

# **Our Family History**

**The story of the Wilkinson, Bowtle,  
Gillingham, Edwards, Ransome,  
Butcher, Overett and Simpson  
families.**

## **Volume 2**

**Herman Robert Wilkinson  
1897 – 1964  
and his ancestors**



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## **Volume 2 Introduction**

### **Herman Robert Wilkinson (1897 -1964) and his ancestors**

Herman was my grandfather of whom I have clear memories of; spending many hours with him watercolour painting until he died of a heart attack aged 66. This volume describes Herman and his ancestors, who were mainly mariners from oyster dredging stock in Tollesbury, Essex.

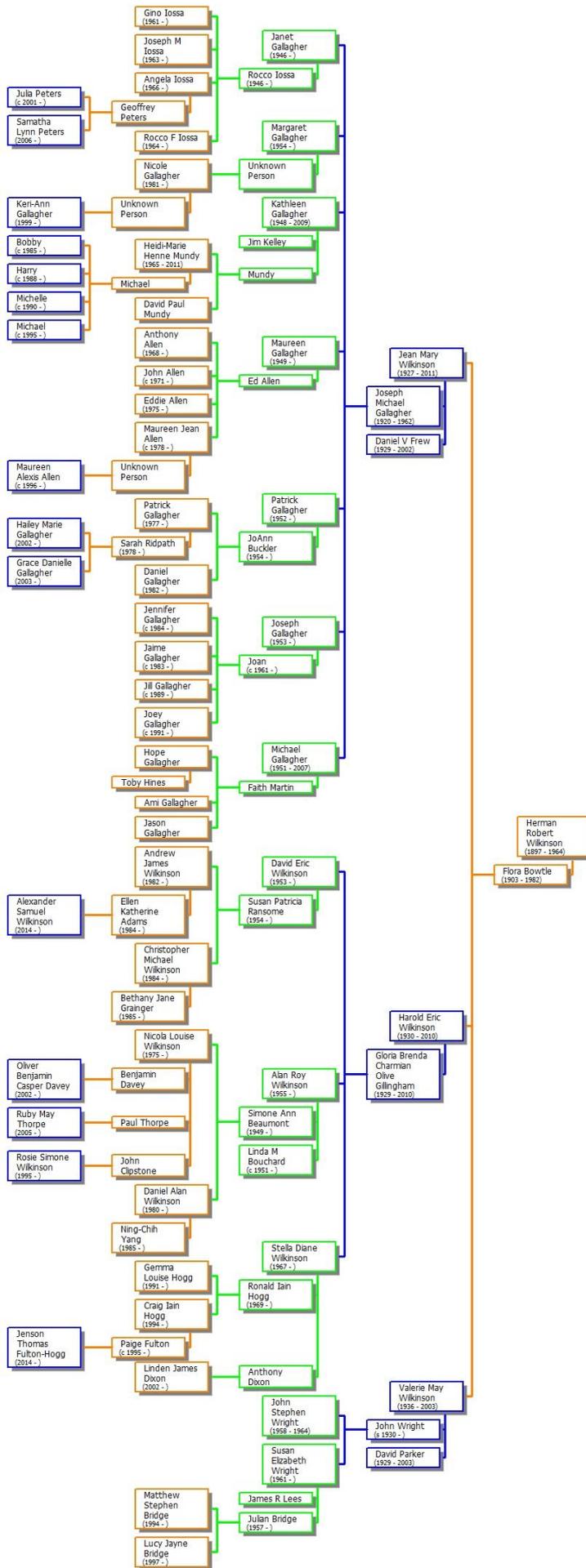
The style of this volume follows on from Volume 1 where you can find Herman's descendants, including son Harold Eric Wilkinson, my father. A brief descendent chart and a brief direct line family tree are presented initially. Each person on the direct ancestor line is presented firstly by a photograph where appropriate and a one generation either side family tree, followed by a description of their life and items of interest.

There is much more discover about our ancestors, thus, this remains a living document and we welcome any additional information or suggestions.

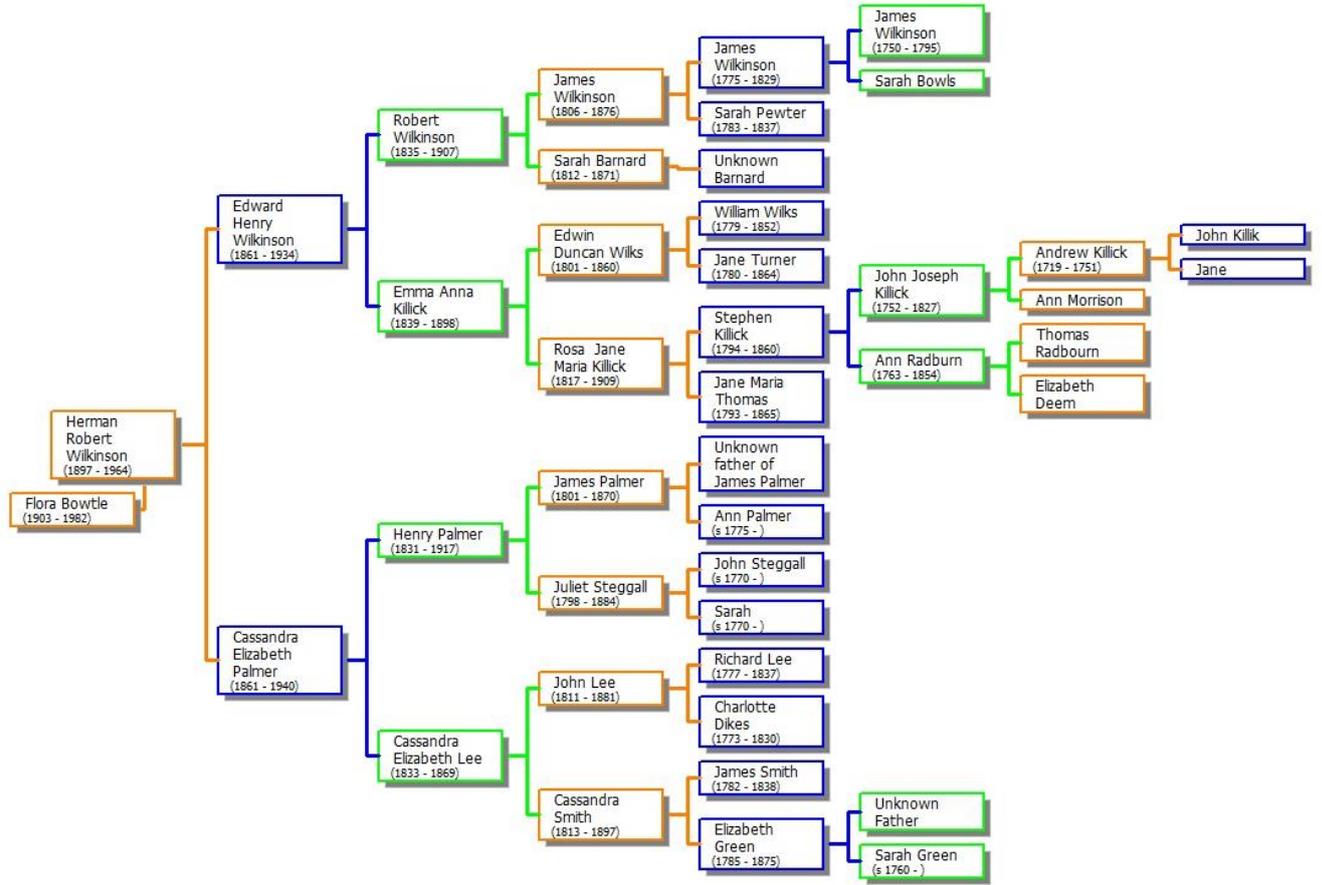
David Eric Wilkinson

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# Descendants of Herman Robert Wilkinson



# Ancestors of Herman Robert Wilkinson



## British Monarchy

1952-	1936-1952	1936	1910-1936	1901-1910	1837-1901	1830-1837	1820-1830	1760-1820	1727-1760	1714-1727
Elizabeth II	George VI	Edward VIII	George V	Edward VII	Victoria	William IV	George IV	George III	George II	George I

## Historical Events

1969	1939-1945	1928	1918	1914-1918	1903	1899-1902	1879	1853-1856	1815	1807	1805	1789	1775	1770	1769	1707	1666	1665
Man walks on the moon	WWII	Women >21 can vote	Women >30 can vote	WWI	First flight	Boer war	Zulu war	Crimean war	Waterloo	Slave trade abolished	Trafalgar	French Revolution	American War of Independence	James Cook lands at Botany Bay	James Watt perfects the steam engine	Act of Union between England and Scotland	Great fire of London	Great plague of London

# Migration of Herman Robert Wilkinson's ancestors



## Legend

	<1650		≥1650		≥1700		≥1750
	≥1800		≥1850		≥1900		≥1950



(88) **Oyster Dredging** *About 1931/32:* The oysters were dredged from 'layings' in the river. Boats belonging to the Tollesbury and Mersea Oyster Company were registered in Colchester, coded CK. All workers on the boats were shareholders in the company. This photograph was taken early in the slump – note ships moored in the estuary.



(28) **Woodrope** *Pre. 1910:* An early photograph before much building, this shot is taken from the sea-wall. The building known as the 'granary' on the Hard can be seen (centre), as can the church tower (left) and the sail lofts built 1906/8 (right).

Both pictures taken from Tollesbury Past by Keith Lovell second edition May 1993  
 printed to raise funds for St. Mary's church

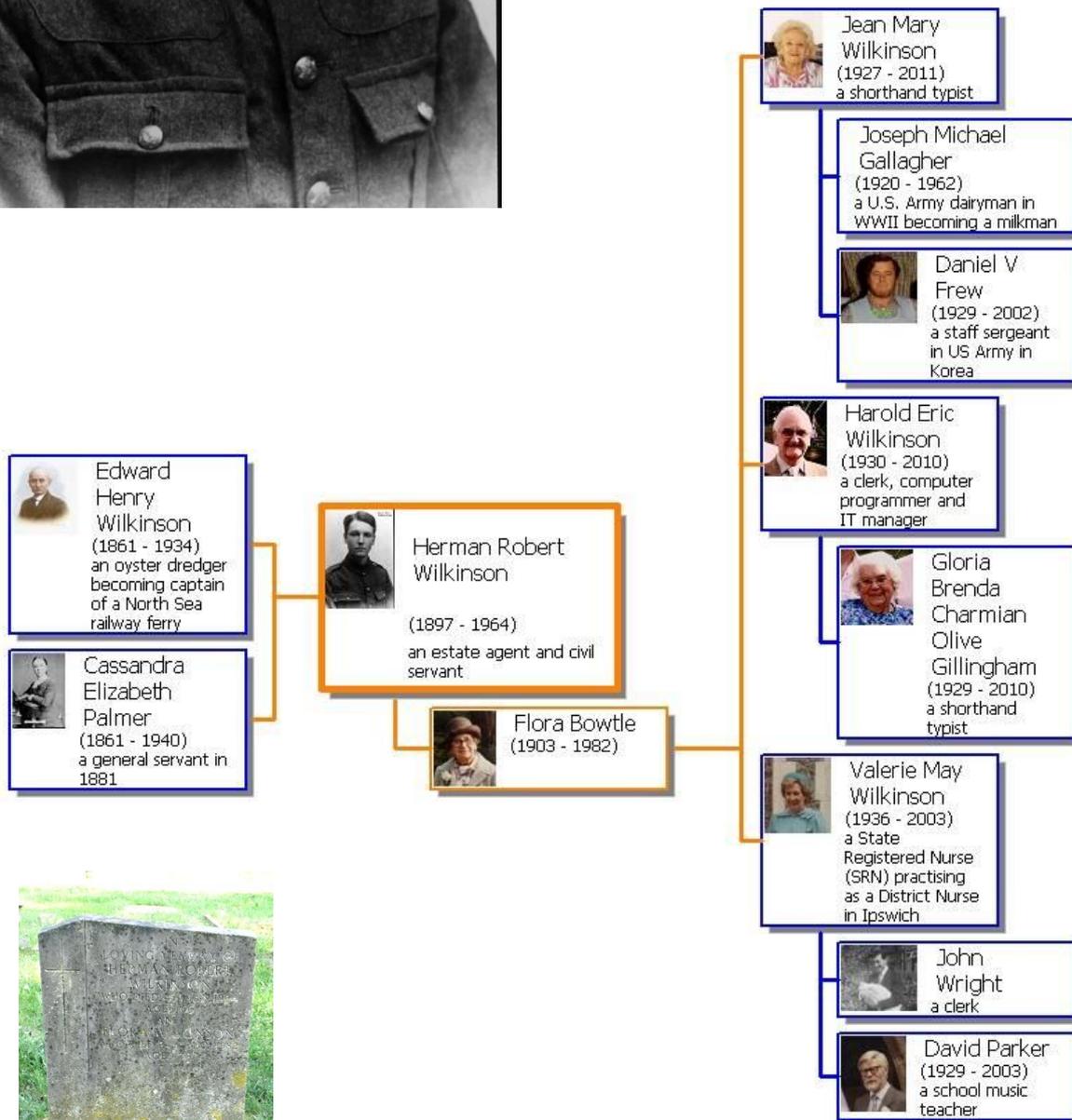


# Chapter 1 Herman Robert Wilkinson 1897 -1964



Herman Robert Wilkinson-1914/18

## Direct ancestors and descendants of Herman Robert Wilkinson



**Herman Robert Wilkinson<sup>1,2</sup>**  
**1897 - 1964**

Herman (an estate agent and a civil servant<sup>3,4,5</sup>) was born on Wednesday 8th December 1897 in Dovercourt, Essex<sup>1</sup> and baptised on 12th January 1898 at St. Augustine, Dovercourt, Essex, son of Edward Henry Wilkinson and Cassandra Elizabeth Wilkinson formerly Palmer.<sup>7</sup> He appeared on the census of 31st March 1901 at 23 Hordle Street, Dovercourt, Essex (son aged 3, living with mother and six siblings, born Dovercourt, Essex) )<sup>8</sup> and on the census of 2nd April 1911 at Egerton, High Street, Dovercourt, Essex (son aged 13, school boy living in six rooms with parents and three siblings, born Dovercourt, Essex) ).<sup>9</sup> During WWI he served in the Army Service Corps.<sup>10</sup> but no records have yet been found. The Royal Logistics Museum does not hold individual service records, and as they do not seem to be available we assume they must have been destroyed.

Herman married Flora Bowtle, daughter of Basil Bowtle and Helen Caroline Oakley, on Monday 5th April 1926 at St. Peter, Sible Hedingham, Essex, Herman an estate agent aged 28 of 1 Salisbury Road<sup>11,21</sup>, Ipswich, Suffolk, Flora aged 22 of Sible Hedingham, both single, by banns, groom's father Edward Henry Wilkinson master mariner, bride's father Basil Bowtle deceased, witnesses Ronald Basil Wilkinson and Gertrude Edith Bowtle.<sup>11,14</sup> They had three children Jean Mary Wilkinson 1927-2011, Harold Eric Wilkinson 1930-2010 (described in Volume 1) and Valerie May Wilkinson 1936-2003.

It is intriguing that on Jean's birth certificate Herman and Flora have different addresses in Ipswich whilst Jean was born in South Weald, Essex. Why, is a vexing question as there is no other known connection with South Weald. Herman was shown living at 50 Prettyman Road, Flora in Woodbridge Road.<sup>15</sup> By 1930 Herman and Flora lived at 495 Woodbridge Road, Ipswich<sup>16</sup> then at 27 St. Aubyns Road, Ipswich until Herman died in 1964.<sup>6</sup>

Between 1926 and 1930 Herman was an estate agent with his own business at 37/37a Silent Street, Ipswich, Suffolk, telephone Ipswich 3339,<sup>12,13</sup> moving to 14 Silent Street in 1931,<sup>12</sup> and 12/12a Silent Street by 1933.<sup>20</sup> According to his son Harold Eric Wilkinson, Herman unfortunately went bankrupt although no documentary evidence has yet been found. He then became a clerk in the Ministry of National Insurance (Pensions) until he retired.

Herman was a good water colour painter and as grandchildren we used to sit and paint with him.

Herman died on Saturday 4th January 1964 at 27 St. Aubyns Road, Ipswich, Suffolk, aged 66 of myocardial infarctions and coronary atheroma (a heart attack).<sup>5,17</sup> He rose from bed during the night to go to the toilet and collapsed.<sup>6</sup> Herman was buried in the Ipswich Cemetery, Belvedere Road, Ipswich, Suffolk.<sup>18</sup> His will was proved on 4th March 1964 in London, effects of £273 (equivalent to ~£3,500 in 2005) administered by Flora Wilkinson, widow.<sup>19</sup>

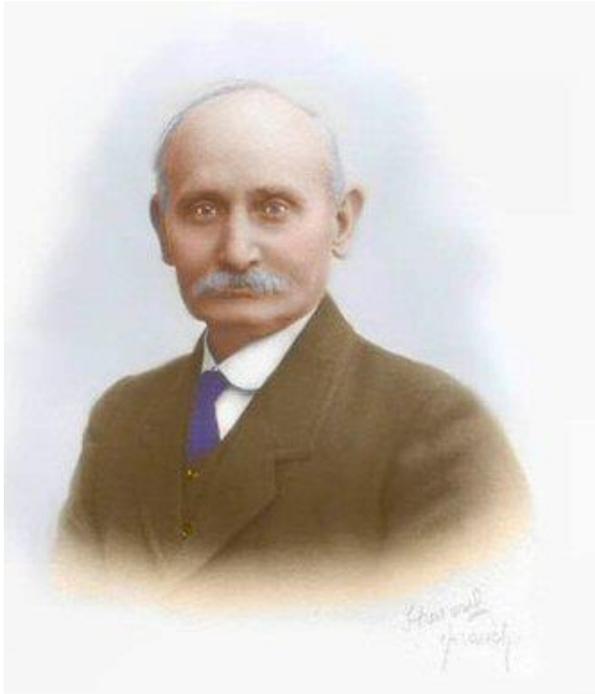
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### 1955 Water colour by Herman Robert Wilkinson



# Chapter 2 Edward Henry Wilkinson 1861 - 1934



## Direct ancestors and descendents of Edward Henry Wilkinson

Robert Wilkinson  
(1835 - 1907)  
an oyster dredger and fisherman

Emma Anna Killick  
(1839 - 1898)

 Edward Henry Wilkinson  
(1861 - 1934)  
an oyster dredger becoming captain of a North Sea railway ferry

 Cassandra Elizabeth Palmer  
(1861 - 1940)  
a general servant in 1881

Vera Adela Lily Wilkinson  
(1894 - 1895)

 Oliver Harry Wilkinson  
(1887 - 1959)  
a baker and hospital laundry foreman

Ethel Elizabeth Felgate  
(1887 - 1914)

 May Eliza Robertson  
(1888 - 1975)

 Ivy Cassandra Wilkinson  
(1889 - 1971)  
a nurse and hospital matron

 Bertie Edward Wilkinson  
(1891 - 1982)  
a law clerk, accountant and solicitor

Fanny Godbehere  
(1871 - 1947)  
a nurse

 Herman Robert Wilkinson  
(1897 - 1964)  
an estate agent and civil servant

 Flora Bowtle  
(1903 - 1982)

 Raymond Arthur Wilkinson  
(1895 - 1972)  
a WWI army medic and plumber / hot water fitter

 Ida Kathleen Lock  
(1897 - 1988)  
a commercial clerk

 Baden Panzera Wilkinson  
(1900 - 1948)

Dorothy Victoria Archer  
(1902 - 1950)

 Ronald Basil Wilkinson  
(1905 - 1971)

Marjoie Elizabeth Pratt  
(1903 - 1984)

 Dorothy Annie Wilkinson  
(1893 - 1955)  
a domestic servant

Claude V Abbot  
(1888 - 1951)

## **Edward Henry (Henri) Wilkinson<sup>1,2,4,5</sup>** **1861 - 1934**

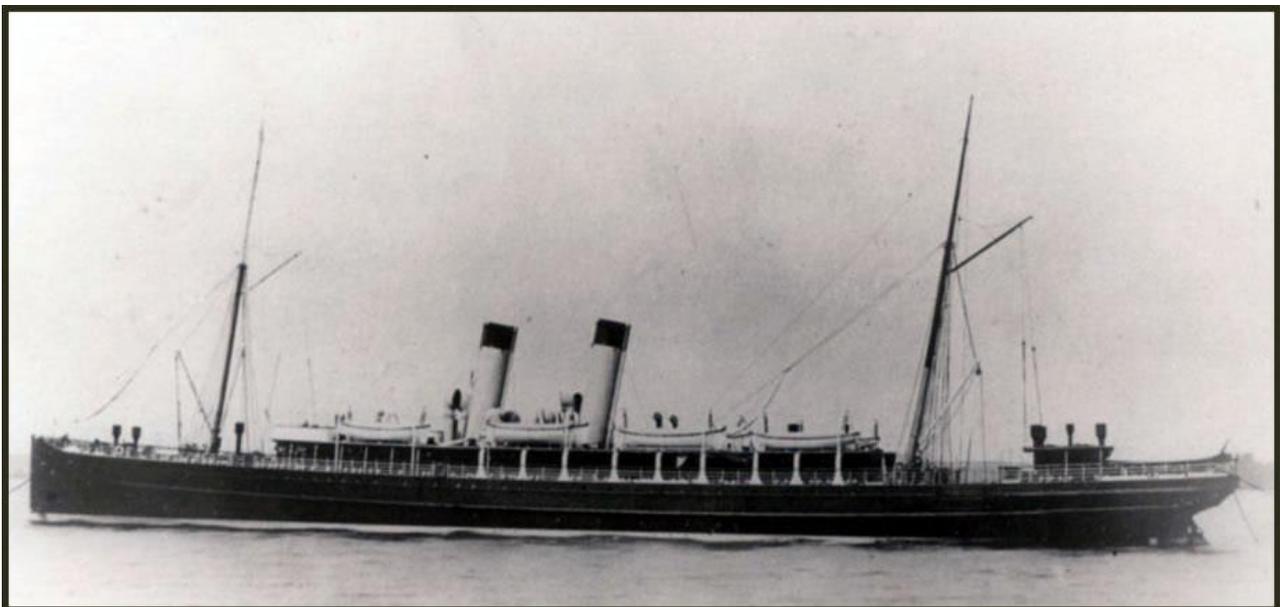
Edward was a sailor all of his life starting as a fisherman and oyster dredger in Tollesbury progressing to ferries of the Great Eastern Railway running from Harwich to the Hook of Holland. Harold Eric Wilkinson said "Recollecting what my father Herman Robert Wilkinson said - Edward served as an officer on the 'SS Berlin'. He was transferred from that boat to another, of which I believe he was Captain. Shortly after this the 'SS Berlin' sunk off the Hook. After retiring from these ferries he moved to Ipswich and took a part time job as Captain of the 'Suffolk or Essex' a paddle steamer ferry service running between Ipswich, Harwich & Felixstowe. During this period he also had a barge, the 'Sea Gypsy' which was moored at Waldringfield on the River Deben. Though he died when I was only 4 years old I can remember sailing on this barge. My mother, father and sister Jean would wait on the beach opposite the Fludgers Inn at Felixstowe, granddad would anchor off Cobbold Point, and collect us in his tender, which was a fairly substantial rowing boat."<sup>9,6,7,8,4</sup>

Edward was born on Wednesday 1st May 1861 in Tollesbury, Essex, son of Robert Wilkinson (oyster dredger) and Emma Anna Wilkinson formerly Killick.<sup>10,2</sup> He was baptised on 23rd June 1861 at St. Mary the Virgin, Tollesbury.<sup>11</sup> Edward appeared on the census of 2nd April 1871 in Tollesbury, Essex (son aged 9 single, scholar living with parents and three siblings, born Tollesbury, Essex)<sup>12</sup> then on the census of 3rd April 1881 in Tollesbury, Essex (son aged 19, single, fisherman living with parents and five siblings, born Tollesbury, Essex).<sup>4</sup>

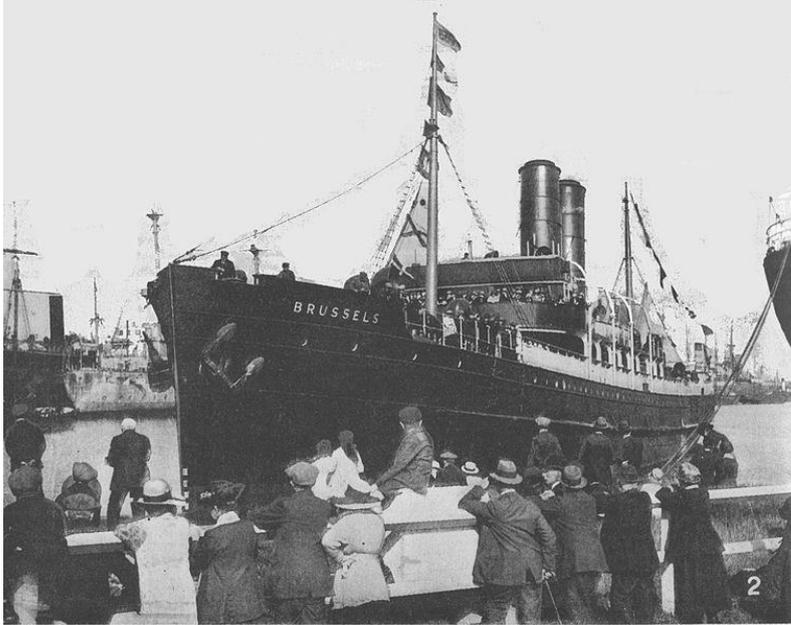
Edward married Cassandra Elizabeth Palmer, daughter of Henry Palmer and Cassandra Elizabeth Palmer formerly Lee, on Sunday 9th August 1885 at the Congregational Church, Tollesbury, Essex, Edward a mariner, both aged 24 and single of Tollesbury, by certificate, groom's father Robert Wilkinson mariner, bride's father Henry Palmer mariner, witnesses Arthur James Palmer and Rosa Elizabeth Graystone.<sup>5</sup> Edward and Cassandra had nine children, Oliver Harry Wilkinson 1887-1954, Ivy Cassandra Wilkinson 1889-1971, Bertie Edward Wilkinson 1891-1982, Dorothy Annie Wilkinson 1893-1955, Vera Adela Lily Wilkinson 1894-1895, Raymond Arthur Wilkinson 1895-1972, Herman Robert Wilkinson 1897-1964, Baden Panzera Wilkinson 1900-1948 and Ronald Basil Wilkinson 1905-1971.

Edward appeared on the census of 5th April 1891 at 30 Kings Quay Street, Harwich, Essex (head aged 29, mariner living with wife and two children, born Tollesbury, Essex)<sup>14</sup> as an able seaman on the Brandon from Harwich.<sup>13</sup> Edward and Cassandra had moved to 23 Hordle Street, Dovercourt, Essex by 1895. Edward is not present in the 1901 census, presumably away at sea. He and Cassandra had moved to Hill Cottage, Main Road, Dovercourt, Essex by 1905. On 15th May 1908 Edward was awarded a masters certificate for a home trade passenger ship<sup>15</sup> and was an officer on the SS Brussels in November 1909.<sup>16</sup> He then appeared on the census of 2nd April 1911 at Egerton, High Street, Dovercourt, Essex (head aged 49, 1st Officer home trade for G. E. R. Marine living in six rooms with wife and four children; born Tollesbury Essex).<sup>8</sup> Edward and Cassandra had moved to 95 Hatfield Road, Ipswich, Suffolk, by 1920,<sup>6</sup> then to Rosemary, Whitton, Suffolk by 1934.<sup>17</sup>

Edward died on Sunday 13th May 1934 at Rise Hall Lane, Akenham, Suffolk, aged 73 of acute heart failure whilst out for a walk (no post mortem, home address being Rosemary, Whitton, Ipswich and the informant was his son Oliver who was in attendance).<sup>17</sup> He was buried on Wednesday 16th May 1934 at Whitton-cum-Thurleston Church, Ipswich, Suffolk.<sup>18</sup>



SS Berlin built 1894 by Earles Shipbuilding and Engineering Company of Hull, 1,745 tons, 92.2m long, 11.0m beam, powered by 2 reciprocating steam engines. Sunk at 05:00 on 21 February 1907, when knocked off course by two huge waves impaling her on the granite breakwater at the entrance to the New Waterway off the Hook of Holland, 128 died, 16 survived.



### SS Brussels

Built 1902, 1,380 tons, 86.87m long, 10.36m beam, two triple expansion steam engines. Harwich to Antwerp 1902–1916. Tried to ram U-33 in 1915, captured by Germans in 1916, captain executed and scuttled in Zeebrugge. Recovered serving Preston to Dublin 1920–1929 then scrapped.<sup>19</sup> Edward was not on the ship when captured (Evening Star 27 June 1916).<sup>3</sup>



The Essex



### The Suffolk

Both pictures taken at the New Cut, Ipswich  
(note the maltings roof under construction)

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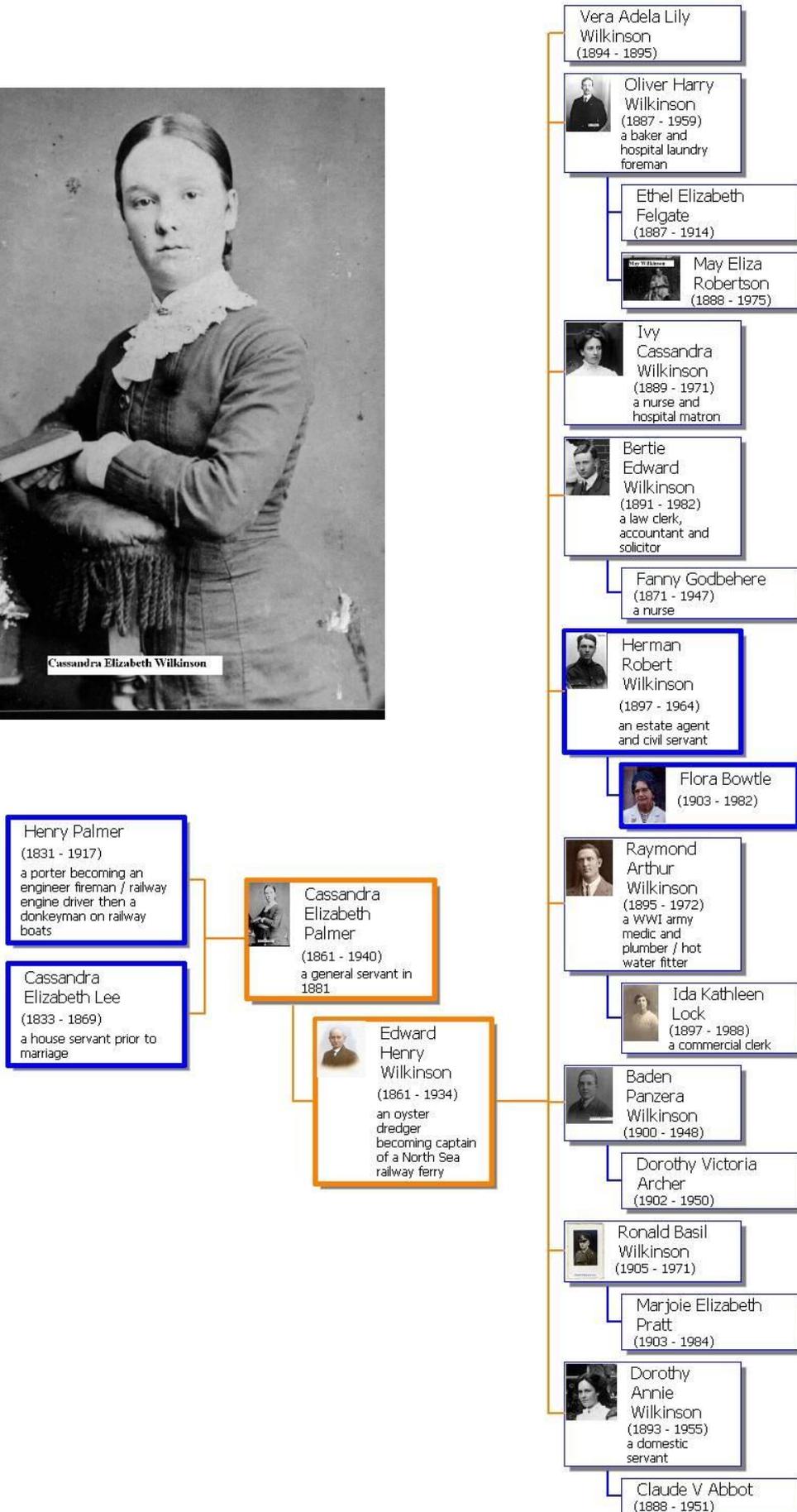


# Chapter 3 Cassandra Elizabeth Palmer 1861 – 1940

Direct ancestors and descendents of Cassandra Elizabeth Palmer



Cassandra Elizabeth Wilkinson



## **Cassandra (Cassie)<sup>3</sup> Elizabeth Palmer<sup>1,2</sup>**

**1861 - 1940**

Cassandra (a domestic servant<sup>3</sup>) was born on Sunday 3rd February 1861 in South Town, Gorleston, Suffolk, daughter of Henry Palmer (railway engine driver) and Cassandra Elizabeth Palmer (formerly Smith).<sup>2</sup> She appeared on the census of 7th April 1861 at Cottage, South Town, Gorleston, Suffolk (daughter aged 2 months, living with parents and two siblings, born Great Yarmouth, Norfolk)<sup>4</sup> then on the census of 2nd April 1871 at 4 Albion Street, St. Clement, Ipswich, Suffolk (niece aged 10, scholar living with Susannah Grayston and Elizabeth Smith, two cousins and two siblings, born Yarmouth, Norfolk).<sup>5,6</sup> Cassandra became a general servant in London appearing on the census of 3rd April 1881 at 67 Knowle Road, Lambeth, Surrey (servant aged 20 single as Cassie; general servant living with William Worrell and family, born Yarmouth, Norfolk).<sup>3</sup>

Cassandra married Edward Henry Wilkinson, son of Robert Wilkinson and Emma Anna Wilkinson formerly Killick, on 9th August 1885 at the Congregational Church, Tollesbury, Essex, Edward a mariner, both aged 24 and single of Tollesbury, by certificate, groom's father Robert Wilkinson mariner, bride's father Henry Palmer mariner, witnesses Arthur James Palmer and Rosa Elizabeth Graystone.<sup>1</sup> Cassandra and Edward had nine children, Oliver Harry Wilkinson 1887-954, Ivy Cassandra Wilkinson 1889-1971, Bertie Edward Wilkinson 1891-1982, Dorothy Annie Wilkinson 1893-1955, Vera Adela Lily Wilkinson 1894-1895, Raymond Arthur Wilkinson 1895-1972, Herman Robert Wilkinson 1897-1964, Baden Panzera Wilkinson 1900-1948 and Ronald Basil Wilkinson 1905-1971.

Cassandra then appeared on the census of 5th April 1891 at 30 Kings Quay Street, Harwich, Essex (wife aged 30, living with husband and two children, born Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).<sup>7</sup> Cassandra and Edward had moved to 23 Hordle Street, Dovercourt, Essex by 1895 appearing there on the census of 31st March 1901 (wife age 40 married, living with seven children, born Gt. Yarmouth, Norfolk).<sup>8</sup> Cassandra and Edward then moved to Hill Cottage, Main Road, Dovercourt, Essex, by 1905. She then appeared on the census of 2nd April 1911 at Egerton, High Street, Dovercourt, Essex (wife aged 50, living in six rooms with husband and four children, born Yarmouth, Norfolk, married 25 years, 9 children, 8 still living).<sup>9</sup> Cassandra and

Edward had moved to 95 Hatfield Road, Ipswich, Suffolk by 1920<sup>10</sup> then to Rosemary, Whitton, Suffolk by 1934.<sup>11</sup>

Cassandra died on Friday 12th January 1940 at Booke House, Medical Home, Whitton, Suffolk, aged 78 of "Rosemary" Whitton Ipswich, widow of Edward Henry Wilkinson master mariner merchant service. She died of intestinal stuaia and toxæmia, chronic diverticulitia and myocardial degeneration (a hole in the intestine leading to toxins in the blood, inflamed intestinal pouches and old age). Informant R A Wilkinson, son of The Water Tower, Tuddenham Lane, Rushmere, Ipswich.<sup>12</sup> She was buried on Tuesday 16th January 1940 at St. Mary, Whitton cum Thurleston, Suffolk.<sup>13</sup>

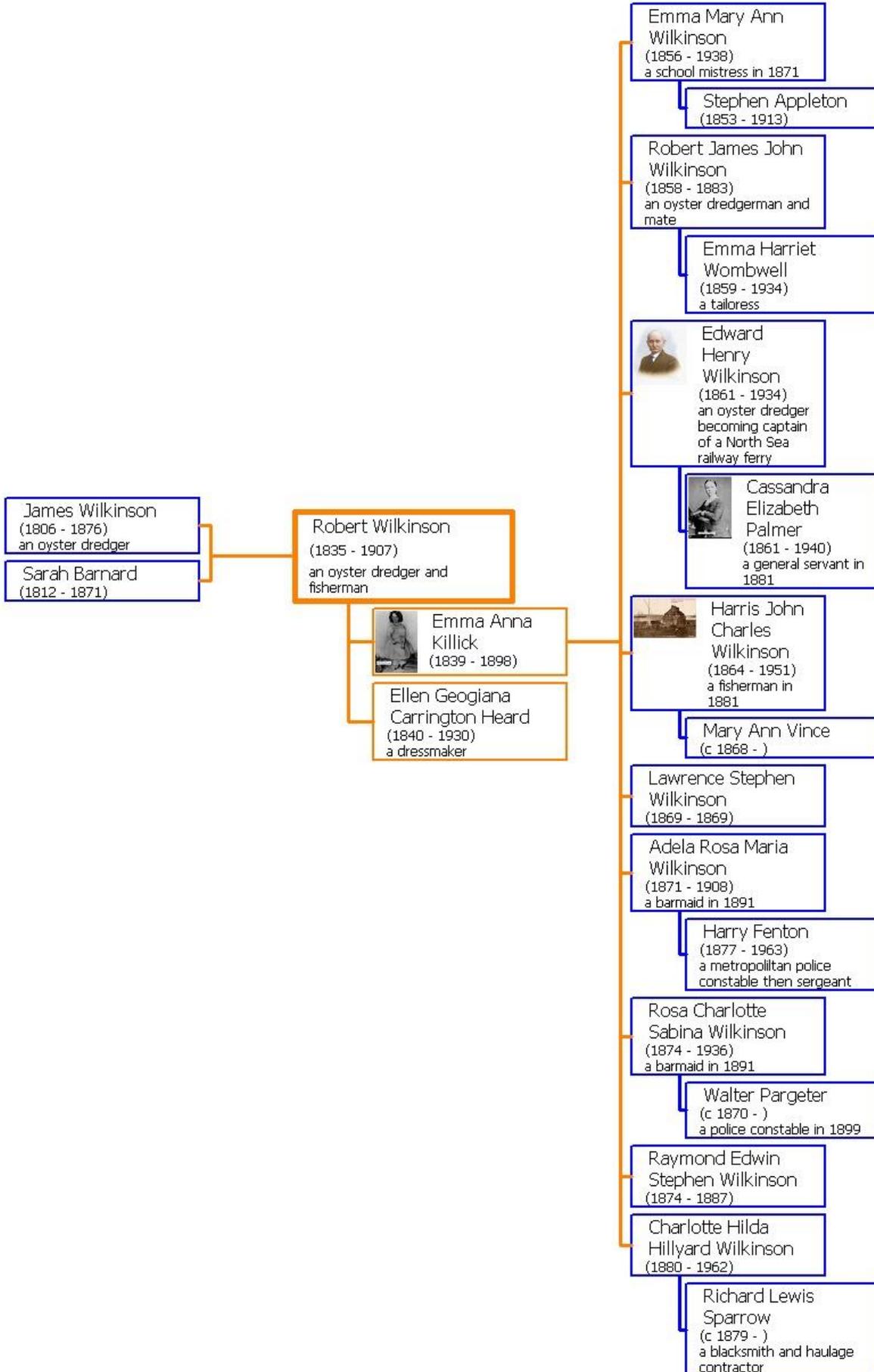
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# Chapter 4 Robert Wilkinson c1835-1907

Direct ancestors and descendents of Robert Wilkinson



## **Robert Wilkinson<sup>1,2</sup>**

**1835 - 1907**

Robert (an oyster dredger and fisherman)<sup>3,4,5</sup> was born about 1835 at Tollesbury, Essex<sup>6,2</sup> and baptised on 5th April 1835 at St. Mary the Virgin, Tollesbury, Essex.<sup>7</sup> He appeared on the census of 6th June 1841 at Tollesbury, Essex (aged 6, living with parents and three siblings, born Essex)<sup>8,2</sup> then on the census of 30th March 1851 at Church Street, Tollesbury, Essex (son aged 16 single, oyster dredger living with parents and three siblings, born Tollesbury, Essex).<sup>6</sup>

He and Emma Anna Killick, illegitimate daughter of Rosa Jane Maria Killick, had their banns read on 2nd September 1855 at St. Mary the Virgin, Tollesbury, Essex (also 9th and 16th September 1855)<sup>7</sup> and they married on Saturday 22nd September 1855 at St. Mary the Virgin, Tollesbury, Essex, Robert a dredger, both minors, single and of this parish, by banns, groom's father James Wilkinson dredger, bride illegitimate daughter of Rosa Killick, witnesses Thomas Carter, Mary Ann Clark and Emily Jane Appleton.<sup>9,7</sup> They had nine children, Emma May Ann Wilkinson 1856-1938, Robert James John Wilkinson 1858-1883, Edward Henry Wilkinson 1861-1934, Harris John Charles Wilkinson 1864-1951, Lawrence Stephen Wilkinson 1869-1869, Adela Rosa Maria Wilkinson 1871-1908, Raymond Edward Stephen Wilkinson 1874-1887, Rosa Charlotte Sabina Wilkinson 1874-1936 and Charlotte Hilda Hillyard Wilkinson 1880-1962.

He then appeared on the census of 7th April 1861 at Street, Tollesbury, Essex (head aged 26 married, oyster dredger living with wife, two children and two apprentices, born Tollesbury, Essex)<sup>10</sup>; on the census of 2nd April 1871 in Tollesbury, Essex (head aged 35 married, oyster dredger man living with wife and four children; born Tollesbury, Essex)<sup>4</sup>; on the census of 3rd April 1881 in Tollesbury, Essex (head aged 46 married, fisherman living with wife and six children, born Tollesbury, Essex);<sup>5</sup> on the census of 5th April 1891 at Unity Place, Hunts Road, Tollesbury, Essex (head aged 56 married, dredger man living with wife and a daughter, born Tollesbury, Essex).<sup>11</sup>

On 9 December 1882 Robert Wilkinson appeared at Colchester (County) Magistrates Court, Colchester, Essex, accused of using a trawl unlawfully on 10th November

1882 off West Mersea as the trawl had allegedly damaged an oyster bed. The case was adjourned until 30th December 1882.<sup>17</sup> On 30 December 1882 Robert Wilkinson appeared at Colchester (County) Magistrates Court, Colchester, Essex, after three hours of evidence the case was dismissed due to conflicting evidence.<sup>18</sup>

Robert was present at the death of his wife on 23rd February 1898.<sup>16</sup> He then married Ellen Geogiana Carrington Moss, daughter of William and Georgeina Heard, about May 1900.<sup>12,13</sup> Robert appeared on the census of 31st March 1901 at Hunts Road, Tollesbury, Essex (head aged 66 married, fisherman own account living with wife, born Tollesbury, Essex).<sup>14</sup>

Robert died of carcinoma of the intestine on Tuesday 19th February 1907 at Tollesbury, Essex, aged 70, an oyster dredger. His son-in-law J O Layzell was present at the death.<sup>1</sup> He was buried on Sunday 24th February 1907 at St. Mary the Virgin, Tollesbury, Essex<sup>7</sup> and his will was proved on 5th April 1907 at Ipswich, Suffolk, of Unity Place, Hunts Road, Tollesbury dredger man effects of £55 11s (~£3,180 in 2005) administered by Ellen Georgina Carrington Wilkinson widow.<sup>15</sup>

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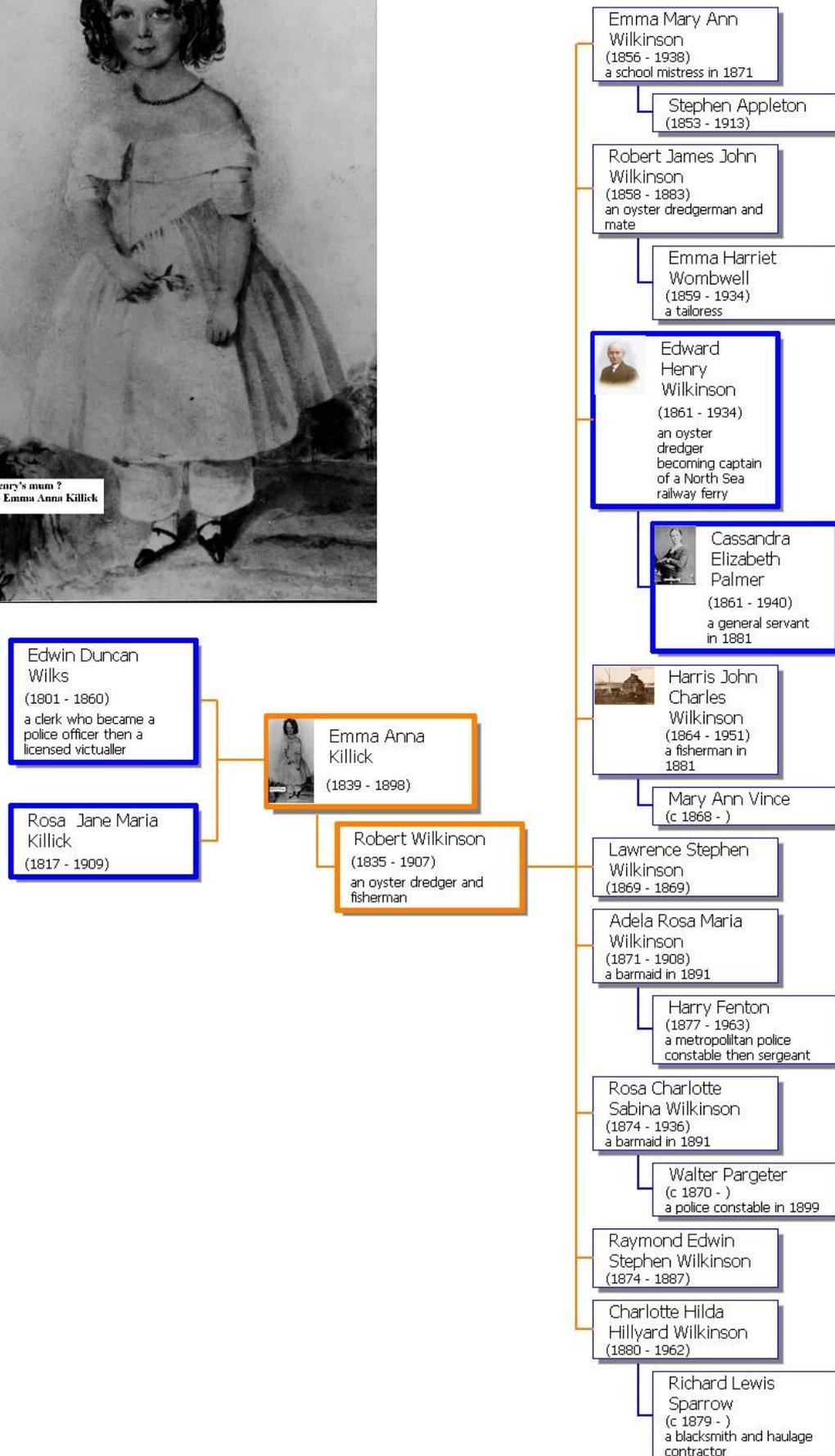


## Chapter 5 Emma Anna Killick 1839 – 1898



Edward Henry's mum?  
Hamilton - Emma Anna Killick

### Direct ancestors and descendents of Emma Anna Killick



## **Emma Anna Killick<sup>1</sup> (Killik)<sup>2,3</sup>**

**1839 - 1898**

Emma was born on Sunday 19th May 1839 in Salcott, Essex, daughter of Rosa Jane Maria Killick but no father was given on her birth certificate.<sup>4,1,5,6</sup> However, by inference her father was most likely Edwin Duncan Wilkes with whom her mother lived for many years,<sup>3</sup> taking his name although they never married, and her mother and an illegitimate child were cited in divorce proceedings by his second wife.<sup>13</sup>

Emma appeared on the census of 6th June 1841 in Salcott, Essex (aged 2, living with John and Mary Harris, born Essex)<sup>7</sup> then on the census of 30th March 1851 in Old Hall Lane, Tollesbury, Essex (lodger aged 11, scholar living with John and Mary Ann Harris, born Salcot, Essex).<sup>3</sup>

Emma and Robert Wilkinson, son of James Wilkinson and Sarah Barnard, had their banns read on 2nd September 1855 at St. Mary the Virgin, Tollesbury, Essex (also 9th and 16th September 1855)<sup>8</sup> and they married on 22nd September 1855 at St. Mary the Virgin, Tollesbury, Essex, Robert a dredger, both minors, single and of this parish, by banns, groom's father James Wilkinson dredger, bride illegitimate daughter of Rosa Killick, witnesses Thomas Carter, Mary Ann Clark and Emily Jane Appleton.<sup>9</sup> Emma and Robert had nine children, Emma May Ann Wilkinson 1856-1938, Robert James John Wilkinson 1858-1883, Edward Henry Wilkinson 1861-1934, Harris John Charles Wilkinson 1864-1951, Lawrence Stephen Wilkinson 1869-1869, Adela Rosa Maria Wilkinson 1871-1908, Raymond Edward Stephen Wilkinson 1874-1887, Rosa Charlotte Sabina Wilkinson 1874-1936 and Charlotte Hilda Hillyard Wilkinson 1880-1962.

She appeared on the census of 7th April 1861 in Street, Tollesbury, Essex (wife aged 21 married, living with husband, two children and two apprentices, born Salcott, Essex)<sup>5</sup> then on the census of 2nd April 1871 in Tollesbury, Essex (wife aged 31 married, living with husband and four children, born Salcott, Essex)<sup>10</sup>, on the census of 3rd April 1881 in Tollesbury, Essex (wife aged 41 married, living with husband and six children, born Salcot, Essex)<sup>11</sup> and on the census of 5th April 1891 at Unity Place, Hunts Road, Tollesbury, Essex (wife aged 51 married, living with husband and a daughter, born Tollesbury, Essex).<sup>4</sup>

Emma died of ingravescient apoplexy (stroke of increasing severity) 16 hours on Wednesday 23rd February 1898 in Tollesbury, Essex, aged 58, wife of Robert Wilkinson oyster dredger, widower Robert Wilkinson present at death.<sup>12</sup>

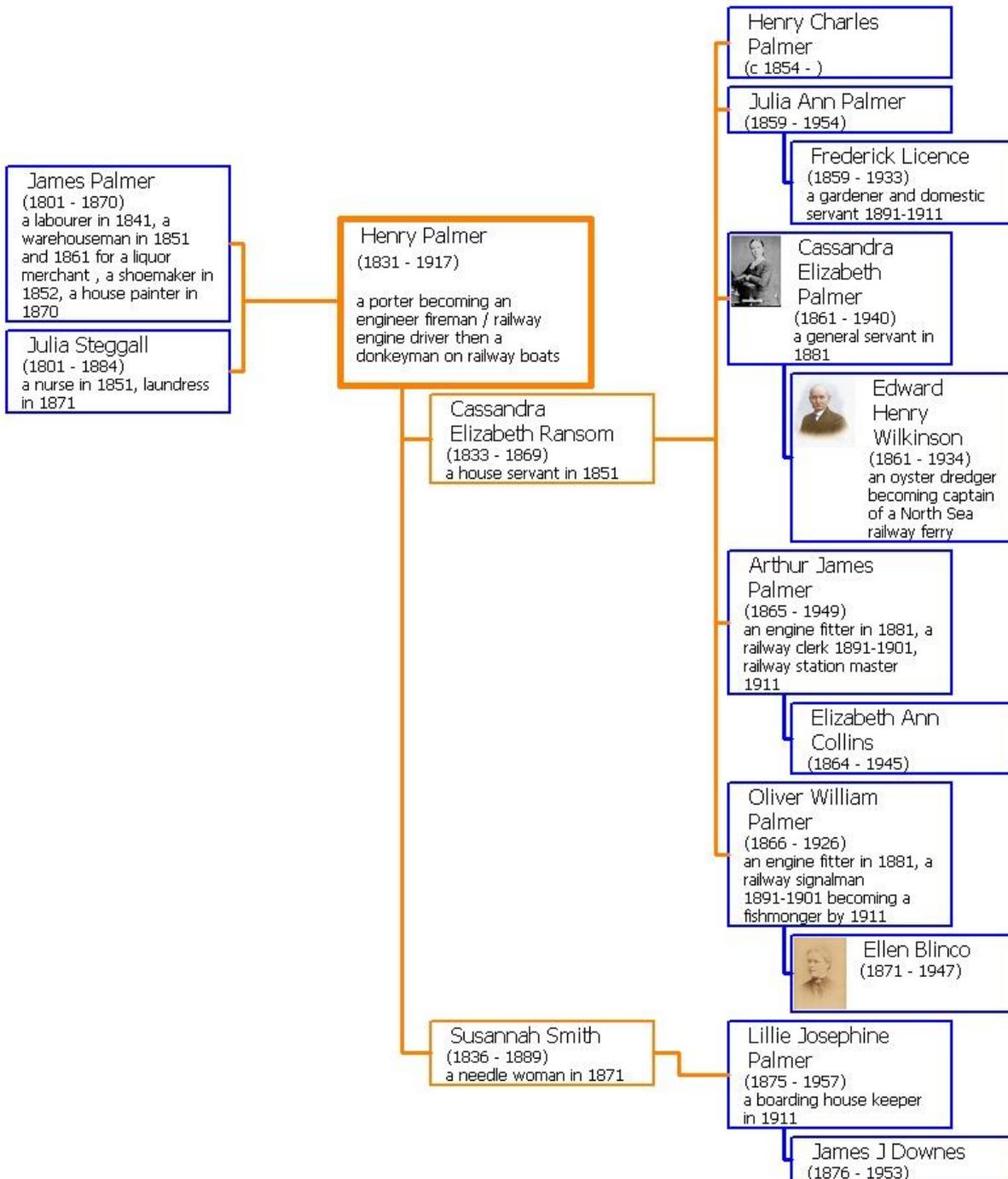
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## Chapter 6 Henry Palmer 1831 -1917

Direct ancestors and descendents of Henry Palmer



## Henry Palmer<sup>1,2,3</sup>

1831 - 1917

Henry (an engineer fireman / railway engine driver then a donkey man on railway boats<sup>4,5,6,2</sup>) was born 3rd March 1831 in Trimley St. Mary, Suffolk, (recorded at Walton Baptist Church, son of James Palmer and Julia)<sup>1,2,8</sup>. He appeared on the census of 6th June 1841 in Church Lane, St. Matthew, Ipswich, Suffolk (aged 10, living with parents and six siblings, born in Suffolk)<sup>3</sup> then on the census of 30th March 1851 in Church Street, St. Clement, Ipswich, Suffolk (aged 20 single, porter living with Cassander Ransome (future mother-in-law), born Walton, Suffolk. Henry also appears as living at home with parents and six siblings).<sup>1</sup>

Henry married Cassandra Smith (also known as Cassandra Lee and Cassandra Ransom), daughter of John Lee and Cassandra Smith, on Sunday 17th October 1852 at The Register Office, Ipswich, Suffolk, Henry a porter of full age of Globe Lane Ipswich, Cassandra a minor of Church Street, St. Clements Ipswich, both single, groom's father James Palmer shoemaker, bride's father William Ransom, mariner, witnesses Julia Palmer and Henry Clements.<sup>9</sup> They had five children Henry Charles Palmer 1854-? (no trace after 1861 census), Julia Ann 1859-1954, Cassandra Elizabeth Palmer 1861-1940, Arthur James Palmer 1865-1949 and Oliver William Palmer 1866-1926.

Henry then appeared on the census of 7th April 1861 at Cottage, South Town, Gorleston, Suffolk (head aged 30, engineer fireman living with wife and three children, born Tremble, Suffolk).<sup>6</sup> His wife Cassandra died on 25th April 1869 aged 36.<sup>4</sup> He was not found in census of 2nd April 1871, presumably away at sea, and his children were either with relatives or in a childrens home.

Henry then married Susannah Grayston, daughter of Oliver Smith and Susan Page, on Sunday 5th November 1871 at The Register Office, Ipswich, Suffolk, Henry widowed mariner aged 38 of Potter Street, St. Helens Ipswich, Susannah widow aged 32 of Albion Street, St. Clements Ipswich, groom's father James Palmer deceased shoemaker, bride's father Oliver Smith malster, witnesses Mary Ann Palmer and James Smith.<sup>9</sup> They had one daughter, Lillie Josephine Palmer 1875-1957.

He then appeared on the census of 3rd April 1881 on board the Avalon in Harwich, Essex (aged 52 married, donkeyman, living on board, born Trimley Suffolk).<sup>10</sup> His second wife Susannah died in December 1889.<sup>11</sup> Henry then appeared on the census of 5th April 1891 at 33 Victoria Terrace, Dovercourt, Essex (head aged 64 widower, ships engine driver living with two daughters, a son-in-law and two boarders, born Trimley, Suffolk),<sup>7</sup> then on the census of 31st March 1901 at 33 Victoria Street, All Saints, Dovercourt, Essex (head aged 73 married, ships donkeyman living in four rooms with a daughter, born Trimley, Suffolk)<sup>12</sup> and on the census of 2nd April 1911 at 3 Parkston Villas, Cliff Road, Dovercourt, Essex (father aged 80 widower, living in seven rooms with two daughters and an adopted grand-daughter, born Trimley, Suffolk).<sup>13</sup>

Henry died of acute bronchitis and senile decay on Friday 4th May 1917 at 14 Cliff Road, Dovercourt, Essex, aged 86, donkey man on railway boats (retired), A. Green, step-daughter being present at death.<sup>14</sup> Henry was buried on Tuesday 8th May 1917 at All Saints, Dovercourt, Essex, aged 86.<sup>15</sup>

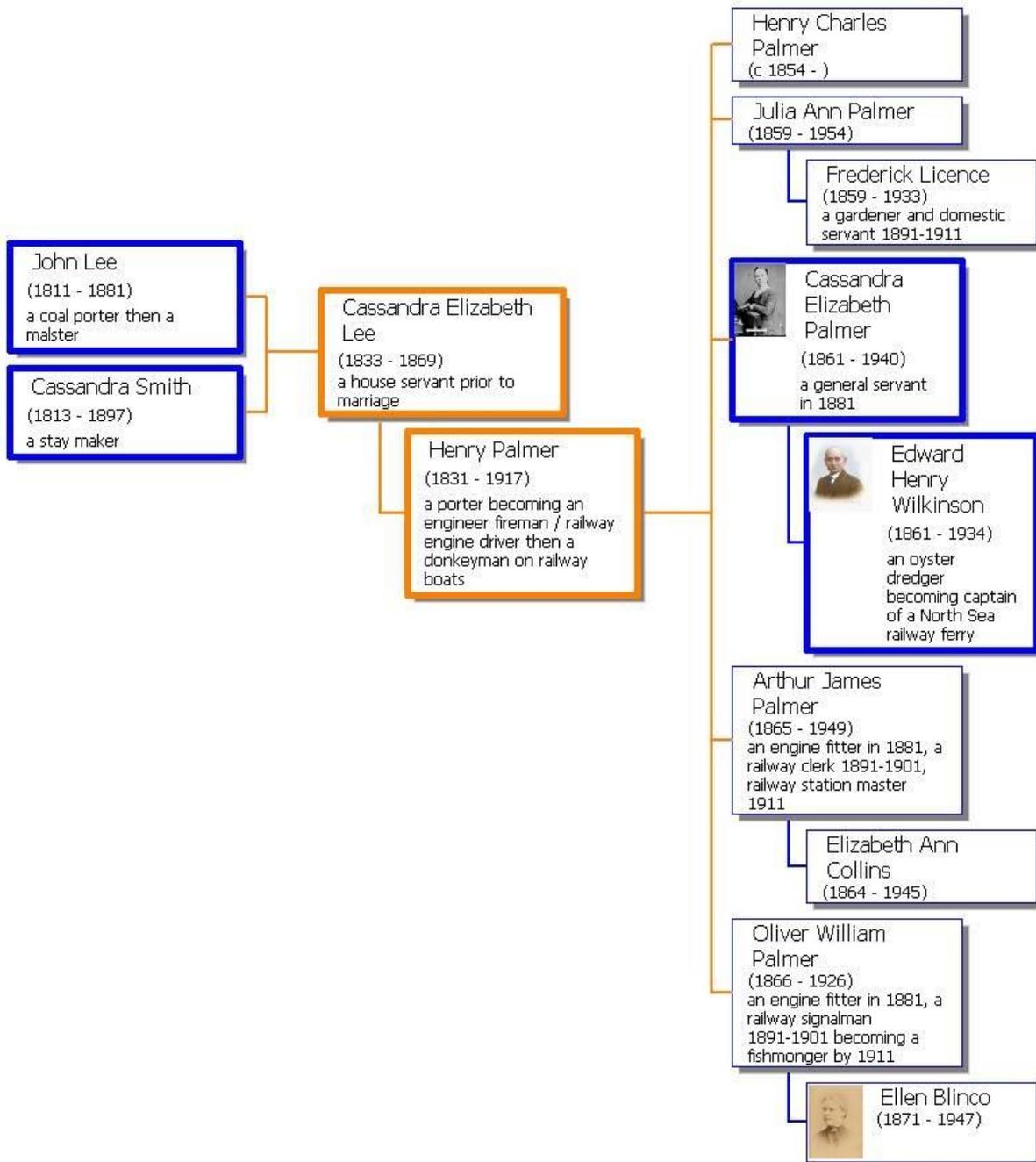
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## Chapter 7 Cassandra Elizabeth Lee c1833 – 1869

Direct ancestors and descendents of Cassandra Elizabeth Lee



## **Cassandra Elizabeth Lee** <sup>1,2,3,4</sup>

**c1833 - 1869**

Cassandra (a house servant prior to marriage<sup>5</sup>) was also known as Cassandra Ransom,<sup>4</sup> her step fathers name, and as Cassandra Smith,<sup>6</sup> her mothers name. She was born about 1833 in Ipswich, Suffolk<sup>7,4</sup> and baptised on 19th April 1833 at St. Clement, Ipswich, Suffolk (illegitimate daughter of John (labourer) and Cassandra Lee of White Elm Hill).<sup>1,2</sup> She appeared on the census of 6th June 1841 in Albion Place, St. Clement, Ipswich, Suffolk (aged 8, living with step father, mother and a grandmother, born Suffolk)<sup>4</sup> then on the census of 30th March 1851 in Church Street, St. Nicholas, Harwich, Essex (servant aged 18 single, house servant, living with Charlotte Chapman and another servant, born Ipswich, Suffolk).<sup>5</sup>

Cassandra married Henry Palmer, son of James Palmer and Juliet Steggall, on 17th October 1852 at The Register Office, Ipswich, Suffolk, Henry a porter of full age of Globe Lane Ipswich, Cassandra a minor of Church Street, St. Clements Ipswich, both single, groom's father James Palmer shoemaker, bride's father William Ransom, mariner, witnesses Julia Palmer and Henry Clements.<sup>6</sup> Cassandra and Henry had five children Henry Charles Palmer 1854-? (no trace after 1861 census), Julia Ann 1859-1954, Cassandra Elizabeth Palmer 1861-1940, Arthur James Palmer 1865-1949 and Oliver William Palmer 1866-1926.

She then appeared on the census of 7th April 1861 in Cottage, South Town, Gorleston, Suffolk (wife aged 28, living with husband and three children, born Ipswich, Suffolk).<sup>7</sup>

Cassandra died of a diseased liver some months, peritonitis, bilious vomiting 3 days on Sunday 25th April 1869 in Hordle Street, Dovercourt, Essex, aged 36; wife of Henry Palmer T?? merchant service, Cassandra Lee (her mother) was present at death.<sup>8</sup> She was buried on Wednesday 28th April 1869 in All Saints, Dovercourt, Essex, aged 36.<sup>9</sup>

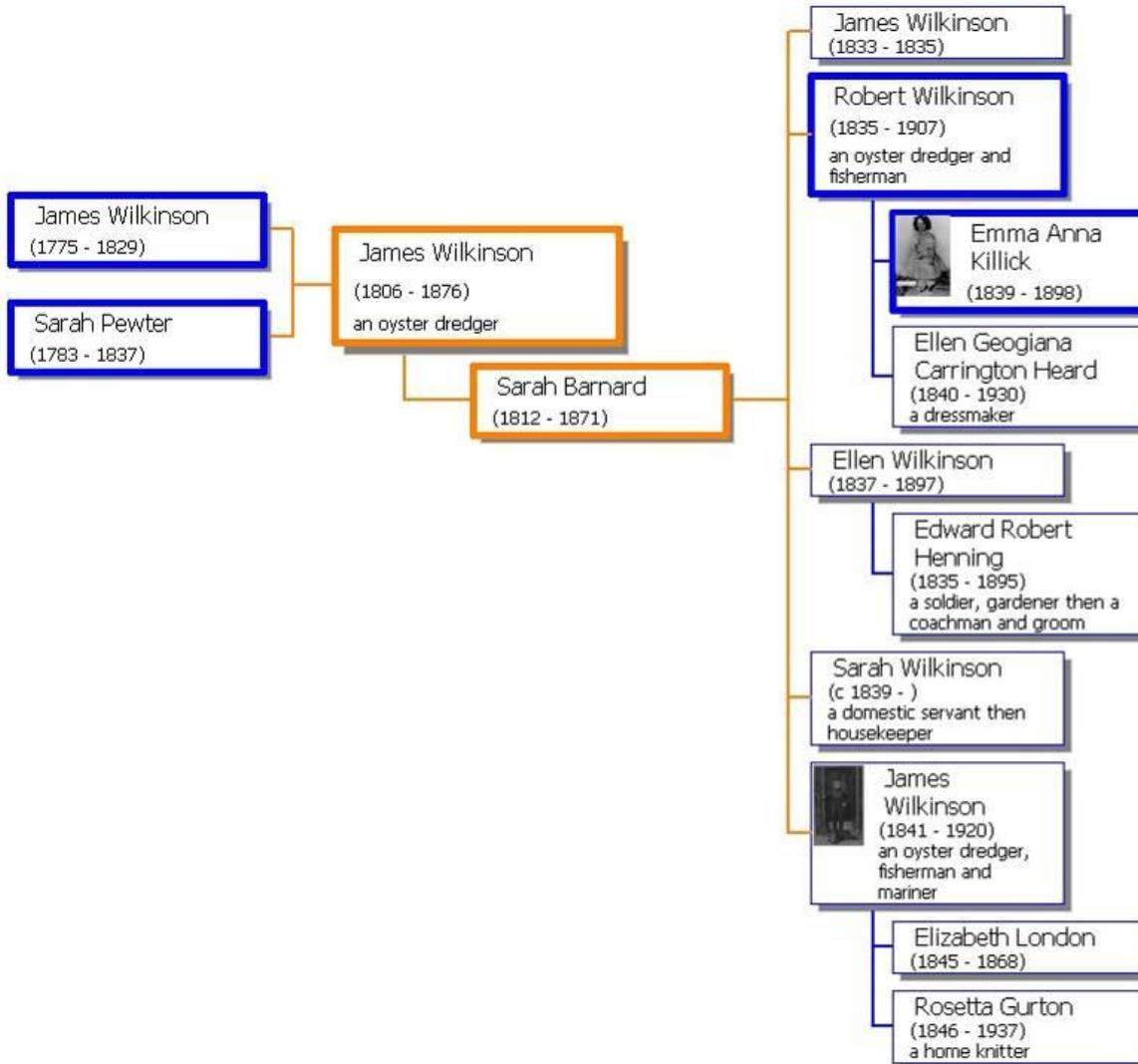
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## Chapter 8 James Wilkinson c1806 - 1876

Direct ancestors and descendents of James Wilkinson



## **James Wilkinson<sup>1,2</sup>**

**c1806 - 1876**

James (an oyster dredger<sup>3,4,5,6</sup>) was born about 1806 in Tollesbury, Essex<sup>3,5</sup> and baptised on 3 August 1806 at St. Mary the Virgin, Tollesbury, Essex,<sup>7</sup> son of James Wilkinson and Sarah Wilkinson formerly Pewter.

James and Sarah Barnard had their banns read on 9th September 1832 at St. Mary the Virgin, Tollesbury, Essex, and on 16th and 23rd September.<sup>7</sup> They then married on Saturday 29th September 1832 at St. Mary the Virgin, Tollesbury, Essex.<sup>7</sup> They had five children, James Wilkinson 1833-1835, Robert Wilkinson 1835-1907, Ellen Wilkinson 1837-1897, Sarah Wilkinson 1839-after 1911 (no record found), and James Wilkinson 1841-1920.

James appeared on the census of 6th June 1841 in Tollesbury, Essex (aged 30, oyster dredger living with wife and four children, born Essex)<sup>8,5</sup> then on the census of 30th March 1851 in Church Street, Tollesbury, Essex (head aged 44, oyster dredger living with wife and four children, born Tollesbury, Essex),<sup>3</sup> on the census of 7th April 1861 in Street, Tollesbury, Essex (head aged 54 married, oyster dredger living with wife and two children, born Tollesbury, Essex)<sup>6</sup> and on the census of 2nd April 1871 in Tollesbury, Essex (head aged 64 married, oyster dredger living with wife and a daughter, born Tollesbury, Essex).<sup>9,10</sup>

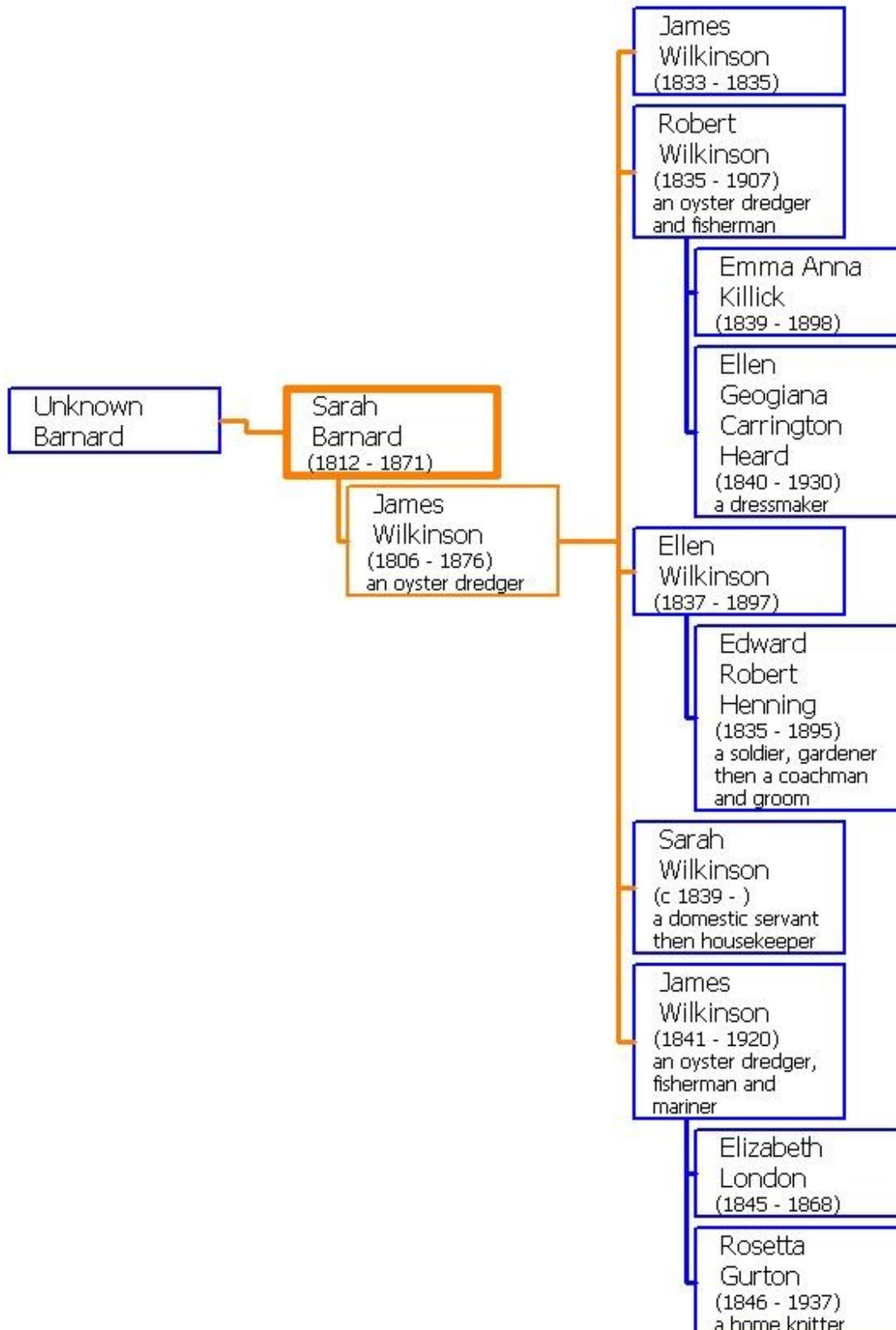
James died of pneumonia on Sunday 14th May 1876 in Tollesbury, Essex, an oyster dredger aged 69. Rosetta Wilkinson, daughter-in-law was present at his death.<sup>1</sup> He was buried on Wednesday 17th May 1876 at St. Mary the Virgin, Tollesbury, Essex, aged 69.<sup>11</sup>

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## Chapter 9 Sarah Barnard 1812 - 1871

Direct ancestors and descendents of Sarah Barnard



**Note that Sarah's parents are currently unknown.**

## **Sarah Barnard (Banyard)<sup>1</sup>**

**1812 - 1871**

Sarah Barnard<sup>1</sup> was born about 1812 in Tollesbury, Essex<sup>2,1</sup> but details about her parents are unknown at present.

Sarah and James Wilkinson, son of James Wilkinson and Sarah Pewter, had their banns read on 9th September 1832 at St. Mary the Virgin, Tollesbury, Essex, and on 16th and 23rd September.<sup>3</sup> They married on 29th September 1832 at St. Mary the Virgin, Tollesbury, Essex<sup>3</sup> and had five children, James Wilkinson 1833-1835, Robert Wilkinson 1835-1907, Ellen Wilkinson 1837-1897, Sarah Wilkinson 1839-after 1911 (no record found), and James Wilkinson 1841-1920.

Sarah appeared on the census of 6th June 1841 in Tollesbury, Essex (aged 25, living with husband and four children, born Essex)<sup>4,1</sup>; on the census of 30th March 1851 in Church Street, Tollesbury, Essex (wife aged 39, living with husband and four children, born Tollesbury, Essex)<sup>2</sup>; on the census of 7th April 1861 in Street, Tollesbury, Essex (wife aged 49 married, living with husband and two children, born Tollesbury, Essex)<sup>5</sup> and on the census of 2nd April 1871 in Tollesbury, Essex (wife aged 59 married, living with husband and a daughter, born Tollesbury, Essex).<sup>6,7</sup>

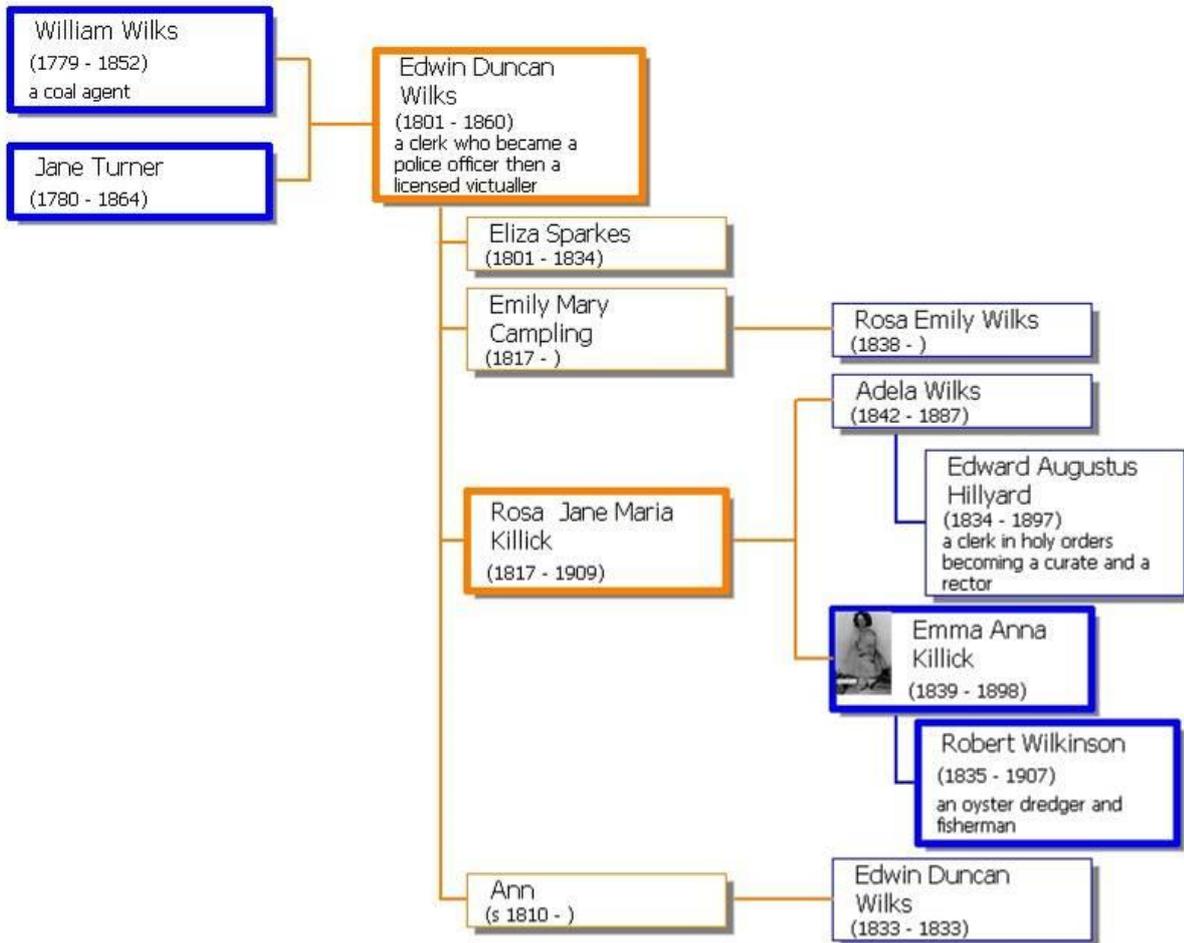
Sarah died in June 1871 in Tollesbury, Essex<sup>8,9</sup> and was buried on Sunday 18th June 1871 at St. Mary the Virgin, Tollesbury, Essex, aged 59.<sup>3,10</sup>

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## Chapter 10 Edwin Duncan Wilks c1801 – 1860

Direct ancestors and descendents of Edwin Duncan Wilks



## **Edwin Duncan Wilks** <sup>1,2,3,4,5</sup>

**c1801 – 1860**

Edwin (a clerk becoming a police officer then a licensed victualler.<sup>2,3,6,7,8</sup>) was born about 1801 in Market Drayton, Shropshire.<sup>1,2,5</sup> He was baptised on 29th December 1801 in Market Drayton, Shropshire, son of Wm Wilks and Jane.<sup>5</sup>

Edwin married Eliza Sparkes on Tuesday 9th November 1824 at St. Martin in the Fields, Westminster, Middlesex, both of this parish, by banns, witnesses Christopher Elas? and ?<sup>9</sup> There does not appear to be any issue and Eliza died in March 1834 being buried on Friday 7th March 1834 in St. Marylebone, Marylebone, Westminster, Middlesex, aged 33 of the infirmary.<sup>18</sup>

Edwin had an illegitimate son, Edwin Duncan Wilks baptised on 2nd July 1833 in St. John the Evangelist, Lambeth, Surrey (son of Edwin Duncan and Ann Wilks a clerk of Commercial Road).<sup>6</sup> He only lived for a few days being buried on Saturday 13th July 1833 in St. John the Evangelist, Lambeth, Surrey, aged under 1, of Commercial Road. 1833.<sup>13</sup>

Edwin married Emily Mary Campling, daughter of James and Elisabeth Campling, on Monday 18th May 1835 at Trinity Church, Marylebone, Middlesex, Edwin a widower, Emily single, both of this parish, by banns, witnesses Thomas Clements and Louisa Jennings?<sup>4,9,10</sup> Edwin and Emily had a daughter, Rosa Emily Wilkes 1838-?

Edwin and Emily initially lived at 24 Great Marlborough Street, Westminster, Middlesex.<sup>10</sup> moving to 24 Silver Street, Golden Square, Westminster, Middlesex, about May 1836,<sup>10</sup> returning to 24 Great Marlborough Street, Westminster, Middlesex, about July 1836.<sup>10</sup> They then moved to 344 Oxford Street, Westminster, Middlesex, about January 1838<sup>10</sup> then to 14 Huntley Street, Bradford Square, Camden, Middlesex, about April 1839.<sup>10</sup>

With Rosa Jane Maria Killick whom he lived for many years Edwin had two illegitimate daughters, Emma Anna Killick 1839-1898 and Adela Wilks 1842-1887.

Edwin appeared on the census of 6th June 1841 in Huntly Street, St. Pancras, Marylebone, Middlesex (aged 35, police officer living with wife, a daughter, three others and a female servant, not born in Middlesex).<sup>11</sup>

He applied for bankruptcy on 11th March 1843 at the Court of Bankruptcy, Basinghall Street, City of London, London, having lived at 1 Foley Street, Fitzroy Square, Middlesex for the past twelve months and being an Officer of the Police Court in Marlborough Street, Regents Street, Middlesex.<sup>12</sup>

**I** EDWIN DUNCAN WILKS, at present, and for twelve calendar months past, residing at No. 1, Foley-street, Fitzroy-square, in the county of Middlesex, and being an Officer at the Police Court in Marlborough-street, Regent-street, in the said county of Middlesex, do hereby give notice, that I intend to present a Petition to the Court of Bankruptcy, in Basinghall-street, praying to be examined touching my debts, estate, and effects, and to be protected from all process, upon making a full disclosure and surrender of such estate and effects, for payment of my just and lawful debts; and I hereby further give notice, that the time, when the matter of the said Petition shall be heard, is to be advertized in the London Gazette and in the Morning Advertiser Newspaper, one month at the least after the date hereof: As witness my hand, this 11th day of March, in the year of our Lord, 1843.  
E. D. WILKS.

He appeared on 2nd May 1843 before the Court of Bankruptcy, Basinghall Street, City of London, London, at 1pm<sup>13</sup> and was declared bankrupt on 16th May 1843 by the Court of Bankruptcy, Basinghall Street, City of London, London, being of 1 Foley Street, Fitzroy Square, Middlesex as

**W**HEREAS a Petition of Edwin Duncan Wilks, of No. 1, Foley-street, Fitzroy-square, in the county of Middlesex, an Insolvent Debtor, having been filed in the Court of Bankruptcy, and the interim order for protection from process having been given to the said Edwin Duncan Wilks, under the provisions of an Act of Parliament, passed in the Parliament holden in the fifth and sixth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the relief of insolvent debtors," the said Edwin Duncan Wilks is hereby required to appear in Court before John Herman Merivale, Esq. the Commissioner acting in the matter of the said Petition, on the 2d of May next, at one in the afternoon precisely, at the Court of Bankruptcy, in Basinghall-street, in the city of London, for the purpose of being then and there examined touching his debts, estate, and effects, and to be further dealt with according to the provisions of the said Act. All persons indebted to the said Edwin Duncan Wilks, or that have any of his effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to Mr. George Green, the Official Assignee, nominated in that behalf by the Commissioner acting in the matter of the said Petition.

In the Matter of the Petition of Edwin Duncan Wilks, of No. 1, Foley-street, Fitzroy-square, in the county of Middlesex, an Insolvent Debtor.

an insolvent debtor.<sup>7</sup>

**N**OTICE is hereby given, that John Herman Merivale, Esq. the Commissioner acting in the matter of this Petition, will proceed to make a Final Order thereon, at the Court of Bankruptcy, Basinghall-street, in the city of London, on Tuesday the 16th day of May instant, at one o'clock in the afternoon precisely, unless cause be then and there shewn to the contrary.

He appeared on the census of 30th March 1851 at 37 Clipstone Street, St.

Marylebone, Middlesex (head aged 49 married, formally police officer living with wife (common law), born Market Drayton, Salop).<sup>14,15</sup>

On 20th March 1853 Edwin beer seller of the Royal Oak, 14 Spencer Street, Clerkenwell,

Queen's Arms, Henry-street, Pentonville, — Adjourned a week.  
Edwin Duncan Wilks, beer seller, applied for a spirit license for the Royal Oak, 14, Spencer-street, Goswell-street. — Adjourned a week.  
John Stansfeld, distiller, applied for a license for a new house on

Middlesex, applied for a spirit license, the application was adjourned for a week.<sup>8</sup>

His wife Emily Mary Campling filed for divorce on 18th September 1858, citing adultery by Edwin with Rosa Killick and being the father of an illegitimate child, selling all his household goods and effects in September 1841, deserting her without

reasonable excuse, living with Rosa Killick as a licensed victualler and having three illegitimate children with her, being intoxicated almost every evening or morning and frequently striking and ill using her.<sup>16,10</sup> They were divorced on 13th November 1858, the judge decreeing that the case should go before the full court.<sup>10</sup>

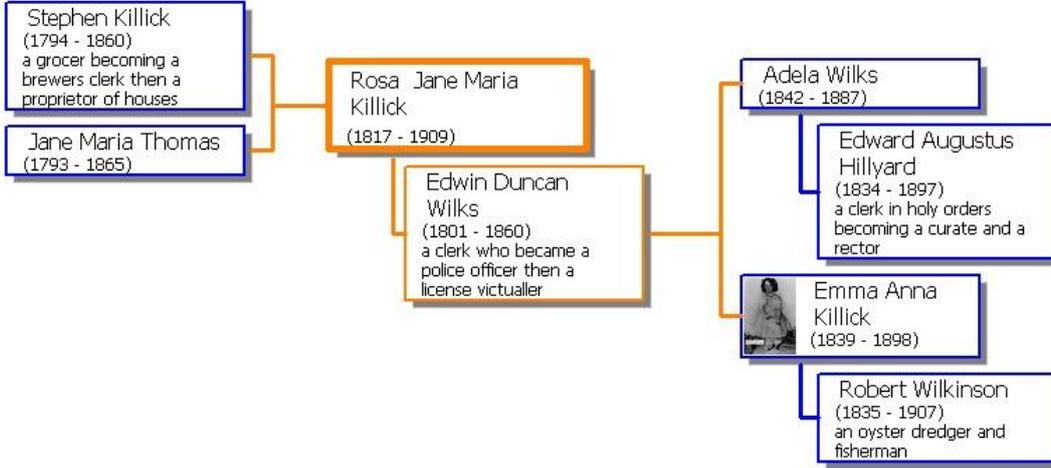
Edwin died on Tuesday 10 July 1860 in Clerkenwell, Middlesex.<sup>1,17</sup>

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# Chapter 11 Rosa Jane Maria Killick 1817 – 1909

Direct ancestors and descendents of Rosa Jane Maria Killick



## **Rosa Jane Maria Killick <sup>1,2,3</sup>, (Killik <sup>4</sup>)**

**1817 - 1909**

Rosa was born on Sunday 23rd March 1817 in St. Marylebone, Middlesex<sup>6,2,7,8</sup> and was baptised on 24th June 1817 at St. Marylebone, Marylebone, Westminster, Middlesex (daughter of Stephen and Jane Maria Killick of Mary-le-Bone).<sup>7,3</sup> She appeared on the census of 6th June 1841 in Wynyatt Street, St. James, Clerkenwell, Middlesex (aged 25 as Rosa Kellett, living with Eliza Roobard and four others, born Middlesex).<sup>9,10</sup> She appeared on the census of 30th March 1851 at 37 Clipstone Street, St. Marylebone, Middlesex (wife aged 34 married, living with husband, born St. Marylebone).<sup>8,9</sup> It must be noted that although not married, she adopted the surname Wilks (Wilkes in the death index<sup>5</sup>) when she lived with Edwin Duncan Wilks and after his death in 1860.<sup>16</sup>

Rosa then appeared on the census of 7th April 1861 at the Royal Oak, 14 Spencer Street, Clerkenwell, Middlesex (head aged 44 widow, housekeeper living with a sister, niece and a servant, born Marylebone, Middlesex)<sup>11</sup>; on the census of 2nd April 1871 at Thorpe Street, Thorpe St. Andrew, Norfolk (sister aged 54 widow, living with sister Louisa, her daughter and a servant, born London, Middlesex)<sup>5</sup>; on the census of 3rd April 1881 at 3 Beaconsfield Villas, Hamilton Road, Ealing, Middlesex (head aged 63 widow, living on dividends with a sister and a boarder, born Marylebone, Middlesex)<sup>12</sup>; on the census of 5th April 1891 at 61 Hamilton Road, Ealing, Middlesex (head aged 74 widow, living on own account with a sister, born London)<sup>13</sup>; and finally on the census of 31st March 1901 at 96 Rossiter Road, Streatham, London (head aged 84 widow, living on own means with a sister in the same house as sister Annette and husband, born Marylebone, London).<sup>14</sup>

Rosa died on Thursday 21 January 1909 in Acton, Middlesex, aged 91, as Rosa Jane M Wilkes.<sup>4,15</sup>

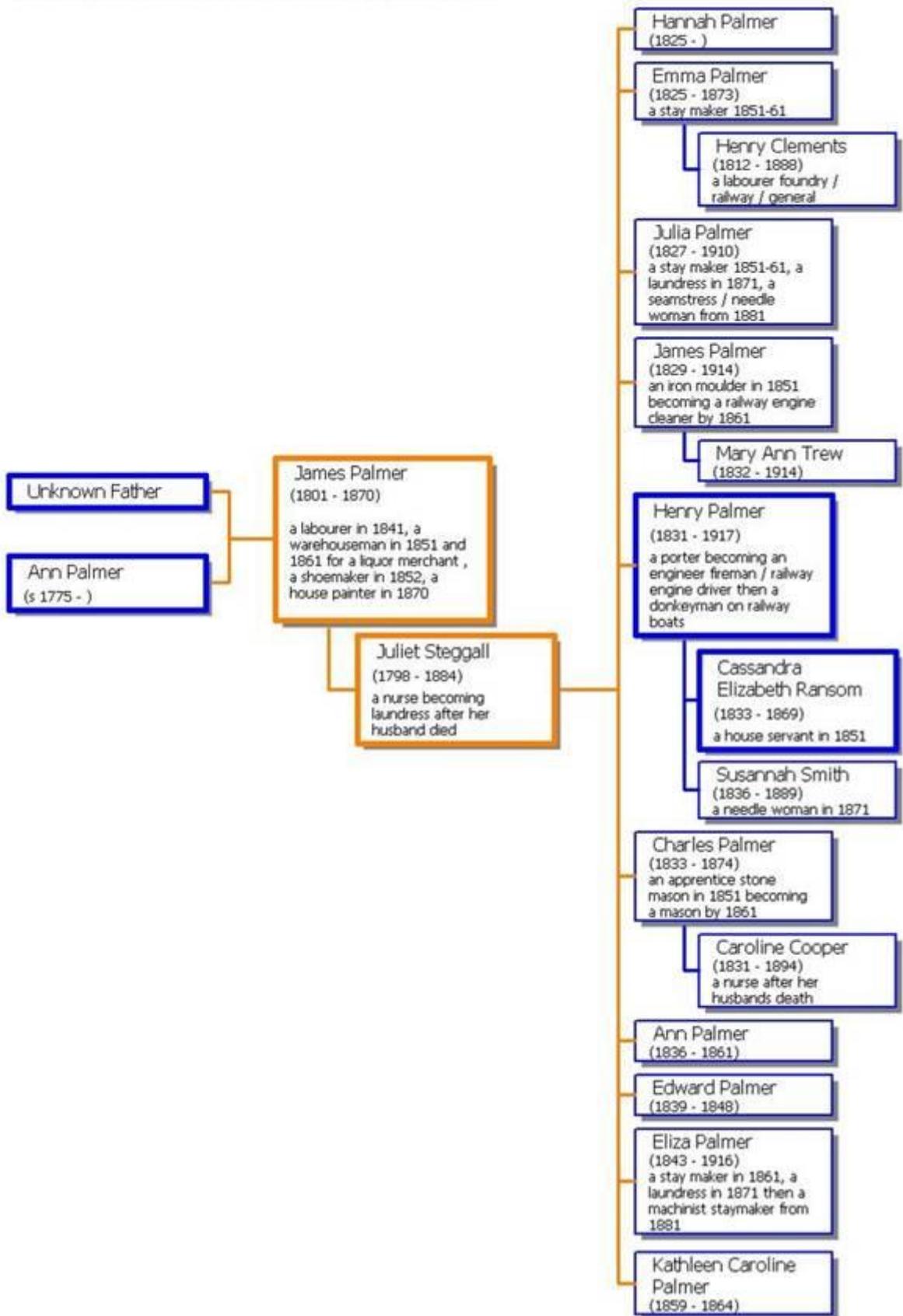
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## Chapter 12 James Palmer c1801 – 1870

Direct ancestors and descendents of James Palmer



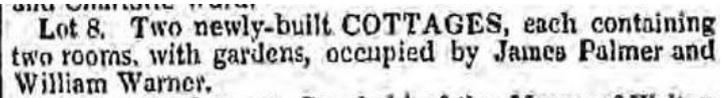
## James Palmer <sup>1,2,3,4,5</sup>

**c1801 - 1870**

James (a labourer becoming a warehouseman for a liquor merchant , a shoemaker then a house painter <sup>1,2,3,6,7</sup>) was born about November 1801 in Trimley St. Martin, Suffolk. <sup>4,3,5,8</sup> He was baptised on 6th December 1801 in St. Martin, Trimley St. Martin, Suffolk (base born son of Ann Palmer a married woman, no father given). <sup>4,5</sup>

James married Juliet (Julia) Steggall, daughter of John and Sarah Steggall, <sup>13</sup> on Wednesday 12th May 1824 at St. Matthew, Ipswich, Suffolk, James of Falkenham, Julia of Ipswich St. Matthews. both single, by banns, no fathers given, witnesses Anne Cander?, John Holden and ? <sup>9,10,11</sup> James and Julia had ten children; Emma Palmer c1825-1873; Hannah Palmer 1825-?; Julia Palmer 1827-1910; James Palmer 1829-1914; Henry Palmer 1831-1917; Charles Palmer 1833-1874; Ann Palmer 1836-1861; Edward Palmer 1839-1848; Eliza Palmer c1843-1916; and Kathleen Caroline Palmer 1859-1864.

The cottage James was renting was sold at auction, at The Mariners Inn, Trimley St. Martin, Suffolk, on Friday 8 September 1837. <sup>12</sup> By 1841 they had moved into Ipswich, perhaps as a result of this sale. <sup>6</sup>



James appeared on the census of 6th June 1841 in Church Lane, St. Matthew, Ipswich, Suffolk (aged 40, labourer living with wife and seven children, born in Suffolk) <sup>6</sup>; on the census of 30th March 1851 in St. Georges Street, St. Matthew, Ipswich, Suffolk (head aged 49, warehouseman living with wife, seven children and a visitor, born Trimley St. Martin) <sup>3</sup>; and on the census of 3rd April 1861 in 18 Lower Gibson Street, St. Helen, Ipswich, Suffolk (head aged 59 married, warehouse keeper at liquor merchant living with four children; born Trimley St. Martin, Suffolk). <sup>7</sup>

James, a house painter, died of pneumonia on Tuesday 3rd May 1870 at 18 Gibson Street, Ipswich, Suffolk, aged 68, Elizabeth West Brown present at death. <sup>2</sup> He was then buried on Saturday 7th May 1870 in the Ipswich Cemetery, Belvedere Road, Ipswich, Suffolk, aged 68. <sup>8</sup>

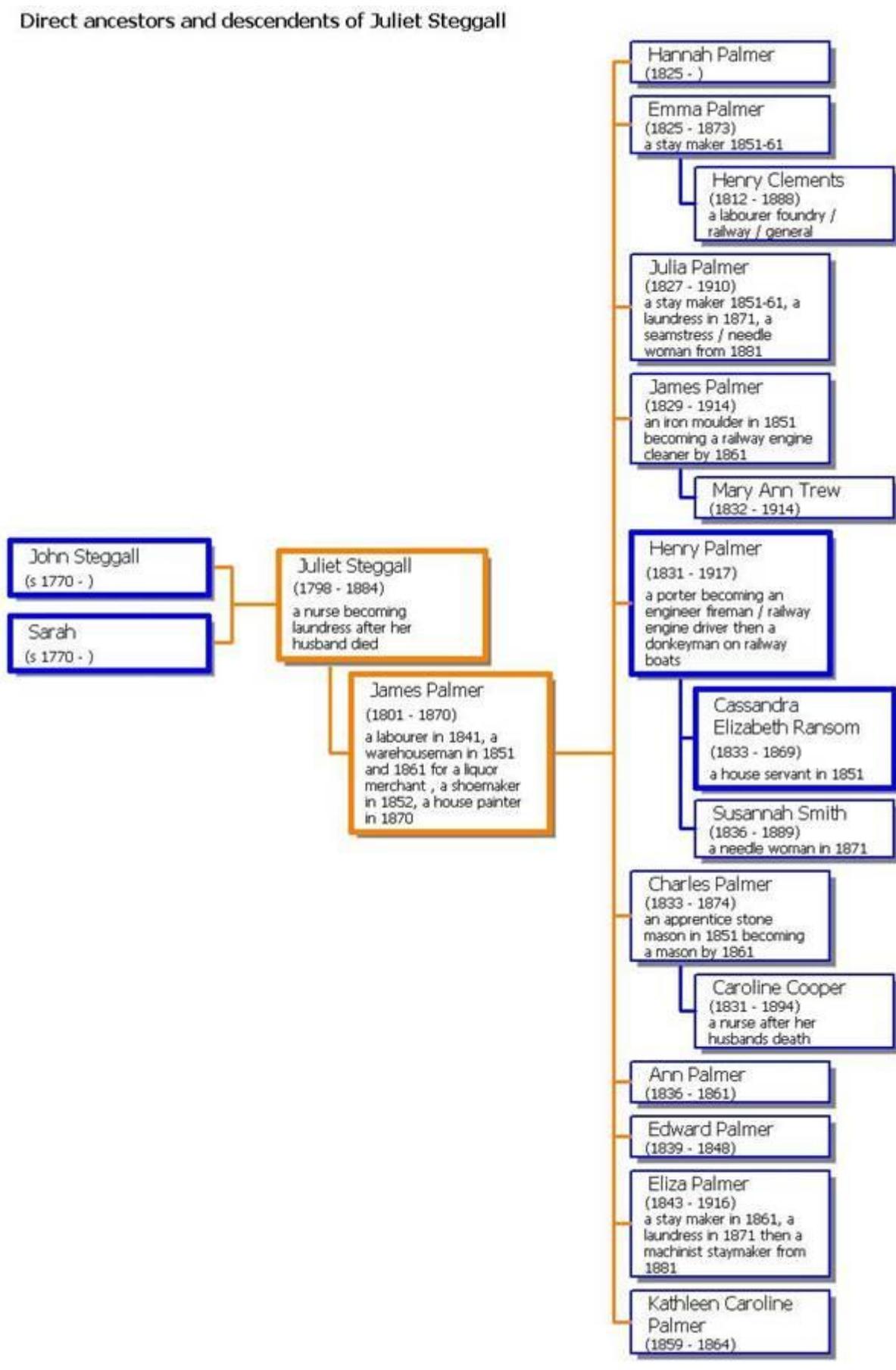
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## Chapter 13 Juliet Steggall 1798 - 1884

Direct ancestors and descendents of Juliet Steggall





## **Juliet Steggall** <sup>1,2,3,4,5</sup>

**c1798 - 1884**

Juliet (a nurse becoming laundress after her husband died<sup>6,7</sup>) also known as Julia,<sup>2</sup> was born about 1798 in St. Andrew Holborn, Middlesex.<sup>6,8,4</sup> She was baptised on 28th October 1798 at St. Andrew, Holborn, Middlesex (daughter of John and Sarah Steggall of Liquorpond Street).<sup>4,5</sup>

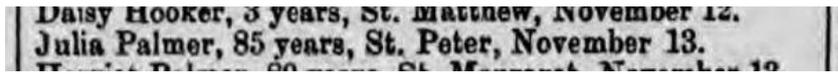
Juliet married James Palmer, base born son Ann Palmer, on 12th May 1824 at St. Matthew, Ipswich, Suffolk, James of Falkenham, Julia of Ipswich St. Matthews. both single, by banns, no fathers given, witnesses Anne Cander?, John Holden and ?<sup>1,9,3</sup> Julia and James had ten children; Emma Palmer c1825-1873; Hannah Palmer 1825-?; Julia Palmer 1827-1910; James Palmer 1829-1914; Henry Palmer 1831-1917; Charles Palmer 1833-1874; Ann Palmer 1836-1861; Edward Palmer 1839-1848; Eliza Palmer c1843-1916; and Kathleen Caroline Palmer 1859-1864.

Juliet appeared on the census of 6th June 1841 in Church Lane, St. Matthew, Ipswich, Suffolk (aged 40, living with husband and seven children, born in Suffolk)<sup>2</sup>; on the census of 30th March 1851 in St. Georges Street, St. Matthew, Ipswich, Suffolk (wife aged 50, nurse living with husband, seven children and a visitor, born Middlesex)<sup>6</sup>; on the census of 7th April 1861 in East Street, St. Matthew, Ipswich, Suffolk (mother aged 60 married, living with a son and his wife to help with new born daughter, born St. Andrews, Middlesex)<sup>10</sup>; and on the census of 2nd April 1871 at 34 East Street, St. Margaret, Ipswich, Suffolk (head aged 69 widow, laundress living with two daughters; born Middlesex, London).<sup>7</sup>

Juliet became a widow when her husband James died of pneumonia on Tuesday 3rd May 1870 at 18 Gibson Street, Ipswich, Suffolk<sup>16</sup> and was buried on Saturday 7th May 1870 in the Ipswich Cemetery, Belvedere Road, Ipswich, Suffolk, aged 68.<sup>14</sup>

She appeared on the census of 3rd April 1881 at 101 Tower Ramparts, St. Mary Le Tower, Ipswich, Suffolk (mother aged 80 widow, living with two daughters, born London).<sup>11</sup>

Juliet died in November 1884 in Ipswich, Suffolk, aged 84<sup>12,13,14</sup> and was buried on Thursday 13th November 1884 in Ipswich Cemetery, Belvedere Road, Ipswich, Suffolk, aged 85.<sup>14,15</sup>

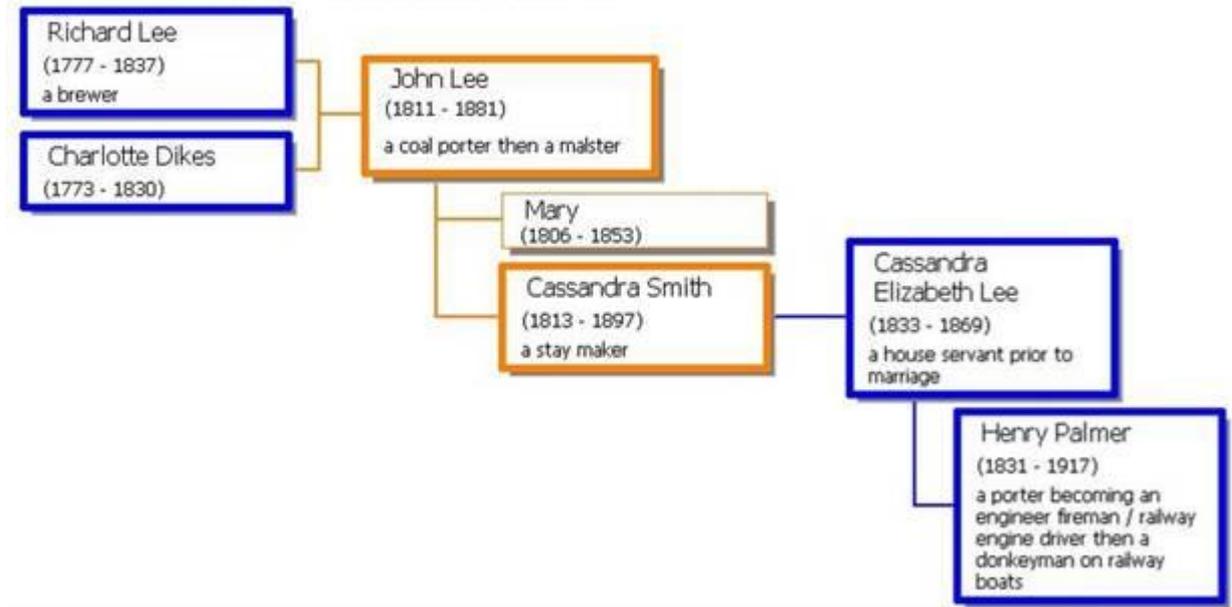


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## Chapter 14 John Lee c1811 - 1881

### Direct ancestors and descendants of John Lee



## John Lee <sup>1,2</sup>

c1811 - 1881

John (a coal porter then a malster<sup>3,4,5,6</sup>) was born about 1811 in Ipswich, Suffolk.<sup>2,4,3,5</sup> He was baptised on 15th September 1811 at St. Clement, Ipswich, Suffolk (son of Richard and Charlotte Lee late Mickelfield).<sup>2</sup>

John had an illegitimate daughter, Cassandra Elizabeth Lee about 1833 by Cassandra Smith whom he married in 1854 after they were both widowed.

John then married Mary Turner (maiden name unknown) on Sunday 17th May 1835 at St. Nicholas, Ipswich, Suffolk, John single, Mary a widow, both of this parish, by banns, witnesses Richard West and William West.<sup>1,7,15</sup> John and Mary did not have any issue.

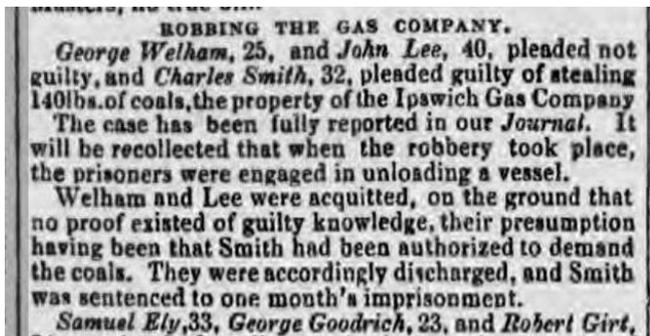
He appeared on the census of 6th June 1841 in Fore Hamlet, St. Clement, Ipswich, Suffolk (aged 30, coal porter living with wife, born Suffolk)<sup>3</sup> and on the census of 30th March 1851 in Fore Hamlet, St. Clement, Ipswich, Suffolk (head aged 30 married, coal porter living with wife, born Ipswich Suffolk).<sup>4</sup>

John was widowed when Mary died about 1853, but no record has yet been located. John then married Cassandra Smith (the mother of his daughter), daughter of James Smith and Elizabeth Green, on Sunday 22nd January 1854 at Holy Trinity Church, Ipswich, Suffolk, John, aged 41, a widower and porter, Cassandra aged 39 widow, both living in Fore Hamlet Ipswich, by banns, groom's father Richard Lee brewer

deceased, bride's father James Smith labourer deceased, witnesses William Davey? and Sarah Davey? <sup>14</sup>

**IPSWICH POLICE.**  
**MONDAY.**—Before the Mayor, T. D'Eye Burroughes, Esq., C. Deane, Esq., T. B. Ross, Esq., S. B. Chapman, Esq., Henry Miller, Esq.  
*Charge of Stealing Coals.*—Henry Welham, John Lee, and Chas. Smith, were charged with stealing 144lbs. of coals, the property of the Ipswich Gas Company.  
Mr. Jackaman appeared for the prosecution.  
In consequence of some suspicions which had been excited, John Frost, in the service of the Company, was ordered on Friday morning the 28th ult., between seven and eight o'clock, to watch the unloading of the "Visitor," in which vessel the prisoners were employed. He had not been upon watch long, before he saw Smith approach the side of the vessel, when the other two prisoners each shot a bushel of coals into a sack which Smith held. The latter then proceeded in the direction of Albion street. Upon passing the Gas Company's premises, Frost, who had stationed himself behind the fencing, looked over and said, "Charles, drop those coals!"—the reply was, "For God's sake say nothing." Frost then went up to Welham and Lee, and said, "You have done that which you ought not to have done, by shooting two bushels of coals into Smith's sack." but both denied having done anything of the sort.

On 1st May 1854 John appeared at Ipswich Magistrates, Town Hall, Ipswich, Suffolk charged with two others of stealing 144lbs of coal from the Ipswich Gas Company whilst unloading coal from the ship



"Visitor", John denied the charge and all three were bailed but sent for trial.<sup>9</sup> In July 1854 they appeared at court in Ipswich, Suffolk, pleaded not guilty to stealing 140lbs of coal. John and George Welham were discharged, but Charles Smith was

sentenced to one months imprisonment.<sup>10</sup>

John then appeared on the census of 7th April 1861 at 49 St. Helens Street, St. Margaret, Ipswich, Suffolk (head aged 49 married, coal porter living with wife, born Ipswich, Suffolk)<sup>5</sup> and on the census of 2nd April 1871 near Storm Yard, Trinity, Ipswich, Suffolk (head aged 60 married, malster living with wife, born Ipswich, Suffolk).<sup>6</sup>

John died of prostatic disease and infiltration of urine on Thursday 27th January 1881 at the Union Workhouse, Ipswich, Suffolk, aged 70, the Master of the Workhouse being in attendance. Why or how long he had been in the workhouse is not known.<sup>11,12</sup> He was buried on Monday 31st January 1881 in Ipswich Cemetery, Belvedere Road, Ipswich, Suffolk, aged 70.<sup>13</sup>

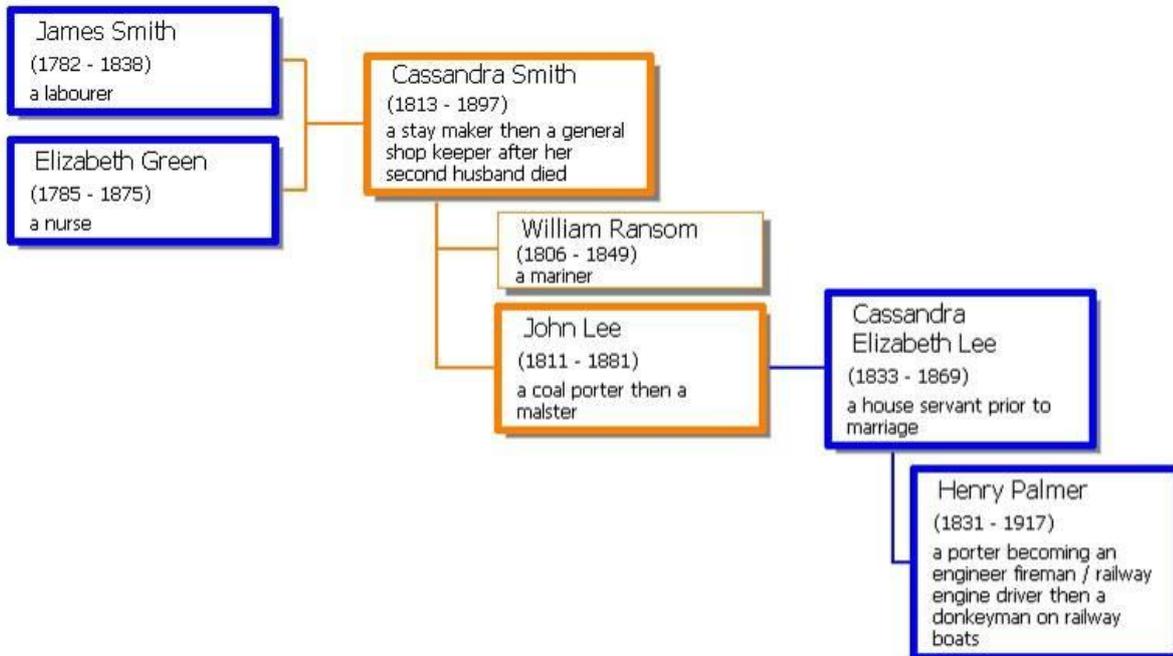
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## Chapter 15 Cassandra Smith 1813 - 1897

Direct ancestors and descendents of Cassandra Smith



## Cassandra Smith <sup>1,2,3</sup>

1813 - 1897

Cassandra, also known as Cassandar<sup>4</sup> and Cassander,<sup>5,7</sup> (a stay maker then a general shop keeper after her second husband died<sup>5,6</sup>) was born in November 1813 in Rushmere St. Andrew, Suffolk.<sup>1,5</sup> She was baptised on 18th November 1813 at St. Andrew, Rushmere St. Andrew, Suffolk (daughter of James Smith (labourer) and Elizabeth).<sup>2,8,3</sup>

Cassandra had an illegitimate daughter, Cassandra Elizabeth Lee about 1833 by John Lee whom she married in 1854 after they were both widowed.

She and William Ransom had their banns read on 12th, 19th and 26th October 1834 at St. Clement, Ipswich, Suffolk, both single of this parish.<sup>9</sup> They married on 6th November 1834 at St. Clement, Ipswich, Suffolk, Cassandra as Cassandar Smith, both single, witnesses John Bondsfield, Rachel Bondsfield & Mary Smith.<sup>9,4,10</sup> There was no issue.

She appeared on the census of 6th June 1841 in Albion Place, St. Clement, Ipswich, Suffolk (aged 25, living with husband, a daughter and her mother, born Suffolk).<sup>11</sup>

**THE CHOLERA AT IPSWICH.**  
We regret to announce that Capt. Bennet, of the "Julia Wood," whose case was reported in our last *Journal*, expired in the cabin of his vessel lying in the dock, on Sunday afternoon, at four o'clock.  
Three other cases have since engaged the public attention. On Sunday evening, three men, named Bass, Ranson, and Smith, part of the crew of the "Port Packet," of Ipswich, lying at Harwich, and which had arrived from London, sailed up to Ipswich in a small boat, accompanied

On Tuesday afternoon, an inquest was held on the body of William Ranson, by S. B. Jackaman, Esq., Coroner; the age of the deceased being stated to be 43.  
Philip Balaam said, I am master of the Brig "Port Packet," of Ipswich. The deceased was man before the mast, the other portions of the crew consisting of Robert Bass, the mate, who died yesterday, William Smith, who left us in London this day week, Walter Smith, now very ill, and John Oxborrow, an apprentice. With this crew and myself the brig arrived in the Thames last Thursday week. We lay at Gravesend, coal-laden, waiting for an order, for a few hours, and then went up the river into section No. 3, North Gallions, where we remained until the following Saturday morning, when we went up to Cherry garden tier, opposite Rotherhithe church, where we lay from last

Cassandra was widowed when her husband William died of cholera in August 1849 in Ipswich, Suffolk<sup>15,16,17</sup> and was buried on Tuesday 14th August 1849 in St. Helen, Ipswich, Suffolk, aged 43.<sup>15</sup> An inquest into the death of William was held on 14th November 1849 in Ipswich, Suffolk, he was a mariner on the brig Port Packet of Ipswich which had previously sailed from Gravesend and Rotherhithe on the Thames,

out regard to cost.  
The Jury returned a verdict, that "The deceased died of epidemic cholera;" adding, "The Jury desire to express their satisfaction at the unremitting attention shown to the deceased by the medical attendant and relieving-officer; but strongly urge the necessity of application for medical assistance in the early stage of diarrhoea."  
In the course of the investigation, it was deemed desir.

where there was talk of cholera. He was given brandy and tincture of rhubarb and along with

three other crew succumbed to cholera.<sup>16</sup>

Cassandra then appeared on the census of 30th March 1851 in Church Street, St. Clement, Ipswich, Suffolk (head aged 37 widow, stay maker living with three lodgers (including future son-in-law Henry Palmer), born Rushmere, Suffolk).<sup>5</sup>

Cassandra then married John Lee (the father of her daughter), son of Richard Lee and Charlotte Dikes, on 22nd January 1854 at Trinity Church, Ipswich, Suffolk, John, aged 41, a widower and porter, Cassandra aged 39 widow, both living in Fore Hamlet Ipswich, by banns, groom's father Richard Lee brewer deceased, bride's father James Smith labourer deceased, witnesses William Davey? and Sarah Davey? <sup>20</sup>

She appeared on the census of 7th April 1861 at 49 St. Helens Street, St. Margaret, Ipswich, Suffolk (wife aged 48 married, living with husband, born Ipswich, Suffolk)<sup>7</sup> and on the census of 2nd April 1871 near Storm Yard, Trinity, Ipswich, Suffolk (wife aged 60 married, living with husband, born Ipswich, Suffolk).<sup>13</sup>

Cassandra was widowed for the second time when her husband John died of prostatic disease and infiltration of urine on Thursday 27th January 1881 at the Union Work House, Ipswich, Suffolk, aged 70, the Master of the Workhouse being in attendance. Why or how long he had been in the workhouse is not known.<sup>18,19</sup> He was buried on Monday 31st January 1881 in Ipswich Cemetery, Belvedere Road, Ipswich, Suffolk, aged 70.<sup>15</sup>

She appeared on the census of 3rd April 1881 in Fore Hamlet, St. Clement, Ipswich, Suffolk (head aged 67 widow, general shop keeper living alone, born Ipswich, Suffolk)<sup>6</sup> but she appears to be absent from the census of 5th April 1891.

Cassandra died on Wednesday 1st December 1897 in Ipswich, Suffolk<sup>1,14</sup> and was buried on Friday 3rd December 1897 in Ipswich Cemetery, Belvedere Road, Ipswich, Suffolk, aged 86.<sup>15</sup>

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