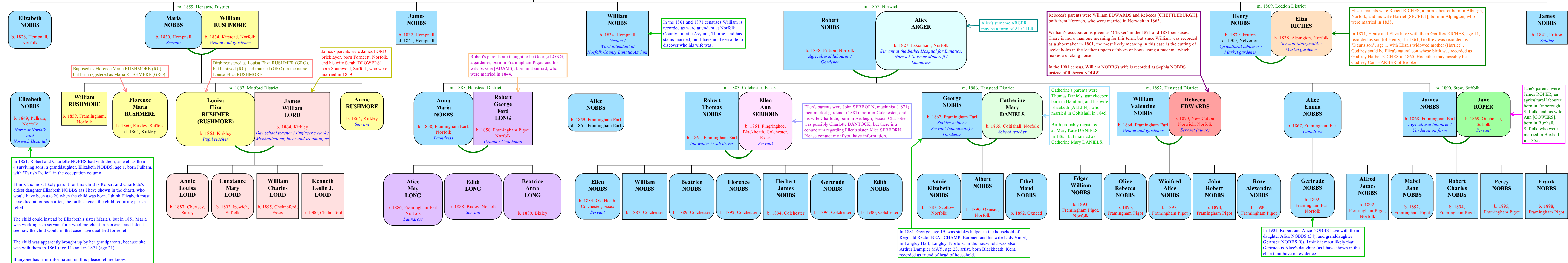


See BULLEN chart (d) for the ancestry of Robert NOBBS

Robert NOBBS
b. 1806, Bedingham, Norfolk
d. 1872, Loddon District
Agricultural labourer

Charlotte THAIN
b. 1805, Saxlingham, Norfolk
d. 1876, Loddon District

m. 1828, Hempnall, Norfolk



In the 1861 and 1871 censuses William is recorded as ward attendant at Norfolk County Lunatic Asylum, Thorpe, and has status married, but I have not been able to discover who his wife was.

Alice's surname ARGER may be a form of ARCHER.

Rebecca's parents were William EDWARDS and Rebecca [CHETTLEBURGH], both from Norwich, who were married in Norwich in 1863.

William's occupation is given as "Clicker" in the 1871 and 1881 censuses. There is more than one meaning for this term, but since William was recorded as a shoemaker in 1861, the most likely meaning in this case is the cutting of eyelet holes in the leather uppers of shoes or boots using a machine which makes a clicking noise.

In the 1901 census, William NOBBS's wife is recorded as Sophia NOBBS instead of Rebecca NOBBS.

Eliza's parents were Robert RICHES, a farm labourer born in Alburgh, Norfolk, and his wife Harriet [SECRET], born in Alington, who were married in 1838.

In 1871, Henry and Eliza have with them Godfrey RICHES, age 11, recorded as son (of Henry). In 1861, Godfrey was recorded as "Daur's son", age 1, with Eliza's widowed mother (Harriet). Godfrey could be Eliza's natural son whose birth was recorded as Godfrey Harber RICHES in 1860. His father may possibly be Godfrey Carr HARBER of Brooke.

Jane's parents were James ROPER, an agricultural labourer, born in Finborough, Suffolk, and his wife Ann [GOWERS], born in Buxhall, Suffolk, who were married in Buxhall in 1855.

In 1851, Robert and Charlotte NOBBS had with them, as well as their 4 surviving sons, a granddaughter, Elizabeth NOBBS, age 1, born Pulham, with "Parish Relief" in the occupation column.

I think the most likely parent for this child is Robert and Charlotte's eldest daughter Elizabeth NOBBS (as I have shown in the chart), who would have been age 20 when the child was born. I think Elizabeth must have died at, or soon after, the birth - hence the child requiring parish relief.

The child could instead be Elizabeth's sister Maria's, but in 1851 Maria was working as a servant for a wool merchant in Norwich and I don't see how the child would in that case have qualified for relief.

The child was apparently brought up by her grandparents, because she was with them in 1861 (age 11) and in 1871 (age 21).

If anyone has firm information on this please let me know.

In 1881, George, age 19, was stables helper in the household of Reginald Rector BEAUCHAMP, Baronet, and his wife Lady Violet, in Langley Hall, Langley, Norfolk. In the household was also Arthur Dampier MAY, age 23, artist, born Blackheath, Kent, recorded as friend of head of household.

In 1901, Robert and Alice NOBBS have with them daughter Alice NOBBS (34), and granddaughter Gertrude NOBBS (8). I think it most likely that Gertrude is Alice's daughter (as I have shown in the chart) but have no evidence.