland, Commander and Mrs. Courage, Captain John Brooke, Sir George and Lady Boughey, Colonel H. I. Powell Edwards, Major J. K. Cull, Alderman C. D. Crisp, Councillor W. H. Penfold (representing Lewes Liberal Association), Mr. G. C. Price (representing Seaford Liberal Association), Mr. and Mrs. T. Harper (representing Brighton and Hove Liberal Association), Mr. and Mrs. H. Durrant (representing Lewes Liberal Association and Portslade Liberal Association), Miss M. E. Stoner (representing the County Liberal Association), Mr. J. C. McLaughlin, Mr. and Mrs. P. Cadogan (also representing the Home Counties Liberal Association), Mr. F. R. Martin (chairman, representing Hamsey Parish Council), Mrs. Alec Holden (representing the New Sussex Hospital, Brighton), Mrs. Hudson (representing the Appeals Committee of the New Sussex Hospital), Mr. C. A. Reed (representing Hamsey Football Club), Mrs. Clowes (Women's Institute), Mrs. F. Thomas (representing Mr. F. Thomas and the Boy Scouts), Mrs. Paget (representing Hamsey and Cooksbridge Stoolball Club), Mr. H. J. Harland (representing Sussex Hospitals Appeal Fund), Mr. N. Howarth Hignett (representing Messrs. Wannop and Falconer, Chichester), Mrs. Parry (representing Dr. Parry), Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey Powell, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Brand, Mrs. B. W. Howe, Mrs. Bradstock, Mrs. Sole, Miss D. Lee, Mr. Phillip Lee, Mr. and Mrs. C. Elwell, Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. Fisher Rowe, Miss Burden, Mr. J. O'Hagan, Mrs. B. W. Howe, Mrs. Heather, Mrs. J. Thomas, Miss Willard, Miss Howell, Mr. E. W. Woodell, Mr. W. J. Sargeant, Mr. and Mrs. Botting, Mr. R. M. Botting, Miss

Kathleen Seymor, Mr. Phillip Loftus, Mr. H. V. M. Clark, Mrs. F. Payne, Mrs. Priestley, Miss Carroway, Mrs. Bullock, Mrs. Robins, Mr. Alan Robins, Mrs. Chaplin, Mr. and Mrs. Dickerson, Mr. and Mrs. Dedman, Mrs. Sayers, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Harman, Mrs. Eykyn, Mrs. Debenham, Mr. J. Ellis, Mrs. Dredge, Mrs. Calway, Miss Harmer, Mrs. C. Ridley and Mr. G. E. Hayward. The funeral arrangements were carried out Messrs. Carvills, of School-hill, Lewes.

E156 Mary STURGIS 1940

Sussex and Surrey Courier - Saturday 18 May 1940

THE LATE Miss M. E. Sturgis. Funeral at Hamsey.

The funeral took place at Hamsey Church on Saturday of Miss Mary E. Sturgis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sturgis, of Hamsey House, who passed away on the previous Wednesday at the age of 25. There were many evidences of the esteem in which Miss Sturgis was held and of the sympathy felt for the family in the great loss they have sustained. Miss Sturgis had led an active life for the good of others and all who came in contact with her were greatly impressed by her charm of manner and kindness of heart. She was Assistant Commandant of the Sussex 48 Detachment of the British Red Cross Society and was also in charge of the Cooksbridge Company of Girl Guides. Miss Sturgis had given much assistance at the Lewes Musical Festivals. and was connected with other organisations in the district.

The Rev. R. S. H. Ward (Rector of Hamsey) officiated, and following a service in the church the interment took place in the churchyard. The grave was lined with flowers. The chief mourners were: Mr. J. B. Sturgis (father), Lieut. Andrew Sturgis (brother), Dr. and Mrs. Temple Grey and Col. and Mrs. H. Sturgis (uncles and aunts) and Lieut. and Mrs. Horn (cousins). Mrs. J. B. Sturgis (mother), Lieut. J. Sturgis (brother) and other members of the family were unable to attend.

Among others present were: Lady Monk Bretton, Sir George Boughey, Bart., C.B.E., and Lady Boughey, Mr. Priestley, Miss E. Shiffner, Mrs. W. A. Watson, Mr. H. Botting, Col. W. Churchill Hale, O.B.E., Mr. and Mrs. Hale, Mrs. Clowes, M.B.E., (representing the Hamsey and Cooksbridge Women's institute), Mr. J. I. Blencowe, Mr. and Mrs. C. Elwell, Capt. C. H. Cotesworth, Major G. Bradstock, Dr. R. S. Tooth, Mr. and Mrs. J. Harmer, Mrs. John Lomas, Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, Miss A. Calway, Mrs. Dyer, Mrs. Hook, Mrs. Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Parsons, Mrs. A. Hyde, &c. Members of the Cooksbridge Company of Girl Guides were in attendance and the 1st Cooksbridge Troop of Boy Scouts were represented by Scoutmaster Staplehurst and Assistant Scoutmaster Burchett. Members of the Hamsey House household staff present were: Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Dickerson, Mr. Victor Dickerson, Miss Freda Dickerson, Mr. and Mrs. H. Dedman, Mr. and Mrs. Bishop and Miss Shipton.

The floral tributes bore the following inscriptions: Darling Polly, from Mum and Dad; dear Polly, with love, from Andrew and John; dear Polly, with love, from Margaret and Tom; in loving remembrance, from Ruth and Peggy Roberts; with deepest sympathy, Elsie Lady Shiffner; with deepest sympathy, from Admiral and Mrs. Beamish; with deepest sympathy, from the Misses Harmer; in kind remembrance and sympathy, from the 1st Cooksbridge Boy Scouts; with love and sympathy from Commander and Mrs. A. V. Courage (Offham); with very much sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Edwards and family (Lewes); with deepest sympathy, from Major and Mrs. G. D. Tidmarsh and Belinda (Lewes); with all love and deepest sympathy, Rosabelle; in kind remembrance, from the Hamsey and Cooksbridge

Stoolball Club; with all our deepest sympathy, S. V. Nott and the girls; in affectionate remembrance, from Johnnie, Madge and Geoffrey; with love and sympathy, from us all, Col. and Mrs. W Churchill Hale and family; to Polly, with our love, from Tom, Theodore, Annie and Jenny Fisher, with love and deep regret, from Violet and May; with love and deepest sympathy, from Lady Monk Bretton; to dear Polly, with love, from Hermia, Camilla, John, Anne and Richard; with deepest sympathy, from G. Lister; with love and deep sympathy, from George and Ursula Bradstock: in affectionate remembrance, from Miss Shiffner and Miss Eleanor Shiffner; with deepest sympathy, from Col. and Mrs. Patrick Stewart; with our sympathy and love, Gen. and Mrs. Arthur Watson; with love from us all, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Elwell and family; with affectionate remembrance, Lewes and District Guiders and Committee; in loving memory and sincere sympathy, from the Hamsey and Cooksbridge Women's Institute; with love and in remembrance, from Mrs. F. W. Woods, Kenneth and Maureen; from the Moinet family, with love; with deepest sympathy, from Bill and Barbara; with very deepest sympathy, from the Lewes Musical Festival; in remembrance and sincere sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. J G. Harmer and family; with sympathy, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Botting; in affectionate remembrance, from Rhona Byron; with our deepest sympathy, John and Margaret Lomas; with our deepest sympathy, from Desmond, Barbara and Mary Vincent Jones; with our love, Mrs. A. A. Baines and Miss Mabel Baines; with our very sincere sympathy. Dr. and Mrs. Ronald Tooth; with love and affectionate remembrance, from Col. and Mrs. Powell Edwards, A. Powell Edwards and I. Prescott; to dear Polly, from N. and E. M. B.; with deepest sympathy, from Bill and Kitty; from Nan and Robert; dear Polly, from Elisabeth, Teddy, Robin and John, Alan, Joane, Harry and Sandy; in memory, Tony and Vivien Powell Edwards; with love, Betty and Walter Browning; in remembrance of Miss Polly, from Mary and Millie; with very deep sympathy. from Guy and Edith Baxendale and family; happy memories, the Rev. R. H. S. Ward; from Aunt Mary and Uncle "Ginger"; with sincere sympathy and deepest regret, Miss Kenward; in memory, Humphrey and Sybil; with deepest sympathy, from all of us, Mrs. David H. M. Boyle; in fondest remembrance, Jean, Pam and George; to dear Miss Polly, from Nannie; from your godson, Patrick; with deepest sympathy, M. Rowan; Polly, with love, Uncle Temple and Aunt Tine; from Olive and "Copper"; with deepest sympathy, from Capt. Cotesworth; in happy and grateful memory of our beloved Captain, from her Guides at Cooksbridge; with deepest sympathy, Mrs. E. J. Nixon and Miss Daphne Nixon; with deepest sympathy, Mr. and Mrs. Horace C. Debenham; with much love and deepest sympathy, from Philip and Phillis Loftus; Aunt Blanche and Humphrey; in loving and affectionate remembrance, from the officers and members, V.A.D. Detachment, Sussex 48; from Cecilia and Aline; from Harry and Violet; in loving remembrance, from Victor and Freda Dickerson; in kind remembrance and with deepest sympathy, from the indoor and outdoor staff of Hamsey House; with deepest sympathy, from Charlie and Rachael; with deepest sympathy, from Gen. and Rosemary Beale-Browne; in loving remembrance, from Percy, George. Dorothy and Eva Bishop; in loving and grateful remembrance, from the 1st Cooksbridge Brownies; with deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Grinnell Milne.

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HAMSEY CHURCH MEMORIAL WINDOW DEDICATED

Rarely has such a large congregation of young people been seen at Hamsey Church as the one which gathered there last Sunday to witness the dedication of a memorial window to Miss Mary Sturgis, by the Rector Barcombe (Bishop C. J. G. Saunders).

Members came from the British Red Cross (Sussex 48 Detachment) and from all the Lewes and district Girl Guide Companies, by whom the window was presented, as well as many

others from the neighboring parishes. Some had to stand through lack of room. It was an impressive moment when, following the Bishop in his cape and mitre, the six colour parties moved up the aisle.

The service was conducted the Rector (the Rev. S. H. Ward) and the congregation joined heartily in singing the well-known hymns.

The Bishop in his address drew attention to the ancient building, which thought many of those present had not seen before. He said they did not keep old things unless they were good and worth while, and theirs was Inheritance to pass on to those coming after. They were preserving in the new window something old, the glass was found by the late Mr. J. Sturgis in the churchyard and belonged to the 14th century. He paid tribute to Miss Sturgis who had worked hard in the Red Cross and also as captain of the Cooksbridge and 6th Lewes Guide Companies.

The collection in aid of the church restoration fund, was taken up by a member of the local detachment and by the Lieutenant of the 6th Lewes Company of Guides.

Among those present were Mrs. Sturgis, Mr. A. Sturgis and Mr. W. Sturgis; Lady Monk Breton (president of the Lewes Guides' Association); Mrs. Turner Inman (vice-president); Mrs. H. Sturgis (deputy president of the British Red Cross Society); Miss Adkin (vice-president), Miss Uridge (division secretary); Elsie Lady Shiffner and Miss Shiffner; Colonel and Mrs. Strickland; Colonel H. Sturgis; Mrs. Priestley (division commissioner of Guides, Lewes); Miss Dickinson (assistant division commissioner); Miss Thomas (district commissioner); Miss Ackerley (district secretary); Miss Wood (district captain); Mrs. F. Dickinson, Miss Baines, Miss Fanshawe, Mrs. Howe, Mrs. J. Ward and Miss Elliot.

E157 Eleanor SHIFFNER 1953

Sussex Agricultural Express - Friday 31 July 1953

Death Of Miss E. I. Shiffner

WELL-KNOWN for her work in connection with the Women's Institute movement, Miss Eleanor Isabella Shiffner, died on Monday at her home, Toll Cottage, Offham, aged 84. During the First World War Miss Shiffner started the Women's Institute market at Lewes and for more than 30 years was its secretary.

The youngest daughter the late Rev. Sir George Croxton Shiffner, Bart., a former rector of Hamsey, Miss Shiffner was born at Coombe, Offham. She was sister-in-law of the Dowager Lady Shiffner.

In her younger days Miss Shiffner was a keen sportswoman, and took great interest in nature study and gardening. She had lived at Toll Cottage for about nine years. The funeral service will be held at Offham Church today at 2.30 p.m., and internment will follow at Hamsey Church.

E158 Elizabeth SHIFFNER 1944

Sussex Express Friday 23 June 1944

DEATH OF MISS E. F. SHIFFNER

At Hamsey Old Church on Monday the funeral took place of Miss Elizabeth Frances Shiffner, of The Wallands. Lewes, who died on the previous Wednesday at the age of 81. Miss Shiffner was the third daughter of the late Rev. Sir George C. Shiffner, Bart., of Coombe Place, who succeeded his father as rector of Hamsey, the latter being also rector of St. Anne's, Lewes. The late Miss Shiffner was at one time organist at the church. She was a noted carnation grower and took many prizes at the Chelsea show.

The funeral service was conducted by Canon E. Griffiths. The family mourners were: Miss E. Shiffner (sister), Mr. G. B. Shiffner (brother), the Hon. Mrs. Pelham, Miss M. B. Shiffner and Mm. B. Tidmarsh (nieces), and Elsie Lady Shiffner (sister-in-law). Also present were: Sir William Gowers, Dr. A. Ridsdale, Dr. M. L. C. Irvine, Commander and Mrs. Courage, Mrs. J. Sturgis. Mr. and Mrs. J. Harmer. Mr. M. Allwood, Mr. and Mrs. C. Elwell, Mrs. Clowes, Mr. Chatfield. Miss M. Buckman. Mrs. Holman and Mr. Harry Hall (representing the Lewes Women's Institute market). The funeral arrangements were under the direction of Messrs. Caleb Mitchell, Ltd., of School-hill, Lewes.

E159 Major Gerard TIDMARSH 1944

Sussex Express — 17 November 1944

Death of Major G. D. Tidmarsh. SOLDIER, ARTIST AND SPORTSMAN

The burial took place on Monday at Old Hamsey Churchyard of Major Gerard David Tidmarsh, M.C., who died suddenly at the age of 55 at Upper Burrells, East Chiltington, on Thursday last week.

E162 Edwin FISHER 1947

Sussex Express and County Herald - Friday 31 January 1947

DEATH OF MR. EDWIN FISHER. CHAIRMAN OF BARCLAYS BANK

Many Sussex residents, particularly those in the Lewes district, regretted to learn of the sudden death of Mr Edwin Fisher, of Barleys, Offham, which occurred on Monday night, at the age of 63.

He had a distinguished career, being best known perhaps as chairman of Barclays Bank. Many in Sussex will remember that in 1943-44 he was High Sheriff of the County. On Monday evening he was a guest at dinner given by the King and Queen at Buckingham Palace, prior to their departure for South Africa.

The late Mr. Fisher was the youngest son of Mr. H. W. Fisher, Vice-Warden of the Stannaries, and was brother of H. A. L. Fisher, the eminent historian, also of Charles Fisher, student of Christ Church, Oxford, and of Admiral Sir William Wordsworth Fisher. He was educated at Clifton College. He was first destined for the legal profession and served his articles with Hills and Halsey, solicitors, of Lincoln's Inn Fields, but in 1908 he entered Barclay and Co.,

Limited, as assistant secretary. Three years later, while still under 30 years of age, he became secretary.

During the 1914-18 war he served first the 3rd King's Own Hussars and later with the 1st Life Guards and the 1st Life Guards Battalion of the Machine-gun Guards, in which he held the rank of captain. In 1930 he was appointed a local director of Barclays Bank Birmingham, and in 1925 he returned to the head office as a general manager, a position which he relinquished when, in May, 1932, he was elected to a seat on the board and appointed vice-chairman. In October, 1934, he became deputy chairman, and on the retirement of the late Mr. W. Favill Tuke in October, 1936, he succeeded to the chairmanship of the bank, a position he held up to the time of his death.

Apart from his business activities, the late Mr. Fisher interested himself in and performed much good work in many other directions. For some time he had been hon. treasurer of St. Dunstan's. He was also greatly interested in cancer research, and was a member of the Finance Committee of the British Red Cross Society.

In 1920 he married Theodora Cecilia, eldest daughter of Mr. J. F. Hess, and there is one son and one daughter. Mrs. Fisher, who is a member of the Lewes Bench of Magistrates, is actively connected with many local organisations, and much sympathy has been expressed with her and the other members of the family in their great loss. The funeral service took place at St. Anne's Church, Lewes, yesterday (Thursday) afternoon, and the interment followed at Old Hamsey.

E163 Albert GEARING 1948

Sussex Agricultural Express – Friday 16 July 1948

MR. A. E. GEARING

The death occurred on Saturday after a long and painful illness, of Mr. Albert Edward Gearing, of 7 Cooksbridge-cottages, Offham. He was 61.

Mr. Gearing was the youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Gearing, of Lewes, and was proprietor of Offham Filling Station. He took great interest in local sport, being a vice-president of Hamsey Football and Cooksbridge Cricket Clubs.

He leaves a widow, four sons and two daughters.

The funeral service took place at Offham Church on Wednesday, and the interment followed at Hamsey Churchyard, the Rev. R. S. H. Ward officiating. Owing to indisposition, the widow was unable to attend.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. Muddell, of Lewes.

E166 Alice BROOKS 1958

Sussex Agricultural Express - Friday 07 November 1958

MRS. A. M. BROOKS

Mrs. Alice Maud Brooks, of 2, Council-Cottages, Cooksbridge, who died in Lewes Victoria Hospital on Friday, was buried at Hamsey Old Church on Wednesday, the Rev. J. G. V. Strangways (rector) officiating.

Mourners were Mr. F. W. Brooks (widower), Miss B. M. Brooks (daughter), Mr. J. Brooks (brother-in-law), Mrs. Starkey (sister-in-law), Mrs. Harland and Mrs. Kent (nieces). Also present were Miss Morrison, Mrs. F. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Penrose, Mrs. Chatfield, Mrs. Jefferies, Mrs. G. Jenner, Mrs. Taylor, Mr. G. Townsend, Mrs. Packham, Mrs. Underdown, and the following representatives of Chailey and District Old Folk's Club (of which Mrs. Brooks was a member), which sent a wreath: Mr. and Mrs. Penrose, Mrs. Jefferies and Mrs. Chatfield.

Arrangements were by Mr. F. Brooks, Newick.

E167 Martha TURNER 1953

Sussex Agricultural Express - Friday 04 September 1953

MRS. M. TURNER

The funeral of Mrs. Martha Turner, of 26, Ditchling-road, Offham, took place at Hamsey Old Church, on Thursday last week, the Rector, the Rev. R. S. H. Ward, officiating. Mrs Turner, who died on the previous Monday, aged 55, was born at Hastings and lived at Hurstpierpoint for several years. She was the wife of Mr E. R. Turner.

The immediate mourners were the widower, Mr. J. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Turner, and R. Turner, Mr. R. D. Turner, and Mr. B. G. Turner (sons and daughters-in-law), the Misses T. R. and J. M. Turner (daughters), Mr. T. Turk, Mr. F.J. Turk and Mr. J. E. Turk (brothers), Mrs. H. Crowhurst and Mrs. A. Jones (sisters), Mrs. J. Merritt, Mrs. D. Sexton and Mrs. W. Read (sisters-in-law), Miss W. Jones, Mrs. F. Jones (nieces), Mrs. W. Backhouse (cousin), Mr. and Mrs. J. Braysher, Miss Elliott, Miss Slater, Mrs. T Wallace, and Mrs. Mayo. Among the many floral tributes were those from Cooksbridge Social Club and Lewes and District Old Tyme Dance Club, of which Mrs Turner was a member.

E169 William WHEATLEY 1953

Sussex Agricultural Express - Friday 18 September 1953

MR. W. E. WHEATLEY

The funeral took place at Hamsey Old Church yesterday (Thursday) of Mr. William Edward Wheatley, aged 61, of 12 Council-cottages, Cooksbrldge.

Mr. Wheatley, who died on Saturday, leaves four daughters, two sons and six grandchildren. Before the burial at Hamsey a service was held at Offham Church. The mourners were: Mr. W. Wheatley (son), Mr. and Mrs. C. Wheatley (son and daughter-in-law), Miss A. Wheatley (daughter), Mr. and Mrs. S. Milsom and Mr. and Mrs. J. Mile (sons-in-law and daughters), Mr. and Mrs. G. Wheatley (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. J Smart (brother-in-law and sister), the Misses Wheatley (sisters), and Mr. and Mrs. Verral (friends).

E170 George SHARP 1950

Sussex Agricultural Express - Friday 17 February 1950

MR. G. A. SHARP

A popular figure of Hamsey, Mr. George Albert Sharp, of Gate House, Hamsey Crossing, Lewes, died on Wednesday last week, aged 53. He had been the railway crossing keeper for seven years at Hamsey after working at Pyecombe. He began his railway career at the age of 16 at Brighton.

The funeral took place on Saturday at Hamsey Church, the service being conducted by the Rector (the Rev. R. S. H. Ward). Interment followed in the churchyard.

The principal mourners included Mrs. E. Sharp (widow), Mr. and Mrs. E. Ridley and Mr. and Mrs. L. Penfold (sons-in-law and daughters), Miss R. Sharp (daughter), Mrs M. Sharp (mother), Mrs. R. Paine (sister), Mr. and Mrs. R. Sharp (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. L. Godden (brother-in-law), Mrs. L. Sturt and Mrs. E. Shephard (sisters-in-law), Mr C. Godden (brother-in-law) and Mrs Godden.

Representatives of the British Railways who attended included Messrs. G. Harris, J. Page, G. Arkwell and Morgan. Others attending included Councillor and Mrs. W. H. Penfold, Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. W Strickland, Mr. and Mrs. R. Kirby and Mrs. A. Hyde.

E172 Derek HUNNISETT 2011

Published in The Argus on 31st March 2011

DEREK RUSSELL HUNNISETT OBE. DL. MA. (Cantab.) Died peacefully at home on Sunday March 27th 2011, aged 79 years. Loving son of the late Charles and Elsie Hunnisett. Beloved husband of Ellen. Thoughtful, loving and generous father of Geraldine, Caroline, Lindy, Richard, Katy and Clem and happy loving grandfather, friend to many, sportsman, philanthropist, missed by all who knew him.

Funeral service at St. Peter's Church, Offham, East Sussex, BN7 3PX on Friday 8th April 2011 at 12.45 p.m. followed by private interment. Family flowers only please but donations if desired for the Martlets Hospice may be sent to Nigel Dengate Funeral Service, 4/6 Montefiore Road, Hove, BN3 1RD. Tel. 01273 204410.

Sussex Express, Saturday 16 April 2011

DEDICATED Sussex charity worker Derek Russell Hunnisett has died peacefully at his home near Lewes after a short illness. He was 79.

The passing of the sportsman, philanthropist and businessman was described as a "sad day" for Sussex.

Mr Hunnisett, of Beechwood Lane, Cooksbridge, was the former chairman of the Hanningtons department store in Brighton.

He was a deputy Lord Lieutenant for East Sussex and was awarded an OBE in 2007 for his services to charity.

He was involved with Sussex charities for more than 40 years, including The Argus Appeal and the Martlets Hospice in Hove, where he was a director for several years.

Mr Hunnisett was also a member of the development council of the University of Sussex and a supporter of the Brighton and Sussex Medical School.

He started his career as a barrister and became involved in buying property in London with his father Charles.

In the 1960s he diversified into retailing and when the famous Hanningtons store hit financial trouble he stepped in. The store traded successfully until 2001.

He was a lover of astronomy, a black belt in judo, a racehorse owner and a steward at Brighton Racecourse for more than 20 years.

Mr Hunnisett's family said in a statement: "We are absolutely devastated to have lost a loving husband and devoted father. We shall miss him desperately.

"He was also a much-respected philanthropist and supportive of local issues and local people."

Martlets Hospice chairman Roger French said: "We owe him a huge debt of gratitude over the years. He will be very much missed.

"He was a very unassuming man who did a huge amount behind the scenes."

Peter Field, the Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex, said: "Derek was a great philanthropist and a terrific supporter of institutions like the University of Sussex.

"He was very quiet about what he did but he supported many local charities and I was delighted when he was awarded the OBE for services to charity."

Mr Hunnisett leaves a widow, Ellen, and six children, Geraldine, Caroline, Lindy, Richard, Katy and Clem.

The funeral service takes place today (Friday) at St Peter's Church, Offham (12.45pm).

Family flowers only, but donations if desired for the Martlets Hospice can be sent to Nigel Dengate Funeral Service, 4/6 Montefiore Road, Hove, BN3 1RD.

E176 Frank THOMAS 1966

Sussex Express – May 1966

Well-known Sussex Farmer

Member of a family who have farmed Tulleys Wells Farm, Hamsey [Cooksbridge], for over 127 years, Mr. Frank Thomas died in Lewes Victoria Hospital on Saturday aged 72. Born at the farm Mr. Thomas lived there for nearly 70 years until he went into retirement about three years ago. Like his forebears, Mr. Thomas was known to Sussex farmers for miles around and was a popular personality.

Now another generation of the Thomas family is farming Tulleys Wells Farm. Mr. G. R. Thomas, third son of Mr. Frank Thomas, took over when his father retired and went to live at Novington Cottages, Plumpton.

For about 10 years Mr. Frank Thomas also farmed Hackman's Farm, Plumpton, now taken over by another son, Mr. R. B. Thomas.

For many years Mr. Frank Thomas was a member of Lewes branch of the National Farmers Union. He was also for many years a member of HAMsey Parish Council and was at one time chairman.

In his younger days he was a keen cricketer and played for Cooksbridge and Plumpton. During the first world war Mr. Thomas served in the Sussex Yeomanry and saw service in Gallipoli and France.

The funeral took place yesterday (Thursday) at Offham Church.

E1E189 Airion MORGAN 1958

Sussex Agricultural Express - Friday 26 December 1958

Collapsed In Train After Day's Work

RETURNING from after a day's work as a relief porter during the Christmas rush at Brighton Station on Wednesday, 51-year old Mr. Airion Morgan, of Cartref, Hamsey, collapsed in a train and died later at the Lewes Victoria Hospital.

Mr. Morgan collapsed soon after leaving Brighton, and did not leave the train at Lewes. It was not until the train had reached Polegate on its return journey from Ore to Brighton that a railway official discovered him. He was taken from the train at Lewes. Mr. Morgan joined the railway service in 1936, in the Engineer's Department (Brighton area), and in 1948 was transferred to Plumpton as relief porter.

Mr. Morgan leaves a widow, three sons and four daughters.

FUNERAL SERVICE

The funeral took place at Offham Church on Monday, the Rector (the Rev. J. G. V. Strangways) officiating. Burial took place at Hamsey Church.

Those present were: Mrs. A. Morgan (widow), Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Morgan, Mr. A. T. Morgan (sons and daughters-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. P. Greenfield, Mr. and Mrs. C. Greenfield, Mrs. P. Mulvaney, Miss G. Morgan (daughters and sons-in-law), Mr. R. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. H. Morgan (brothers and sister-in-law), Mrs. M. Bibey, Mrs. V. Morton (sisters), Mrs. G. John, Mrs. P. Smith (sisters-in-law), Mr. P. Smith, Mrs. N. Darlington (Swan Inn, Chailey) and Mr. F. Johnson and Mr. J. Johnson (representing the Swan Inn darts team). Representing British Railways were Mr. R. I. C. Hunt (Plumpton stationmaster, also representing Mr. W. C. Collins, district traffic superintendent for Redhill), Mr. J. H. Barnwell (Lewes stationmaster), Mr. J. Nash, Mr. F. Armitage, Mr. S. Falconer, Mr. M. Seivey, Mr. G.

Buick, Mr. L. Herriott, Mr. W. Herriott, Mr. C. W. West, Mr. W. Finlan, Mr. H. Johnson, Mr. P. Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wares.

E193 WILLIAM ROBERT WING

Offham church newsletter, December 1991

Many people will remember Mr Bill Wing who died very recently at the age of 87 and was buried in Hamsey Churchyard on November 5th. Mr Wing worked on the railways for 41 years and lived for many years in Cooksbridge, first in Railway Cottages and later at Little Mead. We extend our sympathy to his daughter, Mrs Gillian Honeywood, and her family.

E211 Major Claude KNIGHT 1993

Offham church newsletter

1994 Claude Knight, buried November 26th 1993 Major Knight was well known to a wide range of Sussex people both through his work for the Conservative Party and through his interest in all things connected with farming and the land. He farmed for many years at Lower Stoneham and although he and his wife, Priscilla, [daughter of Lord Monk Bretton] retired to Birch Grove and finally to a nursing home in Balcombe, he never lost his love for Hamsey Church. *Derek Bastide.*

E211 Priscilla KNIGHT 1995

Offham church newsletter

It is sad to note the death of Mrs Priscilla Knight who died on Easter Day 1995 at Balcombe Place and was buried in Hamsey Churchyard. Brought up at Conyboro [she was the daughter of Lord Monk Bretton] , she lived with her husband, Major Claude Knight, in the area for many years. *Derek Bastide.*

E212 Alice NEWMAN 1992

Offham church newsletter, 1992

Alice Newman (Chandlers Mead) The death of Mrs Alice Newman on September 20th came as a great shock to us all. She was an excellent neighbour and friend and a devoted and much loved mother. There was a very large congregation in St Peter's Church for her funeral on September 29th. Our prayers are with Ted and Irene and Margaret and her five grandchildren. May she rest in peace. The death of Mrs Alice Newman on September 20th 1992 came as a great shock to us all. She was an excellent neighbour and friend and a devoted and much loved mother. There was a very large congregation in St Peter's Church for her funeral on September 29th. Our prayers are with Ted and Irene and Margaret and her five grandchildren. May she rest in peace.

E214 Catherine BILTON 1992

Offham church newsletter

Mrs Catherine Bilton. Everyone was stunned by the death of Catherine and the affection and regard in which she was held was demonstrated by the huge congregation at her funeral in St Peter's Church, Offham on November 29th. Not only were there family members and large numbers of parishioners, but orchid growers came from all over the country. Catherine and Raymond have been at McBeans for thirty years, consolidating and extending its worldwide reputation. During that time Catherine was a very active parent at both Hamsey Primary School and at Chailey Comprehensive School. In the parish she had been a Deanery Synod member and was a member of the Parochial Church Council, the Choir and was deeply involved in the work of the Sunday School. May she rest in peace. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ray and Fiona. *Derek Bastide*

E215 Frederick TAYLOR 1988

Offham church newsletter

Mr Frederick Taylor of Flint Cottage, Offham, died on April 30th. Mr Taylor first came to Offham in 1936 at the time when Mr & Mrs Fisher were building Barleys (now Mount Harry House). Mr Taylor was groom to Mr Fisher until Mr Fisher's death, when he became gardener. Mr & Mrs Taylor remained after Mr & Mrs Renton bought the estate and after retirement continued to live in Flint Cottage. In the address at the funeral service on May 5th, Mr Renton decried Mr Taylor as a truly gentle-man, respected by all who knew him. Our sympathy goes to Mrs Taylor and Peter. May he rest in peace. *Derek Bastide*

E216 Dennis NORMAN 1988

Offham church newsletter

Dennis Norman, who had been cowman at Hamsey for many years died on November 16th, only three weeks after the discovery of cancer. Our sympathy goes out to his wife, Margaret,, and to Mark, Philip, Robert and Tina. Dennis was buried at Hamsey. May he rest in peace.

E217 Albert KNELLER 1987

Offham church newsletter

Mr. A. Kneller of Little Mead, Cooksbridge, died on October 1st after a short illness. He had lived in Cooksbridge for more than seventy five years and had spent all his working life at the timberyard. He had been involved in many sporting activities in the village but was perhaps best known for his pigeons. Our sympathies go to his family. May he rest in peace.

E218 Richard CANNON 1987

Offham church newsletter

The death of Dick Cannon of Coombe Place on November 24th came as a great shock to many people. A well-known and popular figure in Sussex, Mr. Cannon was particularly noted in agricultural circles and for his work for the Victoria Hospital. He was also a strong supporter of St. Peter's Church, always there in his accustomed pew. A very large congregation of villagers and of people from all over the country gathered for his funeral on November 28th. May he rest in peace. Our sympathies and prayers go to Mrs. Cannon and her two daughters.

E219 Audrey DEBENHAM 1986

Offham church newsletter

Audrey Evelyn (known widely as Topsey) Debenham died on June 10th. For the past few years she had lived at Allington Lodge, but prior to that she was at The Old Rectory, Hamsey (now known as Hamsey Manor). Her funeral service was in Hamsey Church on June 13th, followed by burial in the churchyard. Our deep sympathy goes to Horrie Debenham, to their five children and their families. May she rest in peace.

E219 Horace DEBENHAM

Offham church newsletter

Mr Horace Debenham of Allington Lodge and formerly of the Old Rectory (now Hamsey Manor) died on October 16th. A strong supporter of both church and village over many years, he will be much missed. There was a very large congregation at his funeral service in Hamsey Church. May he rest in peace.

E220 George WALTER 1986

Offham church newsletter

George Walter of Chandlers Mead dies on June 2nd. His funeral service at Offham Church was attended by a large number of friends and relatives. He was buried at Hamey. Our deep sympathy goes to Mrs. Walter and their three children and their families. May he rest in peace.

E220 Lottie WALTER 1991

Offham church newsletter

Mrs Lottie Walter died on August 18th in the Royal Sussex County Hospital after a short illness. A popular resident, Mrs Walter had lived in Chandlers Mead for many years and before that on Resting Oak Hill. There was a large crowd at her funeral in Offham Church on August 23rd. *Derek Bastide*

E224 Norah CORNWELL 1987

Offham church newsletter

Norah Winifred Cornwell. Mrs. Cornwell's death in February came as a great shock, especially as she had been making such a good recovery. She came to Sussex from Oxfordshire in 1922 as a young girl to work for a family in Wallands Crescent, Lewes. She then moved to Hamsey, to work for the Reeves at Hamsey Lodge, where she met her husband who worked there part-time as a gardener. After their marriage in 1927 they lived first at Holman's Bridge, Barcombe, before moving to the Chalk Pit Inn where Mr. Cornwell senior was the landlord. The family moved to 2 Offham in 1939 so as to get some more space for the three growing children, Peter, Joan and Pat. Mr. and Mrs. Cornwell lived there until his death in 1983. It was from here that the local newspapers were distributed. Mrs. Cornwell's work for the Victoria Hospital is recorded elsewhere in this newsletter. Known to so very many people, it was not surprising that a large number was present at her funeral. Pat, her younger daughter, flew over from Canada and her son, Peter, gave a very moving address. As he put it, "Her love and generosity flowed to all those fortunate enough to know her". May she rest in peace.

E235 Hilda HEAL 1993

Offham church newsletter

Mrs. Heal first became known to us when her daughter, Christine Glover, moved to Cooksbridge with her family nine years ago [1984]. Although she retained her flat in Brighton Hilda spent most weekends in Cooksbridge and was a tremendous asset to parish activities. In the last few months failing health forced her to move permanently to Chris's home. A person of considerable determination, Hilda kept to herself the extent of her illness over the years. She will be remembered for her warm personality and unflinching elegance. She is very much missed.

E249 Sir Neil WHEELER 2009

Telegraph 13 Jan 2009

Air Chief Marshal Sir Neil Wheeler GCB, CBE, DSO, DFC, AFC (deceased)
Air Chief Marshal Sir Neil Wheeler, who died on January 9 aged 91, enjoyed an outstanding wartime career – at the time of his death he was the RAF's most highly-decorated officer – and later made a notable contribution to the British aerospace industry.

An ex-Cranwell entrant who had graduated in 1937, Wheeler had served in Bomber Command before the war. In 1940 he joined the Photographic Development Unit at Heston pioneering photographic reconnaissance, flying unarmed Spitfires deep into enemy territory. In November 1942 he was just completing his OTU on Beaufighters when the posting arrived to 236 Squadron and the North Coates Wing shortly after its first disastrous strike attack on 28th November 1942. Wheelers review and revision of the tactics involved in Strike Wing

attacks, and the intensive training program he introduced, were to prove critical to the success of the whole concept. On 18th April 1943, Wheeler led the North Coates Wing in its first successful attack, on a German convoy off IJmuiden. Leading the Wing until September 1944, Neil Wheeler went on to hold high command in the post-war RAF. Sadly, Neil Wheeler died on 9th January 2009.

Neil (Nebby) Wheeler joined the Squadron in July 1937 at Worthy Down when it was equipped with Fairey Gordons. He became Adjutant in September 1937, taking over from Sandy Lane. In turn he handed over to Tom Bingham-Hall in September 1938. He became a Flight Commander at Cranfield in October 1939 after Bertie Hoare's accident.

The Squadron had moved to Cranfield on 26th August 1939 but returned to Cottesmore on 9th December 1939 after the surface at Cranfield had become a quagmire. He was also a Flight Commander in 12 OTU at Benson, into which the Squadron was absorbed in April 1940.

From late 1940 to early 1942 he was with the PRU at Heston, by which time he was Squadron Commander. A serious accident as a passenger in a car meant a period in a Staff job in the Directorate of Naval Co-operation at Air Ministry. In November 1942 he took command of the North Coates Strike Wing, leading 236 Squadron (Beaufighters). Following a Staff Course in August 1943 he was told he could not return to operations and was sent to the US Command & General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth; Cabinet Office jobs followed.

Post-war appointments included OC Kuala Lumpur and Marham (1951, when 207 were there on Washingtons), Assistant Commandant Cranwell (1957), OC Laarbuch (1959), ADC to HM The Queen (1957-61), Commander Far East Air Force (1969-70), Air Chief Marshal and Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff 1972 (David Dick was one of his AVMs). Nebby retired as Air Chief Marshal Sir Neil Wheeler GCB CBE DSO DFC* AFC FRAeS in January 1976. He has also been a Director of Rolls Royce and a non-executive director of Flight Refuelling. In 1999 he provided the foreword to the History of 207 Squadron, Always Prepared by John Hamlin.

Sadly, Neil Wheeler died on 9th January 2009.

Sir Neil Wheeler married, in 1942, Elizabeth Weightman, then a WAAF officer serving as a photographic interpreter. She survives him with their two sons and a daughter.

H01 Margaret HARMER 1955

Sussex Agricultural Express - Friday 01 July 1955

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MISS M. E. HARMER

Miss Margaret Elizabeth Harmer, who died at 37, The Avenue, Lewes, on Saturday, aged 84, had lived in in Mill-lane, Offham, until 12 years ago when she moved to Lewes.

In her early days she was a Sunday school teacher at Offham. She was appointed hon. treasurer of Hamsey and Cooksbridge Women's Institute on its formation and held the office

continuously for over 30 years. The funeral service at Offham Church on Tuesday was followed interment Hamsey Old Church, the Rev. R. S. H. Ward officiating.

The Immediate mourners were Mr. H. Harmer and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Harmer (brothers and 1 sister-in-law), Mr. J. K. Harmer and Mr. and Mrs. R. Eykyn (nephews and niece), Mr. L. Holman and Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Holman (cousins), and Mr. D. A. K. Burtenshaw.

H02 Christina HARMER 1958

Sussex Agricultural Express - Friday 25 July 1958

Complaint Over Condition Of Section Of High Street

BY INQUEST WITNESS

A COMPLAINT about the condition of a section of Lewes High-street was made at a Lewes inquest on Wednesday.

The inquest was on Mrs. Christina Harmer, aged 77, of Cooksbridge House, Cooksbridge, who died in Lewes Victoria Hospital on Tuesday following a fall in the High-street opposite Morrish's draper's shop. Death was due to a pulmonary condition caused by a broken femur. The coroner for East Sussex, Dr. A. C. Sommerville, recorded a verdict of "Death by misadventure".

John Kenward Harmer, of Mill-Lane, Offham, Mrs. Harmer's son, said the road where his mother fell was in a bad condition. It was very slippery, due to a steep camber. He understood the road had been dug up and had not been properly mended.

Mr. Harmer said the late Colonel C. D. Crisp broke a leg in the same spot a few years ago.

The Coroner said he would act on a request by Mr. Harmer that Lewes Town Council should be approached on the matter.

Mr. Frederick John Trigwell, of 19, Mount Harry-road, Lewes, said that on June 19 he saw Mrs. Harmer crossing the High-street opposite Morrish's shop. When he looked again she was lying in the road with one leg doubled up underneath her. The road was clear and there was nothing in the road which could have tripped her over.

Dr. R. D. Rutherford stated that Mrs. Harmer was admitted to Brighton General Hospital with a fractured right femur. On July 2 she was transferred to Victoria Hospital, Lewes, where she died on Tuesday.

For many years Mrs. Harmer was hon. Secretary of Chailey and District Nursing Association, for whom she did very valuable work. She was a member of Hamsey Parochial Church Council and a member of Hamsey and Cooksbridge Women's Institute.

A resident of Cooksbridge all her life, Mrs. Harmer was the daughter of the late Mr. John Kenward, of Hamsey Place, who farmed for many years in the district.

A very active type of person, she and her husband, Mr. John George Harmer, recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Mrs. Harmer leaves a widower, one son and a daughter.

H05 Katherine HARMER 1995

Offham church newsletter, October 1995

It was with very great sadness that we heard of the death of Katherine Harmer, the baby daughter of Justin and Susan, in the Royal Sussex County Hospital on September 14th aged only two days. Our deepest sympathy goes to Justin and Susan at this time.

CR021 Canon Ray NEWNHAM 1994

Offham church newsletter, April 1994

I have had news from Mrs Edith Newman about Canon Ray Newman, who was Rector here from 1976-1983. Ray has unfortunately had both legs amputated and is now permanently settled in Gifford House, a nursing home for disabled ex-serviceman in Boundary Road, Worthing. Although frail, he has a motorised wheelchair and is able to exercise an informal ministry among his fellow patients. Edith, herself, is now well recovered from her illness and is still in the bungalow to which they retired in South Lancing.

Offham church newsletter, January 1995

Canon Newham

Very many in the parish will be sad to hear of the death on December 31st 1994 of Canon Ray Newham who was Rector here from 1976 to 1983. Canon Newham retired with his wife, Edith, to South Lancing where he was an active assistant in the two parishes there. More recently he had been less well physically and his condition had led to the amputation of both his legs. Since then he had been living in a nursing home for the services in Worthing. Here he acted as unofficial chaplain and visitors from the parish who saw him only a week before his death reported that he was then in fine form. The family is arranging a quiet cremation service but a memorial service is planned for the New Year to be held in St Peter's Church, Offham. Please would you also remember Mrs Newham in your prayers as she herself is far from well and is still receiving treatment for her cancer.

CR021 Edith NEWNHAM 1995

Offham church newsletter, February 1995

Canon and Mrs Newham

In last months Newsletter I reported the death of Canon Ray Newham, who was my immediate predecessor and Rector of this parish from 1976 until he retired in 1983. It was his wife, Edith Newham, who telephoned to tell me of his death and who raised the question of a memorial service, which she was planning, in St Peter's Church, Offham. Sadly and

unexpectedly, Edith, who was being treated for cancer, declined rapidly in health and died two weeks later on January 14th.

A joint memorial service is being planned for Saturday, February 4th at 12 noon in St Peter's Church, Offham. The service will have a diocesan dimension because Canon Newham was also Senior Industrial Chaplain, and I shall be meeting Canon John Devereux, the current Senior Industrial Chaplain, and Stephen, one of the Newham's four sons who still lives in the area, to plan the service. It is very likely that there will be a very senior diocesan representation.

Edith, herself, was known to many not only through friendships in the parish but also through her work as a nurse in the hospital. She was very fond of this parish and I saw her here last summer painting in Hamsey Churchyard.

Both Canon and Mrs Newham wished to be cremated and their ashes will be interred together in Hamsey Churchyard.

Derek Bastide

CR025 Mary STRIDE 1993

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Members of the congregation will be deeply saddened to learn of the death of Mrs Mary (Mick) Stride on February 14th 1993 only a few days after returning from a visit to relatives in Ireland. Mick was held in affection by very many here who were stunned to hear the news of her sudden death. There will be a service of thanksgiving for her life in St Peter's Church on Wednesday March 17th at 2.30pm. She will be missed by us all in ways too many to count. Our deepest sympathy goes to Dick in his great loss. May she rest in peace. As there is a request for no flowers, Dick has indicated that anyone who would like to make a gift in her memory might like to make a donation to St Peter's Church.

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The Thanksgiving Service for the life of Mary Stride held in St Peter's Church on Wednesday, March 17th was indeed a joyful and moving occasion. We were delighted to welcome Bishop David Say, former Bishop of Rochester and Dr John Oliver who gave recollections of Mick at different stages of her life and it was a pleasure to have our new bishop, Bishop Ian, on his first visit to St Peter's, come to give the blessing.

CR048 Anne BERGER 1987

Offham church newsletter, August 1987

Very many people were grieved to hear of the death of Anne Berger and a large congregation was at her funeral office on September 17th. Mrs. Berger has been well known in the parish for thirty five years, for many years at Offham House and then, after a spell in Devon, at North

Chailey. She was an untiring worker for the church and also a generous benefactor. The way she coped with her long and disabling illness was an example to us all. May she rest in peace. Our sympathies go to Edmund Berger and Peter.
