

# **The Love Family History**

Mais que sayz-je? (Montaigne). Inside every older person is a younger person wondering what the hell happened?

Neil Withell

Tony Gerard

Bill McDonald

Denise Burrow



## **Alfred William Henry (Harry) Wentlock LOVE**

**Alfred William Henry (Harry) Wentlock LOVE** was born in Christchurch 28 April 1887. His father was Henry Lewis Love (Henry Lewis) was probably born at his Dad's, William Love, second wife, Ann Neal's parents house in High St East Meon. This was at the far end of Alley/Halley St, near present day school. Henry stayed at this address 1851-1861. He boarded at Hambledon Cottages at Coomb, with Carter & his family. He was employed as undercarter. He was 28 yrs old when he travelled by ship to New Zealand about 1874- a minimum 6 week journey. Henry Lewis then known as a bootmaker. Alfred William Love (Harry) was born.

Alfred William Love (Harry) married **Ellen Francis nee Stephens in 1907**. He was a master plasterer. The marriage was dissolved in 1938 because of Harry's ill treatment to Ellen when drunk. The 4 girls were aged 3 yrs – 18 yrs. Two girls had died as babies.

### **More about his wife Ellen Francis Stephens**

**Ellen Francis Stephens** (Love / remarried to Albert Collins) was born in Opawa, Christchurch, 16<sup>th</sup> September 1889. She was daughter of Frederick Stephens - cabman - born when Frederick was 40 yrs old. They lived in Parkes St Woolston. Ellen was 2<sup>nd</sup> youngest of eight children : 7 girls and 1 boy. Margaret Harper Minnie Brown had a twin brother who died young, John Stephens lived in the North Island and had 2 sons, Clarrie and Jack, Magdelina "Lena" Ozane, Hilda Hughes, Christine Grossman - youngest by about 10 yrs (Auntie Chris/ Chrissy) and May Elliot – word said was forced to marry Harry Elliot, walked to the church and got sunstroke – went berserk and ended up in Sunnyside then to Hokitika mental Hospital.

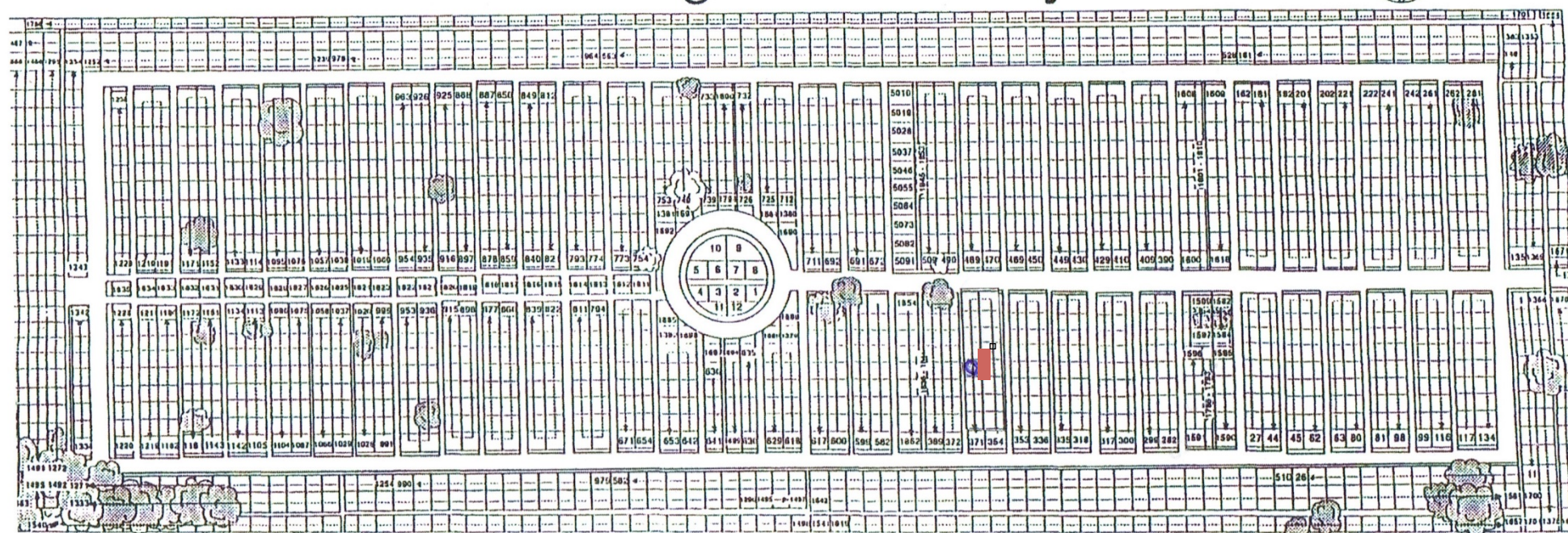
Frederick Stephen's father, John Stephens, married mother Jane ( were farmers). John Stephens evidently was a renegade who joined the Irish Constabulary. Their son Frederick Stephens (from County Cavan, Ireland) came to NZ 1875, was a farmer - married Margaret Jane nee Vogan/ Vaughan (originally from County Cavan, Ireland then to NZ 1876) when he was 30 yrs old and she 18 yrs old. died 25 May 1912. Margaret Jane moved to 15 Chelsea Street Linwood. She died 24 January 1942 in Sunnyside Mental Hospital Chch (most probably there for dementia condition).

The Stephens's graves are in the Linwood Cemetery Block 36, Row 327 - 290. Main Gate off Butterfield Ave. Turn left into a tarsealed driveway then carry on until you reach junction with a gravel path. Row is to the right at that junction next to a tap. The grave is 1/2 way along the row, just past McNeil's grave.

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## The Love burial plot.

### Addington Cemetery



SELWYN STREET

The Love burial plot, marked on the Sydenham cemetery plan, in Selwyn Street.

The plot contains:

- Harry Louis Love who died 9 October 1888 & Ellen Love nee McGregor his wife who died 7 May 1920 (*refer to the cemetery plan*).
- Their only son: Alfred William Henry Wentlock Love who died 29 July 1970 & who was uncle to:
- Pearl Wilding who died 26 August 1905 (parents William & Elizabeth Mary Ada Wilding Nee Love – sister of Harry).
- Ellen Withell who died 8 June 1907 (parents Leonard & Beatrice Minnie Withell Nee Love – sister of Harry) .
- Ellen Love died 8 March 1918 as a premature baby. She was a daughter of Alfred William Henry (Harry) Wentlock & Ellen Love and cousin to Pearl & Ellen.

We assembled a family group, at the Sydenham Cemetery, to right the headstone which had fallen on its face. Family members present were: Tony Gerard, Bill McDonald, Bill's daughter Collean & her husband Andrew, her son Ryan & daughter Hayley, Bill's second wife Elizabeth, Denise Burrow, Gordon Burrow & daughter Jayne Burrow, Neil Withell. This was quite a job. Once righted the soil was cleared out of the letter engraving. Since then Gordon has returned to apply two coats of acrylic white paint to the engraving. Three of the four living Love related families contributed a share for a stainless steel plaque declaring Harry's presence in the grave. Gordon applied adhesive and then glued the plate onto the marble. *Refer to photos.*





### A FAMILY PROJECT COMPLETED.

Who is who from left to right:

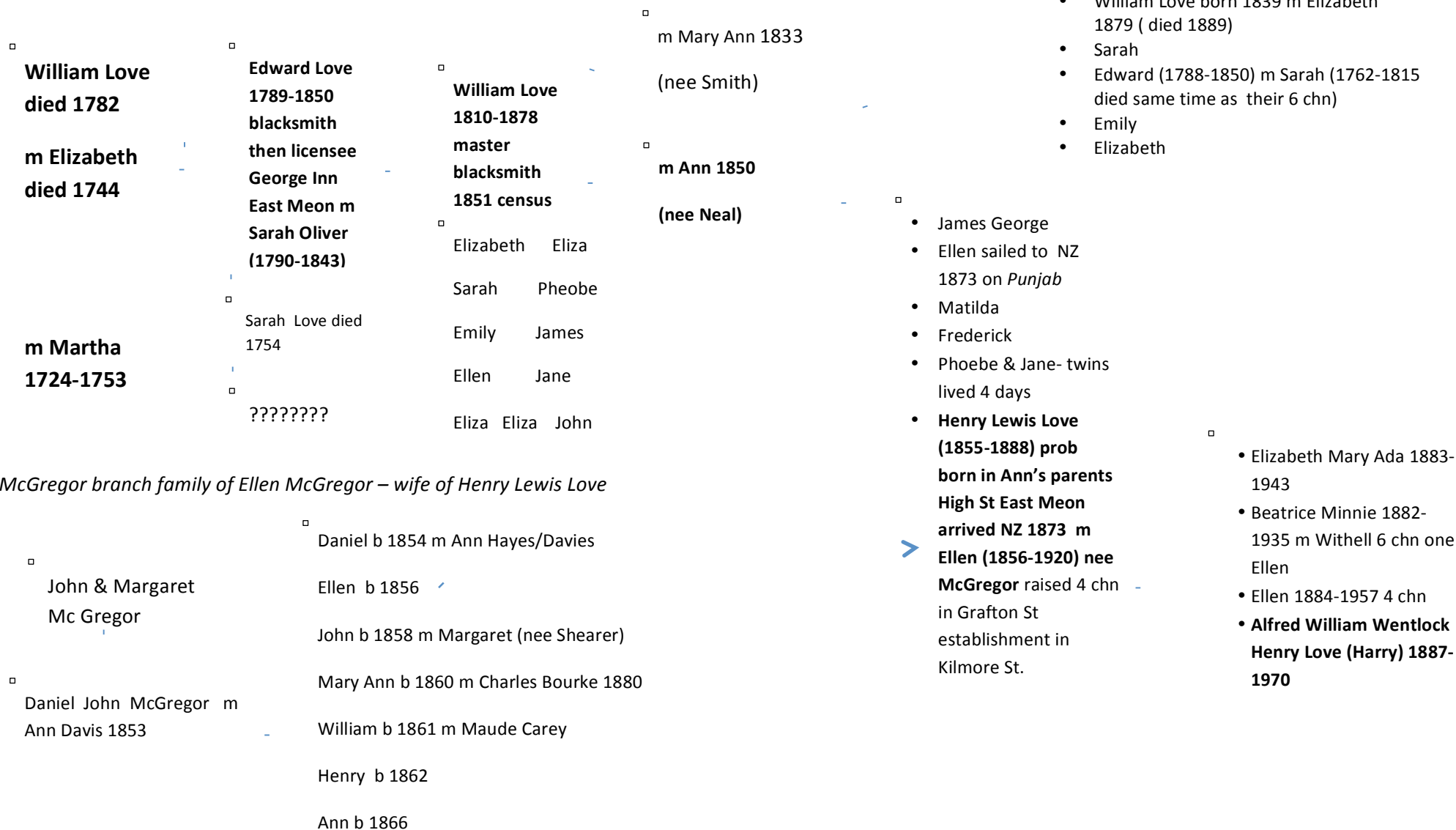
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(daughter of Denise &  
Gordon & Harry Love's  
great granddaughter),  
Gordon Burrow, Collean's  
daughter Hayley Lee,  
Collean's husband Andrew  
Wardham Lee Collean's*



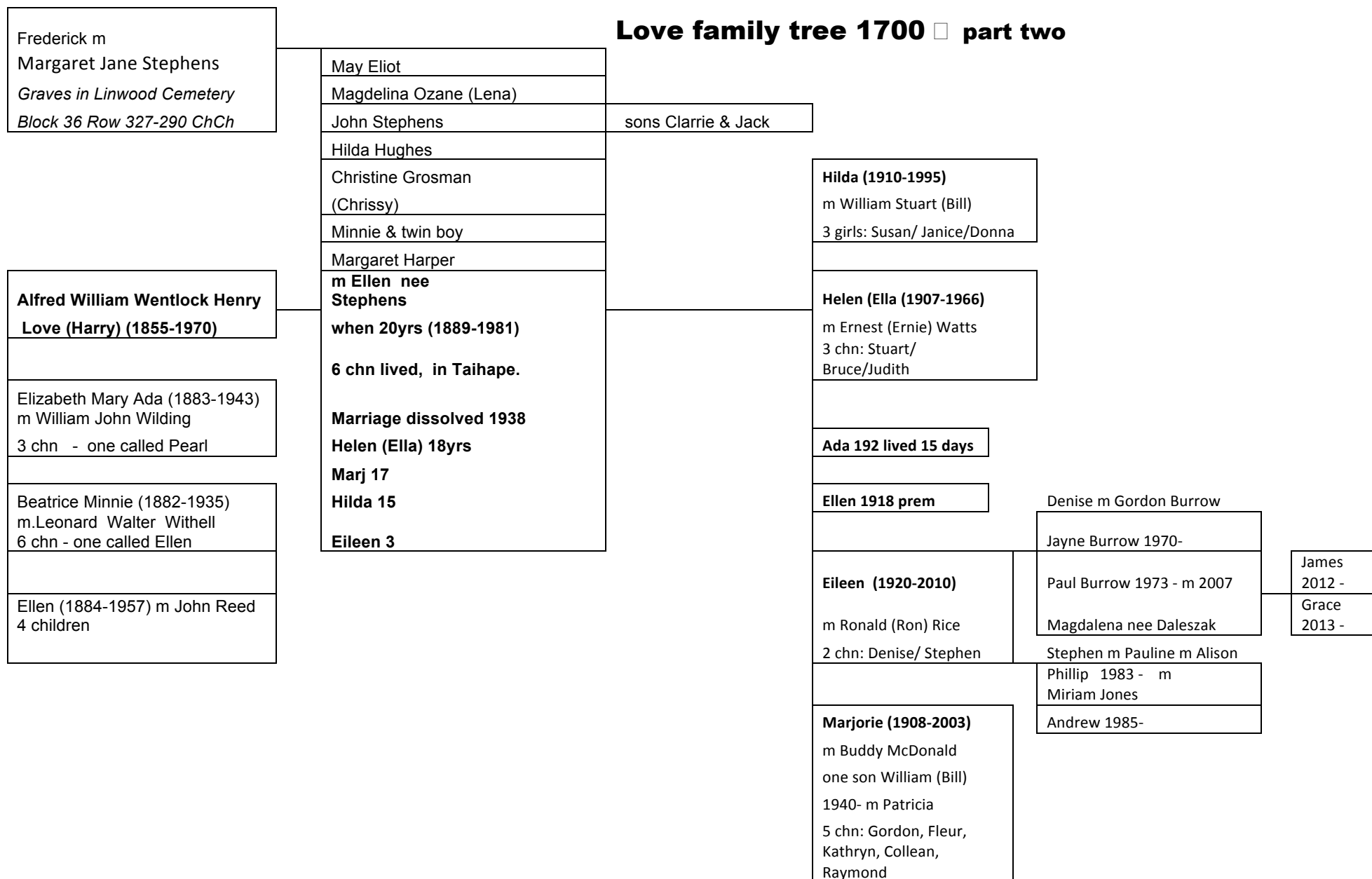


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## Love Family Tree 1700 part one



## Love family tree 1700 ☐ part two



□  
**Alfred William Henry  
Wentlock Harry)  
Love  
1887-1970**



□ *Harry Lewis Love in his band master's uniform beside a photo of Ellen his*



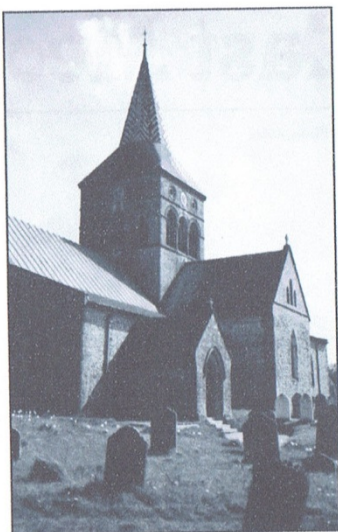


*Harry, Nell and their 4*

06/06/2019



*From above left: The girls as adults with their  
Mum: Marjorie, Hilda, Helen (Ella),  
Ellen (Nell) Mother, Eileen.*



Cover photo showing All Saints Church set against the slopes of Park Hill.

Photos on pages 1 and 5 by Roy Montgomery

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## East Meon

### Location

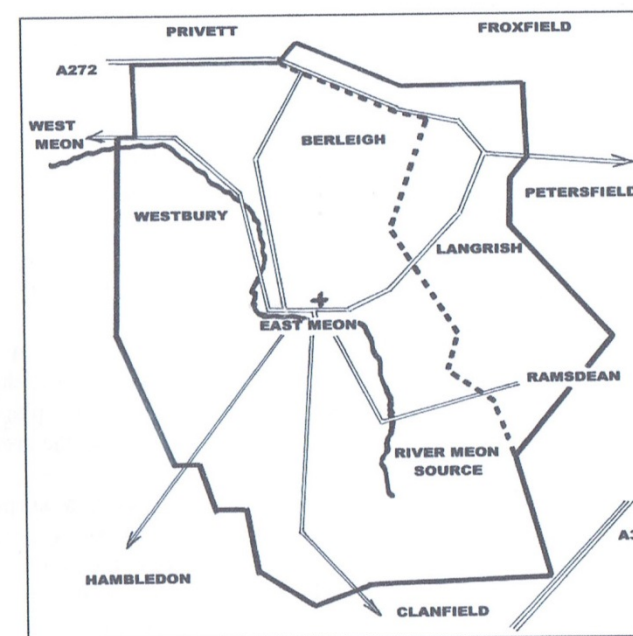
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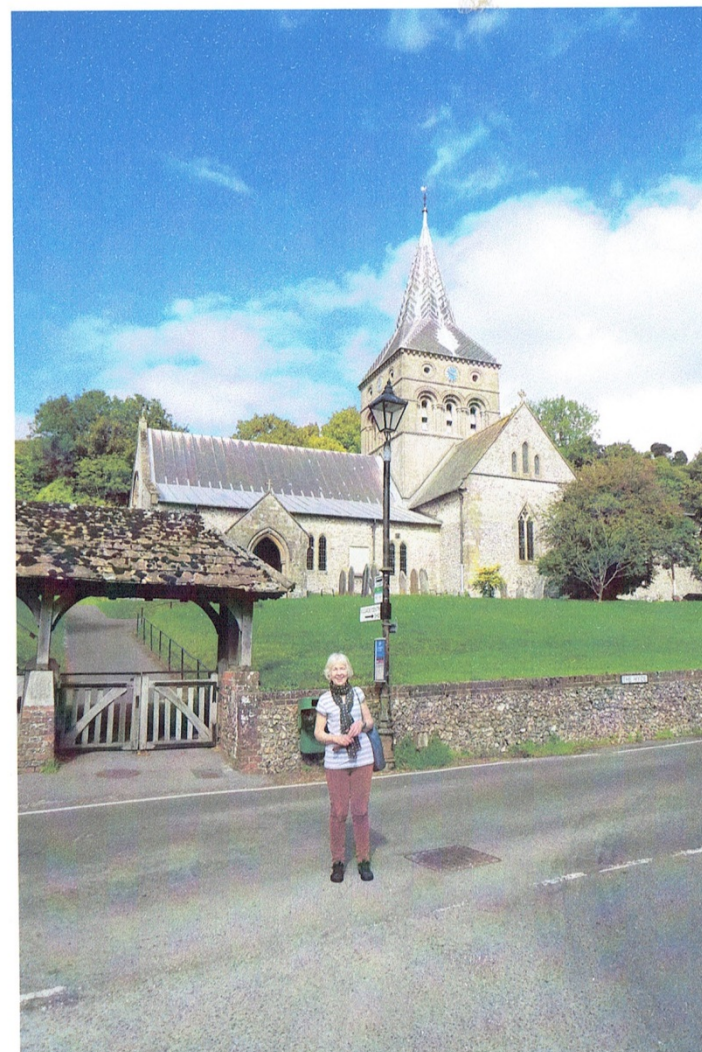
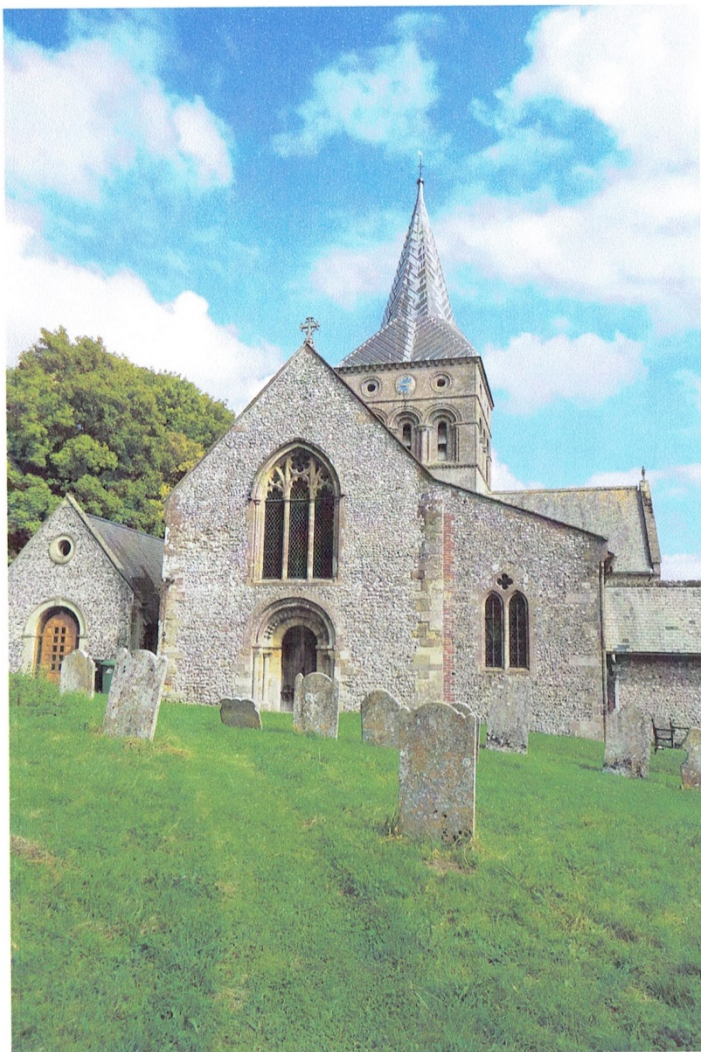
Five miles west of Petersfield, the village is in a wide valley in which the River Meon rises bounded by high downland north and south. The nearest major road is the A272 from Petersfield to Winchester two miles northeast of the village

The parish was part of the Petersfield Union.

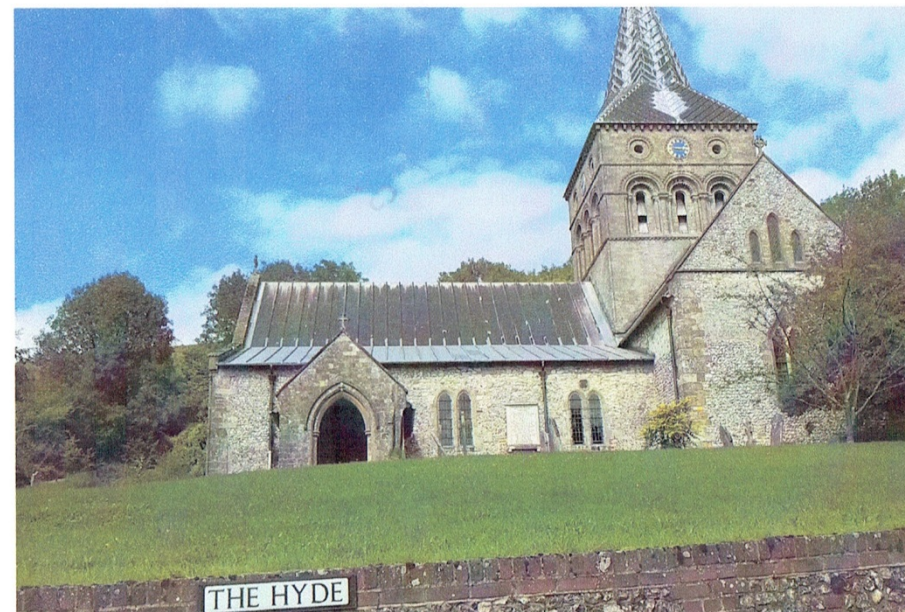
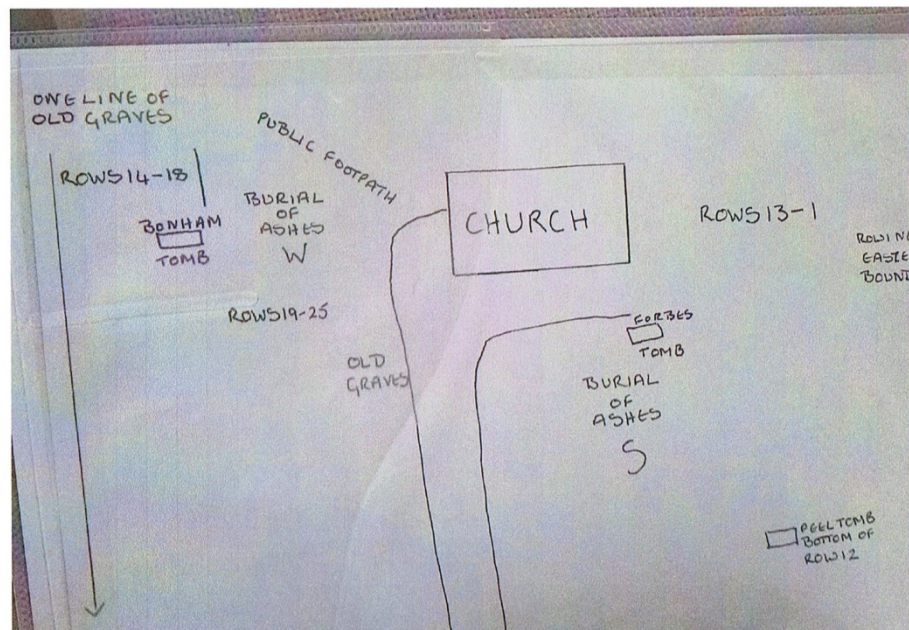
East Meon Hundred included Froxfield and parts of Steep, other areas were added or removed over the centuries.

East Meon is in Petersfield registration district.





Research done by Tony Gerard & Denise Burrow



*My research: A day's visit to East Meon in September 2014 via train from London to Petersfield then bus to East Meon.*

We left our son and daughter in law's place in Westcombe Hill SE London to catch the London Bridge train then to Waterloo catching a train to Petersfield. We found out we then had to catch a bus to East Meon and this we did after a cup of tea. The registrar in Petersfield said he did not keep any historical records. I needed to go to the Hampshire County office.

East Meon was a small village. Emptied of thatched houses and shops (which had proved uneconomic) there were some existing buildings/ houses either side of the stream which flowed through the village. *The Square Brewery* Inn was one of these. *Refer to photo next page.* We walked to the church, All Saints' Church, discovered a booklet with births and deaths entries sitting at the back of the church (*refer copies of two page entries below*) and bought a leaflet about the church's history and its key features. We returned to the village and located the little brick blacksmith building, at the other end of the village, which we understood had been threatened with conversion to other uses.

*Entry 189: IMO Martha, W of William LOVE, jnr, wdtl Dec 27 1753 age 59.*

*Entry 190: IMO William LOVE, wdtl 13 Sept 1799 age 71, also Mary, W of William LOVE, wdtl 8 Dec 1808 age 80.*

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*Entry 201. STTMO Sarah, W of Edward LOVE, wdth Feb 26  
1815 age 53. 6 infants, sons and daughters of above, Edward LOVE,  
d. Dec 21 1850 age 62.*

The whole visit was a very special experience: my family had lived here, gone to church here brought up their families and worked here near or in this village. I resolved to revisit next year 2015 and stay overnight so I could meet up with David Hopkins and Michael Blakstad (East Meon History Group) and visit the Hampshire County Office at Winchester as well.



***My research via emails: Making contact with David Hopkins and Michael Blakstad East Meon History Group***

*On 5 Sep 2014, at 20:36, Denise Burrow wrote:*

**Initial Message:**

I am the great great grand daughter of William Love died 16 Jan 1878 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 greatgrandfather Henry Lewis Love. Their address is written as EastmeonStreet Eastmeon. I am visiting our son who now lives in London andcame down to East Meon to look around. It was a wonderful trip. I sighted a blacksmith building - my great great grandfather was a masterblacksmith 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?

I was thrilled to hear about the printed history and have ordered copies.

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Coming from (referer): <http://www.eastmeonhistory.net/contact/>

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Michaelblakstadgmail.com

**Sent:** Thursday, September 11, 2014 4:02 AM

**To:** [burrow@xtra.co.nz](mailto:burrow@xtra.co.nz)

**Cc:** [David Hopkins](#)

**Subject:** Re: East Meon History Editor location of east meon street 1855

Dear Denise

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 source.

Best wishes

Michael Blakstad

East Meon History Group

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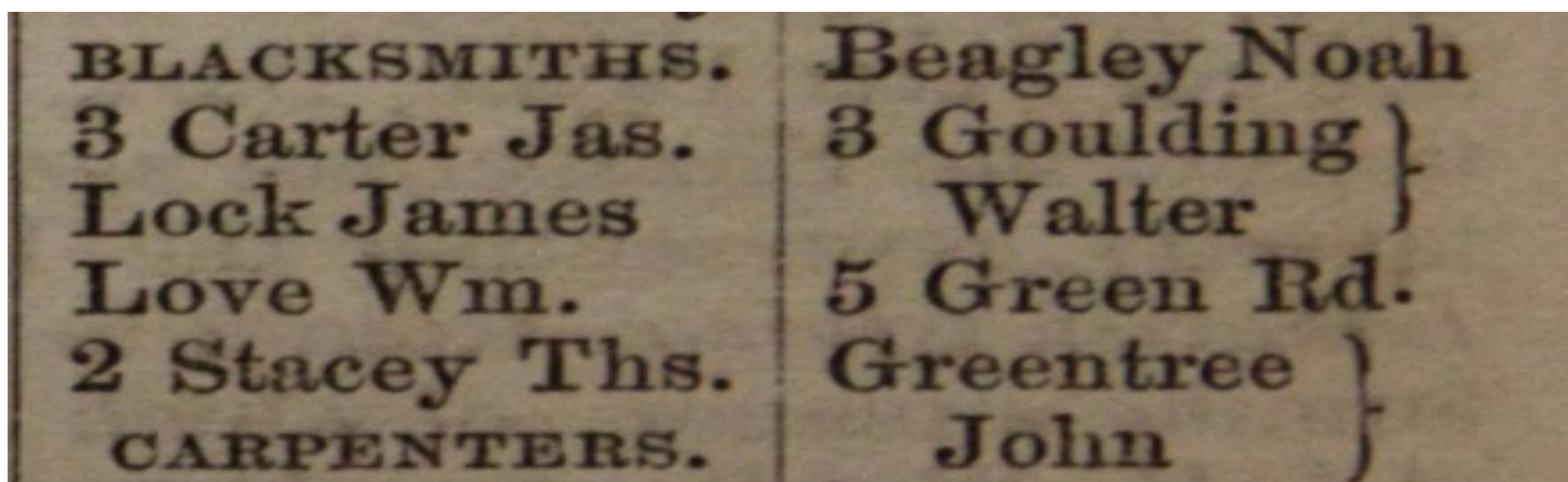
East Meon,

Petersfield,

Hants GU32 1QT

□

**William Love (1810-1878). A master blacksmith in the 1851 census – one of at least 4 blacksmiths in the family.**



**Reference: Whites Dictionary 1859**

Michael Blakstad <[michaelblakstad@gmail.com](mailto:michaelblakstad@gmail.com)> wrote:

Subject: Re: East Meon History Editor location of east meon street 1855

From: michaelblakstad@gmail.com

Date: Thu, 11 Sep 2014 07:04:24 +0100

CC: d\_hopkins66@hotmail.com

Research done by Tony Gerard & Denise Burrow  
To: burrow@xtra.co.nz

Dear Denise

If it is of any interest, the History Group has brought out a guide to the historic buildings of East Meon - [click here](#) for a glimpse of the cover. It isn't remotely as comprehensive as Freddie Standfield's book, but might be of interest when you come again. (£3 from the village shop).

I can't work out what the references are, under the names in entries under Blacksmiths and Carpenters. They aren't street names I recognise - David, do you have any thoughts?

We are delighted you wish to retain contact and are happy to help in any way we can. If you have any family records dating back to East Meon times, we would very much like to see them and, if possible, include digital copies in our online archives.

Best wishes

Michael Blakstad

*Sep 2014, at 23:17, Denise Burrow wrote:*

*Hi Michael*

*It was excellent to hear from you.*

*Bit of a worry re history bklt. I ordered 2 copies off the web. We visit every year so maybe there is a possibility that you may know someone with a copy seeing my order may not eventuate!! I might be able to contact them ??*

*Because of the frequency of our visits I look forward to maintaining contact with you. I hope this is OK. I know our daughter would like to accompany me for a second visit to East Me on.*

*Is the entry under my grt grt grandfather's name his address?*

*Cheers*

*Denise Burrow (Mother maiden name Eileen Love).*

*Sent from Huawei Mobile*

Research done by Tony Gerard & Denise Burrow

*Date: Sat, 13 Sep 2014 00:37:38 +0100*  
*Subject: Re:RE: East Meon History Editor location of east meon street 1855*  
*From: burrow@xtra.co.nz*  
*To: d\_hopkins66@hotmail.com*

*Hi David*

*Thrilled with your email and its contents. I will take you up for your kind offer when I next visit East Meon Aug prob 2015.*

*We are biking in Cornwall at present.*

*I have a family tree with me but in London. Will be in touch.*

*Cheers*

*Denise*

*Sent from Huawei Mobile*

Subject: RE: East Meon History Editor location of east meon street 1855  
 From: David Hopkins <d\_hopkins66@hotmail.com>  
 To: Denise Burrow <burrow@xtra.co.nz>  
 CC: Michael Blakstad <michaelblakstad@gmail.com>

Dear Denise

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.

1. 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).
2. "Henry Louis" is not: he is "Henry Lewis" as per All Saints Baptismal entry and the Registrar Generals Birth Index.
3. 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"

4. 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.
5. 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?

Look forward to more discussion and very happy to point out the relevant locations for your next visit

Best wishes  
David

*"Mais, que sayz-je?" (Montaigne)*

*"Inside every older person is a younger person wondering what the hell happened"*

(7/12/14)

Hi Denise.

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).

I am reasonably confident they originated in Tudor times from the Love's of Basing Park in Froxfield which was part of the manor of East Meon. They were both famous and infamous as Dr. Nicholas Love was Headmaster and Warden of Winchester College (top public school) and buried there and his son, another Nicholas, was a "REGICIDE" held responsible for the execution of Charles I and (sensibly) fleeing abroad at the Restoration to finally die an exile in Switzerland (it is worth reading his biography).

Most evidence is drawn carefully from the very complete East Meon Parish Records, augmented by Census and Birth, Marriage, Death Registers held by the UK General Registrars Office. Nothing can be certain: most things stated in attached report range from probable to near certain. Hope you find this helpful for your further research. Please keep us in touch

Best Wishes  
David

Shortened summary (but all in the report) from David Hopkins 15 October 2014.

- Loves very important East Meon Family over multiple generations
- Mainly blacksmiths
- Link with 20 to 30 years of running The George Inn established
- Their forge (not extant) on corner of High Street and Chapel Lane identified
- Derived from Loves of Froxfield (Basing Park)...important family including regicide Nicholas Love who drew up sentence for execution of King Charles 1 (1649) and then skittered off wisely to Switzerland at the Restoration
- Three extant graves in All Saints' churchyard (not yet located)
- Family dispersed to Canada/Kent/Surrey....and also employment on London & SW Railways at Eastleigh Works

## **Appendices**

### **Documents in the East Meon Library, including:**

1. A paper by George Bartlett on the derivation of the name "East Meon".
2. A special collection commemorating the first five years of Meon Matters, S/4
3. Site map of the village website (2004), S/5
4. Guide to the village in leaflet form (S/8)
5. Register of Electors, 1996/7 (S/10 and S/11)
6. An Audit of the history, topology, archaeology and architecture of the village (S/16)
7. Poem by William Godefroy

Photos & docs donated by Freddie Stanfield in Petersfield Library – to be viewed 2015 visit.

Freddie Stanfield's book A History of East Meon –bought off Amazon. Delivered to my son's place seeing a UK book store.

<http://www.eastmeonhistory.net/> Then there's the Interloan service from any public library; or you can buy it here [http://www.amazon.co.uk/F.G.-Standfield/e/B001KIGF1Y/ref=dp\\_byline\\_cont\\_pop\\_book\\_1](http://www.amazon.co.uk/F.G.-Standfield/e/B001KIGF1Y/ref=dp_byline_cont_pop_book_1)

## CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF BIRTH



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Application Number **W108925**REGISTRATION DISTRICT **Petersfield**1855 BIRTH in the Sub-district of **Eastmeon** in the **County of Southampton**

Columns:-	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
No.	When and where born	Name, if any	Sex	Name and surname of father	Name, surname and maiden surname of mother	Occupation of father	Signature, description and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar	Name entered after registration
158	1855 Eastmeon, Eastmeon Parish, Eastmeon	Henry	Boy	William Love	Ann Love formerly Hoe	Master	Ann Love Mother Eastmeon, Eastmeon	Third December 1855	William Anthon Registrar	

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Births in the District above mentioned.

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, under the Seal of the said Office, the **23rd** day of **July** **2002**

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## FAMILY WORK SHEET

Add  
Stuart  
Meon

HUSBAND Edward Love

BORN 1788 AT

CHRISTENED 7 July 1789 AT East Meon

DIED 4 December 1850 AT East Meon

BURIED 9 Dec 1850 AT East Meon 62

MARRIED 31 July 1809 AT East Meon

OCCUPATION Blacksmith

OTHER WIVES

FATHER

MOTHER

WIFE Sarah Oliver

BORN 1790 AT

CHRISTENED AT

DIED 26 February 1843 AT East Meon

BURIED 3 March 1843 AT East Meon 53

OCCUPATION

OTHER HUSBANDS

FATHER

MOTHER

CHILDREN		Born	At	Married	At	Died
Sex	Names					
1	William	21/1/1810	East Meon	25/5/1833	East Meon	16/1/1878
2	Elizabeth	15/9/1811	"	2/2/1833	East Meon	17/5/1891
3	Eliza	14/11/1813	"	2 months old		23/1/1814
4	Sarah	23/7/1815	"			
5	Pheobe	13/7/1817	"	6/4/1840	East Meon	1882
6	Emily	3/10/1819	"	7 8 1844	St George Beverley	1873
7	James	28/10/1821	"	1 yr 3m old		22/1/1823
8	Ellen	16/11/1823	"	5 yrs		17/12/1828
9	Jane	16/11/1823	"	6/9/1845	East Meon	14/5/1905
10	Eliza	6/2/1826	"	13 yr	2m	12/4/1839
11	Eliza	9/1/1828	"	30/4/1849	Portsea, St Mary	
12	John	7 1829	"	born		11 3 1829

## FAMILY WORK SHEET

HUSBAND	Henry	Lewis	Love
BORN	20 November	1855	AT East meon Southampton England
CHRISTENED			AT
DIED	9 October	1888	AT Christchurch New Zealand
BURIED	12 October	1888	AT Addington Cemetery
MARRIED	6 January	1879	AT Christchurch New Zealand
OCCUPATION	Bootmaker		
OTHER WIVES			
FATHER	William	Love	MOTHER Ann Neal
WIFE	Ellen	McGregor	
BORN	24 November	1856	AT St Giles London England
CHRISTENED	8 December	1856	AT St Giles in The Fields
DIED	7 May	1920	AT Christchurch New Zealand
BURIED	9 May	1920	AT Addington Cemetery
OCCUPATION			
OTHER HUSBANDS			

FATHER	Daniel	John	McGregor	MOTHER	Ann	Davis
CHILDREN						
Sex	Names	Born	At	Married	At	Died
1	Elizabeth Mary Ada	10 June 1880	Christchurch	13 May 1901	Christchurch	16 Oct 1943
2	Beatrice Minnie	26 July 1882	Christchurch	27 Dec 1900	Christchurch	20 Aug 1935
3	Ellen	8 Dec 1884	Christchurch	25 Jan 1910	Christchurch	17 July 1957
4	Alfred William Henry	28 Apr 1887	Christchurch	19 Oct 1906	Taihape	29 July 1970
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SOURCES OF INFORMATION