

DEATHS AND BURIALS - INFORMATION ADDITIONAL TO THAT CONTAINED IN THE PARISH REGISTERS OF ALL SAINTS, CHARDSTOCK, ST. ANDREW'S AND WAMBROOK CHURCHES

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This list refers to people with a known connection to the Parishes of Chardstock, All Saints and Wambrook.

Unless recorded to the contrary, all dates shown are those of the death of the person concerned.

In September, 1752 Britain changed from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar. At the same time the official start of the year was changed from 25th March to 1st January. This transcription records dates between 1st January and 24th March in those years prior to 1752 as, for example, 12.3.1661/2. The first year (1661) is the date under the Julian or Old Style calendar and the second (1662) that under the Gregorian or New Style calendar

- 10.3.1640 Burial date at Membury Church for Ellen **BILLET**, the wife of John Billet of **Chardstock**.
Membury Parish Register (Axminster Reference Library).
- 11.1.1673/4 Burial date at Axminster for Nicholas **GAY** of **Chardstock**
Source: Axminster Parish Register indexed transcript by Rev. R Cornish 1890
- 11.4.1684 Burial date at Axminster for William **WARRY** of **Chardstock**
Source: Axminster Parish Register indexed transcript by Rev. R Cornish 1890
- 1.3.1685(?) Thomas **ESTMOND** Gent.
Source: Chardstock Monumental Inscriptions (No entry in Parish Records).
- 24.8.1685 Burial date at Hawkchurch for William **BOND** of **Chardstock**.
Source: Hawkchurch Parish Register.
- 23.4.1686 Death of Mary **SMITH** recorded on a white marble tablet on the south wall of the nave of St. Mary's Church, Chard as follows:
"Near this place lies buried Rebecca, the first wife of Robert **SMITH** only daughter of Richard **TYRRELL** gent. who departed this life the 6th of April Anno 1683. Likewise Mary, the second wife of the said Robert **SMITH**, who was daughter of John **WOOLMINGTON** of **Wambrooke**, near this town, gent: who departed this life the 23rd of April, Anno 1686. Also the said Robert **SMITH** of Langham in this parish, gent: the only son of William **SMITH** of Lyme Regis, in the county of Dorset, merch: who departed this life the 7th of May, Anno 1691 leaving behind him one son and one daughter. This monument in the room of the original tablet destroy'd in repairing the church in the year 1829, was erected by Sir John Wyldbore **SMITH**, Bart: of the Down House, Dorset the descendant of the above nam'd Robert **SMITH**."
- 24.?.1694 Elizabeth **ESTMOND**, wife of Thomas Estmond Gent.
Source: Chardstock Monumental Inscriptions (No entry in Parish Records).
- 1.12.1696 Burial date at Hawkchurch for Martha **WILLIS** of **Chardstock**.

Source: Hawkchurch Parish Register.

- 24.7.1705 Burial date at Axminster for Richard **TURNER** of **Chardstock**, the son of Richard Turner.
Source: Axminster Parish Register indexed transcript by Rev. R Cornish 1890
- 16.4.1708 Burial date at Hawkchurch for Thomas **WILLIS** of **Chardstock**.
Source: Hawkchurch Parish Register.
- 16.10.1710 Burial date at Axminster for Francis **TURNER** of **Chardstock**, the daughter of Richard Turner.
Source: Axminster Parish Register indexed transcript by Rev. R Cornish 1890
- 5.2.1711/2 Burial date at Axminster for Joane **TURNER** of **Chardstock**, the daughter of Richard Turner
Source: Axminster Parish Register indexed transcript by Rev. R Cornish 1890
- 13.7.1716 Burial date at Axminster for Elizabeth **WARRY**, widow of William Warry of **Chardstock**
Source: Axminster Parish Register indexed transcript by Rev. R Cornish 1890
- 3.8.1717 Burial date at Axminster for Thomas **GAMIS [GAMMES]** of **Chardstock**
Source: Axminster Parish Register indexed transcript by Rev. R Cornish 1890.
- 20.8.1717 Burial date at Axminster for Hannah **WARRY** of **Chardstock**
Source: Axminster Parish Register indexed transcript by Rev. R Cornish 1890
- 8.5.1718 Burial date at Axminster for Ann **TURNER** of **Chardstock**
Source: Axminster Parish Register indexed transcript by Rev. R Cornish 1890
- 28.10.1719 James **WEAVER** aged 77
Source: Chardstock Monumental Inscriptions (No entry in Parish Records).
- 16.11.1720 Burial date at Axminster for William **WARRY** of **Chardstock**
Source: Axminster Parish Register indexed transcript by Rev. R Cornish 1890
- March 1735 Thomas **PALMER**, son of Thomas and Sarah, died aged 23.
Source: Chardstock Monumental Inscriptions (No entry in Parish Records).
- 7.5.1738 Burial date at Thorncombe for John **BOWDITCH** of **Chardstock**.
Source: Thorncombe Parish Register.
- 1.2.1740/1 Burial date at Thorncombe for Thomas **BOWDITCH** of **Chardstock**.
Source: Thorncombe Parish Register.
- 7.6.1765 Burial date at Axminster for Charles **COPP**, the son of Ann Copp of **Chardstock**.
Source: Axminster Parish Register indexed transcript by Rec. R Cornish 1890.
- 30.9.1780 Sarah **PALMER**, daughter of Thomas and Sarah.
Source: Chardstock Monumental Inscriptions (No entry in Parish Records).
- 8.3.1786 Burial date at Hawkchurch of Elizabeth **WHITE** of **Chardstock**.

Source: Hawkchurch Parish Register.

- 1786 Betty **MARKS** aged 63.
Source: Chardstock Monumental Inscriptions (No entry in Parish Records).
- 15.4.1801 **EDWARD JEFFERY & WILLIAM WARRY**
On this date nine prisoners were executed by hanging at Stone Gallows, Bishops Hull, near Taunton. Included in the names and offences were Edward **JEFFERY** and William **WARRY**, both aged 49 from Chardstock and both found guilty of sheepstealing. They admitted their guilt and were driven from prison to Bishops Hull sitting on their coffins and guarded by mounted dragoons.
- Note: Their place of burial is unknown, but it did not take place at Chardstock, St. Andrew's.*
- Source: Unknown newspaper description of the day.
- 25.2.1803 Burial date at Hawkchurch of Mrs **CRABB** aged 86 of **Chardstock** and lately of Hawkchurch.
Source: Hawkchurch Parish Register.
- 1807 Burial year at Membury of Charity **MITCHELL**, aged 55 years of **Chardstock**, wife of John Mitchell, farmer. Death due to "Decline" and buried on west side of churchyard.
Source: Membury Parish Register Book 2 1754 to 1812 transcript by Miss E J Carnell
- 1807 Burial year at Membury of Elizabeth **TURNER**, aged 86 years, widow of John Turner of **Chardstock**. Death due to "Natural decay" and buried on north side of churchyard.
Source: Membury Parish Register Book 2 1754 to 1812 transcript by Miss E J Carnell
- 1810 Mr **HUNT** and James **NEWBERRY**, both of **Chardstock**, died in a lime kiln accident at Wooton Farm
Source: Taunton Courier 13.9.1810.
- July 1812 On Wednesday evening the Commission was opened at Dorchester, and the business began on Thursday. there were twelve prisoners on the calendar, of whom no less than five were capitally convicted, and received sentence of *Death*. [Included were] **Francis LONG** and **Robert WILMINGTON**, for a burglary in the dwelling-house of Robert Chard, at **Chardstock** and stealing 21 gallons of cyder.
Source: Salisbury & Winchester Journal 20.7.1812
- 18.3.1815 William **PRYOR**, son of John and Elizabeth, aged 67.
Source: Chardstock Monumental Inscriptions (No entry in Parish Records).
- 14.2.1817 Mary Ann **DOLLING** aged 87.
Source: Chardstock Monumental Inscriptions (No entry in Parish Records)
- 12.3.1819 At the Dorchester Assizes, Crown Court Robert **HARRIS** was found guilty for 'burglariously entering the dwelling-house of Betty Deane, in the parish of

Chardstock, and stealing a quantity of silver plate and articles of wearing apparel". He was found guilty and received "the awful sentence of death", but this was reprieved before the Judges left town. His actual sentence is not recorded.

Sources: Salisbury & Winchester Journal 8.3.1819 & 15.3.1819
Hampshire Chronicle 22.3.1819.

- 23.3.1819 Burial at Kilmington of Ann **PARSONS** of Chardstock, aged 86.
Source: Kilmington Parish Register
- 16.1.1821 Burial at St. Peter's Church, Dalwood of William **MITCHELL** of **Chardstock**, aged 78.
Source: Dalwood Parish register
- 29.10.1823 At **Tytherleigh** John Cox **BENTLEY**, aged 27, son of John & Ann Bentley.
Source: The Family Bible of John Beviss
- 8.2.1824 At **Chardstock**, George aged nine months, the youngest son of the Rev. **FANSHAW** of Chardstock.
Source: Dorset County Chronicle 1824
Note; Both the baptism and burial Parish Registers record the child's name as Charles Syndercombe Henley Fanshawe
- 16.6.1825 Thomas **BENTLEY**, aged 23.
Source: The Family Bible of John Beviss
- 1826 John **BOND** (altar tomb) aged 86; and several members of the family.
Source: Chardstock Monumental Inscriptions (No entry in Parish Records).
- 12.2.1830 At **Axe** Robert **BENTLEY**.
Source: The Family Bible of John Beviss
- 1830 Crown Court - **William Beer** for breaking into the dwelling-house of **James Honeybon** of Chardstock and stealing therefrom one sack containing two bushels of barley-meal, the property of the said **James Honeybon**. Guilty. Death recorded.
Source: Sherborne Mercury 15.3.1830
- 6.12.1831 At Gumley Hall, Leicestershire, the seat of his son-in-law E C Hartopp Esq., aged 78, the Right Hon. Morton **EDEN**, Baron **HENLEY**, of **Chardstock**, in the Peerage of Ireland, a Privy Councillor, GCB and FRS.
Source: The Gentleman's Magazine
- 1832 Dorset Crown Court. Death recorded: Edward **HOUNSELL** for breaking into the dwelling house of Thomas Drayton at **Chardstock**.
Source: Sherborne Mercury 19.3.1832
- 1.3. 1833 At **Chardstock**, William **POOLE** Esq., eldest son of the late George Poole Esq. of Vexford, Somerset.
Source: Taunton Courier & Western Advertiser
- 3.1.1834 Jonathan **PINNEY** of **Tytherleigh**
Source: Probate copy of Will

- 13.11.1834 At **Chardstock**, Miss Ruth **PRYER**, greatly regretted by her family and friends.
Source: Sherborne Mercury 24.11.1834
- 28.9.1835 At Paradise Lodge, **Chardstock**, sincerely lamented and respected, Mary **LANGDON**, widow of the late Thomas Langdon Esq. of Chard aged 81.
Source: Salisbury & Winchester Journal 8.10.1834
- 15.2.1836 At Axminster, Miss Ann **BRAGGE**, second daughter of the late Mr John Bragge of **Chardstock** deeply lamented by her family connexions and friends.
Source: Sherborne Mercury 29.2.1836
- 24.5.1836 At **Tytherleigh** William **BENTLEY**, aged 38.
Source: The Family Bible of John Beviss
- 12.6.1836 William **BENTLY**
Source: The Will of his wife Elizabeth Bently
- Sept. 1836 On Wednesday evening a man named **RICE**, employed by Mr Pryer of **Chardstock**, as a lime-burner, went down the lime-kiln to adjust the surface of the lime, or, as it is technically termed, to bring the fire up more quickly. The consequence of disturbing the upper stratum was a quick escape of carbonic acid gas and he almost immediately became insensible. His moans were soon heard and two men named **PEARCE** and **CLARKE**, who were at work near the kiln, went down to get him out, but they no sooner reached him than they also fell insensible. A labourer named Collier then volunteered to go to their assistance; and a rope having been fastened round his body, and a handkerchief placed over his mouth, he descended, fixed a rope round one of the bodies and returned. This plan was repeated with success, but on the third descent, after fixing the rope round the last body, he too became insensible and was drawn up without any signs of life, but on exposure to the pure air he soon recovered. Medical aid was without loss of time procured for **RICE**, **PEARCE** and **CLARKE** but unfortunately proved of no avail; - *Country Paper*.
Source: Morning Post 24.9.1836.
Note: The Chardstock Parish Registers record the burials of a William Clarke and a Simon Pearce on 19th September 1836.
- Dec. 1836 An inquest was held by Mr Frampton on 6.12.1836 in the Parish of **Chardstock** on the body of Mrs Ann **REECE**, aged 59 years. It appeared the deceased retired to her bed with her husband at their usual hour, on Saturday night last; that she went to sleep at half-past twelve; and that her husband on awaking the following morning at six o'clock, found her dead by his side. The deceased had long suffered from a diseased stomach, and there was every reason to believe she died of spasm. Verdict - Died by the Visitation of God.
Source: Hampshire Advertiser 10.12.1836.
Note: The Chardstock Parish Register records the burial on 9.12.1836 of a Mary Reece, aged 59.
- April 1837 At **Chardstock** on Saturday night **Robert PINNEY**, an old man nearly 70 years of age, on returning home rather the worse for drinking, had to pass by a ditch where the water was not more than a foot deep; he fell in, and was not discovered till the following morning, when Mr Apsey, of Stock Mills, found him

dead and stiff. On Wednesday a Coroner's Inquest was held. Verdict - *Accidental Death*.

Sources: Taunton Courier 5.4.1837 & North Devon Journal 13.4.1837

Note: Robert Pinney was buried at Chardstock, St. Andrew's 30.3.1837

- 15.6.1838 At **Axe** James **BENTLEY**, aged 31.
Source: The Family Bible of John Beviss
- 19.6.1838 Burial at St. Peter's Church, Dalwood of Daniel **BOARD** of **Chardstock**, aged 70.
Source: Dalwood Parish register
- 13.12.1838 At Chard, Mrs **SYMES**, Widow of the late Mr William Symes of **Coaxdon**, aged 78
Source: Chard Union Gazette 7.1.1839
- 27.1.1840 At Mrs Higgin's, **Chardstock**, Mr T **DRAYTON**, aged 23 years.
Source: Chard Union Gazette 3.2.1840
- 1840 Sudden Death - On Tuesday morning last a poor woman named Susanna **FRENCH**, at the advanced age of 71, was found dead in her bed at **Chardstock**. She attended our [Chard] market on the previous day and went to bed late in the evening in perfect health.
Source Exeter & Plymouth Gazette 16.5.1840
- 1.2.1841 Death of **LORD HENLEY** - 1.2.1841 in Whitehall Place, after a protracted illness of several months, in his 52nd year, the Right Hon. **Robert Henley**, second Baron Henley of Chardstock, in the peerage of Ireland; a barrister-at-law.
- His lordship was the second but eldest surviving son of the Right Hon. Morton Eden, first Lord Henley and K.B. (younger brother of the first Lord Auckland) by the Lady Elizabeth Henley, fifth and youngest daughter of Robert first Earl of Northington, Lord High Chancellor, but eventually sole heiress to her brother Robert second and last Earl of Northington, K.T.
- His Lordship was educated at Christ Church, Oxford, where he attained the degree of M.A. June 9 1814; was called to the bar at Lincoln's Inn, June 28, 1814; was for some time a Commissioner of Bankrupts; and was made a Master in Chancery March 23, 1826. Within the last few months, on its becoming apparent that his Lordship's mental disorder would not allow him to resume the duties of that office, it was transferred to the Right Hon. Sir George Rose, Bart.
- Lord Henley married March 11, 1824, Harriet, third daughter of the late Sir Robert Peel, Bart. and sister to the Right Hon. Sir Robert Peel; and by that lady, who survives him, he had issue four sons, of whom two survive: 1. the Right Hon. Anthony now Lord Henley, born 1825: 2. Robert, who died an infant; 3. the Hon. Robert Henley, born in 1831 and 4. the Hon. Morton, who died an infant in 1832.
- The funeral of this excellent nobleman took place in the family vault at Watford, in Hertfordshire.
Source: The Gentlemans Magazine Vol. XV

1841

Death of LORD HENLEY

We regret to have to announce the demise of **Lord Henley**, who expired at five minutes to 11 yesterday morning, after a protracted illness of several months, at the family residence in Whitehall-place. The learned lord, as our readers are aware, was a Master in Chancery, but within the last few months it becoming apparent that his mental disorder would not allow of his again resuming the duties of the office, it was given up to the Right Honourable Sir George Rose, Bart. For some time the medical attendants of his lordship held out hope to his family, but latterly, from his bodily strength giving way under his sufferings, no prospect could be entertained of his eventual recovery.

The deceased Robert Henley, Baron Henley, of Chardstock, in the peerage of Ireland, a second son of Morton Eden, first Lord Henley and Lady Elizabeth Henley, daughter of the late Earl of Worthington (title now extinct) was born 3rd September 1789 and had consequently entered his 52nd year. In March 1824 he married Miss Harriet Peel, third daughter of the late Sir R Peel, Bart and sister of the Right Hon. Sir R Peel, Bart MP, by whom his lordship had a family of five children, two of whom only survive their excellent father, namely the Hon. Anthony, born 12th April 1825, and the Hon. Robert, born in March, 1831.

The deceased lord succeeded to the title in 1830 and in 1831 assumed, by Royal Licence, the name of Henley only. The late lord was brother of the Hon. Rev. W Eden and Hon. Lady Hartopp, lady of Sir E C Hartopp, Bart and cousin of the Earl of Auckland, Governor General of India; the Dowager Countess of Buckinghamshire, Lady Godolphin, Hon. Mr Vansittart and the Hon. and Rev R Eden, Chaplain in Ordinary to the Queen.

In addition to the above the families of the Right Hon Sir R Peel, Bart., MP and Lady Peel, Right Hon.G and Mrs Dawson, Right Hon. W Yates Peel are placed in mourning. The Rev. John Peel and other members of the family were present at his lordship's decease.

Source: London Standard 4.2.1841

27.11.1841 At **Fordwater** Benjamin **DENING**, aged 63
Source: The Family Bible of John Beviss

25/26.12.1841 Suicide - A poor man named **WALDEN** committed self-destruction on Christmas night or early on Sunday morning by hanging himself to an apple-tree at **Chardstock**. The deceased was many years a dairyman in comparatively comfortable circumstances; but misfortune and the dissipation of a member of his family, it is said completely overwhelmed his spirits and induced the commission of the rash act. - An inquest was held on Tuesday by Mr Frampton, coroner for Dorset and the Jury returned a verdict of *Felo-de-se*, the consequence of which was that the deceased was buried at midnight without funeral rites.

Source: Exeter & Plymouth Gazette 1. 1 1842

Note: There is no record of such a burial in the registers of either Chardstock, St. Andrew's or All Saints churches.

1.9.1843 Shocking Death - A young man named **KNIGHT**, about 18 years of age, met his death on the 1st instant at **Chardstock** under the following lamentable circumstances. The poor fellow, after a fatiguing day's work in the harvest field

of **Mr Anning**, which was continued rather late in the evening, lay down under a mow then forming by other persons and fell asleep; suddenly one of the pieces of timber which formed the staddle gave way and the mow fell over upon him; and before it could be removed life was quite extinct.

Source: Exeter & Plymouth Gazette 9.9.1843.

- 13.11.1843 At **Fordwater** Mary **DENING**, the widow of Benjamin Dening,
Source: The Family Bible of John Beviss
- 10.6.1845 Burial date at Upottery of Martha **COLES** age 54 of **Chardstock**.
Source: Upottery Parish Register.
- 25.9.1845 Almost suddenly, aged 61, much and deservedly lamented by her relatives and friends, Dorothy Marchant **WILCE**, wife of Mr. Wilce of Hinton St. George and daughter of the late Rev. Robert Stephens, Vicar of **Chardstock**.
Source: Sherborne Mercury 27.9.1845.
- 5.11.1845 At Chard, aged 58, John **LANGDON**, Esq. of Stuckey's Banking Company; and on 6.11.1845 at Paradise Lodge, Chardstock. aged 64. Mary Anne **LOVERAGE**, wife of William Loverage Esq. and sister of the above named Mr. Langdon.
Source: Western Times 15.11.1845
- 6.3.1846 At Chardstock, the wife of George **CLARK** of bilious fever.
Source: The National Archives, Kew [Axminster Poor Law Union] reference MH12/2098/115
- June 1846 Coroner's Inquest on the 8th June, 1846 on the body of Mr Octavius **MILES**, late of Chard, officer of excise. It appeared that between eleven and twelve o'clock on the night of Thursday late the deceased, with Mr W T Toms of Chard, brewer, arrived at **Tytherleigh** Inn in a gig driven by the latter; the former alighted (Mr Toms remaining in the gig) and went into the Inn, where he stayed a few minutes; the parties then proceeded on their way and having gone about a quarter of a mile, the gig came in contact with the bank, when both were thrown out, Mr Toms had his thigh broken and Mr Miles received severe fractures in the hinder part of the head which rendered him insensible and he expired on Saturday at half-past twelve o'clock. Verdict - "Accidental Death".
Source: Sherborne Mercury 13.6.1846
- 4.11.1846 Elizabeth **BENTLY**
Source: Probate copy of Will
- 1850 At Chardstock Vicarage, the Lady of the Rev. Charles **WOODCOCK**, of a daughter, which only survived a few hours.
Source: London Standard 6.11.1850, Morning Chronicle 7.11.1850 and Sherborne Mercury 12.11.1850.
- 15.11.1851 John **WALE**, Yeoman, of **Chardstock** aged 34. Robert Wilkins was present at the death at **Chardstock**.
Source: Death Certificate
- 25.8.1853 James **DENING** of Axminster aged 58.
Source: Chardstock Monumental Inscriptions (No entry in Parish Records).

- 1854 James **MORIN [MOREY]**. Enlisted in the Royal Artillery 1853, aged 20 years. Born Chardstock. Discharged 1854, reason Dead. Source: National Archives reference WO69/632/38
- 3.9.1854 On the 3rd inst. Emily Anne **WILLS**, youngest daughter of John Wills of Coxdon Hall, **Chardstock** aged 9 years. Source: Morning Chronicle 7.9.1854.
- 13.11.[1854] In Canada, after a few days illness, aged 26, John Arthur Fitz-Eustace **FANSHAWE** Esq, youngest son of the late Rev. T C Fanshawe of Franklyn House, Devon and **Chardstock**, Dorset and grandson of the late Charles Fanshawe Esq, Recorder of Exeter. Source: Sherborne Mercury 10.4.1855.
- 20.12.1854 At Vernon Lodge, near Manchester, in the 65th year of her age, Frances Delia **FANSHAWE**, widow of the late Rev. I C Fanshawe, of Franklen House, Devon and **Chardstock**, Dorset, and daughter of the late Rev. J Carrington of Ide near Exeter. Source: Sherborne Mercury 9.1.1855.
- 6.4.1855 At Cotley, **Chardstock**, near Chard, aged 82, Thomas **DEANE** Esq., for upwards of fifty years proprietor of the famed Cotley Harriers. His death is greatly regretted by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. Source: Exeter & Plymouth Gazette.
- 18.5.1855 At Whitchurch Canonorum, Dorset, Mr Esau **TUCKER**, blacksmith, aged 67 years, formerly of **Chardstock** in this county. Source: Dorset County Chronicle.
- 8.9.1855 The Late Capt. **STEVENSON**
To the editor, **Chardstock** October 11th 1855
Sir - In your edition of the 6th inst., you mention the death of Captain T **STEVENSON** of the 35th Regiment, from wounds received in the assault of the Redan. Allow me to state that no officer of that name is serving in the 35th Foot, but that the Capt. **STEVENSON** whose death was stated in the casualties of 8th of September belongs to the *30th Regiment*. The relations and friends of the deceased officer would, no doubt. like to see the mistake rectified, by stating the proper number of the regiment to which Captain J C **STEVENSON** belonged.
I am, sir "*An Officer of the 30th*".
Source: Western Times 13.10.1855.
- 21.3.1857 At **Chardstock** after 24 hours illness, Mary **WISCOMBE**, the wife of Mr Wiscombe of the George Inn, deeply lamented by her family and friends, aged 52. Source: Sherborne Mercury 24.3.1857
- 25.4.1857 At **Chardstock**, Grace **BROWN**, the relict of the late Mr Robert Brown, who for more than forty years occupied Challenger Farm, Membury, at the advanced age of 89 years
Source: Sherborne Mercury 5.5.1857
- 1.3.1858 John **SALWAY**, the elder, of Hatch Beauchamp, Somerset

Source: Probate copy of Will including information from Conveyance dated 26.9.1858 and concerning an orchard in Chardstock called Swards

- 5.4.1858 At Chard, at Mr Buckler's, after a lingering illness, aged 24, Selina **WALE**, wife of Mr Robert WALE of **Chardstock**.
Source: Sherborne Mercury 13.4.1858
- 5.4.1858 Selina **WALE**, died "without issue", the wife of Robert Wale, Yeoman of **Chardstock**.
Source: Indenture dated 14.6.1893.
- 12.8.1858 Burial date at Upottery of Henry **COLES** age 70 [or 79] of **Chardstock**.
Source: Upottery Parish Register.
- 15.10.1858 **Melancholy and Fatal Accident.**
As a young gentleman, aged about 18, a nephew of the Rev. C. Woodcock, of **Chardstock**, was out shooting near Coaxdon, on Friday afternoon, in company with his brother, he was in the act of getting over a hedge, and had got to the top and was pulling his gun up after him holding it by the top of the barrel, when some chance the trigger was loosened from its bolt, his piece went off and the charge entered the breast of the ill-fated youth, and in a few minutes he was a corpse.
Source: Sherborne Mercury 19.10.1858

Chardstock.—Melancholy and Fatal Accident.

On Friday last [15.10.1858] a sad accident occurred in this parish to a young gentleman, Mr. Gambier **WOODCOCK**, third son of Edward Woodcock, Esq., Judge at Patna, in Bengal, and nephew of the Rev. C. Woodcock, vicar of **Chardstock**. The young gentleman was out shooting in company with his brother, Mr. Hatley Woodcock, and two other gentlemen. While getting down a hedge his gun, which was pushing down before him, suddenly went off, and as the muzzle was pointing towards him the whole of the charge passed into his chest, through the centre of his breast bone, and over the region of the heart. The unfortunate gentleman turned round and was caught by his friend Mr. Bently, whom he spoke few words and expired almost instantly. Mr. J. S. Wells, surgeon, was on the spot almost immediately, but life was extinct. Mr. Woodcock was a young man great promise, about 18 years of age. The sad event has cast a deep gloom over the whole neighbourhood, where the deep sympathy is felt for the afflicted relatives, and the gentlemen who were present, at the awful scene. An inquest was held the following day, before J Cory, Esq., when a verdict of "Accidental death" was returned.
Source: Western Times 23.10.1858

Chardstock - Death.

On the 15th October 1858 Gambier Digby **WOODCOCK**, third son of Edward Elbro' Woodcock Esq., Bengal Civil Service.
Source: Western Daily Press 5.11.1858

- 20.11.1858 Isaac **ABBOT** of Lodge Mills, **Chardstock**
An inquest was held yesterday week [22.11.1858] by S S Cory Esq. at Lodge Mills on the body of Issac **ABBOT**, the proprietor of the mills, who was killed on the preceding Saturday while engaged in shifting a belt from one wheel to

another while the machinery was in motion. His arm was caught in the cogs of one of the wheels and he was driven against an upright revolving spindle and crushed so dreadfully that death ensued immediately. It is a melancholy fact that this is a second fatal accident of a precisely similar description at these mills within four years and it is remembered that a similar accident occurred there about thirty years ago. Three hours were occupied in removing the body from the cogs of the wheel in which it had become entangled. Verdict: Accidental death. The deceased leaves a widow and two children.
Source: Pulmans Weekly 30.11.1858

- 21.11.1858 Daughter of John **HONEYBUN** of **Tytherleigh**
A melancholy and fatal accident occurred on Sunday last [22.11.1858] to a girl aged eight years, daughter of Mr. John **Honeybon** of **Tytherleigh**. She was walking over a temporary bridge or plank, thrown across the river Axe for the purpose of the railway works, when she slipped and fell into the water. She was rapidly borne away by the current, the river having been swollen by the late rains, and up to seven o'clock on Sunday evening the body had not been found.
Source: Pulmans Weekly 30.11.1858
- 16.12.1858 At the Rectory, Cheddington, Francis [sic] **STEPHENS**, youngest daughter of the late Rev. Robert Stephens, vicar of **Chardstock**.
Source: Dorset County Chronicle 23.12.1858
- 26.3.1859 At Coaxdon Hall, **Chardstock** Mary **WILLS**, the wife of John Wills Esq, in the 56th year of her age.
Source: Salisbury & Winchester Journal
- 20.9.1859 At **Alson** in the parish of **Chardstock** Mr R **DENNING**, Yeoman, aged 65.
Source: Bath Chronicle & Weekly Gazette 29.9.1859
- 21.9.1859 Richard **DENING**, Yeoman, at **Chardstock**.
Source: Probate copy of Will
Note: Different dates
- 25.9.1859 At Court Farm, **Chardstock**, Mr John **WALE**, aged 69.
Source: Taunton Courier & Western Advertiser 5.10.1859
- 13.10.1859 James **WYATT** of **Chardstock**.
Source: Indenture 5.7.1902 re Kitbridge House.
- 21.2.1860 At Burditch [sic] Farm, **Chardstock** Mr W **MARKS**, aged 64.
Source; Taunton Courier & Western Advertiser 29.2.1860
- 29.2.1860 At **Alson**, **Chardstock**, Eleanor **HONEBON**, wife of Mr James Honebon, aged 81.
Source: Taunton Courier & Western Advertiser 7.3.1860
- 13.3.1860 At **Chardstock**, George **BOWDITCH**, son of Mr Thomas Bowditch, aged 23.
Source: Taunton Courier & Western Advertiser 21.3.1860
- 23.4.1860 At **Fordwater** Elizabeth **BENTLEY**, the widow of Robert Bentley
Source: The Family Bible of John Beviss

- 23.4.1860 At **Fordwater**, near **Chardstock**, after a long illness borne with Christian fortitude, Mrs **PARRIS**, aged 56, very deeply regretted.
Source: Exeter & Plymouth Gazette 28.4.1860
- 1.4.1861 At **Chardstock**, John **FRENCH**, the eldest son of Mr William French, aged 18 years, deeply regretted.
Source: Taunton Courier & Western Advertiser 5.10.1859
- 8.8.1861 At the residence of her son-in-law, Porch Cottages, **Chardstock**, Eliza **MELHUISE**, relict of the late Henry Danberry Melhuish Esq., solicitor, late of Budleigh Salterton, Devon aged 68 years. Her end was peace.
Source; Western Times 10.8.1861
- 17.9.1861 On Tuesday, as a young man, named John **NORTH**, nineteen years of age, was drawing sand for brick-makers from a pit in the parish of **Chardstock**, the earth fell on him. He was taken out alive, but died shortly afterwards.
Source: Bristol Times & Mirror 21.9.1861.
- Coroners' Fees** - About a fortnight ago Mr Cory, one of the coroners for Dorset, was sent for to hold an inquest on a young man, named John **NORTH**, about 19 years of age, who was killed in a sand pit at **Chardstock** by a quantity of earth falling on him. The coroner declined to hold an inquest for the reason that having held one four years ago at **Chardstock** under precisely similar circumstances the justices in quarter sessions deemed it unnecessary and disallowed his account.
Source; Exeter & Plymouth Gazette 20.9.1861
- 25.9.1861 At **Chardstock**, Mr Thomas **SUMMERS**, aged 80. His end was peace.
Source: Bristol Mercury 19.10.1861
- 26.10.1861 At the residence of her brother, Hook Farm **Chardstock**, Ann **EVANS**, relict of Mr Joel Evans, late of Lodge Farm, **Chardstock**, aged 70.
Source: Salisbury & Winchester Journal 2.11.1861
- 11.12.1862 **CHARDSTOCK**. Fatal Accident.
On the 11th [December] a serious accident happened on the South-Western Railway, at **Axe Crossing**, in the parish of **Chardstock**, which unfortunately resulted in the death of a female named Leah Elizabeth **TAVINER**. It was the duty of the female in question to open and close the gates at Axe Crossing, for the passing of each train, and on the day mentioned she was rather late in so doing for the 13.30 a.m. down train, which precipitated her down an embankment, and was killed on the spot. The following day an inquest was held the body at Mr. Apsey's, Axe Farm, **Chardstock**. before S S Cory, Esq., and a highly respectable jury, when they returned verdict of "Accidental death."
Source: Dorset County Chronicle 18.12.1862
- 28.2.1863 At Broadoak, **Wambrook**, the residence of her son T P Deane Esq., aged 85, Maria **DEANE**, widow of the late Thomas Deane Esq., of Cotley, **Chardstock**. Deeply lamented.
Source: Exeter & Plymouth Gazette 6.3.1863
- 25.6.1863 Death of Conrad Clanson **BRINE**, aged 7 years, at Wiesbaden, Germany. Born 2.6.1856, he was the son of Rev. James Gram Brine of **All Saints**,

Chardstock.

Source: Overseas Monumental Inscription in Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica.

- 29.8.1863 William Henry **BEER**, the son of Henry & Eleanor Beer, died at Holy City aged 5 years and was buried at Chardstock, St. Andrew's on 29.8.1863.
Source: Extract from a Statutory Declaration made by Henry Elias Beer jnr on 13.7.1908 in support of his title.
- 2.10.1863 JOHN **PRYER**, Deceased.
Pursuant to an Act of Parliament of the 22d and 23d Vie, cap. 36, intituled " An Act to further amend the Law of Property and to relieve Trustees," Notice is hereby given that all persons having any claims or demands against or upon the Estate of John **PRYER**, late of **Chardstock**, in the county of Dorset, yeoman, deceased [who died on the 2nd day of October, 1863], and who by his will, dated the 28th day of July, 1863, appointed the Rev Charles Woodcock, of **Chardstock** aforesaid, clerk, and Samuel Forward, of Chard, in the county of Somerset, gentleman, executors and trustees thereof, and which will was duly proved by both the said executors in the District Registry of her Majesty's Court of Probate at Blandford. in the said county of Dorset, on the 19th day of November 1863 are hereby required to send to us, the undersigned, as solicitors for the said executors, on or before the 1st day of February, 1864, the particulars of their respective claims and demands, after which date the said Charles Woodcock and Samuel Forward will proceed to distribute the assets of the said John Pryer among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the debts or claims of which they shall then have had . notice; and the said executors will not after that time be liable for the assets or any part thereof so distributed to any person of whose debt or claim they shall not have had notice at the time of such distribution.
Dated this 17th day of December 1863
Tucker and Forward Solicitors for the said Executors, Chard, Somerset
Source: London Evening Standard 21.12.1863
- 1.3.1864 At St. Andrew's College, **Chardstock**, William Robert **HAKE**, eldest son of the Rev. Robert Hake, minor canon of Canterbury, aged ten years and six months.
Source: Morning Post 4.3.1864
- 1865 Thomas **BACKHOLER** aged 22.
Source: Chardstock Monumental Inscriptions (No entry in Parish Records).
- 17.5.1865 Yesterday N. M. Loggin Esq, held an inquest at the George I Inn, **Chardstock**, on the body of Isaac **BEER**. After hearing the following evidence the jury returned a verdict of "Accidental Death." Elizabeth Beer, of **Chardstock**, deposed - I am the widow of the deceased, Isaac Beer. On Wednesday last, the 17th instant, I came home about 5 o'clock and found my husband in his usual health. About seven o'clock he went up to bed. I went with him. He was crippled and walked about with two sticks. I helped put him into bed as I had done for many years, he seemed as well as ever then if not better. I then went to bed with him and went to sleep. About between one and two o'clock I heard a knocking at the door which woke me. I said, Isaac do you hear the noise, there's somebody breaking in the door. He did not answer. I called to him, and geting no answer I shook him, and in doing so I found his hands were stiff. I put my hand his forehead and found it cold. called Thomas Pearce, a

neighbour he came at once. I struck a light and we found deceased was dead. He seemed quite composed and appeared to have slept away. Deceased had been crippled and ruptured for years, but had not complained at all lately more than usual. I never knew deceased to have a fit. Deceased was 73 last birthday.

Sarah Ann Pearce of **Chardstock**, spinster, said - Between seven and eight o'clock on the evening of Wednesday last I saw the deceased Isaac **BEER** pass outside our door. We lived next door to him. He seemed in his usual health. I had known him eight years. Between one and two o'clock yesterday morning we heard Elizabeth Beer calling. I and my father went into her house, we found deceased in bed quite dead.

Jane Seward of **Chardstock** said - About a quarter to five yesterday morning I went into the house of deceased, having been sent for to lay the body out. I found him in bed laying on his back quite straight, his hands down by his sides and his head turned to the left. Parts of the body was discoloured, but there was no sign of violence about the body.

Bridport News 27.5.1865

- 13.2.1866 At Court Farm, **Chardstock**, Jane **WALE**, wife of Mr Joseph Wale, aged 43.
Source: Dorset County Chronicle 22.2.1866
- 23.3.1866 At Crewkerne, Mr Frank **DAWE**, formerly of Coaxdon Mills, **Chardstock**.
Source: Dorset County Chronicle 29.3.1866
- 13.4.1866 Very suddenly, Elizabeth **PARRIS**, the beloved wife of Mr T Parris, George Inn, **Chardstock**.
Sudden Death - On 13th April 1866 the landlord of the George inn, Chardstock awoke to find his wife dead by his side, she having died of heart disease and having died making no sign. Deceased leaves three children motherless.
Sources: Sherborne Mercury 17.4.1866 and Western Times 17.4.1866
- 8.6.1866 At Old Barn Farm, Axminster, Mr George **CHAPPLE**, late of **Chardstock**, aged 71.
Source: Dorset County Chronicle 14.6.1866
- 2.10.1866 At **Chardstock** John **PARRIS**, son of Mr Parris, of the George Inn, aged 8 years.
Source: Western Times 5.10.1866
- 16.11.1866 **Chardstock** - A Child Burnt to Death.
On Friday morning last [16th November], the wife of John Goddard, of this parish, got up early, leaving her son aged 3 years in bed. A box of matches was on a table close to the bed-side, and the child must have got a match and struck it. Soon after the mother heard the cries of the child and went to his assistance. She found his night dress in flames, and death took place the same afternoon.
*Note: The parish registers indicate that the boy was William John **GODDARD** baptised at Chardstock 1.11.1863.*
Source: Western Gazette 23.11.1866
- 19.12.1866 At **Chardstock** Mr G **RICHARDS**, aged 93.
- 9.7.1859 & **The parish church [Sidmouth].**

21.1.1867 To the notice of the memorial window recently erected in memory of the late Mayor and Mrs. **BRINE**, we may now add the statement that a handsomely engraved brass plate has been placed below the window, bearing the following inscription :
Major James **BRINE**, formerly of the 39th and fifth [*hand written alteration to 7th*] Regiments of Foot, second son of the late Admiral James Brine, of Blandford, in the County of Dorset, died at Claremont, in this Parish, July 9, 1859, aged 75. Gramina Julia Petrina **BRINE**, his wife, eldest daughter of John H. Clauson, of Christiania, Esq., died at Claremont, Jan. 20, 1867, aged 68. Their remains lie buried at **Chardstock, All Saints**, in the County of Dorset.
Sidmouth Journal and Directory 1.1.1868

10.2.1867 Death of James **KNOTT**. Three newspaper articles reported the incident.
Horrible Death - On Sunday last James **KNOTT** aged 40 years, met with a sudden and shocking death at Coaxdon Mills, where he was foreman. Attached to the mills is a large wheel, which pumps up water, and has to be oiled every night. Deceased had been drinking in Axminster during the day, and was, we hear, intoxicated. On arriving Coaxdon Mills he went to oil or grease the cogs of the wheel usual, and that was the last that was seen of him alive. Whether he was knocked down by the wheel or drawn into it is difficult to be said, but in the words of our informant, "he was torn all to pieces." Death, of course, was instantaneous. The unfortunate man leaves a wife and a son and daughter (both grown up) behind him.
Western Times 12.2.1867

CHARDSTOCK - An accident apparently instantly fatal, occurred at Coaxdon, within this parish, on Sunday evening last, to 'the foreman of the mills there, belonging to the Messrs Wheadon. From the evidence of William Huddy, given at the inquest held on the premises on Monday last, before Mr N M Loggin, it appears that the deceased, James **KNOTT** went into the garden close to the water wheel. He was alone, and appeared walking in quietly. The witness, who is also employed on the premises, having required some hay which was on the other side of the mill stream, went there for the purpose of fetching it, when he saw the wheel nearly stopped for about two minutes and then it went on again. A dog which was with deceased was close to the wheel barking. The witness after this went to fetch the cows, and met the deceased's son John Knott, who enquired for this father and who in a few moments was found lying in the crankpit nearest the house, his head and face being much crushed and mutilated. Deceased was lying as it were twisted, and his jacket, one shoe and stocking were torn off. Corroborative evidence being given, the jury, of which Mr Charles Genge was foreman, immediately returned a verdict of "Accidental death"
Dorset County Chronicle 14.2.1867

CHARDSTOCK - Shocking Death

On Tuesday last [12th February 1867] Mr N. M. Loggin Esq., coroner, held an inquest on the body of James **KNOTT**, who met with his death under the painful circumstances detailed in the evidence adduced at the inquest, which was as follows :
William Huddy, of Hawkchurch, said - On Sunday evening last, about a quarter after five o'clock, I saw the deceased going into the garden, close to the water wheel, and towards it. He was alone, and appeared walking on quietly, as

usual. I was in the stable and lost sight of deceased from buildings being in the way. I fetched a rope from the stable, and went out to get some hay which was the other side of the mill stream. I saw the wheel stop for nearly two minutes, and then it went on again, and a dog which was with Knott, when I saw him just before, was close the wheel, barking. I came shortly after this to fetch the cows. I met John Knott, the son of the deceased, going to look for his father. He asked me if I had seen him. I said "Yes, going towards the water wheel." He went on and as soon as got here he called. I went to him, and I then saw deceased lying in the crank pit nearest the house. The body was all a-twist, the jacket was off, the trousers were torn, and one shoe and stocking were off, and the other shoe was torn.

John Knott, of **Chardstock**, labourer, said: I am the son of the deceased. On Sunday evening last, I was looking for my father, as I wanted to speak to him. I was going towards the water wheel, and as I approached it the dog began to howl. I met William Huddy, and another man (William Clark.) I just went down to the shops, and from there to the hatches. I saw the dog, which was still bowling, and an empty basket. I afterwards saw my father's hat on a beam of the wheel, and in the crank pit I found the body. I saw the deceased about a quarter of an hour before in the house. —The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

Bridport News 16.2.1867

- 4.4.1867 At Ashville, Maple Road, Penge [South London], Matilda **COLLIER**, widow of the late Mr Giles Collier of Alson, **Chardstock** aged 70.
Source: Somerset County Gazette 13.4.1867
- 11.4.1867 Mrs T P **EAMES** of Cotley, **Chardstock**.
Source: Pall Mall Gazette 16.4.1867
- 30.7.1867 At **Chardstock** Vicarage, Honora S **WOODCOCK**, wife of the Rev C Woodcock, aged 57.
Source: Pall Mall Gazette 3.8.1867
- 1.8.1867 At Baaly Down, **Chardstock**, Mr Jacob **LARCOMBE** aged 67
Source: Bridport News 10.8.1867
- 6.8.1867 John **BONFIELD**, of Crawley, in the Parish of **Chardstock**, wheelwright and ironfounder.
Source: Announcement in the Chard & Ilminster News 22.10.1881
- Sept 1867 On Saturday last a full-grown female infant was found dead in a well near Chardstock. It appears that a cottage near Chardstock has been unoccupied since Lady-day, and on Saturday two men named Bonfield and Larcomb were sent to repair the cottage. A search was made for the well bucket, and in lowering a grappling iron into the well the body of a child was drawn to the surface *minus* an arm. Soon afterwards the arm was recovered. The body was much disfigured by the grappling iron, and appeared to have been in the well three weeks or a month. On Monday Dr. Broster held an inquest at the George Inn, Chardstock, when the jury returned an open verdict.
Source: Dorset County Chronicle 5.9.1867
- 18.9.1867 At **Chardstock** School of typhus fever, John **MEAKIN**, grandson of James Marsh Esq. of Haslemere.

Source: Surrey Advertiser 21.9.1867

- 7.3.1868 At **Chardstock**, Mrs Hannah **FRY** aged 85.
Source: Western Times 17.3.1868
- 6.5.1868 At Fordwater, **Chardstock**, Ann **NEWBERRY**, widow of the late Mr Amos Newberry, aged 76.
Source: Western Times 12.5.1868
- 7.6.1868 At **Chardstock**, Sibyl **MACHONOCHE**, youngest child of Alexander and Alice Machonochie, aged 13 months.
Source: Western Daily Press
- 8.6.1868 At **Chardstock**, Ann **GRIFFIN**, the wife of Mr H Griffin of Waggs Platt Farm.
Source: Western Times 16.6.1868
- 4.9.1868 John **BONFIELD**, of Crawley, in the Parish of **Chardstock**, the son of John Bonfield, wheelwright and ironfounder. The sole executor to the Will of John Bonfield Junior was his brother Samuel Bonfield.
Source: Chard & Ilminster News.
- 1.11.1868 At **Chardstock**, Mary **MILLER**, the wife of Mr Miller, confectioner, aged 47 years.
Source: Western Gazette 13.11.1868
- 11.11.1868 At **Chardstock**, Mr Abraham **BONDFIELD**, aged 67 years.
Source: Western Gazette 20.11.1868
- 3.12.1868 At Brockfield Cottage, **Chardstock**, Sarah **ALLEN**, relict of the late Mr Charles Allen.
Source: Western Gazette 11.12.1868
- 25.12.1868 **A Fatal Gun Accident** occurred at **Chardstock** on Christmas day. Three young men were examining a gun, and being told that it was not loaded, one of them put a cap on the nipple to clear the barrel. Unfortunately, it turned out to be loaded and the contents of the barrel, on the trigger being drawn, lodged in the breast of a boy, named John James **HAYES**, of **Tytherleigh**, eight years of age, who died instantly. Another account states that the gun was twice pointed at the deceased.
Source: Western Gazette 1.1.1869

A similar account appeared in the Bridport News for 2.1.1869, but with the additional information that the incident happened in the house of Thomas Larcombe, a labourer of **Chardstock**.

- 12.4.1869 At Paradise House, **Chardstock**, William **LOVERIDGE** Esq., aged 92
Salisbury & Winchester Journal 17.4.1869

William Loveridge Esq. deceased

Pursuant to an Act of Parliament of the 22d and 23d Vie, cap. 36, intituled " An Act to further amend the Law of Property and to relieve Trustees," Notice is hereby given that all persons having any claims or demands against or upon the Estate of William Loveridge, late of Paradise in the parish of Chardstock in the county of Dorset, Esquire, who died on the 12th day of April 1869, and

whose Will with a Codicil thereto was proved in the District Registry of her Majesty's Court of Probate at Blandford on the 10th day of May 1869 are on or before the 1st day of July next to send in the particulars of such claim or demand to Mary Churchill Loveridge and Emily Pitts Loveridge, of Paradise aforesaid, Spinsters, the Executrices of the said deceased, at the offices of us the undersigned, in Chard, in the County of Somerset, on which day the said Executrices will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard to the claims of which they shall then have had notice; and they will not be liable for such assets or any part thereof so distributed to any person of whose claim or demand they shall not have had notice at the time of such distribution.

Dated this 19th day of May 1869

Tucker & Forward, Solicitors to the said Executrices

Source: Exeter & Plymouth Gazette 28.5.1869

27.4.1869

Chardstock Sudden Death

On Tuesday last (27th April 1869) gloom was cast over this neighbourhood by a report that George **CLARENCE**, Esq., of Coaxdon Hall, had been found dead. The deceased gentleman was missing, and search was made, and his lifeless body found in the water-closet, still warm. A messenger was despatched after Mr Hallett, surgeon, of Axminster, who hastened to Coaxdon, but was too late, as the lamented gentleman, who was 85 years of age, had breathed his last. Mr Hallett announced that the cause of death was heart disease. Mr Clarence was well known throughout the Western Counties, he having been a traveller for a number of years as a great merchant. He is succeeded in his property and country seat by his only son, L. B. Clarence, Esq., barrister-at-law, of the Inner Temple, who is at present residing at St. John's Wood.

Source: Taunton Courier & Western Advertiser 5.5.1869

16.6.1869

At Ridge Farm, **Chardstock** Mr John **Dean**, yeoman, aged 85 years.
Source; Western Gazette 25.6.1869

11.1.1870

At Alson, **Chardstock** Mary **HONEYBUN**, widow of Mr James Honeybun, aged 77
Source: Western Times 14.1.1870

4.5.1870

At **Chardstock** Miss Ann **LEE [LEIGH]**, aged 28 years.
Source: Western Gazette 6.5.1870

11.7.1870

At his residence, Farway House, **Chardstock**, after a few hours sickness, Mr Charles **DENNING**, aged 84
Source: Reading Mercury 16.7.1870

3.10.1870

Fatal Accident at Chardstock.

A fatal accident happened on Monday afternoon [3.10.1870] to an engine driver, named James **CLARKE**, who was employed at Mr. Wheadon's quarry. On Monday afternoon the men at the quarry heard a cry, which appeared to proceed from the engine-house. On hastening to the spot, they discovered the body of Clarke in a most distressing state. Three of his ribs were broken, and driven into his lungs; and there were several wounds on his face, head, and other parts of his body. Dr. Hallett, who attended the unfortunate man, pronounced it a hopeless case from the first. The poor fellow died a few

hours after the accident in great agony. It is conjectured that he was caught by a projecting beam, and knocked down. He was the father of eight children.
Source: Western Gazette 7.10.1870

16.1.1871 At Church-hill, **Chardstock** Mr Stephen **PEARSE**, aged 43
Source: Western Times 24.1.1871

30.1.1871 At Bayley Farm, **Chardstock** the wife of Mr Robert **BRIGHT**
Source: Western Times 3.2.1871

6.7.1871 At **Chardstock** Charles **SEGAR**, aged 34
Source: Western Times 14.7.1871

7/8.7.1871 **Chardstock - Drink and suicide**

An inquest was held on Monday afternoon at the George Inn on the body of Elizabeth **GALE**, widow, aged 76.

Sarah Dimond said - The body the jury have just seen is that of my mother; she was 76 last March. She has been living with me for the last four years; before that she lived with Mr Bowerman, solicitor, at Uffculme, for several years as cook. About four years ago she attempted suicide by trying to hang herself, but failing in that, she cut her throat. Mr Bowerman sent for me, and I went to Uffculme. When I got there they had taken her to an inn. She asked me what I wanted and who sent for me; she said, I am only sorry I did not do it to the purpose. She was tried for the attempted suicide at Exeter assizes and discharged in June 1867.

She then came back to live with me at Chardstock. At times she has been very excited and repeatedly said she was sorry she had not done it to the purpose. Some few days before her death she said she had not been able to sleep - she had the horrors so bad; and that she had a mind to call me up. She had been in the habit of drinking neat spirits neat; she would send for half a pint of gin at a time and drink it nearly all without putting any water with it. She had a few pounds in money; she had paid me 4s 6d per week for her food and lodging; she had not any money left. I don't know what money she had when she came to **Chardstock**. She told me when her money was done she should be done. They was only one farthing in her pocket when she was found dead on Tuesday last. I had asked her for some money; she gave me one shilling and then said that was the last she had; she had been keeping her money in the Devon and Exeter Savings Bank, and Mr Pulman told her, in the presence of a girl, that she had only £2 odd left. This was some weeks ago. I have told my neighbours that I did not know how to live with her, she was so excited at times.

Eliza Chick said she was at Mr Lewis's house when the deceased came in on Friday about two o'clock and said she owed him three farthings for milk and gave Mr Lewis a penny to pay for it. She looked rather wild, she always had a peculiar look; she then left and went round the corner towards the brick-kiln. This was the last time witness saw her alive.

John Forsey said he was a butcher and on Friday last he was at his father's house waiting for his father, and he went up the stream to see if he could catch a trout. When he was three or four yards up the field he saw a woman in the water dead. She was lying across the stream on her back. Went back to

the gate and called Mr Elliott and his brother and told them there was a woman in the water dead.

Thomas Elliott said - I went down and immediately saw it was Elizabeth **GALE**; she was quite dead. The water was about 18 inches deep where she was lying. It appears she went into water further up, as there were some tracks across the grass. The water at the place where the tracks were lost was about four feet deep. With assistance I took the body out and took it to her house.

The jury returned a verdict of "Temporary Insanity".
Source: Western Times 18.7.1871

- 25.7.1871 At Churchill, near **Chardstock** Mary Ann **ENTICOTT**, the wife of Mr John Enticott, aged 41
Source: Western Times 28.7.1871
- 11.8.1871 At the Union House, Axminster, Edith **PEARSE** of **Chardstock**, aged 35
Source: Western Times 16.8.1871
- 14.9.1871 At Honey-hill, near **Chardstock** Richard **COOKE**, aged 66.
Source: Western Times 22.9.1871
- 23.10.1871 At Baylerdown, **Chardstock** Mr Thomas **SYMES**, aged 72
Source: Western Times 27.10.1871
- 30.12.1871 At Farway Marsh, **Chardstock** John **LARCOMBE**, tailor, aged 23
Source: Western Times 5.1.1872
- 10.2.1872 At **Chardstock** Rachel **COZENS** aged 14
Source: Western Times 16.2.1872
- 2.4.1872 At **Chardstock**, aged 4, Edward Henry Raymond **BRINE**, son of the Rev. Brine.
Source: Pall Mall Gazette 6.4.1872
- 20.8.1872 At the Vicarage, **Chardstock** Georgette **LEREASCHE**, aged 60, for 20 years a faithful nurse in the family.
Source: Morning Advertiser 26.8.1872
- 29.8.1872 At Hook Farm, **Chardstock** Mrs Sarah **POOLE**, aged 89.
Note: The parish Register records the burial as taking place on 26.8.1872
Source: Western Times 4.9.1872
- 7.9.1872 At Cotley Wash, **Chardstock** Mr John **HUNT**, aged 74
Source: Western Times 14.9.1872
- 27.6.1873 John **DOMETT** [**DUMMETT**], shoemaker, of Farway Marsh, **Chardstock**.
Source: Warrant dated 13.12.1894 re Harbour House.
- 24.10.1873 **Chardstock Fatal Accident.**
On Friday [24th October 1873] Mr. Deane, of Alson, in this parish, sent a boy named **DAVEY**, who was in his employ, with a horse and cart to Cheddar, in the parish of Chard. Mr. Deane gave the boy strict order not to ride. These

orders the boy did not respect, for on the road he got up and rode, and in getting down fell, and one of the wheels passed over his breast. He was seen and picked up, and found to have been dreadfully injured. Medical assistance was soon at hand, but the poor boy lingered till the following day, when death put an end to his sufferings.

Source: Taunton Courier & Western Advertiser 29.10.1873

19.11.1873 Henry Elias **BEER** died at Farway Marsh on 19.11.1873. His death certificate recorded that he was 57 years old and died of "Liver disease Dropsy 7 months Certified".

Source: Extracts from a Statutory Declaration made by Henry Elias **Beer** on 13.7.1908 in support of his title.

2.12.1873 At Southcommon, **Chardstock** Mary Anna **DANIELS**, aged 22

Source: Exeter & Plymouth Gazette 12.12.1873

4.4.1874 On Wednesday, Mr Charles **GENGE** of Churchill Farm was missed from his home. In the morning he partook of his breakfast as usual and, as he did not return to dinner, a search was made for him, which promised for a long time to be fruitless. But about half-past seven in the evening Mrs Genge discovered him suspended from a beam in an outhouse adjoining the farm-house. He was quite dead. For the past 12 months deceased had suffered excruciating pain from neuralgia, and, with a view of curing it, he had nearly the whole of his teeth extracted. This, however, had not had the desired effect, and he was often driven to distraction with pain. Deceased was 63 years of age.

Source: Western Gazette 17.4.1874.

Note Charles Genge was buried at All Saints churchyard 13.4.1874

Charles Genge, Deceased

Pursuant to an Act of Parliament. 25d and 23d Victoria, cap 3 intitued "An Act to further amend the Law of Property and to relieve Trustees". Notice Is hereby Given, that all creditors and other persons having any claims against the Estate of Charles **GENGE**, formerly of Churchill Farm, In the parish of Chardstock, in the county of Dorset, yeoman, deceased (who died on the 8th day of April, 1874, and whose will was proved In the District Registry at Blandford of her Majesty's Court of Probate on the 12th day of May. 1874, by John Cox Bently, of Fordwater, in the parish of Chardstock aforesaid, gentleman, and Benjamin Miller, of Knight's Farm, in the parish of Chardstock aforesaid, yeoman, the executors named in the said will), are hereby required to send particulars in writing of such claims to the undersigned on or before the 11th day of August, 1874, after which day the said executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Charles Genge among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have had notice, and the said executors will not be answerable or liable to any person or persons of whose claims they shall not then have had notice. - Dated this 24th day of June, 1874.

WILLIAM FORWARD, Axminster, Devon, Solicitor to the said Executors.

Source: London Evening Standard 29.6.1874

11.3.1874 At Coleston Farm, **Chardstock** Mr John **MATTHEWS**, formerly of Chard, but lately of Street, Glastonbury, aged 87

Source: Taunton Courier & Western Advertiser

- 6.6.1874 At **Chardstock** Mr W **PEARCE**, aged 70
Source: Western Times 11.6.1874
- 13.7.1874 At Alson, near **Chardstock** Mr William **BENTLY**, aged 71. In him the poor have lost a real friend.
Source: Western Times 17.7.1874
- 12.8.1874 **Chardstock - Death in an Allotment Garden**
On Thursday 13th August 1874 an inquest was held before Mr. N. M. Loggin, coroner, on the body of Joel **HONEYBONE**, who was found dead in an allotment field in this village. Deceased had not been ill for some years, and he was seen alive on Wednesday morning at nine and eleven o'clock.
Source: Western Gazette 14.8.1874
- 13.11.1874 At **Chardstock** Mr William **ELLETT**, butcher, aged 73
Source: Western Gazette 20.11.1874
- 6.12.1874 At **Chardstock** Ellen Rose **BONFIELD**, daughter of Mr H Bonfield, aged 8 months.
Source: Western Gazette 18.12.1874
- 17.3.1875 Sarah **TURNER** aged 76.
Source: Chardstock Monumental Inscriptions (No entry in Parish Records).
- 7.4.1875 At **Chardstock** Mr Cephas **FRENCH**, tailor.
Source: Western Gazette 16.4.1875
- 2.6.1875 At **Chardstock** Mrs Dinah **FOWLER**, aged 68.
Source: Western Gazette 11.6.1875
- 31.10.1875 At Alton [Alston], **Chardstock** Mr James **LONG**, farmer, aged 70.
Source: Western Gazette 12.11.1875
- Dec 1875 **Chardstock - Death of Mrs. Rodd**
We regret to announce the death of Mrs. **RODD**, of Ederlcote [Edencote]. The deceased lady had only been married about two months, and was on her wedding tour. She was not expected home till the early part of the spring.
Source: Western Gazette 10.12.1875
- 13.1.1876 **Fatal Accident to a Chardstock Man**
An inquest was held at the Cardiff Town Hall, on Friday evening 14th January 1876, on the body of William **HURFORD**, a night-porter on the Great Western Railway, who was killed the previous evening while engaged in shunting a mineral train. No blame whatever could be attached to any person but the unfortunate deceased. A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned. The unfortunate man was 35 years of age, and leaves wife and two children. He had been living here several years, both himself and wife being natives of this place. He was a very sober, steady, and respectable man.
Source: Western Gazette 21.1.1876
- 12.6.1876 William **BENTLY** aged 72.
Source: Chardstock Monumental Inscriptions (No entry in Parish Records).

- 9.7.1876 At Alton [Alston] **Chardstock** Mr S **PEARCE**, aged 76
Source: Western Times 28.7.1876
- 9.10.1876 **Chardstock - Fatal Railway Accident**
On Monday morning, 9th October 1876. a married man named John **SMITH**, in the employ of the Dorset Lime and Cement Co. at the Coaxdon Works, and who resides at All Saints, Chardstock, was killed at the works. A goods train stopped at the works to take up a couple of trucks loaded with lime, when deceased got in front of the trucks and waited to couple them to the train when it shunted. He failed to connect them, and they were driven back, dragging him along some yards, when he fell on one of the rails. The last truck on the train ran over him, and the poor fellow was quite dead when taken up. He was a very steady man, 28 years of age, and leaves a wife and three children. An inquest was held Wednesday, before N. M. Loggin, Esq., when the jury (of which the Rev. C. Woodcock, was foreman) returned a verdict of "Accidental death."
Western Gazette 13.10.1876
- Dec 1876 **Chardstock - Mysterious Affair**
No little excitement was caused here on Wednesday evening [20th December 1876], by a report that the body of a full-grown female child had been found in a watercourse, near Wootton Farm. It appears that a man named Charles Allen was clearing out the main water carriage in Ham's meadow, and came across the body of a child sewn up in corduroy. An inquest was held on the body at the George Inn, **Chardstock**, on Friday evening, 22nd December 1876 before the Coroner, N. M. Loggin, Esq., when Charles Allen gave evidence as to finding the body sewn up with white cotton in an old piece of corduroy. He took it to his master's house, and from there to the bailiff's (Mr. Miller) when the body was handed over to the police. P.C. Joseph Marks, stationed at **Chardstock**, said he fetched the body away the night of Wednesday, the 20th, and it had been in his custody since. He had no suspicion whose child it was. Dr. Wills, of Thorncombe, said he had made a post-mortem examination of the body, and was of opinion that the child was born alive. The inquest was adjourned to Friday, January 5th.
Western Gazette 29.12.1876
- 21.1.1879 James **LARCOMBE** of Cuckolds Pit, **Chardstock**.
Source: Abstract of Title relating to a dwelling at Cuckolds Pit later known as Christopher Cottage.
- 16.7.1879 Samuel **DIMON** of **Chardstock**.
Source: Abstract of Title relating to a dwelling at Cuckolds Pit later known as Christopher Cottage.
- 1.12.1879 Dick **FRY** aged 72. For many years huntsman and shepherd to Thomas Deane of **Cotley**.
Source: Chardstock Monumental Inscriptions (No entry in Parish Records).
- 16.6.1881 Burial date at Upottery of Mary **WEBBER** age 91 of **Chardstock**.
Source: Upottery Parish Register.
- 5.10.1881 At **Chardstock**, Mr James **PERRY**, aged 81.
Source: Chard & Ilminster News.

- 9.10.1882 Martha **LAWLEY**, the daughter of Robert and Mary **DEEM** of Eggmoor Lane, **Chardstock**
Source: Indenture dated 11.8.1897 concerning cottage in Eggmoor Lane.
- 21.3.1883 At Broad Oak, **Wambrook** Sarah **EAMES**, the wife of John Keate Eames.
Source: Probate copy of Will
- 2.4.1884 Thomas **FRENCH**, the son of William and Charlotte French.
Source: Chardstock Monumental Inscriptions (No entry in Parish Records)
- 8.7.1884 On Saturday morning, 8th July, **Mr SHUTE** of **Holy City Cottage**, went to the well to draw water with bucket and rope, when he lost his balance and fell head forward to the bottom, about eight feet. His wife, hearing a noise, called for assistance. Mr Shute's brother and others arrived, and pulled the unfortunate man out, when life was found to be extinct. Deceased was about 62 years of age.
Source: Pulman's Weekly News 10.7.1884 under article headed This Was The New 100 years ago.
- 19.1.1885 **MR ST. LEGER HERBERT**, the special correspondent of the Morning Post, who was killed in the battle of Gubat against the Arabs on January 19th, was first cousin to Mrs Edward Stanhope Rodd, of **Chardstock** House, Dorsetshire, and cousin to the Earl of Carnarvon.
Source: Chard & Ilminster News.
- 15.2.1885 At Union Workhouse, Axminster, the infant son of Mary A **PEARCE**, of **Chardstock**.
Source: Chard & Ilminster News.
- 8.9.1885 Robert **DEEM**, shoemaker, of Eggmoor Lane, **Chardstock**
Source: Probate copy of Will
- 7.10.1885 William **WALE** the Elder, Yeoman of **Chardstock**.
Source: Indenture dated 14.6.1893.
- 10.3.1886 Mary **DEEM**, widow of Robert **DEEM**, shoemaker, of Eggmoor Lane, **Chardstock**.
Source: Indenture dated 3.1.1887 concerning cottage in Eggmoor Lane.
- 27.5.1886 William Keate **EAMES** of **Burridge**, Gent.
Source: Probate of Will.
- 30.3.1889 Miss Anna **LONG**, Spinster of Farway, **Chardstock**
Source: Probate copy of Will
- 30.5.1890 Robert **WALE**, Yeoman of **Chardstock**.
Source: Indenture dated 14.6.1893.
- 29.12.1891 George **POMROY**, Farmer of **Titherleigh**.
Source: Abstract of Title relating of Welch's Copyhold.
- 17.6.1894 At Court Farm, **Chardstock** Joseph **WALE**, Yeoman

Source: Probate copy of Will

- 1.8.1895 Elizabeth **STROUD**, the second daughter of Thomas and Mary Bartlett Pickering.
Source: Chardstock Monumental Inscriptions (No entry in Parish Records)
- 20.12.1900 At **Fordwater** Thomas **BENTLEY** aged 74
Source: The Family Bible of John Beviss
- 11.6.1901 At Read's Hill Farm, **Chardstock** Sidney **DEANE**, aged 48, and Thomas **GENGE**, aged 56.

A full account of their deaths appeared in the Western Times newspaper under the heading Chardstock Tragedy - Murder and Felo de Se; a transcript of which appears below.

On 12th June 1901 at Chardstock Mr H W Gould conducted an inquiry into the circumstances attending the terrible tragedy which occurred just outside the village.

The proceedings were of a protracted character. The jurymen were first conducted to the scene of the crime, Read's Hill Farm, and shown the wooden outhouse from which it was supposed that the murdered man, Sidney Deane, was shot from a chink in the dilapidated wooden wall.

The first witness called was Richard Thomas Deane of Lower Farm, Stockland, a cousin of the deceased man, Sidney Joseph Deane, whose body he identified. He was a farmer, aged 45 years, and was the occupant of the farm at Read's Hill. He was unmarried and lived alone.

The body of Thomas Genge, whose remains were discovered in a cow shed near by, was identified by Arthur Zealley, a miller, residing in the village, to whom he was related by marriage. Although he had formerly been a farmer he had, during the past few years, acted as a labourer. He was 56 years of age and although married lived apart from his wife and family.

Robert Hull of East Chardstock, who described himself as a thatcher and who first discovered Deane after he had been shot, stated that about eight o'clock on Tuesday 11th June he visited the farm for the purpose of carrying out some repairs which he had been requested to do. He found the front portion of the house locked and being unable to attract attention was proceeding to the back when he was arrested by hearing groans a few yards distant. About fifteen yards from the gate he came upon Mr Deane, whom he at once recognised, lying across the path upon his back, his boots being visible from the road. Witness inquired "What's the matter" and received the reply "Tom Genge has shot me through the back; let me alone, I'm dying". He immediately ran towards the village for assistance and the first person he met was Ezra Perring, a farmer, who was engaged in his garden a quarter of a mile away. After explanations Perring hurried to the assistance of the wounded man, while witness went down to the village in search of a constable. In reply to Supt. de Schmid, witness stated that his visit to the house was by arrangement and that he knew both of the deceased men.

The Coroner: Has either of the men said anything to you about each other?

Witness: I knew that there was ill-feeling between them; all the village knew but neither said anything to me. After much difficulty the fact was elicited that Deane had some time ago told witness that Genge had assaulted him and he was aware that a sentence of twelve months imprisonment was passed upon that occasion.

Ezra Perring of Chardstock deposed that he was informed by Hull that Mr Deane had been shot and at once hurried to the spot, but, added witness "I was rather timid". Replying to his question, the deceased said that he had been shot by Genge and that he knew he was dying. Several others then arrived and subsequently P C Small. He was holding deceased's hand when another gun shot, a short distance away, rang out, but an attempt was not made to locate it until after Deane had been removed. Witness, answering the Coroner, said that he had no further knowledge of the matter, but upon being pressed admitted that deceased stated he had made his will and left everything to his sister (Genge's wife). He further said "It is no more than I had been expecting". Deane told witness in conversation several years ago that Genge had attempted to murder him at Guildford, when he "chopped" him with an iron hook, of which he still bore the marks upon his head. On Sunday last Genge came to witness's house and asked him if he would go to Deane's house and ask for a bolster, blanket and a washing machine, which he alleged belonged to him. Witness declined, advising him to go himself. Replying to Supt. de Schmid, he said that he had never seen Genge with a gun and was positive he did not possess one.

P C Small, stationed at Chardstock, deposed that in consequence of information conveyed to him by Hall he proceeded to Read's Hill Farm and saw the deceased, Deane, lying upon his back, as had been described by previous witness. He had him removed to the house and partially undressed. The unfortunate man was suffering from a large wound in the back which had the appearance of being caused by a gun shot. The deceased, who was perfectly conscious and sensible made a statement: "Tom Genge" he said "shot me in the back about 7.30 this morning when I came out of the house. I have been lying here ever since". The deceased further stated that he did not catch sight of Genge, but remarked "It is he right enough; he has tried to kill me once before".

Receiving information from by-standers with reference to the second report, witness searched the yard and in a cow-shed about 35 feet from where Deane was lying when he was discovered, found the body of a man whom he identified as Thomas Genge, the alleged murderer. In his hand an old, double-barrelled, muzzle-loading gun, the trigger of which was attached by means of a cord to a nail in the door. Both barrels were empty - evidently discharged but recently, for the lock had snapped on both the caps. In conclusion the constable stated that during the time he had been stationed in the district he never received a complaint from either of the parties with respect to each other.

William Honebun of Holy City, Chardstock stated that on Sunday night Genge inquired whether he had a gun for sale. On Monday evening - the night before the murder - he purchased the weapon produced for 12s, remarking at the time that he required it to kill rabbits.

Dr T S Balfour of Chard stated that shortly before ten o'clock he was summoned to the farm and upon arrival found Deane in a state of prostration which precluded any hope of recovery. A large wound, about the size of a two-shilling-piece, was just below the left shoulder blade. He gradually sank and expired about four in the afternoon. He also visited Genge, who was dead - death, in fact, must have been instantaneous. The roof of his mouth had been blown out and the base of the skull was fractured.

Deane and Zealley were both re-called and questioned with regard to the causes for the enmity which existed between the two men. It appeared that the father of the deceased's man, Deane, left a sum of money, the whole of which, it was believed, went to the son. A diary of Genge's was put in, from which were extracted the following passages: "A few years ago by a lie he got the old man to make the present will. It was made in his favour through he telling a lie. It was a lie which done the mischief. The old man told me some time ago he should make a fresh will and do something for the children. I thought Sid would have killed me about two years ago and I still suffer from the fractured ribs.

The Coroner, in summing up, said that the constable in charge of the case deserved that greatest credit for the clear and satisfactory manner in which it had been presented. The issue which the jury had to determine was whether in the case of Deane he had been shot by Genge accidentally or with malicious intent and upon the point he thought there could be little doubt. The evidence which had been adduced pointed clearly to the conclusion that Genge intended to kill Deane. With regard to Genge, there was equally little doubt, and there was no reason to suppose that at the time of Hassidic he was of unsound mind.

The jury, after a brief consultation. returned a verdict that Deane was wilfully murdered by Genge with a gun and that Genge feloniously killed himself by the same means.

A shorter account of the incident appeared in The Times on 12th June, 1901 under the heading "Murder and Suicide"

A murder was committed at Chardstock. near Axminster, yesterday and the murderer committed suicide. Sidney Deane, a yeoman, 48 years of age, a single man, who lived by himself at Reed's Hill Farm, went about his work at the usual hour yesterday morning. At about 8 o'clock a Thatcher heard a gunshot and, fancying he heard groans, went in search. He found Deane writhing on the ground near his orchard. He had been shot in the side. Help was secured and the man was carried to his home. Soon afterwards another shot was heard, which rattled the corrugated roof of a cattle shed. On making a further search the village constable found a labourer named Robert Genge [*incorrect - name should be Thomas Genge*] lying dead in a shed. By his side was an old double-barrelled gun, which had recently been fired. The trigger of the gun was tied with a string to the handle of the door, and it was found that Genge was shot through the roof of the mouth. The shot had passed through his head and struck the roof of the shed. He married a sister of Deane's many years ago, but his wife and family had not lived with him for some time. Recently he had quarrelled with Deane over some money left to the latter by

his father. Deane when found was conscious, and expressed the opinion that Genge had shot him. Deane lingered until 4 o'clock in the afternoon when he died of hemorrhage.

- 10.5.1902 John Thomas **BOWDITCH**, aged 21, at Shahjanaanpur, India, the youngest son of William and Martha Bowditch.
Source: Chardstock Monumental Inscriptions.
- 21.5.1902 William **FRENCH** of **Chardstock**
Source: Indenture dated 9.11.1912 concerning cottage in Eggmoor Lane.
- 26.7.1902 Thomas Parry **WOODCOCK**, late of the Bengal Civil Service.
Source: Memorial Inscription inside Chardstock, St. Andrew's Church.
- 25.9.1902 At Farway Marsh, Chardstock Mary Anne **DOLLING**. aged about 52.

Accounts of this death appeared in the Chard & Ilminster newspaper on 27th September and 4th October 1902; transcripts of which appear below.

27th September 1902

A shocking tragedy occurred at **Chardstock** on Thursday, and threw the whole village into melancholy excitement - an excitement which has not been paralleled since the painful scene known as the **Chardstock** murder was enacted there some couple of years ago.

The facts are briefly these: Mary Anne Dolling, a widow woman, of about 52 years of age, has been residing with her parents at Farway Marsh, **Chardstock**, since the death of her husband in November last. Mrs Dolling had not been in the best of health recently, and was visited on Thursday afternoon by Dr. T S Balfour, of Chard. Almost immediately after the doctor's departure, the woman called her aged father, who was at work in the garden adjoining, to come in and have some bread and cheese and cider. The old man did so, and his daughter went to an outhouse. As she was away some time, her father went to look for her, and on entering the outhouse, a terrible sight met his gaze. His daughter was on the floor in a stooping position, with a piece of cord looped tightly round her neck. It was quite evident that deceased had strangled herself in a most determined manner.

The affair happened between four and five o'clock. Information was given to the police, and P.C. Small arrived. Artificial respiration was resorted to without effect. The Coroner has been communicated with, and an inquest will be held in due course.

Deceased, since the death of her husband, has been rather strange in her ways, but, as far as can be ascertained, has never hinted at suicide.

Mrs Dolling was born and bred in Chardstock, and leaves two children. Great sympathy is felt both for them, and for Mrs Dolling's parents.

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4th October 1902

An inquest was held on Saturday on the body of Mary Ann **Dolling**, of Farway Marsh, who was found strangled in an outhouse the previous Thursday, as

reported in detail in our last issue. Deceased's father, Joseph Hutchings, gave evidence bearing out the facts previously described, and the jury returned a verdict of "Suicide by hanging whilst of unsound mind".

Note: The Chardstock Parish Registers record the burial of Job Dolling on 3.12.1901 and Mary Dolling on 30.9.1902

- 11.10.1902 At Burchill, **Chardstock**, after a lingering illness, Martha **SUMMERS**, aged 74
Source: Chard & Ilminster News.
- 21.3.1903 Isaac George **BEER**, the son of Henry & Eleanor Beer, died 21.3.1903 at Honey Hill, Chardstock. His death certificate recorded that he was aged 36 and died of "Sarcoma Exhaustion". His wife H E Beer was present at his death.
Source: Extracts from a Statutory Declaration made by Henry Elias Beer on 13.7.1908 in support of his title.
- 3.8.1905 Eleanor **Beer** died at Cuckolds Pit. Her death certificate recorded that she was 79 years old and died of Senile Decay.
Source: Extracts from a Statutory Declaration made by Henry Elias **Beer** on 13.7.1908 in support of his title.
- 21.6.1906 Capt. Edward Rex **KING**, aged 36, who died at Potchefstroom of enteric fever.
Source: Memorial Inscription inside Chardstock, St. Andrew's Church.
- 24.6.1906 Samuel Serle **BEER**, the son of Henry & Eleanor Beer died at Bridge in the parish of Winsham, Somerset 24.6.1906 intestate and without having been married. His death certificate records that he was 45 years old and died of "Pneumonia 6 days".
Source: Extracts from a Statutory Declaration made by Henry Elias **Beer** on 13.7.1908 in support of his title.
- 7.1.1907 Alice **DEANE** of **Chardstock**
Source: Indenture dated 9.11.1912 concerning cottage in Eggmoor Lane.
- 19.9.1908 Joe White **BONFIELD** of **Chardstock**.
Source: Reconveyance dated 24.12.1927
- 5.5.1909 James **FRENCH**, the son of William and Charlotte French.
Source: Chardstock Monumental Inscriptions (No entry in Parish Records)
- 6.6.1909 At **Fordwater** John Cox **BENTLEY** aged 85
Source: The Family Bible of John Beviss
- 8.10.1909 Frances Parry **WOODCOCK** of The Lodge, **Chardstock**.
Source: Abstract of Title dated 1913 relating to The Lodge
- 23.5.1910 Henrietta **BROOM**, daughter of Robert & Elizabeth Bentley and wife of John Broom of Holcombe Barton, Ottery St. Mary, died at Stafford House, Ottery St. Mary on 23rd May, 1910 aged 81.
Source: The Family Bible of John Beviss
- 17.7.1910 Rosa Grace Bourdieu **WOODCOCK** of The Lodge, **Chardstock**.
Source: Abstract of Title dated 1913 relating to The Lodge

- 27.3.1911 At Coaxdon Cross, **Chardstock**, Miss Elizabeth **PRYOR**, aged 74.
Source: Chard & Ilminster News.
- 16.12.1911 John **CHUBB**, Carpenter, of Bewley Down, **Chardstock**.
Source: Conveyance dated 28.5.1912.
- 15.6.1912 At **Chardstock** Benjamin **PARRIS**, Innkeeper of the George Inn.
Source: Conveyance dated 29.12.1937 concerning Claysteps.
- 22.2.1913 Anna Harriott **WOODCOCK** of The Lodge, **Chardstock**.
Source: Abstract of Title dated 1913 relating to The Lodge
- 27.5.1913 George Henry **BONFIELD** of **Chardstock**.
Source: Reconveyance dated 24.12.1927
- 8.10.1913 Abel Albert **HARRIS** at Chardstock.
Source: Extract from Death Certificate.
- 11.8.1913 James **EAMES**, Gent. of Titchfield, Hampshire
Source: Probate copy of Will. Concerns assets at Broad Oak, **Wambrook**
- 26.1.1915 At Mancroft, **Wambrook** Sarah Ann **CUFF**, widow of Mr W Cuff, aged 80 years
Source: Chard & Ilminster News 6.2.1915
- 30.1.1915 William **JEFFERY**, aged 77, at Burridge, **Chardstock**.
Sources: Western Gazette 5.2.1915 and Chard & Ilminster News 6.2.1915.
- 8.2.1915 At Bartletts, **Wambrook**, Lucy **BEVISS**, daughter of the late Abraham Beviss, aged 43.
Source: Chard & Ilminster News 13.2.1915.
- 12.2.1915 Funeral of Miss L **BEVISS**
The funeral of the late Miss Lucy **BEVISS** of Bartletts took place at **Wambrook** Church on Friday afternoon (12th February). The Rev. T E Williams (Rector), assisted by the Rev. R Beviss Thompson, Vicar of High Ham, a cousin of the deceased, officiated.

The principal mourners were Messrs. William Beviss and J Eames Beviss, 1st West Somerset Yeomanry (brothers), Miss L Eames (Broad Oak), Messrs. John Eames and Edward Eames (uncles), Miss Eames (Cotley), Messrs. T D Eames, R B Eames, W Salter-Beviss, R J Eames, H E Eames and T H Eames (cousins). Others present included Mrs Neville Hicks (Taunton), Mrs Lisle Smith (Chardstock), Mr and Mrs Syers (Sherborne), the Rev. A Lewis (Vicar of Chardstock), Dr George E A Evans, Messrs E P Newton, S and F Hecks (Weston), S Melhuish and T J Wall.

The deceased was formerly a teacher in the Sunday School and the children attended the service and sang the hymn "Peace, perfect Peace." Miss Northcombe presiding at the organ. The grave was lined with flowers and evergreens by friends. The bearers were Messrs. C Denslow, E Denslow, J Down, C J Pinney, C Hunt, S Bright, Guppy and J Kitchell.
Source: Chard & Ilminster News 23.2.1916

22.2.1915 Infant's sudden death

An inquest was held at Court Farm on Monday [22.2.1915] by Dr C N Tweed (Deputy Coroner for the district) on the body of the six weeks-old female child of Susan Ann Larcombe, wife of Tom Larcombe, a labourer, residing at Eggmoor Cottages. Mr Lisle Smith was chosen foreman of the jury. The father of the child stated that on Saturday about 2.30 a.m. his wife warmed some milk for the baby, but after she got it the latter would not take it. It was the first time the child had refused milk and he thought it must be taken ill. The mother nursed it for an hour in her arms and the child went to sleep again in his and his wife's bed.

At 7 a.m. it became worse, but it appeared to be in no pain. He sent for the district nurse, Miss Alice Sloman, and on her arrival about 7.30 she found that the child was dead, but warm. Dr Jupp, of Chard, was also sent for and was unable to certify the cause of death at the time - Similar evidence was given by the mother of the child and the district nurse gave evidence as to being sent for and finding the infant dead on her arrival.

Dr Jupp was also called as a witness and stated that he had made a post-mortem examination of the body. The child was very thin and of a weakly nature. Death was due to malnutrition, but there was no blame attaching to the parents for this.

The Jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence.
Source: Chard & Ilminster News 27.2.1915.

*Note: Mavis Ella **LARCOMBE**, aged 6 weeks, was buried at St. Andrew's Church 25.2.1915.*

20.2.1915 Funeral of the late Mr R J **BOWERMAN**

The mortal remains of the late Mr R J Bowerman, whose death at his London residence, 32 Pembroke Square, was announced in our last issue, were brought to **Chardstock** for burial in the parish churchyard. The coffin had been conveyed to Chard Junction Station by train and was borne from hence to the Parish Church at Chardstock in a glass panelled car.

The opening sentences of the Burial Service were read by the Vicar (the Rev. A Lewis) and the body was then left in the church until Saturday afternoon, when the solemn service was concluded in the presence of a number of sorrowing relatives and friends. By the express wish of Mrs Bowerman the funeral was of a quiet character, and simultaneously with the service at Chardstock, a memorial service was held at St. Stephen's, Westminster Park. The former service was choral, Mr King presiding at the organ and giving an impressive rendering of the Dead March from *Saul* as the coffin was borne from the church. The choir sang with much expression the hymn "The Saints of God! their conflict past" and also chanted a suitable Psalm.

The interment was in a grave near that of deceased's sister, the late Mrs T P Eames and after the coffin had been lowered and before the Blessing was pronounced, another hymn "The King of Love my Shepherds is" was sung. The grave was lined with evergreen and moss with bunches of snowdrops around the edge. The coffin was of polished wood with brass furniture, the breast-

plate being inscribed:- "Richard John Bowerman, died 16th February 1915, aged 68 years".

The mourners were Mr T D Eames (Cotley), Mr R Thornton (London) and Mr R B Eames (Wambrook) nephews, Miss Eames (Cotley) and the Misses Sarah and Alice Eames (Exmouth) nieces, Mrs R B Eames, Mr Edward Eames and Mr John Eames, Miss S J Eames (Broadoak, Wambrook), Mr Reginald Eames (Wambrook Farm) and Mr Deane Eames (Seavington).

Among those present were Mr Bowerman's partner, Mr C R Forward of London, Mr W Salter-Beviss (Wambrook), Capt. King, Mr Sebastian C Snow (Exeter), Mrs Northcote Spicer (Chard), Mrs Lewis, Mr A D Paul, Mr J A Forward, Mr J Mitchell and Mr G Venables Kyrke (Chard), Mr W Beviss (Fordwater), Mr S Bindon, Mr and Mrs W H Jeffery, Mr J Mayne (Wambrook), the Misses Jeffery (Burrige), Mrs Spiller (Lodge Farm), Mr Skinner (Yarcombe), Mr J F Bowden etc.

It had been requested that no flowers should be sent, but a number of beautiful and costly floral mementoes were received from relatives and relatives, the wording of the cards attached to these showing what love and esteem the deceased gentleman was held. The hearse and bearers were supplied by Mr E Huish of Chard.

Note: The article then continues at some length to detail Mr Bowerman's life, including lands and property, his career as a solicitor and his interests in the West Country, Scotland and London.

Source: Chard & Ilminster News 27.2.1915

11.10.1915 On Monday October 11th at Worthill, **Wambrook** Sarah **PAVEY** aged 88 for 63 years Lady's maid and dear friend of the late Mrs Lees, Beaucroft, Wimborne, Dorset.

Source: Chard & Ilminster News 30.10.1915

28.6.1916 At Chicksgove, Tisbury, Wiltshire, Emma **BEER** widow of John Beer, and last surviving daughter of Charles Denning of Holy City, **Chardstock**, in her 94th year.

13.7.1916 Dairyman's sad end

On Friday afternoon [14.7.1916] Mr Cyril N Tweed, deputy coroner for East Devon, conducted an inquest at **Birchill, near Chardstock**, on the body of Benjamin **PARSONS**, aged 55, a retired dairyman, who was found dead in bed early on Thursday morning [13.7.1916]. Mr J Seaward was foreman of the jury.

The widow stated that on Wednesday deceased appeared to be in his usual health and was engaged in haymaking. He retired to bed about 10.15 p.m. and then appeared to be well. She was awakened at one o'clock the next morning. She heard a strange noise being made by her husband and in trying to arouse him she found that he was apparently dead. She called a neighbour, Mr A S Phillips, who with his wife rendered assistance, although it was feared that deceased was beyond human aid.

Dr W Langran of Axminster, on his arrival, could only pronounce life extinct.

Similar evidence was adduced by Mr A S Phillips. Dr W Langran, who made a post mortem examination, attributed death to aortic valvular disease of the heart. The jury returned a verdict accordingly.

Source: Chard & Ilminster News 22.7.1916.

March 1917 The Late Mr F D **LONG**

Amid signs of general regret and sorrow, the remains of Mr Frederick Daniel **LONG, Farway Farm**, were laid to rest in the parish churchyard last week [13.3.1917]. The principal mourners were Mrs Long (widow), Mr Fred Long (R.F.A.), Mr Arthur Long and Frank Long (sons), Misses Cissy and Maud Long (daughters), Mrs Spencer (sister-in-law). Among those present to pay their last respect were Mr George Bentley (Thorncombe), Mr J Vincent (Knowle St. Giles), Mr Charles Eggar (Chardstock), Mr C Hales (Chard), Colonel C Dempster (Chardstock), Mr Arthur Owsley senior (Combe St. Nicholas), Mr and Mrs Edwards, Mrs Clifford Edwards (Chardstock), Mrs Genge, Mr J Genge (Chardstock), Mrs G Hill (Whitehouse), Miss P Wale (Chardstock), Mrs W Beviss (Chardstock), Misses Bussell (Chardstock), Mr and Mrs King (Chardstock).

The bearers were Mr W Jennings (Chard), Mr F Loveridge (Chard), Mr A Drewer (Tatworth) and Mr A Owsley (Chard). Deceased, who had been a resident of this district for the past 39 years, was much respected for miles around. Among those who have visited him at his home, his many loyal friends will long remember the courtly greeting they ever received from Mr Long, as well as the cordial kindness of his open-handed hospitality, and the sincere regret with which he parted from every welcome guest. Mr Long leaves a widow and six children, for whom much sympathy is felt.

Sources: Chard & Ilminster News 24.3.1917

and Pulmans Devon & Dorset edition 20.3.1917

6.6.1917 Fred **PEARCE**, the son of John and Madaline Pearce, who died of wounds in France, aged 21.

Source: Chardstock Monumental Inscriptions

10.8.1917 John **LARCOMBE** - Railwayman's Tragic Death

A shocking tragedy took place at Chard Junction Railway Station on Friday afternoon [10.8.1917], a railway employee, named John Larcombe, residing at **Chardstock**, being run over and terribly mutilated by an express train.

Larcombe, who was a single man aged 30 years, had been employed by the L & SWR for some two to three years as a porter and relief signalman at Chard Junction, and it was part of his duty to clean, oil and keep the points and crossings in working order. It appears that on Friday **Larcombe** was engaged in this work at the bottom end of the down platform cleaning the points at what is known as the "cross over road". He was noticed performing this duty by Mr H T **Fowler** of Westford Mills, who was crossing the fields close to the railway line. After the passing of the Salisbury to Exeter express, just before two p.m., however, Larcombe was nowhere to be seen and Mr **Fowler**, feeling that something untoward had happened, hastened to the station and informed the railway staff of his suspicions.

On a search being made the frightfully mutilated remains of the deceased man were discovered, some parts of the body and limbs being picked up over

70 yards from the place where deceased was working. Such portions of the body as could be recovered were deposited at the Chard Road Hotel, to await the Coroner's enquiry.

The train, which is a non-stop from Yeovil to Sidmouth Junction, was estimated to be travelling at from 70 to 80 miles an hour, there being a sustained gradient almost from Crewkerne to considerably below Chard Junction. The line was signalled clear for about five minutes before the passing of the train, and exactly why the deceased was not cognisant of its approach will probably never be ascertained. Larcombe also, by reason of his duties as relief signalman, must have been conversant with the times of passing trains. A strong wind, which was, however, blowing at the time in the direction of the incoming express, may have deadened the sound of its approach, with the probable result that deceased was oblivious of its presence until it was too late.

The train came to a standstill near Broome's Crossing, on the borders of Devon and Somerset, a distance of about two miles or more from where the accident occurred. We are informed by a railway official that neither the driver or the fireman witnessed the accident, and were unaware of what had occurred until the train was brought to a standstill by the severance of the vacuum pipe, which automatically applied the brakes. It is conjectured that the pipe was struck by the body of the deceased.

The deceased was a pleasant and courteous official, and much regret is felt at his untimely end.

Source: Pulmans Weekly 14.8.1917.

Oct 1917

Death and Funeral of Mr L B **CLARENCE**

The death is announced at Exeter of Mr L B **Clarence**, of Coaxdon Hall, **Chardstock**, near Axminster, where his parents lived and died. Deceased was well-known round the country side. He was a real West Countryman, being born at Plymouth and living with his parents at Charmouth and Bourton, before they came to Coaxdon. An active worker, he became very well acquainted with the Western Counties and his local knowledge extended far around.

Born in 1838, he was educated at Milton Abbas School, Blandford and Trinity, Cambridge, where he took mathematical honours (Senior Optime) in 1861. He went to the Chancery Bar and became editor of the "Solicitors' Journal". Appointed Deputy Queen's advocate of Ceylon in 1873, he was later a Senior Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court there and retired in 1892 to reside at Coaxdon.

A man of great character, with much knowledge concerning church bell inscriptions and a considerable antiquarian, he could speak "Darset" like a native. He was extremely humorous, an accomplished raconteur and a very clever pen and ink artist. He was for 15 years a J.P. for Devon, but ill-health had precluded him from sitting on the local Bench of magistrates for the past eight or nine years.

He married in 1867, Blanche, who died in 1886, daughter of John Gunter of Fulham and in 1891 Elizabeth, who survives him, daughter of John Sibley Whitten of Walsgrove, Coventry. He leaves two sons and three daughters. the

elder son is a solicitor, while the other is a talented actor, who performs under his own name of Oliver Clarence.

Source: Pulmans Weekly Dorset/Devon edition 16.10.1917.

- 10.3.1918 At Fotheringhay, Bournemouth William Henry Isaac **PRYER**. Testator directed that he be cremated and that, if possible, his ashes be buried at **Chardstock** Parish Churchyard
Source: Probate copy of Will.
- 29.8.1918 At Edencote Farm, **Chardstock** Monica **STRAWBRIDGE**, dearly loved daughter of Mr and Mrs A Strawbridge, aged 9 years.
Source: Chard & Ilminster News 7.9.1918.
- 20.9.1918 Death of Mr Frederick William **LONG**
The death took place on Friday September 20th at the early age of 26 years of Mr Frederick William Long, eldest son of the late Mr Frederick Daniel Long and Mrs Long of Farway Farm, **Chardstock**. The deceased, who died of pneumonia following a very short attack of influenza, was well known in the neighbourhood and much liked and respected by all with whom he came into contact. After a year's absence in the Army, and at his father's death, the deceased came home to take over the management of the farm for his mother. Much sympathy is felt for his mother, brothers and sisters. Deceased was laid to rest in St. Andrew's Churchyard, Chardstock [on 24.9.1918]. There were many beautiful floral tributes.
Sources: Chard & Ilminster News 5.10.1918 & Pulmans Weekly 8.10.1918
- 31.8.1919 At The Lodge, **Chardstock**, Maria **WALE**.
Source: Reconveyance dated 24.12.1927.
- 30.1.1922 OBITUARY - HENRY **MATTOCK** 1831 - 1922.
One of the very few remaining Crimean War veterans has just passed away at Alston, **Chardstock**, in the person of Mr. Henry Mattock, at the advanced age of 90 years. He was born in the village of Trull, near Pitminster, Taunton, Somerset, in June 1831, and, after spending his early years in his native village, enlisted in the Royal Regiment of Artillery, on the 21st June 1852. On the out-break of war with Russia, in 1854, he proceeded with his regiment to the Crimea, where his battery took part in the bombardment of Sebastopol, which lasted about a year. During this time his battery resisted in a gallant manner no less than six determined attacks by the Russians, and in one attack five out of six of his battery were put out of action by the enemy. Mr. Mattock and a few survivors fought stubbornly on, and eventually the Russians were repulsed with heavy losses. For their gallantry and devotion to duty, they were all recommended for the Victoria Cross. As all the survivors had stuck to their posts so nobly, however, it was impossible to confer the coveted decoration on any one individual, but their gallantry was placed on record and ordered to be read out on three successive parades.

The deceased often related his hardships and experiences in the Crimea, and stated he more than once awoke in the morning and found a comrade frozen to death by his side. He well remembered Miss Florence Nightingale, and the efforts of her band of nurses to mitigate the sufferings of the sick and wounded and always spoke highly of the "Lady with the Lamp" as she was called by the soldiers.

Soon after leaving the Crimea the old soldier was ordered with his regiment to India to take part in the suppression of the Indian Mutiny, but the rebellion was suppressed before he landed. He also saw considerable service in Corfu and Ceylon. After serving 21 years and 35 days, he was discharged from the 7th battery, 12th Brigade Royal Artillery, on July 28th, 1873, with Crimean War Medal with clasp of Sebastopol, the Turkish Medal, the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, five Good Conduct badges and a very good character.

Deceased was a splendid example of a stalwart, loyal, and patriotic soldier, and only recently expressed the wish that he could be young enough to serve his country once more. His love for the army remained until the end, and he often commented on the great privileges the soldier enjoys now compared with 60 years ago.

After leaving the army, Mr. Mattock was employed in H.M.Dockyard at Pembroke Dock, for 26 years and for several years was coxswain of a boat's crew at Milford Haven. During the South African War when nearly 70 years of age, he again served in the Royal Artillery as a messenger at Pembroke for three years and afterwards removed to Alston, Chardstock, where he resided for about 20 years.

He had a wonderful constitution, never wore an overcoat and until a few days before his death had never had a days illness in his life. He was always a keen athlete, and when advanced in years won many races for veterans. Like a true soldier, he always expressed his wish to have a military funeral and be buried in his military shirt and socks. He leaves a widow, three sons and four daughters with which much sympathy is felt.

The funeral took place at **Chardstock** with military honours last Saturday amid a token of respect and sympathy, many relatives and parishioners being present. Bishop Joscelyne conducted the service and the bearers and firing party were from the 14th platoon, D. Company 4th Devon Regiment (T.F.) in charge of Corpl. Searle. A detachment of Axminster Boy Scouts, under Mr. Burt also attended. The unpolished oak coffin was cover with Union Jack, and surmounted by beautiful wreaths and deceased's war medals. The breastplate bore the inscription: Henry Mattock, died January 30th 1922, aged 90 years. Rest in Peace. On Sunday the hymn "I heard the voice of Jesus say, come on to Me and rest," was sung at **Chardstock** Church in memory of one who served his country faithfully for half a century. It may truly be said that England will never die as long as she has such loyal sons as the late Mr. **MATTOCK**.

Source: The private papers of Mr & Mrs D Mattock

1.9.1922

Death of Ernest James **BAGWELL**

The Coroner of East Devon (Dr E R Tweed) conducted an inquest at the College Hall, **Chardstock** on Ernest John Bagwell, aged 33, of Hook Mill Farm, **Chardstock**. Evidence was given that deceased was found dead among some brambles in one of his fields on September 1st. The top of his head was blown off and across his legs was a single barrel shot gun with a spent cartridge. A verdict of "Accidental Death" was returned. It is presumed that the trigger of the gun caught in the brambles while he was out shooting

and caused his death.

Source: Exeter & Plymouth Gazette 6.9.1922

- 24.4.1923 Lloyd **NEWBERY** of **Chardstock**, the owner of Village Cottage, Eggmoor Lane, **Chardstock**
Source: Abstract of Title relating to Village Cottage.
- 13.2.1927 At Ridge Farm, **Wambrook**, Somerset, Elizabeth Sarah Mary **BISHOP** aged 79, widow of Walter John Bishop, Postman. She was buried at **Chardstock**, St. Andrew's Church in the grave of her brother William Bentley.
- Note: There is no record of this burial in the **Chardstock** Parish Register.*
Source: Chardstock Monumental Inscriptions and Death Certificate.
- 25.8.1927 At Hoopers Farm, **Chardstock**, William **WHITE**, aged 77.
Source: Abstract of Title 1928 Hoopers Farm and Certificate for Disposal under the Births and Deaths Registration Act held in the Parish Chest.
- 12.10.1927 At Sampford Arundel, Somerset, Frederick Tom **LOVERIDGE**, previously of **Chardstock**.
Source: Reconveyance dated 24.12.1927.
- 21.2.1928 The funeral has taken place of Mr Ben **FRENCH** of Chardstock, who died at the age of 31. Bishop Joscelyne officiated. The principal mourners were Mrs B French (widow), Mr C French (brother), Miss Gladys French (sister), Mr S Pearce (brother-in-law), Mrs J Pearce (mother-in-law), Mr and Mrs G Garrett (brother and sister-in-law), Messrs G Baulch (uncle), D Fowler (Chard) and J Fowler (Chard) friends. Others present were Messrs W Beviss (Wambrook) and Denslow (Membury). The bearers, by special request, were four ex-Service men - Messrs W Chubb, A Larcombe, S Goff and A Goff. There was a number of floral tributes.
Source: Exeter & Plymouth Gazette 2.3.1928
Note: Benjamin French died 21.2.1928 and was buried at St. Andrew's 25.2.1928.
- 27.2.1928 The funeral has taken place in the Parish Churchyard of Mrs [Mary] **PHILLIPS**, widow of Mr Walter Phillips. Deceased had recently been living with her daughter at Lower Mayes Farm, Selmsten, Sussex, where she passed away after a long illness at the age of 73 years. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. F E W Langdon and the principal mourners were: Mr R Phillips (son), Mrs W Spiller (daughter), Mr and Mrs H Phillips (son and daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs J Pym (brother-in-law and sister), Mr J T Miller (brother-in-law). Mr J P Salter (nephew), Mr F Phillips of Sussex, Mr and Mrs Perham, Mr Tucker, Mr and Miss White, Miss Moore, Mrs Hull, Mrs F Loveridge and Mr J Pearce. The bearers were Messrs. A H D Smith, C Pym, E Loveridge and C Loveridge. There were many beautiful floral tributes.
Source: Western Times 9.3.1928
Note: There is no record in the Parish Register of a burial service, so the ceremony may have been for the internment of ashes.
- 27.2.1930 At Axminster Albert George **BEASLEY**, previously Grocer at **Chardstock**.
Source: Conveyance dated 29.12.1937 concerning Claysteps.

Oct 1932

Impressive scenes marked the funeral on Sunday of little Robert John **HORSEY**, a popular church choir boy and Sunday scholar, whose death the previous Tuesday caused keen sorrow throughout the neighbourhood.

"Bobbie" was only 11 years of age, and a feature of the funeral was the large number of his playmates present, while the bearers were four other young inhabitants - L Trott, C Bishop and the Masters Searle.

The Rector (Rev. B H Warner) officiated, and very beautiful was the choir's singing of the hymns, "There's a Friend for little children" and "The Lord is my Shepherd", and Psalm 23. Mrs G Seward was at the organ.

The chief mourners were Mr and Mrs W J Horsey (father and mother), Maisie and Joan Horsey (deceased's little sisters), Mr J C Horsey (grandfather), Miss C F Doble (aunt), Messrs. Victor and Clifford Horsey (uncles), Misses Kitty and Lucy Doble (cousins), Mr G Shire (uncle), Mrs Reg. Horsey (aunt) and Mrs Loving (friend).

The coffin, which was of polished elm, with nickel fittings, was covered with lovely floral tributes, among which were the following: - Fond love and sweet memories from Father and Mother to darling Bobbie; fondest love to dear Bobbie from sisters Maisie and Joan; to dear Bobbie from Granda and Aunt Lilian; to dear little Bobbie from Auntie Chortie, with fondest love; to dear Bobbie from Auntie Evelyn, Uncle George and Clifford; in loving memory of dear Bobbie from Uncle Sam and Cousins Kitty, Lucy and Frank; in affectionate remembrance from Auntie Maud and Uncle Reg; in loving memory of Bobbie from Uncle Vic and Aunt Kathleen; in loving memory and deepest sympathy from All Saints Choir; in loving memory from Mrs Dickenson and the Sunday school; with much sympathy, from Miss Holland; with happy and ever-loving memories of little Bob from J and L Loving; with deepest sympathy from Mr and Mrs Edwards, Mrs W A Long and Esme; with deepest sympathy from Miss V Coles; in affectionate remembrance from All Saints School; with deepest sympathy and love to dear little Bob from Mr and Mrs Dyke and family; in loving memory of little Bob from Mr and Mrs J Spiller; to dear Bobbie from all at Frogwell; in loving memory of dear little Robert from Mrs R Ebdon, Irene and Leonard; in kind remembrance of dear Robert from Mr and Mrs Hansford and family.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr T Gigg.

Source: Obituary in the Chard & Ilminster News 8.10.1932.

Note: The All Saints Parish Registers record the burial on 2.10.1932 of Robert John Horsey, aged 11.

Oct 1932

The sympathy of a wide circle of friends has been extended to Mr and Mrs Staddon, of Weycroft, in the loss of their youngest son, Gordon **STADDON**, aged 6 years. The little boy was taken ill in August, and later removed to the Devon and Exeter Hospital, where, despite great care and skilled attention, he passed away on Saturday last. Of a bright and cheerful disposition, little Gordon will be sadly missed by his friends at the All Saints day school. Particularly touching was the funeral, which took place at All Saints on Wednesday. In the absence of the Rector (Rev. B H Warner), the Vicar of

Chardstock (Rev. S M Whitwell) conducted the service. Psalm 23, "The Lord is my Shepherd", was chanted, and the hymn, "There's a Friend for little children", sung, Mrs Seward presiding at the organ. In addition to the boy's parents and brothers and sisters, the children of the All Saints school attended the funeral. There was a number of beautiful floral tributes.

Note: The All Saints Parish Registers record the burial on 5.10.1932 of Gordon Staddon, aged 6

1.10.1932 The death occurred on the 1st inst. [1.10.1932] after a long and patiently-borne illness, of Mrs Madeline Louisa **PEARCE**, aged 69 years.

The funeral took place on Thursday [6.10.1932], the Rev. W M Whitwell (Vicar of Chardstock) officiating.

The mourners were Mr J Pearce (widower), Misses R and F Pearce (daughters), Mr and Mrs J and E Pearce (son and daughter-in-law), Mr F Pearce (son), Mr D Brownsell (brother), Mr and Mrs C Hunt (brother-in-law and sister), A. Hunt (sister), Mr and Mrs B Brownsell (brother and sister-in-law), A Collins (sister), E Spurway (sister), E Searle (sister-in-law), G Pearce (brother-in-law), A Walley, E Horne, E Brownsell, D Matthews, and B Searle (nieces), J G and F Spurway and R Pearce (nephews), B Enticott (cousin) and C Symes and D Harvey (friends). Amongst others present at the Church were members of the Mothers' Union, of which deceased was a member.

The bearers were Messrs. E Spurway, W Searle, G Brownsell and F Summers, relatives of deceased.

There was a wealth of floral tributes, which were inscribed as follows: - To a devoted wife and mother from her sorrowing husband and children and little grandson; with deepest sympathy from Dane, wife and family; in memory of our dear sister from Emily, Charlie, nieces and nephew; in loving memory of our dear sister from Alice, husband and son; in loving memory of my dear sister from Lizzie, Ernest and family; with deepest sympathy from Bert and Flo and family; in loving memory of my dear sister, Annie and Lucy; in loving remembrance of dear Louie from Lizzy and family; in loving memory of our dear sister-in-law from Mr and Mrs G Pearce and family; sincere sympathy from E Beer and family; in loving memory from the Mothers' Union; in loving memory of dear Aunt Louie from Lil, Fred, Betty; in memory of a kind neighbour and friend Mr and Mrs L J Eames; in ever-loving memory from Frank, Lill and Dixie; with much sympathy from Mrs and Miss Mallett, The Vicarage, Chard; with deepest sympathy from A Bindon; kind remembrances from Mr and Mrs Crowe and Gwen; with deepest sympathy from Dick; with heartfelt sympathy Clifford; with sympathy from all at "Edencote".

Source: Obituary in the Chard & Ilminster News 15.10.1932.

5.2.1935 At **Crawley** Lodge John **WALE**, retired farmer, Parish of Membury.
Source: Probate copy of Will

25.6.1935 At The Stores (later named The Laurels), **Chardstock**, Isabel Anne **BRETT**, aged 67 and the wife of Albert J Brett.
Source: Chardstock Monumental Inscriptions (No entry in Parish Records) and

Certificate for Disposal under the Births and Deaths Registration Act held in the Parish Chest.

- 30.9.1935 Burial at St. Peter's Church, Dalwood of Edward John **MILLER** of Catmoor Cottage, **Chardstock**, aged 70.
Source: Dalwood Parish register
- 19.4.1936 At Cross Farm, Ilminster, Eliza **GRABHAM**, formerly Eliza **DIMON** of **Chardstock**. Aged 72, she was buried at **Chardstock**, St. Andrew's 23.4.1936.
Source: Abstract of Title relating to a dwelling at Cuckolds Pit later known as Christopher Cottage.
- 28.5.1936 At The Court, **Chardstock**, Arthur Hugh **DOUGLAS** aged 68. Informant Ormsby Allhusen of Pinhay, Lyme Regis, the brother-in-law of the deceased.
Source: Death Certificate.
- 1.2.1937 At Cross Farm Ilminster, Mary Ann **DIMON**, formerly of **Chardstock**, aged 75, a spinster "without parent or brother or sister of the whole blood". She was buried at **Chardstock**. St. Andrew's 5.2.1937
Source: Abstract of Title relating to a dwelling at Cuckolds Pit later known as Christopher Cottage.
- 21.12.1938 George Eli **WORNER** at the Cottage Hospital, Chard, Somerset
Source: Probate copy of Will
- 21.9.1943 At Monkstone, Lyme Road, Axminster, Isaac Lisle **SMITH**.
Source: Probate copy of Will
- 16.12.1943 At Rose Cottage, **Tytherleigh** Thomas **SEWARD**, previously Restaurant Proprietor of Wimbledon, London.
Source: Abstract of Title relating of Welch's Copyhold.
- 30.12.1943 At Hoopers Farm, **Chardstock**, George William **HULL**.
Source: Conveyance dated 6.1.1960 relating to Hoopers Farm.
- 31.5.1946 At Monkstone, Lyme Road, Axminster, Maria Jane **SMITH**.
Source: Probate copy of Will
- 17.9.1946 John **STRAWBRIDGE** of The Village, **Chardstock**.
Source: Assent 8.4.1947 re Kitbridge House.
- 29.6.1947 Albert John **STRAWBRIDGE** at Ivy Green, **Chardstock**.
Source: Abstract of Will 1947
- 29.10.1948 At The Court, **Chardstock**, Helen **DOUGLAS**.
Source: Conveyance dated 10.9.1946 relating to The Court
- 24.2.1952 William John **MILLER** of Home Farm, **Tytherleigh**.
Source: Abstract of Title relating of Welch's Copyhold.
- 9.12.1952 Helen Louisa **HUTCHINGS** of the New Inn, **Chardstock**
Source: Conveyance of sale relating to Village Cottage, Eggmoor Lane.

- 22.1.1956 Susan Mary **WALE** at **Tytherleigh** at the house of her nephew Alick Lisle-Smith
Source: Probate copy of Will
- 13.2.1956 Edward George **CASSON** died at Travellers Rest, **Chardstock**.
Source: Indenture dated 7.9.1978 relating to Travellers Rest
- 25.4.1964 Bernard Thomas Walter **TIDY** of The Court, **Chardstock** died at Tone Vale Hospital, Bishops Lydeard Hospital, Somerset.
Source: Principal Probate Register
- 16.1.1966 Elsie May **O'KEEFE** of Eggmoor Lane, **Chardstock**
Source: Probate
- 23.1.1973 Ivan John **LANE** of Newhaven, **Chardstock** a partner of Barbers Animal Products Ltd. His Will was proved in the District Probate Registry at Bristol 20.7.1973 when Administration of the estate was granted to Mrs Alice Maud Lane of Newhaven, **Chardstock**, the sole Executrix named in the said Will.
Source: Conveyance of Sale relating to Mill House Farm, Hook
- 7.3.1977 Ella Frances **CASSON** died at Travellers Rest, **Chardstock**.
Source: Indenture dated 7.9.1978 relating to Travellers Rest
- 22.10.1982 In Loving Memory of John **BEVISS** on 22.10.1982, aged 73 years. Funeral Service at the Parish Church of St. Mary, **Wambrook** on Wednesday 27.10.1982 at 2.30 p.m. Interment at Wambrook
Source: Funeral Service Invitation Card
- 7.3.1983 In Loving Memory of Mary Elizabeth **BEVISS** on 7.3.1983, aged 77 years. Funeral Service at the Parish Church of St. Mary, **Wambrook** on Friday 11.3.1983 at 2.30 p.m. Interment at Wambrook
Source: Funeral Service Invitation Card
- 4.12.1987 **OBITUARY ; Lt COL R F P EAMES**
Lt Col Richard Frederick Palmer Eames has died at his home, **Cotley**, on 4 December (1987), aged 78. Born at Oren, **Wambrook**, he later succeeded his uncle to the Cotley Estate. He was educated at Kings School, Bruton, and Cambridge University, where he took a degree in agriculture. In May 1939 he took over mastership of the family pack, the oldest pack of Harriers in the West of England, and remained in that position until his death. On the outbreak of war, in September of that year, he was mobilised with his regiment, the West Somerset Yeomanry, and was stationed at Holsworthy and Hatherleigh. He was welcomed by the local hunts and arranged for six couple of hounds, a horse and groom to join him in Holsworthy and they were kept behind the gas works and fed with Yeomanry swill,

During the war he was awarded the Croix de Guerre (Fr) and was wounded in 1944 in Belgium, which left him with a permanent stiff leg. Having taken part in the Normandy landings with the Guards Armoured Division, he was mentioned in North West Europe despatches. After the war, in 1948 he was made Lieutenant Colonel and assumed command of 663 Super Heavy Regiment RA (TA) at Yeovil.

Col. Eames, at the age of 26, was made a Justice of the Peace for the County

of Devon and was the youngest member of the Axminster bench. Also the chairman of the West of England Hound Show at Honiton, a noted judge and breeder of hounds, Col Eames showed brilliant sport for many years until he handed the horn over to his son, Mr Vyvyan Eames, who is now in sole control. A life-long member of the Conservative party, he gave great support to his wife, a one-time chairman of the West of England Provincial Area.

A past president of Chardstock Cricket Club, he was also churchwarden to St Andrews church, Chardstock, and Patron of the Living of Wambrook church. As well as his wife, he leaves four children, Vyvyan, Edward, Petronella and Joanna, and eight grandchildren.

Source: Chard and Ilminster News, 16.12.1987

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OBITUARY; MR H W BOND

Mr Harold William Bond, of Hakes Bungalow, Holy City, Chardstock, died at his home aged 86. Born in **Chardstock**, he lived there all his life. He worked for J R Pratt for over 50 years. The funeral took place at Chardstock Parish church...

Family mourners were: Mr and Mrs C Farmer, Mr and Mrs S Griffin, sons in law and daughters; Mr and Mrs D Bond, son and daughter in law; Mr and Mrs M Baker, Mr and Mrs K Dunstan, Mr and Mrs P Beviss, Mr S Bond, Miss E Bond, grandchildren; Miss Alice Izzard, great granddaughter. Unable to attend: Mr and Mrs M Smith, Mrs S Bond, grandchildren; Angela, Adam, Oliver, David, Andrew, great-grandchildren.

Among other mourners were: Mrs D Apsey (representing Mr D Apsey and Mrs J Copp); Mr and Mrs E Brownsell, R Hutchings (also Mrs Hutchings), Mr E Moss, Mr D Goff (also Mrs J Goff), Miss J Burbury, Mr Donald Goff, Mr and Mrs E Marks, Barbara Gabb, Miss Parmitter, Mr and Mrs R Hawkins, Mrs L W and Mr E W Turner, Mr F Trott, Mrs D Briggs, Mr and Mrs R S Denslow, Mrs D Hunt (also Mr Hunt), Mrs K Chubb, Mrs A Newbury (also Mr Newbury), Mr E J Hurford, Mrs D Kiff, Mr and Mrs B Loveridge, Mrs J Scriven (also Mrs N Strawbridge), Mr J Peeke (also Mr M Peeke), Mrs E Phillips, Mrs A Spurway, Mrs Bindon, Mr R C Harris, Mr R Moss, Mr N Newbery (also Mrs Newbery), Miss Sandberg, Mr P Newbery, Mr C J Parsons, Mr and Mrs A Griffin, Mr D J Burrough (also Mrs Burrough and John, David and Sarah Burrough) Mrs H Seabrook.....
Special thanks to Miss Gabb, a good neighbour to him.....

Source: Pulmans Weekly News 16.4.1990

26.11.1995 Monica Mary **WAKLEY**, aged 63 years, who died on 26th November, 1995 at the Old Pottery Ridge, **Wambrook**.

Source: Certificate for Burial or Cremation dated 28.11.1995 Parish of Cotleigh held at Devon Heritage Centre under reference 2891A/PR/3/a/22

5.8.2017 Cyril John **LANE** passed away peacefully in the tender care of Silver Springs Care Home in Jersey on Saturday 5th August 2017 aged 86 years. Much loved husband of Joy. Loving Father of Sue, Sally and John. Dearly loved Father-in-Law of Kerri. Devoted Grandpa of Chloe, Todd, Millie and Rosie. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

Source: Chard & Ilminster News 16.8.2017

