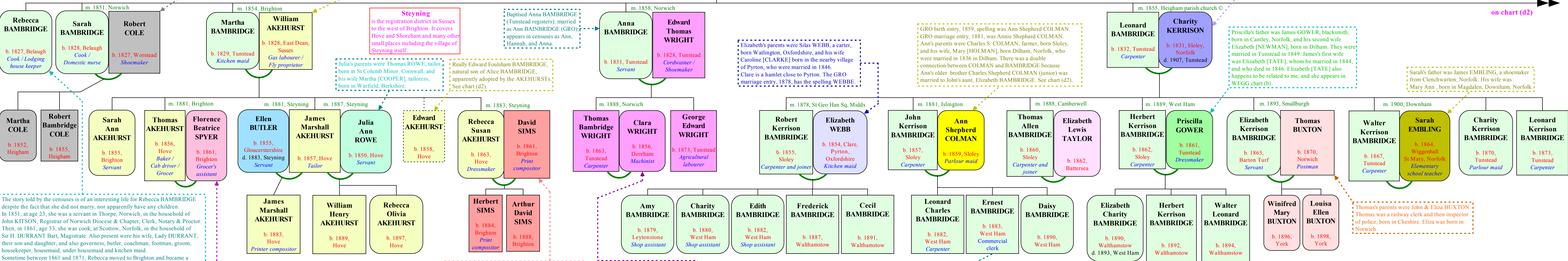


Descendants of Robert BAMBRIDGE and Mary ALLEN of Tunstead, Norfolk

The family is continued on chart (d2)



The story told by the censuses is of an interesting life for Rebecca BAMBRIDGE despite the fact that she did not marry, nor apparently have any children. In 1851, at age 23, she was a servant in Thorpe, Norwich, in the household of John KITSON, Registrar of Norwich Diocese & Chapter, Clerk, Notary & Proctor. Then, in 1861, age 33, she was cook, at Scottow, Norfolk, in the household of Sir H. DURRANT Bart, Magistrate. Also present were his wife, Lady DURRANT, their son and daughter, and also governess, butler, coachman, footman, groom, housekeeper, housemaid, under housemaid and kitchen maid. Sometime between 1861 and 1871, Rebecca moved to Brighton and became a lodging house keeper. In 1871 she was at 105 King's Road, Brighton with Ellen JENNER, age 26, a dressmaker born in Sussex, and 2 servants. In 1881, still a lodging house keeper, she had moved to 31 Osborn Street, Brighton. With her on census night were niece Elizabeth COLMAN, (daughter of Rebecca's sister Elizabeth [BAMBRIDGE], whose family lived in St Pancras), and nephew Thomas HOMEWOOD, 13, (son of Rebecca's other sister Alice [BAMBRIDGE], whose family lived at 103 King's Road, Brighton), plus a servant and 2 boarders. In 1891, she had moved yet again, and was lodging house keeper at 45 Surrey Street, Brighton. With her were nephew, Thomas HOMEWOOD, 21, now a photographer.

Flora's parents were Richard SPYER, a grocer from Berwick, Oxfordshire, and his wife Harriet [GRIMES], born in Lambeth, where they married in 1853.

David's parents were David SIMS, born Grove, Berkshire, and his wife Ann [HOLDEN], born Cuckfield, Sussex. They were married in 1857 in Brighton.

Clara's parents were James WRIGHT from Hockering, Norfolk, and his wife Rebecca [DECK], born East Dereham, Norfolk. They were married in Norwich in 1853. I have not yet found out if Clara was related to her husband Thomas.

Since preparing this chart, I have been contacted by Christopher Payne who has given me the following information about Ernest: "My grandfather, Charles Payne wrote a diary in 1907 while working for the American Express Company in Genoa, Italy. During his time there, he befriended an E. Bambridge who was working in the same office (and, later that year, in Naples) and mentions him frequently in his diary. I have a photographs of E. Bambridge and several postcards written by Bambridge to my grandfather after he returned to England."

Christopher has located Ernest in the 1911 census back at 40 Holbrook Road, West Ham, where he was in 1901. Ernest must have returned from Italy by then, and was working as a shipping clerk. There is also a possible marriage for Ernest in West Ham in 1919 (third quarter), and a possible death record in Hendon in 1972, (first quarter). Christopher would be pleased hear from others who are related to, or have knowledge of, Ernest Bambridge, with the hope of exchanging further information. Christopher's e-mail address is oldthatch@btinternet.com

John's parents were John and Eleanor COLE. I cannot locate Robert COLE or the children, Martha and Robert, in the 1871 census or after that. In 1871, Sarah is a servant in the household of a merchant in Norwich. In 1881, she is a servant in the household of a magistrate and wholesale grocer. Her status is "Mar" (married) both times. In 1891, she is head of household in Rupert Street, Norwich, and is now recorded as "Wid".

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William's father was Thomas AKEHURST, born in Eastdean, whose wife was probably Ann.

Steyping is the registration district in Sussex to the west of Brighton. It covers Hove and Shoreham and many other small places including the village of Steyping itself.

Baptised Anna BAMBRIDGE (Tunstead registers); married as Ann BAINBRIDGE (GRO); appears in censuses as Ann, Hannah, and Anna.

Julia's parents were Thomas ROWE, tailor, born in St Columb Minor, Cornwall, and his wife Martha [COOPER], tailoress, born in Warfield, Berkshire.

Really Edward Foulsham BAMBRIDGE, natural son of Alice BAMBRIDGE, apparently adopted by the AKEHURSTs. See chart (d2).

Elizabeth's parents were Silas WEBB, a carter, born Watlington, Oxfordshire, and his wife Caroline [CLARKE] born in the nearby village of Pyrton, who were married in 1846. Clare is a hamlet close to Pyrton. The GRO marriage entry, 1878, has the spelling WEBBE.

GRO birth entry, 1859, spelling was Ann Shepherd COLMAN. GRO marriage entry, 1881, was Annie Shepherd COLMAN. Ann's parents were Charles S. COLMAN, farmer, born Sloley, and his wife, Mary [HOLMAN], born Dilham, Norfolk, who were married in 1836 in Dilham. There was a double connection between COLMAN and BAMBRIDGE because Ann's older brother Charles Shepherd COLMAN (junior) was married to John's aunt, Elizabeth BAMBRIDGE. See chart (d2).

Charity's parents were John KERRISON, farmer, born in Burgh, Norfolk, and his wife, Elizabeth, born in Barton, Norfolk.

Priscilla's father was James GOWER, blacksmith, born in Cantley, Norfolk, and his second wife Elizabeth [NEWMAN], born in Dilham. They were married in Tunstead in 1849. James's first wife was Elizabeth [TATE], whom he married in 1844, and who died in 1846. Elizabeth [TATE] also happens to be related to me, and she appears in WEGG chart (b).

Sarah's father was James EMBLING, a shoemaker from Clenchwarton, Norfolk. His wife was Mary Ann, born in Magdalen, Downham, Norfolk.

Thomas's parents were John & Eliza BUXTON. Thomas was a railway clerk and then inspector of police, born in Cheshire. Eliza was born in Norwich.