

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

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 and 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, the wife of John **BILLET** of **Chardstock**.  
Membury Parish Register (Axminster Reference Library).
- 25.6.1663 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*.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 bag 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
13. 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 **Pearse** 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**, **Pearse** 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 Pearse 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
- 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).
- 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, 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, 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, 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.

15.10.1958 **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 bold, 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 east 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 yerars 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 **MELHUIISH**, relict of the late Henry Danberry Melhuish Esq., solicitor, late of Budleigh Saterton, 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
- 2.10.1863 John **PRYER**, Yeoman, of **Chardstock**, who by his Will dated 28.7.1863 appointed the Rev. Charles Woodcock of Chardstock and Samuel Forward of Chard Executors and Trustees thereof, and which Will was duly proved in the District Registry of Her Majesty's Court of Probate at Blandford 19.11.1863.  
Source: Dorset County Chronicle 24.12.1863.
- 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
- 1865 Thomas **BACKHOLER** aged 22.  
Source: Chardstock Monumental Inscriptions (No entry in Parish Records).
- 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
- 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.
- 27.6.1873 John **DOMETT [DUMMETT]**, shoemaker, of Farway Marsh, **Chardstock**.  
Source: Warrant dated 13.12.1894 re Harbour House.
- April 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*

- 17.3.1875 Sarah **TURNER** aged 76.  
Source: Chardstock Monumental Inscriptions (No entry in Parish Records).
- 12.6.1876 William **BENTLY** aged 72.  
Source: Chardstock Monumental Inscriptions (No entry in Parish Records).
- 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 **Burrige**, 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
- 17.6.1894 Joseph **WALE** the Elder, Yeoman of Court Farm, **Chardstock**.  
Source: Indenture dated June, 1893.
- 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 **Chardstock** Sidney Joseph **DEANE**.  
Source: Conveyance dated 29.12.1937 concerning Claysteps.
- 10.5.1902 John Thomas **BOWDITCH**, aged 21, at Shahjananpur, 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.

Sept 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.

Source: Report in the Chard & Ilminster News 27.9.1902

### **Chardstock Suicide**

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".

Source: Report in the Chard & Ilminster News 4.10.1902

*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.

- 21.6.1906 Capt. Edward Rex **KING**, aged 36, who died at Potchefstroom of enteric fever.  
Source: Memorial Inscription inside Chardstock, St. Andrew's Church.
- 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 Burr ridge, **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 Charstock 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 PWale (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.

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

The death is announced at Exeter of Mr LB **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 "Dasset" 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.
- 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. 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