## From: Denise Burrow to East Meon History Archive September 5th 2014

I am the great great grand daughter of William Love died 13 Sept 1799

aged 71 husband of Mary who died 8 Dec 1808 aged 80. I have seen a

copy of the birth certificate of one of their children, my great

grandfather Henry Louis Love. Their address is written as Eastmeon

Street Eastmeon. I am visiting our son who now lives in L:ondon and

came down to East Meon to look around. It was a wonderful trip. I

sighted a blacksmith building - my grt grt grandfather was a master

blacksmith evidently in 1855. Would there have been more than one

blacksmith then? Also finding this street was another part of my

mission but there appears to be no current street with this name

Can you help here please?

## From EMHG to Denise Burrow 10th September 2014

Apologies for not having replied sooner - this has been a busy time. I am copying this email to David Hopkins, who has researched many East Meon families including the Loves (who appear to be interchangeable with the Luffs). David is about to leave for a short holiday. David has also analysed the censuses of the mid-19th century and probably knows where Eastmeon Street is - I confess I haven't heard of it.

I have dug out two extracts from White's Directory of 1859, one showing the blacksmiths of East Meon, which includes Wm Love - presumably your ancestor. You will see there were several blacksmiths at the time. The other extract shows the Carpenters, which includes Peter Luff. May be a connection ...

I am glad you enjoyed your visit to East Meon. The Forge, I am afraid, looks pretty desolate - there is a huge village row going on about plans to develop it! When you say the printed history, I assume you mean Freddy Standfield's A History of East Meon? It is out of print, but I assume you have found a copy.

## From David Hopkins to Denise Burrow 11th September 2014

Just got back from hols and had a rapid and intense"spurt" at locating your family in the village. Some very interesting facts emerge. I can suggest some probable answers (in my estimate likely to be 95% accurate...that's local history!)....but a few queries for you as I have reached some dead ends from tracking things from our parish records and censuses.

 I don't think there has ever been a "East Meon Street". I am certain that Henry Louis Love's family lived (and probably worked) in the same location between 1851 and 1861. This was variously known as "Alley", "Alley Street", and "Halley Street". (all used in successive census). Most addresses in the village were then given as "William Love, The Village" unless being in an East Meon hamlet  ... so the person registering the birth may have been a bit vague and the Registrar not too precise! As their address is given as "No 19" we can assume it was at the far end of "Alley Street"....so probably near the present day school and probably demolished now (this needs a bit more research).

"Henry Louis" is not: he is "Henry Lewis" as per All Saints Baptismal entry and the Registrar Generals Birth Index.

Earlier members of your family lived in East Meon's "High Street"....so Henry may have been born at mum-in-law's ! (actually quite probable at that time). So" East Meon Street" would equate to East Meon "High Street"

Where he was in 1871 we can be very specific about. By cross referencing various census entries he was a boarder at 2, Hambledon Cottages at Coombe. He was employed at neighboring Whitewool Farm as an "Under Carter" and lived with the "Carter" and his family. These cottages and farm are there today largely as was (and I fish up there quite often). You mention a blacksmith in the family....Are you aware there were at least six successive generations of your family who were East Meon blacksmiths? I suspect there were  many more back into early generations not recorded.

I have traced your tree backwards from Henry Lewis Love to the early 1600's (happy to provide a family tree with sources if helpful)...but obviously with only parish records somewhat tentative. However, despite being able to trace most of Henry Lewis Love's siblings and families into the 20th Century, he seem to disappear from my radar after 1871. My suspicion is he went into the armed forces or emigrated....can you help me on this?

## From Denise Burrow 1st October 2014

Many thanks David for your interesting email with the 5 pointers.

*re no 5***:** Yes it would be wonderful to take up your kind offer of a copy of the Love family tree backwards from Henry Lewis Love to the early 1600s.

My cousin says that Henry came to NZ about 1875/76. He hasn't been able to find pout on what ship as yet. On the marriage registration doc it says Henry had been in ChCh 3 years and Ellen McGregor 4 years. He knows Ellen came out in 1874. As they married in 1879 , 1875 would be his guess.

            Tony asked if there are any photos of the blacksmiths? any photos of William Love or his siblings? He wondered if there was a photo of any Love headstones in the graveyard at the church but we couldn't see any (though many headstones in the old headstone area bit had moss over them which prevented any reading). Is there a more detailed plan of the graveyard?

             Tony found on another person's research that a doc in a local pub refers to Edward Love - licensee of Georg Inn East Meon - a receipt note on display in the bar at the premises!

## From Denise Burrow to David Hopkins May 7th 2015

Sorry to be a while in replying...but when you read the attachment I think you will understand why!  It is my best (and occasionally hypothetical) construction of your Love family descended from your ancestor John Love, born 1520.  The Love's were an extraordinary family and are scattered throughout East Meon's history. They were for most of the traceable past blacksmiths (or farriers) and even so when they moved to other areas. Some became railway men (on the London & SW Railways especially Eastleigh Works) ...others emigrated to Canada and USA, whilst yet others moved to Surrey and Kent. We now know the probable location of their forge (on the corner of High Street and Chapel Lane) which no longer exists and have records of three Love graves at All Saints (but yet to locate in the churchyard).