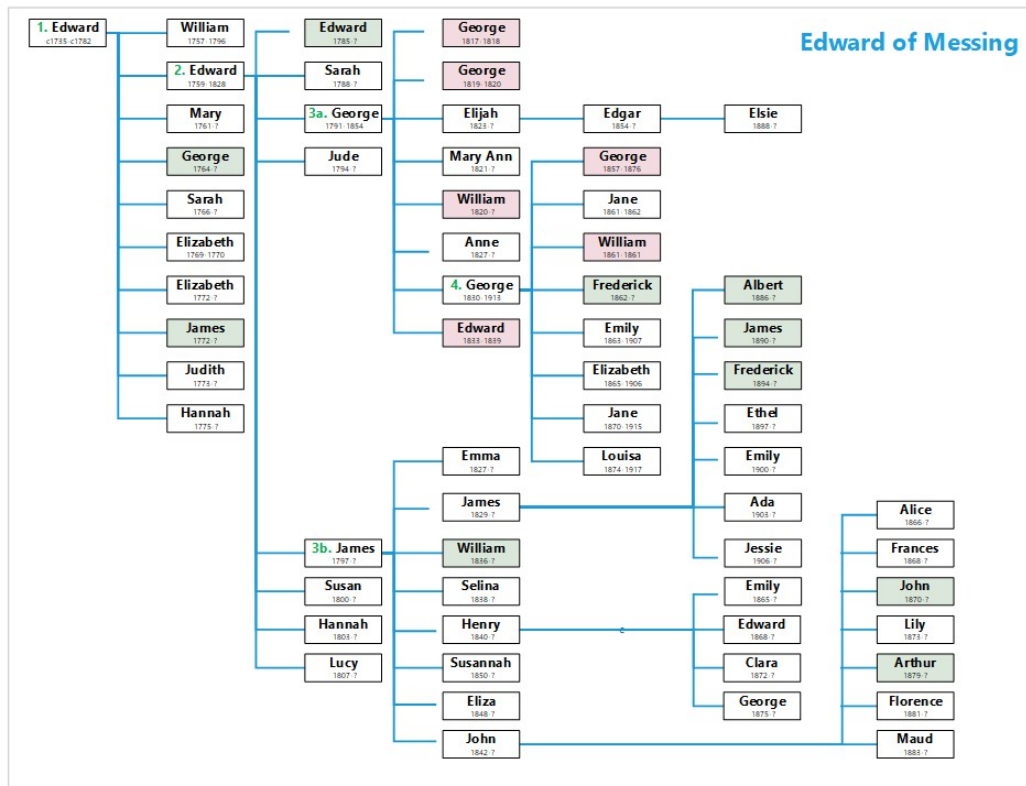


Edward of Messing, 1730 to 1920



Thorough research into this family from George of Tolleshunt D'Arcy onwards has been conducted by Anne Tinkler, his great granddaughter via H Woollacott. Others who have an interest in this research include Georges great great granddaughter Sandra Metcalfe

The family starts out in Messing, moves to Inworth and the Tolleshunts after that splits into groups heading for Surrey, West Mersea, Colchester and London. One branch of the Surrey line moves back into Essex via Rainham.

There are a number of unresolved lines (ie they could well have had issue), and the odds are that there are living relatives.

1. Edward of Messing

EDWARD BEARD. Married Mary Bigsby in Messing on 17 Oct 1756, both at that time of the parish. Either Edward or his son Edward died in 1782, and Mary or her daughter Mary died in 1808¹.

Children of Edward and Mary were²:

- i. WILLIAM BEARD. Baptised on 23 Oct 1757, buried 17 Oct 1796. No known issue.
- ii. EDWARD BEARD. (*See 2. Edward of Tolleshunt Knights below*)
- iii. MARY BEARD. Baptised on 22 Mar 1761.
- iv. GEORGE BEARD. Baptised on 29 Jan 1764. No known issue.
- v. SARAH BEARD. Baptised on 23 Nov 1766. Possibly the Sarah who married William Walton in Inworth in 1794.
- vi. ELIZABETH BEARD. Baptised on 26 Feb 1769, buried on 13 May 1770.
- vii. ELIZABETH BEARD. Baptised on 7 Jun 1772, a twin. On 5 Jun 1798 married Abraham Brown of Messing, with sister Judith as a witness.
- viii. JAMES BEARD. Baptised on 7 Jun 1772, a twin. No known issue.
- ix. JUDITH BEARD. Baptised on 20 Jun 1773. On 1 Nov 1792 married Edward Sach of Messing, with brother William as a witness.
- x. HANNAH BEARD. Baptised on 30 Jul 1775, buried on 22 Oct that same year.

¹ Messing Parish Registers

² Messing Parish Registers

2. Edward of Tolleshunt Knights

EDWARD BEARD. Son of Edward and Mary (*See 1. Edward of Messing*). Baptised on 11 Mar 1759³. Married Sarah Drane in Tolleshunt Knights on 30 Sep 1783⁴. Buried on 30 Nov 1828 in Bermondsey, prior to which he was living on Krimscott Street in that parish.⁵

Children of Edward and Sarah were⁶:

- i. EDWARD BEARD. Baptised 25 Sep 1785 in Inworth. No known issue.
- ii. SARAH BEARD. Baptised 14 Sep 1788 in Inworth.
- iii. GEORGE BEARD (*See 3a. George of Tolleshunt D'Arcy below*)
- iv. JUDE BEARD. Baptised 20 Apr 1794 in Tolleshunt Knights⁷ On Ancestry one member has her marrying Thomas Harris, living in Messing in 1851 and buried in Lexden in July 1855.
- v. JAMES BEARD (*See 3b. James of Mitcham, Surrey below*)
- vi. SUSAN BEARD. Baptised 6 Apr 1800 in Inworth.
- vii. HANNAH BEARD. Baptised 3 Jul 1803 in Inworth. On Ancestry one member has her marrying Ebenezer Hodges in Stepney in 1824, and buried in Kensington and Chelsea in 1860.
- viii. LUCY BEARD. Baptised 6 Apr 1806 in Inworth. Buried 9 Apr 1807 in Inworth.

³ Messing Parish Registers

⁴ Tolleshunt Knights Parish Registers

⁵ Registers of Births, Marriages and Deaths, London, Wesleyan, Bermondsey, Southwark Chapel 1811-1837

⁶ Inworth and Tolleshunt Knights Parish Registers

⁷ Tolleshunt Knights Parish Registers

3a. George of Tolleshunt D'Arcy

GEORGE BEARD. Son of Edward and Sarah Beard (See 2. *Edward of Tolleshunt Knights*). Baptised on 19 Jun 1791 in Tolleshunt Knights⁸. Later claims to have been born in Tolleshunt D'Arcy, which may indicate a period of residency in that parish. Married Hannah Saunders on 20 Oct 1815 in West Mersea⁹. Living in West Mersea by 1841¹⁰. Living as a Farm labourer in West Mersea with wife Hannah (born c.1794 in West Mersea) in 1851. George was buried on 21 May 1854¹¹

West Mersea is described by Sabine Baring Gould (the vicar of East Mersea) as a place with incessant piping wind and a pervading stench when sprats were put on the fields as fertiliser, and an abundance of troublesome mosquitoes¹². Population of West Mersea was probably no more than 1,500 at this time, the main trades being agriculture and oyster trade¹³

Children of George and Hannah were:

- i GEORGE BEARD. Baptised 17 Feb 1817 in Peldon¹⁴. Buried 15 Sep 1818¹⁵.
- ii. GEORGE BEARD. Baptised 2 May 1819 in West Mersea¹⁶. Buried 14 Feb 1820¹⁷.
- iii. WILLIAM BEARD. Baptised 20 Sep 1820¹⁸. Buried 19 Feb 1836¹⁹.
- iv MARY ANN BEARD. Baptised 27 May 1821 in West Mersea²⁰. Working as a servant to Ann Mason at 30 Head Street in Colchester St Mary At Walls in 1851²¹ and found in Colchester St Botolph in 1861, lodging with her sister in law²². Married Elijah Edges²³.
- v ELIJAH BEARD. Born 2 May 1823, and baptised 6 June 1823 in West Mersea²⁴. He does not appear on the 1841 census, but in 1851 he is found at 19 Martha Street in Tower Hamlets (described as a mariner). Elijah married Mary Ann (born 1830 in East Rudham, Norfolk), and the couple were living in Colchester St Botolph in 1861²⁵ and on Chapel Street in Colchester St Giles in 1881²⁶. At the time of the 1871 census Elijah is described as a Mate on the vessel Maid of Perth. In 1891 Mary is found at 30 Chapel Street in Colchester St Giles, without Elijah but still

⁸ Tolleshunt Knights Parish Registers

⁹ Letter from Anne Tinkler 19 Feb 2006

¹⁰ 1841 Census of West Mersea

¹¹ Letter from Anne Tinkler 19 Feb 2006

¹² Letter from Anne Tinkler 19 Feb 2006

¹³ Letter from Anne Tinkler 19 Feb 2006

¹⁴ Peldon Parish Registers

¹⁵ Letter from Anne Tinkler 19 Feb 2006

¹⁶ West Mersea Parish Registers ERO D/P 77/1/6

¹⁷ Letter from Anne Tinkler 19 Feb 2006

¹⁸ Letter from Anne Tinkler 19 Feb 2006

¹⁹ Letter from Anne Tinkler 19 Feb 2006

²⁰ West Mersea Parish Registers ERO D/P 77/1/6

²¹ Census 1851

²² Census 1861

²³ Letter from Anne Tinkler 19 Feb 2006

²⁴ West Mersea Parish Registers ERO D/P 77/1/6

²⁵ Census 1861

²⁶ Census 1881

described as married, with two boarders²⁷. By 1901 she describes herself as a widow²⁸.

Child of Elijah and Mary Ann was:

- i. EDGAR ELIJAH BEARD. Born 19 April 1854. In the 1861 census, appears as Elijah, living next door to Elijah and Mary Ann as a boarder of Robert Lee, shoemaker. In 1871 he is living with mother Mary Ann (father Elijah was at sea) and described as a cabinet maker. In 1881 he is still living with parents, curiously referred to as a nephew rather than son, profession boot maker. The family has a boarder at that time – Elizabeth Boreham of Castle Hedingham, who Edgar seems to have married. Living at 35 South Street in Colchester St Giles in 1891, still referred to as a bootmaker; then in 1901 referred to as a case maker living at 80 Military Road in Colchester.

The child of Edgar and Elizabeth was:

- i. ELSIE A BEARD. Born 1888 in Colchester. Living with parents in 1901 and described as a dressmaker, like her mother. Not present at parents home in 1911.
- vi ANN BEARD. Baptised 25 February 1827 in West Mersea²⁹
 - vii GEORGE BEARD. (*See 4. George of West Mersea*)
 - viii EDWARD BEARD. Baptised 20 January 1833 in West Mersea³⁰. Buried 1 Dec 1839³¹

²⁷ Census 1891

²⁸ Census 1901

²⁹ West Mersea Parish Registers ERO D/P 77/1/6

³⁰ West Mersea Parish Registers ERO D/P 77/1/6

³¹ Letter from Anne Tinkler 19 Feb 2006

3b. James of Mitcham, Surrey

JAMES BEARD, Son of Edward and Sarah, born in Inworth in 1797³². Married Frances. Recorded as a Dyer living on London Road in Mitcham in 1851, whilst Frances was a laundress³³. James appears as a widower in 1861. Thought to be deceased by 1881.

The children of James and Frances were:

- i. EMMA BEARD. Born 1827 in Mitcham. Laundress in 1861 and 1871, still living with father.
- ii. JAMES BEARD. Born 1829 in Mitcham. In 1861 James is at 22 Byron Street, described as a cab driver. Curiously he is living with Edward Beard and Charles Beard who are described as brothers. Neither appear with the family in the 1851 census, but there is a 5 year gap between James and his next sibling William, so this is possible, though neither appears on census records after that. Married Ann, a laundress of Marylebone and living in Paddington by 1871. Does not appear in census after that.

Children of James and Ann were:

- i. JAMES BEARD. Born 1866 in Paddington. By 1891 he had brought his branch of the family back to Essex, working as a labourer (by 1911 a stoker) at Crown Chemical Works in Rainham. He was married to Emily from Crawley.

Children of James and Emily:

- i. ALBERT BEARD. Born in Mitcham 1886, also a labourer at the chemical works in 1901.
 - ii. JAMES BEARD. Born in Rainham 1890, also a labourer at the chemical works in 1911.
 - iii. FREDERICK BEARD. Born in Rainham 1894
 - iv. ETHEL BEARD. Born in Rainham 1897
 - v. EMILY BEARD. Born in Rainham 1900.
 - vi. ADA BEARD. Born Rainham 1903.
 - vii. JESSIE BEARD. Born Rainham 1906.
- iii. WILLIAM BEARD. Born 1836 in Mitcham. In 1881 he is described as a married cabman, but is living in the Marylebone workhouse.
 - iv. SELINA BEARD. Born 1838 in Mitcham. Married Thomas Pillinger

³² Census Mitcham 1851

³³ Census Mitcham 1851

- v. HENRY BEARD. Born 1840 in Mitcham. Living in Mitcham in 1871 with wife Annie of Beddington. Living with sister Selina in 1881. In 1891 he is living with his mother in law Lucy Rhodes in Tooting Graveney

Children of Henry and Annie were:

- i. EMILY BEARD. Born 1865 in Tooting
 - ii. EDWARD BEARD. Born 1868 in Tooting. A baker boy in 1881, living with mother and Rhodes grandparents
 - iii. CLARA BEARD. Born 1872 in Mitcham
 - iv. GEORGE BEARD. Born 1875 in Tooting; working as a carman in 1891.
- vi. JOHN BEARD. Born 1842 in Mitcham. Still in Mitcham in 1871, married to Catherine of Wimbledon. They had moved to Tooting Graveney by 1891, by which time John was a beer retailer.

Children of John and Catherine were:

- i. ALICE BEARD. Born 1866 in Crayford Kent
 - ii. FRANCES BEARD. Born 1868 in Crayford Kent
 - iii. JOHN BEARD. Born 1870 in Crayford Kent
 - iv. LILY BEARD. Born 1873 in Mitcham Surrey
 - v. ARTHUR BEARD. Born 1879 in Mitcham Surrey
 - vi. FLORENCE BEARD. Born 1881 in Mitcham Surrey
 - vii. MAUD BEARD. Born 1883 in Mitcham Surrey
- vii. ELIZA BEARD. Born 1848 in Mitcham. A scholar in 1861, a laundress living with father in 1871
- viii. SUSANNA BEARD. Born 1850 in Mitcham. A scholar in 1861.

Curiously an Albert Beard appears in 1871, the 1 year old son of James. Presumably he was the base child of one of his daughters.

4. George of West Mersea

GEORGE BEARD. Son of George and Hannah Beard (See 3a. *George of Tolleshunt D'Arcy*). Baptised 3 February 1830 in West Mersea³⁴ Unmarried farm labourer living with parents in 1851³⁵. He went on to marry a Jane Jones (born Llangniew, Montgomery, Wales c1829³⁶, the daughter of a miller) on 21 Feb 1853 in Aldersgate, and lived in Clerkenwell, London. He was initially a tailor³⁷, but in 1853 became a Police Constable for the Metropolitan Police (MEPO Class 40, Warrant No 30923, PC No 231³⁸). He retired on 27 Aug 1877 with rheumatism and a pension of £52 pa³⁹. On 23 Sep 1881 he was appointed to the Midland Railway as a Railway Detective at St Pancras; he was recorded as being 5ft 7in and paid 27 shillings and 6pence per week⁴⁰. Jane died on 25 August 1884, at which point their address was 14 Churchill Road, Kentish Town⁴¹. He died in Wood Green, London in 1913 or 1914⁴² having lived his last few years with daughter Louise⁴³

Children of George and Jane were⁴⁴:

- i. GEORGE EDWARD BEARD. Baptised 10 June 1857⁴⁵ in London. Living with parents and working as a messenger in 1871⁴⁶ Buried on 30 May 1876 after he drowned during a boating incident on the Thames⁴⁷
- ii. JANE ANN BEARD. Baptised 31 Dec 1861⁴⁸. Buried 11 Jan 1862⁴⁹
- iii. WILLIAM RICHARD BEARD. Baptised 31 Dec 1861⁵⁰. Died 31 Dec 1861⁵¹
- iv. FREDERICK BEARD. Baptised 24 Jan 1862⁵². Presumed deceased by 1871.
- v. EMILY BEARD. Born c.1863 in London⁵³. Described as an infants milliner⁵⁴. Still living with parents in 1881⁵⁵. Married Edwin J Bark⁵⁶. She died on 8 June 1907⁵⁷
- vi. ELIZABETH BEARD. Born c.1865 in London⁵⁸ Described as an infants milliner⁵⁹, and later as a dress milliner⁶⁰. Still living with parents in 1891⁶¹. Married W Rowell. She died 8 Mar 1906⁶²

³⁴ West Mersea Parish Registers ERO D/P 77/1/6

³⁵ Census 1851

³⁶ Census 1881

³⁷ Letter from Anne Tinkler 19 Feb 2006

³⁸ Letter from Anne Tinkler 19 Feb 2006

³⁹ Letter from Anne Tinkler 19 Feb 2006

⁴⁰ Letter from Anne Tinkler 19 Feb 2006

⁴¹ Letter from Anne Tinkler 19 Feb 2006

⁴² Sandra Golbourn 30 Dec 2004

⁴³ Letter from Anne Tinkler 19 Feb 2006

⁴⁴ Sandra Golbourn 30 Dec 2004

⁴⁵ Letter from Anne Tinkler 19 Feb 2006

⁴⁶ Census 1871

⁴⁷ Letter from Anne Tinkler 19 Feb 2006

⁴⁸ Letter from Anne Tinkler 19 Feb 2006

⁴⁹ Letter from Anne Tinkler 19 Feb 2006

⁵⁰ Letter from Anne Tinkler 19 Feb 2006

⁵¹ Letter from Anne Tinkler 19 Feb 2006

⁵² Letter from Anne Tinkler 19 Feb 2006

⁵³ Census 1871

⁵⁴ Census 1881

⁵⁵ Census 1881

⁵⁶ Letter from Anne Tinkler 19 Feb 2006

⁵⁷ Letter from Anne Tinkler 19 Feb 2006

- vii JANE BEARD. Born 1870 in London⁶³. Apparently also known as 'Jeannie'.
Married Walter Blyth⁶⁴. She died 9 Jun 1915⁶⁵
- viii. LOUISA BEARD. Born 28 May 1874⁶⁶ in London⁶⁷. Worked as a dressmaker⁶⁸
Married H Woollacott in May 1897⁶⁹. She died 14 August 1917⁷⁰

⁵⁸ Census 1871

⁵⁹ Census 1881

⁶⁰ Census 1891

⁶¹ Census 1891

⁶² Letter from Anne Tinkler 19 Feb 2006

⁶³ Census 1871

⁶⁴ Letter from Anne Tinkler 19 Feb 2006

⁶⁵ Letter from Anne Tinkler 19 Feb 2006

⁶⁶ Letter from Anne Tinkler 19 Feb 2006

⁶⁷ Census 1881

⁶⁸ Census 1891

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