

BULLEN chart (a)
Descendants
of
John BULLEN and Sarah SCARFF
of
Bedingham, Norfolk

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Susanna was baptised in 1737, Woodton, daughter of William & Elizabeth LARKE. The 1768 bann for her marriage to John BULLEN states "Susan LARKE of Hardingham" (Bedingham registers) so the marriage may have been there. I cannot find it in Bedingham, Denton, Woodton or Topcroft registers.

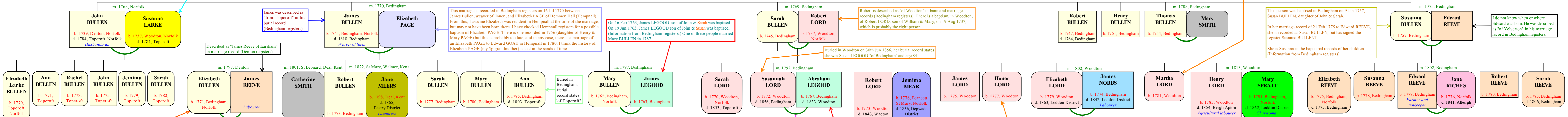
The couple died 2 days apart in August 1784 and were buried in Bedingham in the same grave (Bedingham registers). The burial record states that John was "husbandman from Topcroft" and that they left children behind. I have not been able to trace what happened to any of their children who would have been ages 2 to 14 when their parents died. Please contact me if you have information.

John BULLEN
Yeoman farmer
b. 1738, Norwich St Peter Mancroft

Sarah SCARFF
b. 1714, Bedingham, Norfolk
d. 1782, Bedingham

Sarah was baptised Sarah SCARFF, daughter of John & Latitia, on 22 Jan 1715 (Bedingham Parish registers). Her surname is spelt SCARFE in her marriage record at Norwich St Peter Mancroft.

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20 Dec 1772 Martha LORD daughter of Robert & Mary LORD.
20 Sep 1781 Martha LORD daughter of Robert and Sarah.
One of these married Cornelius GOOSE of Hempnall, on 19 Jun 1798, in Woodton. The other had a natural daughter Susannah LORD on 25 Sep 1807, baptised in Woodton 18 Oct same year). I cannot see any evidence to determine which is which.



James was described as "from Topcroft" in his burial record (Bedingham registers).

This marriage is recorded in Bedingham registers on 16 Jul 1770 between James Bullen, weaver of linnen, and Elizabeth PAGE of Hemmen Hall (Hempnall). From this, I assume Elizabeth was resident in Hempnall at the time of the marriage, but may not have been born there. I have checked Hempnall registers for a possible baptism of Elizabeth PAGE. There is one recorded in 1756 (daughter of Henry & Mary PAGE) but this is probably too late, and in any case, there is a marriage of an Elizabeth PAGE to Edward GOAT in Hempnall in 1780. I think the history of Elizabeth PAGE (my 5g-grandmother) is lost in the sands of time.

On 16 Feb 1763, James LEGOOD son of John & Sarah was baptised. On 19 Jun 1763, James LEGOOD son of John & Susan was baptised. (Information from Bedingham registers.) One of these people married Mary BULLEN in 1787.

Robert is described as "of Woodton" in bann and marriage records (Bedingham registers). There is a baptism, in Woodton, of Robert LORD, son of William & Mary, on 19 Aug 1737, which is probably the right person.

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This person was baptised in Bedingham on 9 Jan 1757, Susan BULLEN, daughter of John & Sarah. In her marriage record of 21 Feb 1775 to Edward REEVE, she is recorded as Susan BULLEN, but has signed the register Susanna BULLENT. She is Susanna in the baptismal records of her children. (Information from Bedingham registers)

I do not know when or where Edward was born. He was described as "of Yelverton" in his marriage record in Bedingham registers.

Described as "James Reeve of Earsham" in marriage record (Denton registers).

Buried in Woodton on 30th Jun 1856, her burial record states she was Susan LEGOOD "of Bedingham" and age 84.

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In the Bedingham parish registers (a copy of which I have on microfiche), there is a marriage between James BULLEN and Elizabeth PAGE on 16 Jul 1770. Following this, there are the following 5 baptisms:

Elizabeth BULLEN, daughter of James & Mary (4 Aug 1771).
Robert BULLEN, son of James & Elizabeth (21 Feb 1773).
Sarah BULLEN, daughter of James & Elizabeth (21 Sep 1777).
Mary BULLEN, daughter of James & Elizabeth (30 Apr 1780).
Ann BULLEN, daughter of James & Elizabeth (7 Aug 1785).

I think it likely that there is a mistake in the first of these five baptisms. I think the parents should be "James & Elizabeth", the same as the other four. It would be an extraordinary coincidence if another James BULLEN (married to a Mary) came to Bedingham just after James & Elizabeth were married, had a child baptised, and then disappeared again.

I have checked earlier in the register and can find only the one James BULLEN mentioned - he was baptised 3 Mar 1741, son of John & Sarah BULLEN. I have checked neighbouring parishes for a James & Mary BULLEN and have found none. Another point to note is that the Bedingham register at this time (early 1770's) looks like it has been copied, because many entries covering several years are written in exactly the same writing and same pen. The mistake could be that of the copyist.

It is on the basis of this assumption that I have included Elizabeth BULLEN on this chart as part of the family of John & Sarah BULLEN.

See REEVE chart (a) for descendants of Elizabeth BULLEN and James REEVE
This is my own line of descent from John BULLEN and Sarah SCARFF

See BULLEN chart (a1) for descendants of Robert BULLEN and Catherine SMITH

See BULLEN chart (b) for descendants of Susannah LORD and Abraham LEGOOD

See BULLEN chart (c) for descendants of Robert LORD and Jemima MEAR

See BULLEN chart (d) for descendants of Elizabeth LORD and James NOBBS

See BULLEN charts (e1) and (e2) for descendants of Henry LORD and Mary SPRATT

See BULLEN chart (f) for descendants of Mary REEVE and Benjamin SMITH

In her marriage record Mary is described as "of Methingham" which is a village in Suffolk close to Bungay.

On 5 Mar 1792, Robert LEGOOD son of James & Mary (late BULLEN) was baptised. On 23 Feb 1794, Robert LEGOOD son of Edward & Elizabeth (late PALMER) was baptised. (Information from Bedingham registers.) Care required when researching this person.

On 2 Sep 1798, Edward LEGOOD son of James & Mary (late BULLEN) was baptised. On 19 Dec 1801, Edward LEGOOD son of Edward & Elizabeth (late PALMER) was baptised. (From Bedingham registers.) One of these Edwards married Esther BANHAM in 1829. Both Edwards can be found in the 1851 census. One, age 49, is a farmer's bailiff, with wife Hester. The other is shoemaker, age 52, alone, status unmarried or widowed - not clear. In 1841, this second Edward is with Elizabeth LEGOOD, 10 years his junior. I think it most likely that Edward (son of James & Mary) was the shoemaker married to a younger woman called Elizabeth. The other Edward married Esther BANHAM.

The baptism of Abraham LEGOOD is recorded in Bedingham registers 22 Mar 1867, son of James and Susan LEGOOD. Immediately above this entry, and with the same date, is the baptism of Edward LEGOOD, son of John and Susan LEGOOD. I don't know whether there were 2 LEGOOD couples (James & Susan and John & Susan) or there is a mistake in one of the entries. Both are very clear. (Bedingham registers fiche 3 row 1 frame 9). There is a marriage in Bedingham on 29 Oct 1744 recorded between John LEGOOD junr and Susanna GOWEL both single otp, by banns. These may be Abraham's Parents. (Bedingham registers fiche 3)

There are in the IGI several records (1816 to 1829) for baptisms in Woodton of children of Robert HANNER, with mother's maiden name given as Honor LORD. However, on looking at Woodton registers (which I have on microfiches) none of these records actually give the mother's maiden name. The baptism register does not have maiden names in this period. Furthermore, there is recorded (fiche 9) a marriage on 12 Nov 1815, between Robert HANNER and Honor BROOKS (bride and groom both single). So I think the person who entered the IGI records may have made an incorrect assumption about who Robert's wife was and have written this mistake into the baptism records.

What, then, did happen to Honor LORD? There is a marriage recorded on 24 Jul 1803 (again in the IGI) at Great Yarmouth between Stephen SPRATT and Honor LORD. This may be the right person but I cannot pick them up in 1841 or 1851 so cannot confirm it. There are children recorded for this marriage: Edward SPRATT (1807), Mary Ann SPRATT (1810), Elizabeth SPRATT (1812), Caroline SPRATT (1814), and Samuel SPRATT (1817).

See BULLEN chart (f) for descendants of Mary REEVE and Benjamin SMITH