

George's birth is thought to be the one registered in 3rd quarter 1852 in Depwade r-d for George Robert LEGGETT but I have stuck to the spelling LEGOOD in this case.

I have found Elizabeth very difficult to identify. Her marriage in 1882 is recorded in the GRO in 2nd qtr 1882 between Elizabeth GRIFFIN & George LE GOOD. In the 1891 census, the couple are recorded at 91 Brompton Road, Portsea, where George is Gunner R.M.A. (Royal Marines Artillery), and Elizabeth is a laundress, born Lyndhurst. There are children Thomas LEGOOD (14), Florence A. LEGOOD (13), Mabel LEGOOD (8), George LEGOOD (7), Millie LEGOOD (2), Charles LEGOOD (6 months). All the children are born in Portsmouth apart from Florence who is born in Sussex. The first two children predate the marriage. Searching 1881 for Elizabeth, I have found her (RG11-1162-103-27) recorded as Elizabeth COOPER (laundress, born Lyndhurst), at 2 Alexandra Place, Portsea, with son Thomas COOPER (5, Portsmouth), and daughter Florence COOPER (3, Burgess Hill, Sussex). There is no "Head of family" present, Elizabeth being "Wife". I cannot

think how she can be COOPER since she married in the following year as Elizabeth GRIFFIN. The name COOPER could just be a census mistake, or a fiction. Looking back to 1861 for Elizabeth born in Lyndhurst, I have found a possible candidate in Elizabeth HISCOCK daughter of Richard & Maria. This couple were Richard HISCOCK and Maria WATERIDGE married in Lyndhurst in 1845 (IGI). Their daughter Elizabeth HISCOCK was born in 1858. In the GRO there is a marriage in 1874 in Portsea r-d between Thomas GRIFFIN & Elizabeth HISCOCK. If this is correct, then Elizabeth's marriage to George LEGOOD would have been her second, Thomas having died. The above scenario is speculative and would require some certificates to sort out. If anyone has evidence I should be most grateful to hear.

In the GRO record of Elizabeth's first marriage, her husband's name was recorded as James Albert STOKES. However, Elizabeth is recorded as Elizabeth STOCKS, sailor's wife, in 1881 (husband absent). Also, her two children by this marriage have the name STOCKS, and she gave her name as Elizabeth STOCKS when she married Walter MASON. I have not found out anything about her first husband.

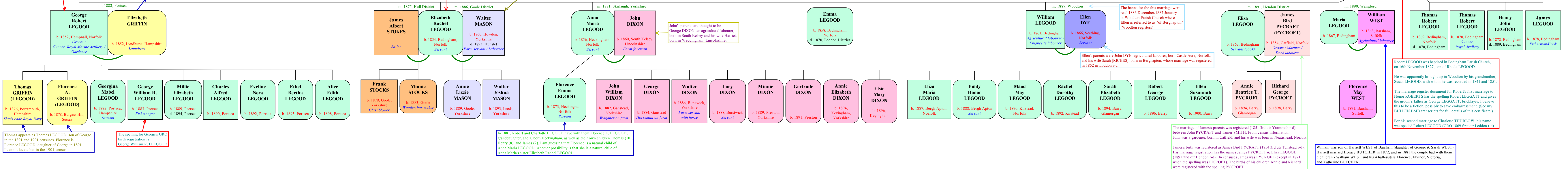
Walter's parents were Joseph MASON, a drayman born in Howden, and his wife Sarah Ann, born in Balkholme, Yorkshire, who was probably Sarah Ann [HUTCHCROFT], married in 1851.

In censuses for 1841 (HO107-0753-17-27-2) and 1851 (HO107-1819-35-11) Rhoda is recorded as a patient at the Lunatic Asylum for the County of Norfolk, Thorpe St Andrew, Norwich. Her condition must have improved because in 1861 she was boarding with William and Sarah Ann WALLAGE in Woodton, and apparently had employment as a charwoman. She was with the WALLAGES long term and went with them when they moved to Bedingham where she is recorded in 1871 and 1881. The description of Rhoda in the 1881 census as "52 years an imbecile" indicates that something happened to affect her mind a year or two after the birth of her natural son Robert (baptised in 1827). Perhaps she had severe post natal depression. The term imbecile was one class of "mental defectives" in the crude system used in Victorian times - others were called cretins or idiots - terms now used only as words of abuse. The WALLAGES also took in orphan children. I like to think Rhoda was, when in their care, as happy as it was possible for her to be.

Honor's parents are thought to be William ROBERTS and Rachel [CUSHING] who were married in 1827 in Hempsall. In Hempsall registers, the bann has the bride's name as Rachel CUSHING (fiche 28), while the marriage record has her name as Mary CUSHING (fiche 17). She appears as Rachel ROBERTS in the 1841 census.

See BULLEN chart (b) for the ancestry of Rhoda LEGOOD

The marriages of Robert LEGOOD & Charlotte THURLOW and James LEGOOD & Maria FAIRHEAD were recorded on the same page of the marriage register (1st quarter 1869 Loddon registration district). This was possibly a double marriage - James and Robert were first cousins. See also BULLEN chart (b9).



Thomas appears as Thomas LEGOOD, son of George, in the 1891 and 1901 censuses. Florence is Florence LEGOOD, daughter of George in 1891. I cannot locate her in the 1901 census.

The spelling for George's GRO birth registration is George William R. LEEGOOD

In 1881, Robert and Charlotte LEGOOD have with them Florence E. LEGOOD, granddaughter, age 7, born Heckingham, as well as their own children Thomas (10), Henry (8), and James (2). I am guessing that Florence is a natural child of Anna Maria LEGOOD. Another possibility is that she is a natural child of Anna Maria's sister Elizabeth Rachel LEGOOD.

The banns for the this marriage were read 1886 December/1887 January in Woodton Parish Church where Ellen is referred to as "of Berghapton" (Woodton registers)

Ellen's parents were John DYE, agricultural labourer, born Castle Acre, Norfolk, and his wife Sarah [RICHES], born in Berghapton, whose marriage was registered in 1852 in Loddon r-d.

The marriage of James's parents was registered (1851 3rd qtr Yarmouth r-d) between John PYCRAFT and Tamer SMITH. From census information, John was a gardener, born in Catfield, and his wife was born in Neatishead, Norfolk. James's birth was registered as James Bird PYCRAFT (1854 3rd qtr Tunstead r-d). His marriage registration has the names James PYCROFT & Eliza LEGOOD (1891 2nd qtr Hendon r-d). In censuses James was PYCROFT (except in 1871 when the spelling was PICROFT). The births of his children Annie and Richard were registered with the spelling PYCROFT.

Robert LEGOOD was baptised in Bedingham Parish Church, on 16th November 1827, son of Rhoda LEGOOD. He was apparently brought up in Woodton by his grandmother, Susan LEGOOD, with whom he was recorded in 1841 and 1851. The marriage register document for Robert's first marriage to Honor ROBERTS has the spelling Robert LEGGATT and gives the groom's father as George LEGGATT, bricklayer. I believe this to be a fiction, possibly to save embarrassment. (See my BULLEN BMD transcripts for full details of this certificate.) For his second marriage to Charlotte THURLOW, his name was spelled Robert LEGOOD (GRO 1869 first qtr Loddon r-d).

William was son of Harriett WEST of Barsham (daughter of George & Sarah WEST). Harriett married Horace BUTCHER in 1872, and in 1881 the couple had with them 5 children - William WEST and his 4 half-sisters Florence, Elvinor, Victoria, and Katherine BUTCHER.