

Suter Family Correspondence Anthony Suter/David Hopkins

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Post to website

I am researching my family history and have found that my Suter ancestors lived, worked, and died in East Meon and surrounding villages for at least 200 years upto about 1930. According to the 1841 census one of my ancestors William Suter b1778 was a Publican at the Queens Head, Langrish St. East Meon. I know that they had a son also named William b1822. I am trying to find out if they also had any daughters. I have records that show William was born and baptised in the Parish of East Meon, There are also records that show Charlotte Suter b1817, Elizabeth Suter b1810 and Hannah Suter b1812 all born to a William and Elizabeth Suter, Elizabeths maiden name was Wisdom, all 3 girls were registered in the Parish of Petersfield and I was wondering if some one would know whether or not that they are from the same family as the girls are not mentioned in the 1841 census.

Kind Regards
Anthony Suter

04 December 2014 *email from David Hopkins*

Anthony

The simple answer is "Yes". Both Charlotte and Hannah are part of the Suters of Langrish family. I suspect Elizabeth died young as I can't trace further evidence. I have quite a lot of evidence including the Suters' occupation of the house next door but one to me, marriage to the Estate Bailiff's son (who lived next door to me), the fate of the "Queen's Head"....and more. Most involved dwellings are as-was still (at least externally). There are recurring beer-shop/public house themes. If you want the details I am happy to send it to you and take photos. The Suters had a consistent set of inter-marriages with the Eldridges and Merritts, two long standing East Meon families....but themselves seemed to originate from the neighbouring parish of Froxfield

Best wishes
David

Email from Anthony Suter Dear David,

That is brilliant news, I would love any information that you have on the Suter's but sadly I don't live near; I live in a village called Dunnington which is four miles out of York.

I have a record of Stephen Merritt on my family tree as he married one of my Ancestors but not as yet the Eldridges, you are quite right the Suters do seem to originate from the neighbouring parishes, I have so far got Buriton, Froxfield, Langrish and East Meon Michael kindly replied to my e-mail he mentioned that

he had been in touch with you and that you were very busy at the moment so to get a reply as early as this is very much appreciated, Thank You.

Michael also mentioned that, he wondered if I would like to send him or yourself my Family Tree to add onto your archives, the answer is yes of course I would, I would be more than happy to do that. My family tree is far from complete and I am constantly adding material to it but you can have what I have done so far. I am at the moment trying to find more information on John Suter (Souter) b1754 in Buriton m 1778 to Hannah Windebank married at Saint Peter on the Green-High Cross, Hannah's father was William Windebank.

I am a member of Tribal Pages and keep my Family Tree on their Web site so if you would like me to I will try and send you my family tree through them, If that fails I will send it by other means but I will make sure that you both receive it.

Anthony

06 December 2014 email from David Hopkins

Dear Anthony

A very rushed (and to be honest early hours of the morning) analysis of your tree as it fits in East Meon/Langrish. It all fits...but being rushed take it as hypothetical until you test it yourself. Obviously most facts lie "under the bonnet" in the Census Returns and the Parish Records (which exist in full on our EMHG Archive site). Crucially Charlotte and Hannah were married at All Saints so were resident in the parish providing the crucial link in the Registers. (note also remarriages). Their husbands are also from "Langrish Street" (including the Bailiff's son) excepting Gold...who was also a "Beer Shop Keeper"

The Queen's Head became The Farmer's Joy, to become Church Farm after the Squire, John Waddington closed it down in the 1850s "to prevent his sons accessing demon drink" (but I think there is a rather exaggerated folk memory there!). You will notice when you re-access the Census the connections. I will send photos of the Bailiff's House, Home Farm Cottage and Church Farm (the two latter undoubtedly where your forbears lived) in the next few days (photos already taken). If you can use Google Maps Street Walk....start at Langrish House and digitally walk down the road to the A272 (that is in old parlance "Langrish Street"). You will pass on your right, the Stables (now ARKK Factory), Laundry Cottages (where the grooms and laundresses lived), Cromwell House (modernish and mine), Home Farm (residence of the Bailiff), Gardener's Cottage opposite, thatched Home Farm Cottage (anciently two, Cheese and Dairy Cottages)....and after a gap the School on right, Church Farm (aka Queens Head) (thatched on left) before hitting The Green and Pitts Farm. Whether named or not the Census-takers trail follows this route each decade.

Hope all this helps ... Best Wishes
David



Church Farm, formerly The Queen's Head



Home Farm, aka Cheese and Dairy Cottages

26th January 2015 Email from Anthony Suter

Dear Michael,

I trust that you had a nice Christmas and if it's not too late wishing you and your family a Very Happy New Year. I hope you don't mind but the reason I am contacting you is to find out if David is free from the studies that he was busy with over Christmas. I am not sure whether to contact him or not for fear of disturbing him as he said he would be free in the new year.

I am trying to find out some information about John Souter b 1754 in Buriton, what I am trying to find out is who he married. He had a son William who married Elizabeth Wisdom in 1803 and lived in Langrish. There is a record of a John Souter from Buriton marrying Hannah Windebank who was from Froxfield in 1778 but sadly she died 6 months after her wedding and 3 months after William was born. I am trying to find out if this is the correct marriage, if not who did he marry?.

I have been trying various ancestry sites but as yet have been unsuccessful, I was hoping that you and David might have a record of this event in your archives. If David would like a copy of my Family Tree please tell him to let me know.

Kind Regards
Anthony

29th January 2015 Email from Anthony Suter

Dear Michael and David,

Just to let you know that I contacted HRO today to see if they had any marriage records appertaining to John Souter b1754 from Buriton and the good news is that they had the record in their archives.

This is what the Marriage Licence entry mentioned.
14th March 1778 John Souter Lab. Bch. 21y Buriton, Hannah Windebank Spin.
Minor Froxfield.
Froxfield Marriage 15th March with full consent of her father William
Windebank of Froxfield.
Witnesses Richard Silvester and William Lillywhite.

This is some information which I received from a transcriber on an ancestry web site who is a descendant of the Windebanks she mentioned that Hannah Windebank was 17 years old and pregnant when she married John Souter. Hannah died 6 months after her marriage to John and 3 months after Williams birth in 1778.

I just wanted to share this information with you both as soon as possible after all the work you had done. I am now trying to find an entry for John Souter to see if

he re-married if I find out anymore information I will forward it onto you. If I can be of any help to you regarding my family tree please don't hesitate to get in touch. Thank you again.

Best Wishes
Anthony