

THE FAMILY OF ABRAHAM REEVE OF WATERINGBURY

Abraham REEVE was the village butcher and parish clerk. As a result of his job as the village clerk he was also one of the enumerators for the census of Wateringbury in 1841 and 1851. (Note that in 1861, the part of the Wateringbury census enumerated by the Reeves has not been microfilmed.) In 1820 Abraham REEVE married Susanna PERRIN and they had a large family including;

- 1) George REEVE 1820
- 2) John REEVE 1822
- 3) Elizabeth Wickenden REEVE 1823 married John BOORAH
- 4) Ann REEVE 1825
- 5) Susanna REEVE 1827
- 6) Mary Styles REEVE 1828
- 7) Abraham George REEVE 1830
- 8) William REEVE 1831 married Frances SOUTHEE
- 9) Frances Sophia REEVE 1833
- 10) Amelia REEVE 1834
- 11) Matthew REEVE 1836
- 12) Hannah Waters REEVE 1837 married Henry PERRIN
They moved to Brazil where Henry was a building contractor in Rio de Janeiro in the 1860's and 1870's.

William REEVE married Frances SOUTHEE and returned to Wateringbury to live. He was one of the enumerators on the 1871 census. They also had a large family including;

- 1) Hannah REEVE 1865 became a teacher
- 2) Bessie May REEVE 1866 died young
- 3) Edward REEVE 1867 with his grandparents at Canterbury 1881
- 4) William REEVE 1868 was a shorthand clerk in 1891
- 5) Emily REEVE 1870 was a nurse at Southampton in 1901
- 6) Fanny REEVE 1871 was a nurse at Southampton in 1901
- 7) George REEVE 1873 worked at the British Museum 1901
- 8) Harriet REEVE 1874 born at Maidstone.

After the last child in 1874 Frances became a widow and had to find a job.

Frances became a school teacher at Swingfield Minnis, Kent, and lived in the schoolhouse with the children. They were still there in 1881.

The eldest daughter, Hannah, soon left to become a teacher herself; at Wonersh, Surrey in 1881 and Bermondsey in 1901.

Frances retired during the 1880's and moved to London with her other children. By 1891 she was living at Deptford with her son William who was a shorthand clerk and her daughter Harriet who was a parlour maid. In 1901 Frances was living in Croydon with her daughter Harriet but the other children had moved away.

Emily and Fanny became nurses working in London in 1891 and moving to Southampton by 1901.

Edward lived with his grandparents in Canterbury in 1881 and then worked with a cousin in Chart Sutton.

This cousin was a son of his aunt Elizabeth Wickenden REEVE and her husband John BOORAH. The baptisms of their children are not always at the time of the births because the family moved between Wateringbury, Chart Sutton and Blackfriars Road, London before they settled in Chart Sutton at the post office known as Chart Corner where John worked as a grocer and draper. The baptisms include;

- 1) Thomas Albert BOORAH 1852
- 2) Susanna Emma BOORAH 1853
- 3) Elizabeth Mary BOORAH 1854 married HAMER
- 4) Fanny Sophia BOORAH 1856 married John FULTON
- 5) William Henry BOORAH 1858
- 6) John Williams BOORAH 1871 born about 1865.

Elizabeth Mary BOORAH married someone HAMER and they had a son James HAMER about 1883 in Clapham and a daughter Fanny HAMER about 1885 in Chart Sutton.

Fanny BOORAH married John FULTON of Liverpool and they had a son Frederick FULTON about 1889 in London.