

## DAVID & The Heytesbury Harfords After Samuel

**David** was the sixth child and third son of William and Deborah. He was born at Heytesbury in 1814 and was christened on 12 June 1814. Before David married he lived with his mother and sisters Jane and Harriet at Little London<sup>1</sup>. In the various Census returns his occupation was shown as Labourer, Agricultural Labourer or Farm Labourer in each Census except for 1881 when he was shown as "Cowman".

David married Ann Pearce at Heytesbury, Wiltshire on 29 December 1851. Ann was born in 1821 at Corsley which is relatively close to Heytesbury. Her father was William Pearce.

After David married the family address in 1861 was "Behind Town" and following that in 1871 at "Slater's Farm" in Park Lane. They remained there for the next three Census returns up to 1891 and by that time David was seventy six.

At Slater's for this whole period of at least twenty years his next door neighbours were William and Rachel Fry and their family. Rachel was the daughter of David's half brother James and his wife Charlotte Lynch and she was therefore David's niece. Also living with David and Ann, for this period, from the age of 2 years, was a nephew of Ann's, George Annett, who had been born at Corsley, Warminster. This appears to be the son of Ann's sister, Rebecca who died in 1870 at the age of 42.

David and Ann had two children:

- **William** was born 25 March 1856 at Heytesbury. He married Ann Wickham at Heytesbury in 1881 (September quarter). Ann was born at Bapton, Wiltshire about 1857.
- **Charles Henry** was born about 6 March 1858. He was identified from the 1861 Census when he was aged 3. He died shortly after in December 1861.

William was shown with several different occupations in the various Census returns. In 1871, as a 15 year old, he was a Shoemaker living with his parents David and Ann at Slater's Buildings next to William and Rachel Fry (nee Harford).

In 1881 William was shown as a Groom. He was aged 25 and unmarried living with his parents at Slaters. They were still living next to the Fry family and also the nephew George Annett was still living there aged 13. William married Ann in September 1881.

In 1885 William was listed as a tenant of a cottage owned by the Heytesbury Estate. This cottage was situated at New Heytesbury and had two bedrooms and a Kitchen and Pantry downstairs. William paid one Shilling and sixpence a week towards an annual rent of 3 Pounds 18 Shillings. The record shows there were two in the family indicating that the

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<sup>1</sup> 1841 & 1851 Census Returns

record was completed before the birth of their eldest child Alice in 1885. William's occupation was recorded as a Mason and he was employed on the Estate.



**William**

Between 1885 and 1892 William and Ann had five children:

- **Edith** born 17 June 1882. Died 2 January 1883.
- **Alice Maud** born 17 January 1885. Alice never married. She had a Drapery shop at Wyle next to The Bell Hotel and also did paintings and charcoal drawings. She lived in Heytesbury opposite the Red Lion Hotel at 47 High Street and she died on 11 January 1970 aged 85.



**Alice**

- **Bessie** born 1886 (March quarter) Bessie never married and she died at Heytesbury on 29 December 1922 at the young age of 36. She is believed to have had a heart attack.
- **Frederick** was born 9 September 1891 at Heytesbury. He married **Gertrude Dean** (born 27 January 1892 at Gosport Wiltshire. Died 19 May 1961) at Heytesbury on 26 March 1917. Frederick died at Heytesbury on 14 March 1960 at the age of 70.
- **Margaret** born 24 December 1892 at Heytesbury. Margaret married **Walter Moody** at Heytesbury on 31 December 1917. She died at Warminster on 13 February 1984 at the age of 92.



**Left to Right: Bessie, Ann with Margaret, Alice Maud, William & Frederick c1895**

In 1891 William was a Groom and Gardener Domestic and his wife was a Dressmaker. They were living in New Town (the next street to High Street) and had taken in a 14 year old Boarder, Ellen Lawrence, who was a Dressmaker's Assistant. His two daughters were now at school. William's parents ( David and Ann) now 76 and 70, continued to live at Slater's and were still living next to William and Rachel Fry. Their nephew, George, was now 22 and was still living with them and was a Woollen Cloth Worker.

By 1901 both of William's parents had died. His mother Ann died in 1892 at the age of 71 and his father, David, in 1896 at the age of 82. William's occupation was a General Stone Mason and he was working for himself "*Own Account*". No occupations were given for Ann and the older girls even though they were 15 and 16. The family was then living at Everett's Yard.

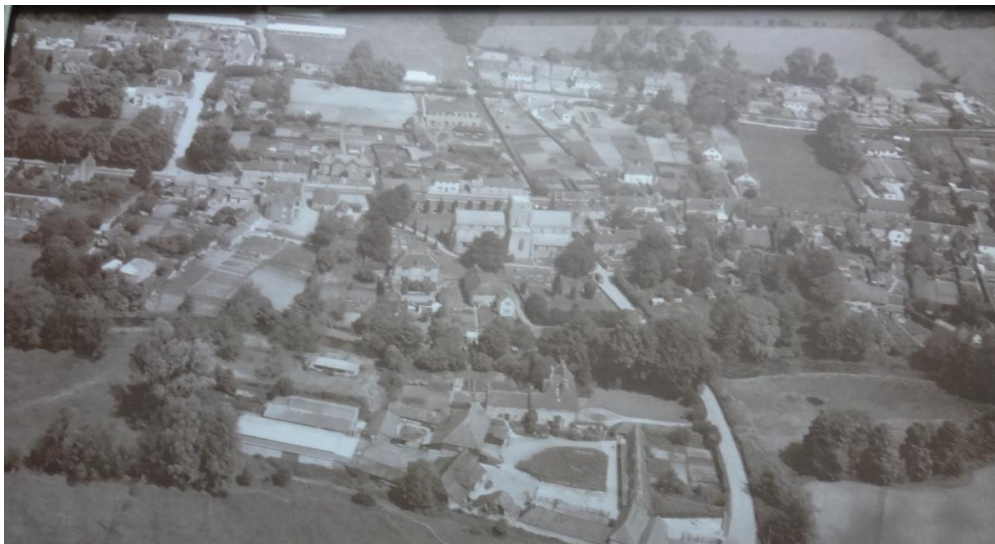
By 1911, the family was living at Little London. William was shown as Jobbing Mason and was also indicated that he had a small holding of land. Their three daughters were all still living at home aged 26, 25 and 18. Alice was an Accountant, Bessie was a Dressmaker and probably worked with her mother and Margaret was a domestic Nursemaid. They had a Boarder, Elizabeth Fairclough, who was 87 who had been born in Liverpool. She died in 1913.



**Houses Little London**

William died in 1922 at the age of 66. Ann died a few years later 30 September 1926 at the age of 69 years.

In 1911 Frederick was not living at home when the Census was taken. He was a Boarder at Chippenham with a John and Helen Harris and their three young children. His occupation was a Grocer's Assistant. In about 1915 Frederick bought 5 acres of land from the Holmes a'Court family. The land adjoined the town at what is now New Town. The aerial photo below shows the location.



**Heytesbury Aerial Photo 1964**



The photograph shows the village with the Parish church of St Peter and St Paul in the centre on High Street which runs right through the town. On the top left is Little London and the street continues to the right and becomes New Town. The land at the very top across the right was Frederick's farm. His grandson Christopher Thorne lives in New Town on the top right but his house is not shown in the photo. The original farm sheds are still on the site at the rear of Christopher's place.



**Original Farm Sheds**



**Christopher's Large Rear Yard Part of the Old Farm**

Frederick farmed the land from 1915 until he died in 1960. In later years he had assistance from his son David.

**Frederick** had married **Gertrude Dean** (born 27 January 1892 at Gosport Wiltshire. Died 19 May 1961) at Heytesbury on 26 March 1917. They had two children:

1. **Madeline** was born 3 February 1918 at Heytesbury. She married **Godfrey Thorne** (born 17 December 1913) at Heytesbury on 26 April 1939.



**Madeline & her father Frederick 1939**



**Godfrey & Madeline 1939**

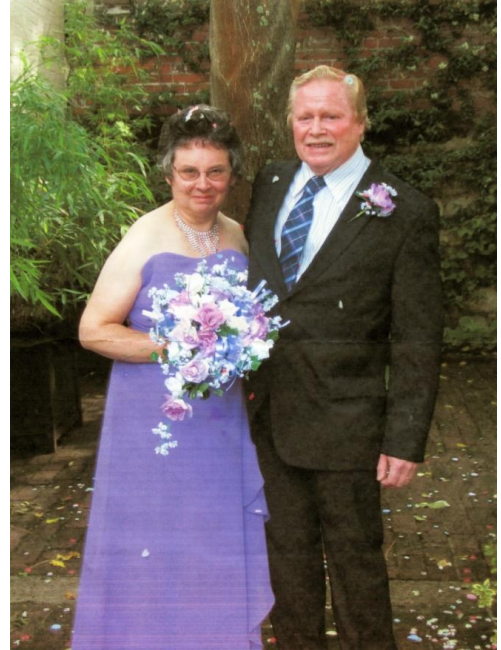
Godfrey was a Stonemason and Builder. He joined the RAF during WW2 and returned to Heytesbury Village where he was the Postman. He died at Heytesbury on 11 October 1995. Madeline died on 30 March 2005 at Heytesbury. The ashes of both of them are in Heytesbury Churchyard

Godfrey and Madeline had three children:

- **Bryan**. Born 12 June 1942 at Salisbury, Wiltshire. Married **Margaret Wilson** on 18 November 1967.
- **Trevor**. Born 28 April 1947 at Salisbury, Wiltshire. Married **Grace Mokey** on 12 April 1969
- **Christopher**. Born 15 January 1952 at Salisbury, Wiltshire. Married **Gillian Harley**, 4 September 2010 at Heytesbury Wiltshire. Chris was a Painter and Decorator but is now retired and still is living in Heytesbury with his new wife Gill. We had great pleasure in meeting them both in 2012.



**Chris and Gill**



**Gill & Chris Wedding 2010**

2. **David** was born 18 December 1932 at Salisbury, Wiltshire. In his younger years he worked on his father's farm in Heytesbury. He qualified as a Mechanical Engineer and worked in Quality Control.

David married Anne Allsop in October 1970 at the Warminster Registry Office. Anne had two children from a previous marriage named Jeremy and Susan. They took the Harford name. David and Anne were divorced after about three years. The children live at Tiverton, Devon.

David is still living in Heytesbury at St Johns, High Street quite close to Chris and Gill.

David and Chris are the last two descendants of William and Deborah residing in Heytesbury.





**David & Gill Heytesbury Village Diamond Jubilee Celebration**



**St John's (formerly a Hospital)**

- **Margaret** was the youngest child of William and Ann. She was born on 24 December 1892 at Heytesbury. Margaret married **Walter Moody** at Heytesbury on 31 December 1917. They had one child Leslie Walter (also known as Jim) born 23 June 1919 and died on 7 May 2006. Leslie has a son, Robert, who lives at Bath.

Walter Moody had a career in the military. He joined the Royal Garrison Artillery on 17 July 1915 and he served in France during World War 1. He received the Military Cross for distinguished Service and gained the rank of Lieutenant.



After the War he served in India. With the advent of World War 2 he returned to The Royal Artillery. He achieved the rank of Major.

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## Walter Moody Service Card



**Walter Moody WW1**