SPORLE WITH PALGRAVE: BOU to BUT

A random collection of notes listed in alphabetical surname and forename order:

**ANN BOUGEN**

BOUGEN (Boughen and other variants) in Sporle with Palgrave Registers

1739 Ann married Robert Harrowing

**CATHERINE BOUGEN**

BOUGEN (Boughen and other variants) in Sporle with Palgrave Registers

Bap. 1754 Catherine of John & Mary

**EDWARD BOUGEN**

Baptised at Foulden, and later lived at Sporle with Palgrave, he was

son of Ann Boughen, widow.

Swaffham Workhouse Guardians’ minute book 4th January 1850 page 150:

It appearing that on Saturday last Edward Boughen George Bond and Edward Bullard were committed for trial at the ensuing Sessions at Swaffham for that they on the night of Saturday the 26th day of January last at Sporle with Palgrave feloniously killed an Ewe Sheep the property of Thomas Girlling with intent to steal a part of the Carcass And it also appearing that Boughen, Bond, Bullard left the Workhouse by stealth in the night of Saturday, the said 19th day of January.

Agreed that the undermentioned Guardians viz:

H. J. Day Esq. Vice Chairman Revd. W. A. Horker Ex. off. Mr. John Sewell be and they are hereby appointed a Committee forthwith to inquire into all the circumstances of the said Case, and to report thereon to this Board.

The Committee having investigated the above matter presented the following Report.

We your Committee have to state that we are satisfied from evidence before us that Boughen, Bond and Bullard absconded from the Union Workhouse in the night of Saturday the 26th day of January last, and returned thereto during that night or the following Morning having during their absence, committed the said Offence and afterwards brought into the Workhouse a considerable portion of the flesh of such Sheep, which in the morning of Sunday the twenty seventh January last, was cooked in the dayroom of that Class of able bodied Men, to which the above parties belonged, and that all the Inmates of that room being then present did partake of the said Sheep.

Your Committee have further to state that they look upon this occurrence in a most serious point of view, and they unanimously recommend that the attention of the Poor Law Inspector of the District be immediately called to the subject, with a request that he will forthwith institute an inquiry into all the circumstances of the case.

Agreed that the Report be received and adopted.

The Lynn Advertiser 1850 30th March, page 3 - SWAFFHAM SESSIONS. - Edward Boughen, aged 21, George Bond, aged 18, and Edward Bullard, aged 18, charged with having killed an ewe sheep, value 20s., and stolen part of the carcass thereof, the property of Thos. Girling, of Sporle with Palgrave. Also, a previous conviction for felony against the said Edward Boughen. These men broke out of the union house in the night, and committed this robbery and returned into the union house and cooked the meat. – Boughen and Bond were transported for ten years each; the boy Bond read a very long and able defence; Bullard 6 cal. months.

Transported: Edward Boughen convicted 25/3/1850, departed for Tasmania. Returned on a ticket of leave dated August 31st 1854, arriving the middle of October.

At Swaffham he assaulted Pc. Mingay, one of the officers involved in his arrest four years earlier. After appearing in Court on the assault charge, he was imprisoned and later transported.

Transported: Edward Boughen convicted 1854, departed for Western Australia 11/6/1856 aboard the “Runnymede.” He arrived on the 7th of September. He died in Australia.

**ELIZABETH BOUGEN**

Born at Sporle.

1881 Census Transcript for West Acre

Boughen, Elizabeth 64 years

**HUGH BOUGEN**

John Bougen and Mary had children baptised at Sporle; Hugh 1717 and Mary 1723.

Hugh Bougen married Ellen Lee in 1707 at Sporle, and had children baptised there: Sarah 1708, Elizabeth 1711, Ellen 1713, Ann 1715, and Mary 1718.

There was a John Bowgen bapt. 1685, and Hugh Bowgen bapt. 1682 at Watton, sons of Hugh Bowgen and Margaret (late Spooner) that may have been the two men mentioned.

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**JOHN BOUGEN**

John Bouchin, of Sporle, married Mary Kitheringham, of Sporle, at Hilborough in 1745.

The children were Mary baptism not found, John bapt. 1748 at Narborough, William bapt. 1751 at Sporle, Catherine bapt. 1754 at Sporle, Hugh bapt. 1756 at Swaffham, Hugh bapt. 1760 at Swaffham, and Anna bapt. 1763 at Swaffham.

Settlement papers dated 7th April 1759 has certifying parish Sporle and place of residence Swaffham for John Boughing, wife Mary and children Mary, John, William and Catherine.

John and his wife both died at Swaffham. From his age at burial John Bougen, a shepherd, was born c.1717, but there is no baptism has been found for him.

**MARY BOUGEN**

Sporle Marriage Transcript.

William Gilden of this Parish, widower, and Mary Bougen of this Parish, spinster,

were married in this Church, by Banns this 26th day of March in the year 1792 by me Gunton Postle, Curate

The marriage was solemnized by us the mark x of William Gilden the mark x of Mary Bougen in the presence of Sarah Gilden Henry Whisker

When Mary Bougen married widower William Gilding, who was over 30 years her senior, at the parish of Sporle, she already had given birth to two children that were baptised at Necton, and possibly another child. William Gilding and Mary went on to have several children. The last known child was baptised in 1807. Like many women of her generation Mary Gilding (sometimes Gilden) earned a little money from spinning wool at home. Mary Gilding died in 1843 and was buried at Sporle.

Norfolk Chronicle 1802 17 Jul. Page 2

Mary Gilden, of Sporle; Sarah Sayer, of Wymondham; and Hannah Webster of Besthorpe, have been severally convicted of having in their possession at the same time, wool belonging to different combers, and paid the penalty; and Eliz. Cobb, of Holt, a putter out of wool, having in her possession yarn false reeled, hath been convicted of refusing to inform the inspector who was the reeler thereof, and paid the penalty.

**WILLIAM BOUGEN**

Bougen (Boughen and other variants) in Sporle with Palgrave Registers:

1751 Wm of John & Mary

**WILLIAM BOULDING**

Probate Inventories Diocese of Norwich

Boulding, William, Sporle, yeoman, 1710 1715 Dn/inv/71/100

**SARAH BOWDEN**

Sporle born. Found in Norfolk in the 1851 census

Bowden, Sarah 36 yrs serv North Runcton

**WILLIAM BOWEN**

1891 Census Sporle with Palgrave. Little London Cottages

(All the seven cottages contained 4 rooms.)

George Walker 66 years hawker (and wife)

William Bowen 47 years miller’s carman (wife, daughter, a domestic servant, and son, a miller’s boy)

Henry Pearson 71 years blacksmith (with wife)

James Blowers 62 years ag. lab. (wife and three children, one son an ag. lab.)

(1 cottage unoccupied)

Robert Williamson 55 years ag. lab. (wife and two sons, one an ag. lab.)

Thomas Easter 58 years shepherd (wife, daughter and son, also a shepherd)

1901 Census Sporle with Palgrave, Little London Cottages 144 - 4 rooms

William Bowen 57 years head married miller b. Rockland All Saints, Nfk.

Elizabeth Bowen 56 years wife b. North Pickenham, Nfk.

William Bowen 26 years son milkman b. Cockley Cley, Nfk.

**WILLIAM BOWEN**

William Bowen was son of William Bowen and Elizabeth.

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#### SOLOMON BOWERS

## Solomon BOWERS – Baker of North Pickenham (Notes). Will written 20 Jan. 1849. Testator died 7 Nov. 1850. Proved 1850.

(He held property and land in Sporle with Palgrave.)

To wife Susan – all messuages, land, etc. in Sporle with Palgrave, also all household goods, etc.

To son Richard – all the above after death of his mother.

Executors – Wife, and son Richard Bowers

Witnesses – W. House Sol. Swaffham. Richd. Robinson Clerk to Mr. Sewell, Swaffham.

**GEORGE BOWERS**

The Lynn Advertiser 1878 6 Apr. Page 6

NORFOLK COUNTY COURT

SWAFFHAM, TUESDAY, April 2nd.

JUMP OF A DOG THROUGH A WINDOW. – William Pitcher, painter, &c., Swaffham, v. George Bowers, shepherd, Sporle. – This was brought to recover 10/ for putting in a pane of glass which had been broken by the defendant’s dog jumping through it. In stating his case, the plaintiff candidly confessed that he had not seen the dog break the glass, but the defendant had employed him to replace the broken pane, which he did by putting in glass of a superior quality. – His honour remarked he could very well understand why a barber (it was at the hairdressing establishment of Mr. Bone, in the market place of Swaffham, where the mischief was done,) should require razors of superior quality, but he did not see how it was needful for the glass in his shop window to be of superior excellence. To this Mr. Pitcher replied that large squares of glass had of necessity to be of a better quality than small ones. – In resisting the action, the defendant acknowledged that it was his dog which had broken the square, but that neither himself or his dog was to blame. Going into the shop to get his hair cut, he left the dog in his cart outside; and another customer entering, the dog followed. The barber’s wife, not relishing the intrusion, made for the dog with a broom, and, being frightened, it rushed through the window, cutting itself on the head in its effort to escape. He (defendant) had certainly not employed the plaintiff to put a new pane, but had expressed himself willing to a share of the expense in repairing the broken window. – Mr. Bone, having been sent for, said that the dog came into the shop with the defendant, and deliberately “shot” through the window. - His honour gave judgment to the plaintiff with costs. – Defendant: “It’s a rum thing to go a get my hair cut and pay 10/ for it.

**CHARLOTTE ATMORE BOWLES**

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MARRIAGES.

On the 17th inst., at Sporle church, by the Rev. J. Bloom, Thomas William, only son of T. S. Atkins, Esq., Kimberley, to Charlotte Atmore Bowles, third daughter of John Bowles, Esq., Palgrave with Sporle.

**JOHN BOWLES**

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GAME LIST 1852, COUNTY OF NORFOLK.

SECOND PUBLICATION

LIST OF PERSONS who have taken out General Game Certificate at £4 0s 10d. each, including the additional Duty of 10 per Cent, under the Act of 3 Vic. cap. 17.

… Bowles John, Sporle …

1835 Parliamentary Elections, Sporle with Palgrave. Place of residence: Sporle with Palgrave.

1846 Parliamentary Elections Polling Register, Sporle with Palgrave.

Place of residence: Palgrave with Sporle. Nature of Qualification: Farm as occupier, Little Palgrave Farm.

The Lynn Advertiser 1859 3 Sep. Page 2

PALGRAVE, NEAR SWAFFHAM.

33 Horses and Colts, the flock of 1000 Ewes and Lambs, 21 Splendid Working Devon Oxen, 4 Homebred Cows, 1 Bull, 5 Weanlings, 70 Head of Swine, and an extensive assortment of Implements, &c.

On MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th,

The Live and Dead FARMING STOCK of Mr. John Bowles.

The Lynn Advertiser 1859 10 Sep. Page 2

PALGRAVE,

Within 2½ miles of the Dunham Railway Station, and 3 miles of Swaffham.

On MONDAY, SEPTEMBER the 26th, 1859,

HIGHLY IMPORTANT AND VERY EXTENSIVE AGRICULTURAL SALE of

33 HORSES & COLTS; including 16 POWERFUL and ACTIVE Cart Mare and Geldings, 12 well-bred and promising Colts and Fillies, all reared upon the Farm and particularly deserving attention.

Brown Mare, 5 yrs. old; superior Harness Mare; handsome Brown Foal, by Lord Suffield’s prize horse; promising Chesnut Gelding, rising 5 yrs. old, quiet to ride and drive; Bay Mare, 5 yrs. old, and Bay Gelding, quiet to ride and drive; handsome Spotted Donkey, White Donkey,

The Flock of 972 EWES AND LAMBS Comprises:

229 Half-bred Down and Norfolk Shearlings, 57 Two-Shear, 40 Three-Shear, 155 Full-mouthed and 80 Crone Ewes, 41 Fat Ewes, 9 Leicester Ewes, 7 Half-bred Shearlings, 343 Half-bred Lambs, and 11 Leicester Rams.

21 Working Devon Oxen, combining large size with good quality, and well adapted for heavy land ploughing, 4 handsome Sheeted Homebred Cows, I Roan Homebred Bull, 5 Sheeted Weanlings, and

70 Head of Swine, together with an

Excellent assortment of Implements requisite for 1000 Acres of Land, including Carriages, Drills, Machines, Rolls, Ploughs, Harrows, Bins, Troughs, Steam and Plough Harness, &c.

Also an excellent Seven-horse Power Portable STEAM ENGINE, with Threshing, Dressing, and Sacking Apparatus, Corn Crusher, Seed Drawers, and Saw Bench complete, and various other effects, the property of Mr. John Bowles, who is declining Farming Business.

Sale to commence at Ten o’clock punctually, Luncheon at Half past One o’clock, prior to the Sale of Live Stock.

A conveyance will leave the Swaffham Railway station on the arrival of the morning trains, returning in the afternoon.

Catalogues posted free on application to the Auctioneers, Attleborough.

**CHARLES BOYCE**

CHARLES BOYCE – Norfolk Regiment, 4th Battalion. Territorial Army. Charles Boyce served from 1909 to 1912. Born in 1889 at Little Dunham Charles Boyce was son of John Boyce and his wife Harriet (late Seaman). He was living at Little Dunham, in the 1891 and 1901 census returns, but 1911 census had moved to Sporle. He later served in WW1.

**ELIZABETH BOYCE**

Elizabeth Boyce was baptised on 20 Sep 1840 and buried on the 8 May 1842 at Sporle.

She was daughter of James Boyce and Charlotte (late Wright).

1841 census Sporle, Nfk.

Known Siblings: George Boyce, William Boyce, Thomas Boyce, Mary Ann Boyce, Elizabeth Boyce, Elizabeth Boyce.

**ELIZABETH BOYCE**

Elizabeth Boyce was baptised on 24 Jul 1842 at Sporle.

She was daughter of James Boyce and Charlotte (late Wright).

**ELIZABETH BOYCE**

Elizabeth Boyce was baptised on 28 May 1844 at Sporle.

She was daughter of James Boyce and Charlotte (late Wright).

1851 census Lt. Dunham, Nfk. Heys Lane. with grandmother

1871 census Cambridgeshire. occ. servant

**GEORGE BOYCE**

George Boyce was baptised on the 9 Sep 1832 at Sporle.

He was son of James Boyce and Charlotte (late Wright).

1841 census Sporle, Nfk.

Sporle born. Found in the Census Returns for 1901.

Boyce, George 67 yrs Walsoken, Nfk. Retired Sawyer

**JAMES BOYCE**

1841 Census Return, Parish of Sporle with Palgrave.

Sporle: James Boyce 30 ag. lab., Charlotta Boyce 30, George Boyce 8, William Boyce 7, Thomas Boyce 5, Maryann Boyce 3, Elizabeth Boyce 9 months.

**MARY ANN BOYCE**

Mary Ann Boyce was baptised on the 27 Jun 1838 and buried on 15 May 1842, both events at Sporle.

She was daughter of James Boyce and Charlotte (late Wright).

1841 census Sporle, Nfk.

**THOMAS BOYCE**

Thomas Boyce was baptised on the 21 Apr 1836 at Sporle, son of JAMES BOYCE and CHARLOTTE WRIGHT.

1841 census Sporle, Nfk.

1851 census Walsoken, Nfk. Cooks Hill. occ.lab.

Sporle born. Found in the Census Returns for 1901

Boyce, Thomas 69 yrs London Mile End Old Town Coler Man

**ABEL BOND BRETT**

ABEL Brett was baptised on 23 Mar 1787 in Sporle, son of JONATHAN BRETT and SARAH BOND.

Sporle born. Found in Norfolk in the 1851 census

Breett, Abel 63 yrs head Little Cressingham, Nfk.

**ALICE BRETT**

Alice Brett was baptised on 7 May 1770 at Swaffham, daughter of JOHN BRETT and MARY.

Alice, of Fordham, married JOHN LASSCOCK, son of William Lasscock and Alice Dennys, on 8 Sep 1789 at Fordham. He was baptised on 7 Oct 1759 at Sporle. John, of Southery, was buried there on 3 Sep 1819.

They had the following children:

Mary Lasscock was baptised on 13 Sep 1790 at Sporle. Married.

William Lasscock was baptised on 28 Jan 1792 at Sporle. Married.

John Lasscock was baptised on 19 Jun 1793 at Sporle.

Alice Brett Lasscock was baptised on 3 Jul 1795 at Sporle.

Maria Lasscock was born about 1796.

Anne Lasscock was born about 1797.

**BELINDA BRETT**

Belinda Brett was baptised on 10 Apr 1789 at Sporle, daughter of JONATHAN BRETT and SARAH BOND.

1841 census Beeston, Nfk. Woodgate Hill. with Robert Godfrey, farmer. occ. female servant.

1851 census Beeston, Nfk. Woodgate Hill. with Robert Godfrey, farmer. occ. housekeeper.

**CHARLES WILLIAM WRIGHT BRETT**

Charles William Wright Brett was baptised on 7 Oct 1790 at Sporle, son of JONATHAN BRETT and SARAH BOND.

1851 census Beeston, Nfk. Woodgate Hill. 65 yrs occ. farmer. visiting Robert Godfrey, farmer.

He married ALICE MURRELL on 31 Dec 1818 at Threxton. She was born about 1796 at Wormegay.

1851 census Lt. Cressingham, Nfk. bailiff’s wife. 120 acres emp. 4 men 1 boy.

**GEORGE BRETT**

George Brett was born c. 1876 in London, son of William Brett.

He was living at Sporle in the 1901 census.

**JONATHAN BRETT**

Jonathan Brett was baptised on 23 Feb 1757 at Swaffham, son of JOHN BRETT and MARY. He married SARAH BOND on the 25 April 1779 at Swaffham.

They had the following children baptised at Sporle: Mary Ann Brett 1781, Sarah Brett 1782, Abel Bond Brett 1783, Riley Brett 1785, Belinda Brett 1789, Charles William Brett 1790.

**RILEY BRETT**

Riley Brett was baptised on 18 Jul 1785 at Sporle, son of JONATHAN BRETT and SARAH BOND.

1851 census King’s Lynn, Nfk. 19. North Street. occ. butcher. 65 years

He married MARY. She was born about 1801 at Woodrising.

1851 census King’s Lynn, Nfk. 19. North Street.

1881 census King's Lynn, Nfk. Lanes Yard. widow

**JOHN BRIGGS**

Baptised at Sporle in 1801.

1851 Census John Briggs 50 yrs head Norwich Eaton St. Andrew

**JOHN BRIGGS**

Baptised at Sporle in 1808, mother Mary

**BERTHA ELLEN BRISTON**

Private 39125 Bedfordshire Regiment, 13th Transport Works Battalion. Charles Cawston was called for service on the 13th of December 1916 and rejected. He was called up again for service, but this time he was accepted, enlisting at Norwich on the 13th of March 1917. On enlistment he was working as a builder’s labourer and was aged 36 years. His home address was given as 88 Magdalen Street, Thetford. Private Cawston was discharged a few months later, on the 15th of October 1917, as no longer physically fit. He served in Britain. Private Charles Cawton was suffering from permanent disorderly action of the heart, not the result of, but aggravated by active service. He had had rheumatic fever as a child and other conditions. He was awarded an Army pension for just under a year, but it was not renewed. Charles Cawston was born in 1878 at Lynford to Samuel Cawston and Jane his wife. On the 7th of May 1908, at Sporle, he married Bertha Ellen Briston of Sporle. They had children Ruby Ellen Cawston in 1909 and Dora Verdue Cawston in 1916, both of them born at Thetford.

# HENRY BRISTON

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PETTY SESSIONS REPORTS

SWAFFHAM. – MONDAY 5th August. Before Capt. Adlington and the Revs. H. Milne and B. Houchen.

GARDEN ROBBERY. – Henry Briston, James Grummett and Walter Anderson, three lads, of Sporle, were charged by p.c. Clarke with stealing cherries, of the value of 4/6, in the garden of Mr. E. Farrer, of Sporle, on the evening of the 26th July. They were each fined 1/2, damage 1/6 and costs 10/4.

# HENRY BRISTON

Henry Briston born c. 1881 at Sporle.

He was living in Gt. Bircham in the 1911 census.

May have been Pte or Cpl. 23483 Henry Briston/Bristow of the 1st Norfolks.

**JESSE BRISTON**

Jesse Briston born c. 1886 at Sporle.

He was living at Sporle in the 1911 census.

**MATTHEW BRISTON**

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SOUTH GREENHOE ASSOCIATION.

This society, which has its object the promoting and rewarding good conduct, and encouraging industrious habits amongst servants, cottagers and labourers, held its usual annual meeting at Swaffham, on Friday, the 24th ult. The rewards and premiums offered by the association, accompanied by certificates, were publicly distributed to the successful claimants by T. R. Buckworth, Esq., president, and Henry Oldfield, Esq., secretary, at the cottages’ show held on the same day, the judges having previously made their awards. No person was allowed to compete for any of the prizes who had within the period of three years obtained a similar prize from any other association, or who was possessed of property of any kind other than savings arising from service or labour. …

Ploughing and stacking. – To the plough-man, of good character, who drew the straightest furrow, first prize C. Ives (servant to E. Farrer, Esq.), 10s, second J. Rose (ditto), 7s 6d, extra J. Shingfield (plough-lad to Mr. Chambers, Beechamwell), 5s. To the plough-man who ploughed one quarter of an acre of clover lay in the best manner, first J. Rose (servant to E. Farrer, Esq.), £1, second H. Clarke (servant to Mr. W. Roberson, Palgrave), 15s, third M. BRISTOW (servant to E. Farrer, Esq.), 10s, extra G. Harper (servant to Mr. D. Dutchman, Swaffham), 5s.

Ploughing olland - To the plough-man, of good character, who ploughed one quarter of an acre of clover lay in the best manner, and who had gained the highest award for ploughing and stacking in any previous year, first prize C. Ives (servant to E. Farrer, Esq.), £1, second J. Palmer (servant to Mr. D. Dutchman, Swaffham), 15s. To the youth under 18 years of age who ploughed one quarter of an acre in the best manner, first J. Shingfield (servant to Mr. Chambers, Beechamwell), 15s, second E. Shingfield, aged 15 years (servant to Mr. Oldfield), 10s.

COTTAGERS SHOW. – In connection with the South Greenhoe Association, a cottagers show was held on the day of the annual meeting, by the kind permission of T. R. Buckworth, Esq., in a field adjoining the manor house. This was the first time anything of the kind had been attempted, and a greater success could scarcely be wished for. Three tents were erected, the largest which contained the fruit, vegetables, and flowers for competition; the second was set apart for the display of needlework, and in the third the exhibitors were gratuitously supplied with tea. …

Prizes given by the Ladies of Swaffham. – Best arranged bouquet of flowers, first Mrs. W. Wright, Swaffham, 6s; second, Mr. C. Sewell, Swaffham, 4s. Best device in flowers, first Mrs. E. Farrer, Sporle, 6s. The device was a beautiful miniature garden, and attracted considerable attention. …

Extra prizes for garden produce. – Widow Chester, Sporle; C. Mitchell, Necton; H. Grief, Caldecote; R. Reeve, South Pickenham; W. Brett; W. Brett, Swaffham; L. Smith, Swaffham; M. Savage; Swaffham; J. Wilkin.

Extra, by Mrs Farrer, for needlework. – E. Clark, Swaffham, aged 81 years, making a shirt, 3s; Mrs. Howard, a knitted rug, 3s.

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SWAFFHAM.

PLOUGHING MATCHES. – The ploughing for the prizes offered by the South Greenhoe Association took place on Monday last on the farm of Messrs. Finch and Sooby: Messrs. C. Hartt (Ashill), G. Goring (W. Bradenham) and R. Sooby (Swaffham), acting as judges. The land was in first rate order and the work in every way highly creditable to the several competitors. The competition commenced with ploughing straight furrows, for with the society offers two prizes, the judges awarding the first to John Ward, in the employ of Messrs. Finch and Sooby, and the second to MATTHEW BRISTOWE, in the employ of Mr. E. Farrer, of Sporle; 14 men competed. Ploughing olland, for which the society offers three prizes, Charles Wright, in the employ of Mr. D. Wells, of Sporle, taking the first, W. Margetson, in the employ Messrs. Finch and Sooby, the second, and John Ward, in the employ of Mr. Jacob Finch, of Swaffham, the third prize; ten men completed. Ploughing olland, for which to prizes were offered, Charles Ives, in the employ of Mr. E. Farrer, taking the first, and Griffin Miller, in the employ of Mr. John Sewell, of North Pickenham, second prize. Ploughing olland, lads under 18 years of age, for which one prize only was offered. The only competitor in this class was Edward Shingfield, 16 years of age, in the employ of the secretary to the society, Mr. H. Oldfield, of Caldecote, who was accordingly awarded the prize.

Matthew Briston, originally from Gt. Fransham, lived in Sporle Street, at Sporle, and was married to Mary (Beales).

**ROBERT WILLIAM BRISTON**

Robert William Briston was born c. 1888 at Sporle.

He was living at Pentney in the 1911 census.

# WILLIAM BRISTON

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PETTY SESSIONS REPORTS

SWAFFHAM. – MONDAY, AUGUST 12th. – Before Captain Adlington and the Rev. B. Houchen

FOWL STEALING. – Charles Garner, of Castleacre, shoemaker, Jas. Rallison and William Briston, of Sporle, labourers, were charged by Robert Bensley, farm bailiff, with stealing on the night 5th inst., at Sporle, eight fowls the property of Mr. Thomas Lindsey, of Swaffham. It appeared from the evidence that Bensley fastened the fowls up on Sunday night, and the following morning he found the fowl house open, and blood and feathers about, and afterwards missed eight. Sergt. White and p.c. Clarke apprehended the prisoners, and in a place occupied by Garner one of the stolen fowls was found, also up the chimney the entails of a fowl with a few feathers. It appeared that all the prisoners were seen together between 10 and 11 on Sunday night, and spots of blood were discovered on the clothes of each. After a long and patient hearing of the eight witnesses, all the prisoners were committed for trial at the Quarter Sessions, and were admitted to bail in one surety each of £10.

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SWAFFHAM QUARTER SESSION

STEALING FOWLS AT SPORLE. – Chas. Garner, James Rallison and Wm. Briston (on bail) were indicted for stealing eight live fowls, the property of Thomas Lindsey, at Sporle-with-Palgrave, on the 5th August; also with receiving the same well knowing them to have been stolen. Mr. S. Reeve procecuted; Mr. Cooper defended Garner and Rallison, and Mr. Haggard defended Briston. It appeared that at nine o’clock on the night of Sunday 5th August, the fowls were seen by Robert Bensley, Mr. Lindsey’s bailiff, to be safe within their house. At five o’clock the next morning eight of them were missing, and on the fastening of the house were spots of blood, whilst a number of feathers were lying on the ground. At 10 o’clock on the proceeding night, a young man named Whittome went into Garner’s house to light his pipe, when he saw the three prisoners there. Whittome went out for a few minutes, and upon his returning all three had left. On Monday morning 5th August, William Kidd noticed smoke issuing from the chimney of Garner’s house, and he also saw Garner at a well about 15 yards distant from the house, whilst a young man named Gelding, in the service of Captain Harrison, of Swaffham, observed Rallison coming from the direction of Garner’s house wearing his Sunday clothes. Gelding again met Rallison at Swaffham about two hours afterwards, when he had changed his clothes. Information of the robbery was conveyed to p.c. Clarke, and suspicion resting upon the prisoners, Garner’s house was searched. A fowl without a head, but corresponding with one of them which had been missing from the prosecutor’s premises, was found in the cesspool, and a number of feathers about the premises. The fowl that was found was identified by the bailiff as one of those that had been stolen. Further search resulted in the discovery that from the prosecutor’s premises to Garner’s house the road was slightly strewn with feathers of the colour of those on the lost chickens. The prisoners were apprehended, and while Garner and Rallison denied all knowledge of the robbery, Briston on the other hand said that all he knew about it was that when he went into Garner’s house Polly Garner and another woman were plucking chickens. Briston, it was shewn, was very drunk early on Sunday evening, and this was his defence. There being nothing further against Briston then his own statement, the case against him was withdrawn, and the jury found him not guilty. The clothes of the other prisoners were produced and spots of blood pointed out on them; and this, coupled with the facts detailed above, were relied upon by the prosecution to establish guilt of the prisoners. – Mr. Cooper, for the two prisoners, contended that the case was one merely of suspicion, and had not been clearly brought home to them; therefore they ought not to be convicted. – The jury found a verdict of guilty against both prisoners, and Garner pleaded guilty to a previous conviction. They were sentenced – Garner to imprisonment for eight months and Rallison for six months.

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SWAFFHAM. MONDAY, November 17th. – Before the Rev. H. Milne (chairman), Rev. B. Houchen and R. H. Mason, Esq.

DRUNKENNESS. – William Briston, labourer, of Sporle, was charged by p. c. Bone with being drunk and disorderly at that place on the night of September 20th. The constable stated that he first had to eject the defendant from the house, and Briston afterwards tripped and challenged to fight him. Defendant pleaded guilty and was fined 5/ and costs 11/.

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THE EDUCATION ACT. – Edward West, labourer, of Beeston, was charged by Robert Smith, school attendance officer of the Swaffham Union, with sending his child irregularly to school. Fined 2/6. – William Briston, labourer, of Sporle, and Peter Tuck, of Swaffham, similarly charged, were fined 5/ each.

**EDWARD BROADWAY**

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NORFOLK COUNTY COURT.

SWAFFHAM, WEDNESDAY, April 3rd.

GEORGE GIRLING, miller, Great Dunham, v. EDWARD BROADWAY, miller, Sporle-with-Palgrave. – This was an action to recover 17s 10d, being 5s money overpaid to the defendant and 12s 10d paid to him by and at his alleged request. Had the claim involved as many pounds as it did shillings, it could not by any possibility have received greater attention on the part of the Court, by whom the facts were gone into with a minuteness of detail which must have been exceedingly annoying to others suitors waiting to have their cases heard. At the February Court, Broadway met Girling for a balance of 14s for wages, which the later admitted. On the application of Mr. Wilkin, of Lynn, who then appeared for Girling, this learned Judge ordered the money to be paid into Court to abide the result of the present action, the incidents connected with which were spoken to by Mrs. Girling, who was subjected to an extraordinary long examination by the Court, every opportunity being at the same time afforded to Broadway to cross-examine her. Briefly expressed, Mrs. Girling’s testimony was that she keeps her husband’s books, and occasionally makes payments for him. In the capacity, she had advanced to Broadway, while he was in their service, when he was known to them as “Frederick Bird” small sums for beer and tobacco, shirting and boot-mending, amounting to 12s 10d, and the 5s of overpaid money having been made by mistake in a payment for wages on the 18th January last. – In answer to the demand, Broadway denied his liability for anything beyond 2s 9d for mending his boots; but the person to whom Mrs. Girling said she had paid the money in December last had only a few days ago informed him that it had not been paid. (Mrs. Girling shewed the court the receipt for the money.) As to the other items in the claim, they were generally payments made by Mrs. Girling for beer while he was out with her on the cart delivering goods, when now and then he would be drinking with her, although on one occasion he paid for two pints of half-and-half for Mrs. Girling. He had been in the plaintiff’s service before the last time, and never had a stain upon his character until Mr. Girling attempted to charge him before the Litcham magistrates with the “magnificent embezzlement” of 1s 5d. Notwithstanding this, the plaintiff took him back again at the remuneration of 4s a week, with board and lodging; and he believed Mr. Girling’s sole object in getting him back was that he might have “this law with him.” – His Honor, at the close of a very protracted investigation, signified his belief that every item of the 17s 6d had been proved, so that Broadway would have to pay in 3s 10d, which would be added to the 14s previously paid in by Girling, who would then take the 17s 10d out of Court. Broadway was allowed a month in which to square the matter.

**PHILIP BROCK**

Married at Great Fransham 1729 18 August

Philip Brock s/m of Sporle

Sarah Wicks spin. of Sporle

**SARAH BROOK**

### Marriage Licence Bonds.

ANF/12/71/79 1833 Judd, Edward, Sporle and Brook, Sarah, Sporle

**BENJAMIN BROOKS**

1851 census East Dereham

Brooks, Benjamin 2 yrs son born. Sporle

BENJAMIN BROOKS – Driver 15369, Royal Artillery, 1st Brigade. He enlisted at Norwich on the 23rd November 1870, and was then aged 20 and farm labourer. Benjamin Brooks served in Britain from 24th of November 1870 to 4th of February 1872 and in India from 5th of February 1872 to 8th of July 1890. Benjamin Brooks married Elizabeth McDonough without leave on the 7th of September 1875 in Madras. They went on to have children: Benjamin Brooks born in 1875, George William Brooks in 1877, Emily Brooks in 1880, Henry Robert Brooks in 1882, John Brooks in 1885, Margaret Brooks in 1887, and Albert Victor Brooks in 1890. Benjamin Brooks was born at Spall (sic) according to his Military records. He was son of William Brooks, a labourer, and his wife Margaret (late Wright), and was baptised at Sporle in December 1848. By the 1851 census Benjamin Brooks, his parents, and brother, were living at East Dereham.

**BROWN**

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SWAFFHAM.

GROSS CRUELTY TO A HORSE. – A case of gross cruelty on the part of a horsekeeper named Powley, in the employ of Mr. Brown, of Sporle, came before the Rev. C. V. Holme Sumner, on Tuesday last, when the fellow was remanded for the offence. It appears that he had been out towards Dereham with a waggon and three horses for his master, and before starting homewards, had imbibed too freely. In passing through Fransham, he was seen by a police-officer to be driving furiously and dangerously, and the policeman followed but could not overtake him. Before reaching Sporle, he drove too near the bank, up which the near side of the waggon went, and he was thrown off, and by the merest chance escaped a violent death. Nothing daunted, he compelled the horses to keep up the pace until the shaft horse, a useful animal, fell down, and was dragged along the road for some considerable distance by the fore horses. Of course the injuries which the animal received are of a very serious character. When the police-officer who was in pursuit came up, he found, as evidence of the shocking accident, several pieces of flesh with the hair upon it lying on the ground. The accused was remanded on bail till Saturday (this day).

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SWAFFHAM.

PETTY SESSION, Saturday, February 1st. – Before T. R. Buckworth, Esq., the Rev. C. V. H. Sumner and Capt. Adlington.

John Robt. Powley, of Sporle, laborer, was charged under remand with cruelty to one of his master’s horses, Mr. Brown, of Sporle. He pleaded guilty, and was committed for two months’ hard labor.

**ANN BROWN**

Norfolk News 1861 3 Aug. Page 5

MARRIAGES.

WALKER – BROWN – On Wednesday last, at the Wesleyan Chapel, Swaffham, by the Rev. G. Bell, P.M. minister, Mr. Thomas Walker, North Creake, to Ann, eldest daughter of Mr. Henry Brown, farmer, Sporle, in this county.

**ELLEN BROWN**

Born at Sporle with Palgrave, daughter of Philip Brown.

In the 1851 census she was living at Tooting Graveney, Surrey. Father a brewer master.

**FREDERICK BROWN**

Born at Sporle with Palgrave, son of Philip Brown.

1812 Baptised at Sporle.

Attorney Solicitor. In the 1851 census he was aged 38 years, married with a family, and was living at Kingston upon Thames, Surrey.

**HARRIET BROWN**

Born at Sporle with Palgrave, daughter of Philip Brown.

In the 1851 census she was living at Tooting Graveney, Surrey. Father a brewer master.

**JAMES BROWN**

Norfolk News 1868 26 Sep. Page 6

SWAFFHAM.

PETTY SESSIONS.

James Brown, of Sporle, was charged by Elizabeth Powley, of the same parish, with assaulting her, and was fined 2s. 6d.; no costs.

**PHILIP BROWN**

Married at Southacre by Licence. 1811 7 March

Phillip Brown of Sporle

Sarah Ann Seppings

Norfolk Chronicle 1811 23 Mar.

Married.

On the 7th inst. Mr. Philip Browne, of Sporle, to Miss Sarah Anne Seppings, youngest daughter of Mr. Seppings, of Swafield.

The Times 1829 9 Mar. Page 8

Norfolk: - Important Investment. – By KING and GARROD, at the Auction Mart, London, on Wednesday, May 20, at 12, in 2 lots,

THE Sporle and Palgrave Domain, comprising 1, 967 acres of freehold arable, meadow, and pasture land, lying compact, and divided in three farms, each in a ring fence, now on lease to highly respectable and responsible tenants, at moderate rents, amounting together to £1,849, with the manor extending over upwards of 3,500 acres, situate in a fine sporting country, and in a neighbourhood abounding with game. Lot 1. The Manor of Sporle cum Palgrave. The quit rents with the average of fixes received for the last 10 years amount to about £17 per annum. Sporle Hall Farm, consisting of a farm house, large and substantial brick barns, stables, sheds, and other convenient out buildings, with newly erected field barn and sheds, and divers parcels of arable, pasture, and wood land, containing 620a. 23 p. This farm is on lease to Mr. William Pearson for eight years from Michaelmas, 1824, at the annual rent of £515, and is subject to the payment of land tax of £26 10s., to a payment to Sporle School of 12s., and to a payment of a quarter of wheat, the value of which is to be fixed, at Michaelmas-day. Lot 2. A most desirable and compact Freehold Estate, divided into farms, viz. Palgrave Farm, consisting of a good farmhouse, barns, stables, sheds, double cottage, field barn, and divers closes of arable and pasture-land, containing 68a. 1r. 19p. This farm (except 5a. 1r. 21p. in hand) is on lease to Mr. Thomas Wells for 8 years from Michaelmas at the apportioned rent of £665, land tax £13 5s. Sporle Farm, consisting of a good farm house, barns, stables, sheds, a new erected cottage and field barn, and divers closes of arable land, containing 687a. 1p. This farm is on lease to Mr. P. Brown for 8 years from Michaelmas, 1824 at the apportioned rent of £634. The estate is distant 2 miles from the town of Swaffham, about 15 miles from Lynn, and 20 from Norwich. The tenants will show the premises; printed particulars may be had of Messrs. Tennant, Hamon, and Tennant, Gray’s-inn, London; Messrs. Josselyn, Sproughton, near Ipswich; Messrs. Taylor and Brown, Diss; the Angel, Bury, the Crown, Swaffham; and the auctioneers, Ipswich.

The Bury & Norwich Post 1835 4 Feb.

On the night of Wednesday the 21st. ult. two half-bred hoggetts, dotted on the rump, where stolen from a field called the Mill Breck, in the occupation of Mr. Philip Browne, of Southacre. One hundred guineas having been offered by the Swaffham Association for prosecuting Felons for the conviction of the thief, but hitherto without success. Again, on the following Friday night, or early on Saturday morning, two half-bred Down and Leicester stock ewes in lamb were stolen and taken away from a fold in a field called Long Breck, in the parish of Sporle, also the property of Mr. Philip Browne. The skins of these were found on the following day, with entrails, and four lambs enclosed in them, in a ditch about a quarter of a mile from the fold, upon a piece of land in the occupation of Mr. Palmer, of Southacre. A reward of 100 guineas has been offered in this case, but we regret to say that at present there is no clue that is likely to lead to the detection of the felons.

**PHILIP BROWN**

Born at Sporle with Palgrave.

Curate of St. George, Edgbaston. In the 1851 census he was aged 32 years and was lodging at Edgbaston, Worcestershire. In Sussex by 1861.

**THOMAS ARCHER BROWN**

1802 Baptised at Sporle, son of James Brown.

**ANN BRYANT**

In Sporle, beside the Street, is a double property known now as Walnut cottage. This was the home for many years of the Bryant family. A shop, later a post office and also a private school, were run from there by the Bryant family. In 1853 this cottage was bought in an auction sale by Greenwood Tillet Hudson. After the last Bryant, Ann, moved out in the late 1860s, Greenwood Tillet Hudson, a carpenter, altered the property. A bakers' oven was installed and his nephew, Henry Barkham, a baker from Beachamwell, and the son of another baker, moved into the cottage and opened up the shop.

Schoolmistress and postmistress, daughter of George Bryant.

According to Parliamentary Papers of 1837 Sporle was a place in which a Penny Post was established, and Swaffham was the post town it was under.

1841 Census Return Sporle with Palgrave, Nfk.

George Bryant 78 years road man

Ann Byant 40 years school mistress

Mary Pond 11 years pupil

Elizabeth Pond 8 years pupil

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Susannah Gostling 10 years pupil

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Maria Lambert 7 years pupil

Susannah Bullard 12 years pupil

The Lynn Advertiser 1847 13 Nov.

SWAFFHAM.

ROBBERY. – We understand, that as far back as the 12th September, the dwelling house of Miss Bryant, of Sporle, was broken open and robbed at mid-day, during the time the family was at church. On their return, they found that every lock had been forced and every draw and box ransacked. A silver watch, and some few pieces of silver coin were all that were carried off, as the lady had taken the precaution to secure in a safe position the sum of £45 before she left home. Suspicion fell on a man named Robert Rose, of that place, who had not been since heard of till a few days ago, that active officer Mr. Superintendent Pegler, traced him to Edinburgh, and having succeeded in capturing him, he is now lodged in Swaffham Bridewell for examination.

The Lynn Advertiser 1848 10 Jan.

SWAFFHAM SESSIONS.

Robert Rose, aged 19, charged with having broken the dwelling-house of Ann Curtis Bryan, of Sporle with Palgrave, and stolen therefrom a silver watch, value 25s., and other property. 12 months – h.l.

1856 Craven and Co's Commercial Directory of the County of Norfolk Sporle: Bryant Ann, postmistress, and day school

1858 Post Office Directory Sporle: Mrs. Ann Bryant, postmistress

1861 census Sporle, Nfk. occ. schoolmistress and postmistress

1863 Harrod’s Directory Sporle: Mrs. Ann Bryant, postmistress

1868 Harrods Directory of Norfolk & Norwich: Bryant Mrs. Ann, postmistress

By 1871 Ann Bryant was no longer living at Sporle. She died in King’s Lynn aged 90 years.

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# 1830 Norwich Poll Book: George Bryant, Sporle, shopkeeper

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George Bryant was buried at Sporle on December 5th 1842.

**GEORGE BRYANT**

He was son of George Bryant, and his wife, and sister of Ann Bryant.

The Bury and Norwich Post 1834 8 Jan.

DIED. On Wednesday last, at Sporle, near Swaffham, aged 34, George Bryant, jun. well known as an itinerant bill-sticker and distributer about the parishes of West Norfolk.

**HARRIET BUCK**

Sporle born. Found in Norfolk in the 1851 census

Buck, Harriett 15 yrs servant Cockley Cley

**EVA BULHAM**

1901 census Sporle with Palgrave, Cambridge Cottages. (4 rooms)

Jesse Laws 36 years head married farm teamman b. Litcham, Nfk.

Elizabeth Laws 36 years wife b. Gayton, Nfk.

Nicholas Bulman 11 years stepson b. London

Eva Bulman 7 years stepdaughter b. Gayton, Nfk.

James Laws 2 years son b. South Rainham, Nfk.

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**CAROLINE BULLARD**

Her birth was registered in 1851, daughter of John Bullard and Sarah Ann (Reeve).

1861 census Sporle Street, Sporle with Palgrave, Norfolk (190)

John Bullard head married 33 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

Sarah Bullard wife 30 born: Sporle, Norfolk

CAROLINE BULLARD daughter 9 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Edward Bullard son 8 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Maria Bullard daughter 5 born: Sporle, Norfolk

William Bullard son 3 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Martha Bullard daughter 1 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Ann Reid mother in law 66 work in gang born: Sporle, Norfolk

1879 26 April Caroline Bullard married John Bilham at Sporle.

1881 census Alley Cottages, Sporle with Palgrave, Norfolk

John Bilham head married 33 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

CAROLINE BILHAM wife 29 born: Sporle, Norfolk

John Bilham son 1 born: Sporle, Norfolk

1891 census Sporle Street, Sporle with Palgrave, Norfolk

John Bilham head married 45 agricultural labourer born: Sporle with Palgrave, Norfolk

CAROLINE BILHAM wife 39 born: Sporle with Palgrave, Norfolk

Robert Bilham son 8 born: Sporle with Palgrave, Norfolk

Bessie Bilham daughter 6 scholar born: Sporle with Palgrave, Norfolk

Laura Bilham daughter 4 born: Sporle with Palgrave, Norfolk

Grace Bilham daughter 2 born: Sporle with Palgrave, Norfolk

Minnie Bilham daughter 0 born: Sporle with Palgrave, Norfolk

1901 census In Street, Sporle with Palgrave, Norfolk

John Bilham head married 54 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

CAROLINE BILHAM wife 49 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Grace Bilham daughter 12 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Minnie Bilham daughter 10 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Walter Bilham son 6 born: Sporle, Norfolk

1911 census Sporle with Palgrave, Norfolk

John Bilham head married 66 farm labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

CAROLINE BILHAM wife 60 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Walter Bilham son 16 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Children of Caroline and John Bilham: John Bilham 1880, Jemima Bilham 1881, Robert Bilham 1883, Bessie (regd) Elizabeth Bilham (bap) 1885, Laura Bilham 1886, Grace Bilham 1888, Minnie Bilham 1890, Walter Bilham 1894 (died in WW1)

**EDMUND BULLARD**

Edmund or, sometimes, Edward Bullard, born 1830.

In the 1841 census Edmund was living with his paternal grandmother. In 1851 he was lodging with Elizabeth Dixon at Sporle with Palgrave.

The Lynn Advertiser 1850 30 Mar.

SWAFFHAM SESSIONS

These sessions were held at the Shire-hall, on Monday and Tuesday last. There were 39 prisoners for trial. … …

Edward Boughen, aged 21, George Bond, aged 18, and Edward Bullard, aged 18, charged with having killed an ewe sheep, value 20s., and stolen part of the carcass thereof, the property of Thos. Girling, of Sporle with Palgrave. Also, a previous conviction for felony against the said Edward Boughen. These men broke out of the union house in the night, and committed this robbery and returned into the union house and cooked the meat. – Boughen and Bond were transported for ten years each; the boy Bond read a very long and able defence; Bullard 6 cal. months.

His mother had died in 1834 when Edmund/Edward was 4 years old. By the age of 22 years in 1852 he, too, had died.

**EDWARD BULLARD**

EDWARD BULLARD was baptised in 1748 in Beetley. He married SUSANNA BOYDEN in 1769 in East Dereham. They had their first known child John baptised at Sporle and second child Edmund baptised in East Dereham. Their later children, Robert, Robert, William, Susanna and Robert, were all baptised in Gressenhall - not all of the children survived infancy. In later years Edward and Susanna Bullard were back living at Sporle. Edward Bullard was actually by trade a carpenter and was recorded as such when his daughter married for a second time, but he was a farmer and a yeoman in the parish when his will was written in 1794. Edward Bullard was buried in Sporle in 1796. He willed his personal effects to Susanna Bullard, his wife, but his farm was to be sold and the profits divided between their four surviving children: John, William, Susan and Robert. In 1798 Susanna Bullard was occupying land or property belonging to the Reverend Roberts and Mr. Barsham. There is a gravestone in Sporle churchyard dedicated to Edward Bullard and sons.

Children (2) and some of the Grandchildren (3):

(2) – JOHN BULLARD c.1769 – Sporle born John Bullard inherited money in his father’s will read in 1796. He married SARAH GREENWOOD, a daughter of Thomas Greenwood and his wife Margaret formerly Steel, in the same year at Sporle. They had at least four children in the parish: Robert, Martha, Sarah, Edward. John Bullard was a carpenter and had an apprentice named John Hodson in 1806. Where John Bullard lived at Sporle is not known. He was buried in Sporle in 1818 at the age of forty-nine years. His widow Sarah Bullard died at Sporle in 1842. No gravestones have been found.

(3) – ROBERT BULLARD c.1797 – Robert Bullard worked as carpenter and joiner. He married Caroline Payne in 1822 and lived at Sporle. She was a daughter of William Payne and his wife Mary formerly Chamberlain. Robert and Caroline Bullard had at least four children: Martha, Maria, John and Edmund. Caroline Bullard died in 1834. The children were all living with their grandmother Sarah Bullard in 1841 but she died the next year. By the 1851 census the two boys were in lodgings but there appears to be no sign, at present, of Martha and Maria. Robert Bullard was lodging in Swaffham. In 1864 he was up before the Petty Sessions charged with poaching fish from water belonging to John Hudson of Castle Acre. In 1871 carpenter Robert Bullard was living on his own in Sporle Street. He died in 1882.

(3) – MARTHA buLLARD c.1800 – Martha Bullard married Robert Watts Walker, a shepherd, in 1829. He had previously been married to an Ann Yallop who had borne him two children before her death in 1827. Robert Watts and Martha Walker had at least five children of their own: Thomas, John, Mary, William and Benjamin. The eldest son Thomas became a blacksmith. During the 1851 and 1861 census the family was living in one of the Little London cottages. Robert Watts Walker was a shepherd on the Palgrave hall farm. Martha Walker died in 1879 and Robert Watts Walker in 1883.

(3) – SARAH BULLARD c.1802 – Sarah Bullard married Isaac Josh in 1829. They lived in Swaffham where Isaac Josh was a blacksmith. The couple had eight known children including twins: Frances, Isaac Frederick, Mary Ann, Sarah Ann, Isaac Joshua, Harriet, Edward and Henry John. Isaac Josh died in Swaffham in 1858 and his wife Sarah Josh died at the age of 58 in 1860. Both were buried at Swaffham.

(3) – EDwarD BULLARD c.1805 – A carpenter all his adult life Edward Bullard married Susanna Hall, a daughter of Robert Hall and Alice late Hudson in 1829 at Sporle. Susanna Bullard was a schoolmistress when the 1851 census was taken, as were, at a later date, some of their daughters. Edward and Susanna Bullard had at least eight children baptised at Sporle, Louisa, Susan, Harriet, Eliza, Eliza, William, Mary Ann and Ruth. The first Eliza and also their only son William died as infants. Susanna Bullard died in 1877. After the death of his wife Edward Bullard moved out of their cottage in Sporle Street and was lodging and working with carpenter Charles Couzens on the Little Palgrave farm when the 1881 census was taken. Edward Bullard died in 1884. He was buried in Sporle as was his wife.

(2) – EDMUND BULLARD c.1772 – Edmund Bullard was buried in Sporle in 1792 at the age of twenty. He is commemorated on a gravestone in Sporle churchyard along with his father and his brother Robert.

(2) – WILLIAM BULLARD c.1778 – William Bullard inherited money in his father’s will. In 1827 William Bullard of Blakeney married widow Frances Mace in West Acre. His nephew Edward Bullard and also Susan Hall were witnesses. In 1829 William Bullard was a farm steward at Castle Acre where a daughter, Susanna, was baptised. By the 1851 census he is at Swanton Novers working an eighty-acre farm with his wife Frances Bullard from Hockwold. They had their son William, aged twenty, working on the farm. He had been born at Colkirk. By 1861 the farm was 104 acres and William Bullard the elder, by then aged eighty-three, was employing three men, his son William, John Coates, a carter, and one boy. Wife Frances Bullard was listed as a dairy woman. She died in 1866. William Bullard died at Swanton Novers in 1869 aged 91 years.

(2) – SUSANNA BULLARD c.1781 – Susanna or Susan Bullard inherited money in her father’s will. She married first Isaac Green a son of Thomas Green, a carpenter, and his wife late Mary Smith in 1814. Isaac Green died at Sporle in 1838. No children have been found, so far, from their marriage. As a widow Susanna Green married Robert Osborne in 1848. He had been born at Thetford, but was by that time a well-established blacksmith at Sporle. His father was William Osborne a shoemaker. Susanna gave her late father’s occupation as a carpenter at this second marriage. The couple lived in “Vicarage” cottage (still standing).

(2) – ROBERT BULLARD c.1785 – Robert Bullard inherited money in his father’s will. He died in 1808. He is commemorated on a gravestone in Sporle churchyard along with his father and his brother Edmund.

**EDWARD BULLARD**

First mentioned in Sporle records in 1830 as a carpenter.

1841 Census Return, Parish of Sporle with Palgrave.

Sporle: Edward Bullard 35 carpenter, Susannah Bullard 35, Luezar Bullard 11, Harriot Bullard 8, Elizabeth Bullard 2.

Mentioned in the 1861 census.

Last mentioned in Sporle records as a carpenter in the 1881 census. He was then aged 75 years, and was working for Charles Cousens.

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William Bullard son 3 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Martha Bullard daughter 1 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Ann Reid mother in law 66 work in gang born: Sporle, Norfolk

1871 census Sporle Street, Sporle with Palgrave, Norfolk

John Bullard head married 44 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

Sarah Ann Bullard wife 40 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

EDWARD BULLARD son 18 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

William Bullard son 13 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

Martha Bullard daughter 11 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

Grace Bullard daughter 9 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

Louisa Bullard daughter 7 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

Eliza Bullard daughter 5 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Ruth Bullard daughter 3 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Florance Bullard daughter 1 born: Sporle, Norfolk

EDWARD BULLARD married Mary Ann Wilkin.

1891 census Cambridge Cottages, Sporle with Palgrave, Norfolk

EDWARD BULLARD head married 29 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

Mary Ann Bullard wife 24 born: Necton, Norfolk

Martha Bullard daughter 5 scholar born: Sporle, Norfolk

Ernest Bullard son 2 born: Sporle, Norfolk

John Bullard son 3 (months) born: Sporle, Norfolk

1891 census Road, Sporle with Palgrave, Norfolk

EDWARD BULLARD head married 38 agricultural labourer born: Norfolk

Mary Ann Bullard wife 35 born: Norfolk

Martha Bullard daughter 16 field worker born: Norfolk

Ernest Bullard son 12 born: Norfolk

John Bullard son 11 born: Norfolk

Harriet Bullard daughter 6 born: Norfolk

Edward Bullard son 2 born: Norfolk

1901 census Lane, Thompson, Norfolk

EDWARD BULLARD head married 47 cattleman on farm born: Sporle, Norfolk

Mary A. Bullard wife 47 born: Necton, Norfolk

Earnest Bullard son 22 general labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

Edward Bullard son 11 attending school born: Sporle, Norfolk

Sarah A. Bullard daughter 7 attending school born: Sporle, Norfolk

1911 census Neaton, Watton, Norfolk

EDWARD BULLARD head married 56 agricultural labourer born: Norfolk

Mary Ann Bullard wife 58 born: Norfolk

Ernest Bullard son 31 born: Norfolk

Edward Bullard son 20 born: Norfolk

Children of Edward and Mary Ann:

Martha Bullard 1875, John Bullard 1876, Ernest Bullard 1878, John Bullard 1881, Harriett Bullard 1885, Robert Edward Bullard 1888, Sarah Ann Bullard 1894.

**ELIZA BULLARD**

Her birth was registered in 1865, daughter of John Bullard and Sarah Ann (Reeve).

1871 census Sporle Street, Sporle with Palgrave, Norfolk

John Bullard head married 44 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

Sarah Ann Bullard wife 40 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

Edward Bullard son 18 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

William Bullard son 13 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

Martha Bullard daughter 11 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

Grace Bullard daughter 9 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

Louisa Bullard daughter 7 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

ELIZA BULLARD daughter 5 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Ruth Bullard daughter 3 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Florance Bullard daughter 1 born: Sporle, Norfolk

1881 census Sporle Street, Sporle with Palgrave, Norfolk

Edmund R. Lunn head married 32 baker & confectioner born: Little Dunham, Norfolk

Mary J. Lunn wife 38 born: Roxham, Norfolk

Emma M. Lunn daughter 6 born: Wereham, Norfolk

Albert E. Lunn son 3 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Ellen Davis mother-in-law born: Denver, Norfolk

ELIZA BULLARD servant 15 born: Sporle, Norfolk

1891 census Sporle Street, Sporle with Palgrave, Norfolk

Sarah A. Bullard widow 60 born: Norfolk

ELIZA BULLARD daughter single 25 field worker born: Norfolk

Ruth Bullard daughter 23 born: Norfolk

Mary A. Bullard daughter 18 born: Norfolk

Edith Bullard granddaughter 7 scholar born: Norfolk

Mabel Bullard granddaughter 6 scholar born: Norfolk

Harry Bullard grandson 3 born: Norfolk

Louisa Bullard granddaughter 2 born: Norfolk

ELIZA BULLARD married William Tyrrell in the September quarter of 1899.

1901 census Sporle Street, Sporle with Palgrave, Norfolk

William Tyrrell head married 33 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

ELIZA TYRRELL wife 35 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Daisy Bullard stepdaughter 11 born: Swaffham, Norfolk

William Bullard stepson 5 born: Swaffham, Norfolk

James Bullard stepson 3 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Amelia Tyrrell daughter 1 born: Sporle, Norfolk

1911 census Sporle Street, Swaffham, Norfolk

William Tyrrell head married 43 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

ELIZA TYRRELL wife 46 born: Sporle, Norfolk

William Bullard stepson 15 farm labourer born: Swaffham, Norfolk

Amelia Tyrrell daughter 11 school born: Sporle, Norfolk

Florence Tyrrell daughter 9 school born: Sporle, Norfolk

James Tyrrell son 6 school born: Sporle, Norfolk

Beatrice May Bullard grandchild 3 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Children of Eliza:

Edith Mary Bullard 1883, Mabel Bullard 1885, Daisy Bullard 1889, William Bullard 1895 – died in WW1, James Bullard 1898, Amelia Tyrrell 1899, Florence Tyrrell 1902, James Tyrrell 1904

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PETTY SESSIONS REPORTS

SWAFFHAM. Monday 19th April. – Before R. H. Mason and H. Lee Warner, Esqs.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE. – ELIZA BULLARD, of Sporle, field worker, was charged by Mr. Robert Smith, school attendance officer, with neglecting to send her child Eliza to school regularly. Defendant, who did not appear, was fined 2/6.

**FLORENCE BULLARD**

Her birth was registered in 1870, daughter of John Bullard and Sarah Ann (Reeve).

1871 census Sporle Street, Sporle with Palgrave, Norfolk

John Bullard head married 44 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

Sarah Ann Bullard wife 40 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

Edward Bullard son 18 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

William Bullard son 13 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

Martha Bullard daughter 11 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

Grace Bullard daughter 9 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

Louisa Bullard daughter 7 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

Eliza Bullard daughter 5 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Ruth Bullard daughter 3 born: Sporle, Norfolk

FLORANCE BULLARD daughter 1 born: Sporle, Norfolk

1881 census Sporle Street, Sporle with Palgrave, Norfolk

Sarah Ann Bullard widow 50 born: Sporle, Norfolk

William Bullard son single 23 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

Grace Bullard daughter single 18 servant born: Sporle, Norfolk

Louisa Bullard daughter single 16 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Ruth Bullard daughter 13 scholar born: Sporle, Norfolk

FLORENCE BULLARD daughter 11 scholar born: Sporle, Norfolk

Mary Ann Bullard daughter 9 scholar born: Sporle, Norfolk

William Ives Bullard grandson 0 born: Sporle, Norfolk

1899 December quarter FLORENCE BULLARD married Sidney Whitworth.

1901 census Snakes Lane, Woodford St. Mary, Essex

Arthur Whitworth head 36 living on own means born: Cliffe, Kent

FLORENCE WHITWORTH sister-in-law 31 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Samuel Whitworth nephew 8 born: London

Albert Whitworth nephew 6 born: London

Florence Whitworth niece 4 born: London

Norman Whitworth nephew 1 born: London

Maurase Bowder visitor 20 born: France

The death of Florence Whitworth was registered in the Camberwell district in March quarter 1911.

Children of Florence:

Norman Whitworth 1900, Lucy Whitworth 1902, Hilda Whitworth 1904, Harry Stuart Whitworth 1907, Bessie Whitworth 1908

**GRACE BULLARD**

Her birth was registered in 1862 as Susan, but she was baptised as Grace, and she continued to use that name. She was daughter of John Bullard and Sarah Ann (Reeve).

1871 census Sporle Street, Sporle with Palgrave, Norfolk

John Bullard head married 44 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

Sarah Ann Bullard wife 40 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

Edward Bullard son 18 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

William Bullard son 13 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

Martha Bullard daughter 11 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

GRACE BULLARD daughter 9 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

Louisa Bullard daughter 7 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

Eliza Bullard daughter 5 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Ruth Bullard daughter 3 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Florance Bullard daughter 1 born: Sporle, Norfolk

1881 census Sporle Street, Sporle with Palgrave, Norfolk

Sarah Ann Bullard widow 50 born: Sporle, Norfolk

William Bullard son single 23 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

GRACE BULLARD daughter single 18 servant born: Sporle, Norfolk

Louisa Bullard daughter single 16 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Ruth Bullard daughter 13 scholar born: Sporle, Norfolk

Florence Bullard daughter 11 scholar born: Sporle, Norfolk

Mary Ann Bullard daughter 9 scholar born: Sporle, Norfolk

William Ives Bullard grandson 0 born: Sporle, Norfolk

1881 11 November GRACE BULLARD married William Ives

1891 census Pickenham Hall, South Pickenham, Norfolk

William Ives head married 33 teamman on farm born: Norfolk

GRACE IVES wife 30 born: Norfolk

William Ives son 11 scholar born: Norfolk

Eliza Ives daughter 7 scholar born: Norfolk

Arthur Ives son 6 scholar born: Norfolk

Herbert Ives son 4 born: Norfolk

Florence Ives daughter 2 born: Norfolk

1901 census Sporle with Palgrave, Norfolk

William Ives head married 44 teamman on farm born: Rackheath, Norfolk

GRACE IVES wife 39 born: Sporle, Norfolk

William Ives son 20 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

Arthur Ives son 16 agricultural labourer born: South Pickenham, Norfolk

Herbert Ives son 14 sheep keeping born: South Pickenham, Norfolk

Florence Ives daughter 11 born: South Pickenham, Norfolk

1911 census Sporle with Palgrave, Norfolk

William Ives head married 55 teamman born: Rackheath, Norfolk

GRACE IVES wife 50 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Herbert Ives son 24 born: South Pickenham, Norfolk

George Ives son 19 born: South Pickenham, Norfolk

Edward Ives son 17 born: Cley, Norfolk

Charles Ives son 15 born: South Pickenham, Norfolk

Ernest Ives son 13 born: South Pickenham, Norfolk

Sidney Jime Ives son 10 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Albert Victor Ives son 7 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Alice Grace Ives daughter 5 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Children of Grace:

William Ives Bullard 1881, Eliza Ives 1883, Arthur Ives 1885, Herbert Ives 1887, Florence Ellen Ives 1889, George Ives 1891, Edward Ives 1893, Charles Ives 1895, Ernest Ives 1898, Sidney James Ives 1900, Albert Victor Ives 1903, Alice Grace Ives (regd. as Edith Emily) 1906.

**HARRIET BULLARD**

Harriet Bullard was daughter of daughter of EDWARD BULLARD and SUSANNA HALL. She was born on 29 Oct 1832 at Sporle, and was baptised there. She died on 28 Aug 1924 in Eden Webber, Utah. She married ROBERT RALLISON, son of JAMES RALLISON and SUSAN late NICHOLS, on 30 Nov 1860 at Sporle.

1841 census Sporle, Nfk.

1851 census Sporle, Nfk. 56. Street. Aged 18 years, schoolmistress and dressmaker.

1861 census Sporle, Nfk. 56. Sporle Street. occ. milliner.

1881 census Cockley Cley, Nfk.

**JOHN BULLARD**

Sporle Marriage Transcripts.

John Bullard of the Parish Single Man and Sarah Greenwood of this Parish were married

in this Church, by Banns this 18th day of October one thousand seven hundred & ninety six by me Gunton Postle, Curate

The marriage was solemnized by us John Bullard Sarah Greenwood

In the presence of Thomas Greenwood Henry Whisker

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SWAFFHAM.

QUARTER SESSIONS

William Shearing, aged 17, charged with having stolen a frock coat, value 5s., the property of JOHN BULLARD, Sporle with Palgrave; also, further charged with having stolen a waiscoat, value 4s., 1 cotton handkerchief, value 6d., 1 leather pouch, value 1d., 1 railway sub ticket for the payment of 1s, and 2 railway sub tickets, each value 6d., the property of Jonathon Atherton Saxon, of Little Dunham – Both cases, 1 calendar month, hard labour.

**JOHN BULLARD**

John Bullard was baptised on 20 Apr 1828 at Sporle. He married Sarah Ann Reeve of Sporle.

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SPORLE.

INQUEST. – On Thursday, in last week, an inquest was held at the Chequers Inn, Sporle, before Walter M. Barton, Esq., deputy coroner, on the body of JOHN BULLARD, aged 44 years, a labourer in the employ of Mr. Farrer. From the evidence of his wife, and a neighbour named Mrs. Kidd, it appeared that the deceased came home from work on the previous Tuesday evening about 6 o’clock, and after having eaten his supper he sat in his chair smoking, when suddenly his pipe fell from his mouth to the floor, and his head dropped back. He never became conscious again, and died within a very short time. Mr. F. J. Thomas, surgeon, of Swaffham, was sent for, but was of no avail as life was extinct before he could arrive. No post mortem examination was considered necessary, and the jury returned a verdict that death resulted from natural causes. The deceased, who had been subject to stoppages, leaves a widow and ten children.

He was buried at Sporle on the 4 November 1871.

Twelve children of John Bullard and Sarah Ann were registered in the Swaffham district. The first child was born in 1851 and the last in 1872: Caroline, Edmund, Mary Ann, Maria, William, Martha, Grace, Louisa, Eliza, Ruth, Florence and Mary Ann.

By the time the 1891 Census was taken, son William Bullard had died and another infant (Daisy) had joined the family. Widow Sarah Bullard was given notice to quit her cottage by the October of 1890. She found more accommodation in Sporle Street. According to Robert Smith, the enumerator of the Census, number 90 was the Hare and Hounds, 94 was the Bullard home, 107 was Railway Cottages.

**JOHN BULLARD**

Born at Sporle with Palgrave.

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SPORLE. – DROWNED. – John Bullard, aged 15, was accidentally drowned while bathing on the 3rd inst.; and at the inquest, in the Chequers public house, before Mr. B. H. Vores, deputy coroner, on the 4th inst., the following evidence was adduced: - James Gilding, aged 14, said that on the preceding Tuesday, Herbert Sampson, Edward Utting, John Bullard and himself, all boys about one age, arranged to have a bathe in the Six Acre pit. The next day at dinner time, by appointment, they all met and went to the pit, sat down and had their dinners. Bullard, who was the first to finish, stripped at the mouth of the pit, and then went round to the other side, where the sun was shining and the water was warmer. None of the other boys pulled off all their clothes. Bullard went in up to his waist, and then he went about a yard further, and said: “It is steep.” He then pulled himself back by a small bough and walked round the edge, “bobbing” his head. He said he should not mind going across the pit, and stood a little while, and said: “Here’s off.” He then went to where he said it was steep. It was over his head, and when he came up his eyes could just be seen. They all thought he was playing, and he was making a bubbling noise. He then went down again, and when he came up a second time they could only see his head under the water. They then lost sight of him, and all became frightened. They then put on their boots and ran to the carpenter’s shop, and told Mr. Bensley and Mr. Knoll that Bullard had drowned. Both men ran to the pit with a rake. The boys told several others, and then they returned to the pit and pointed out the spot where Bullard went down – James Bensley, labourer, said that he and Knoll ran with a rake to the pit, which was about 500 yards from where witness was when the boys told him. When he arrived he could see bubbles coming up from the water, and tried to recover the body with the rake, but could not do so. He then tied a stone to the rake and sank it, but could not find the body. – At the place in question there was 6 feet of water or more, and the boy must have been in the water over half-an-hour when the witness arrived. – P.s. Woodward said that he ran to the pit which about a mile away from Sporle. He procured some drags, recovered the body, and had it conveyed to the father’s house. The body had been in the water quite two hours, and life was extinct. – The jury did not blame any-one, but they thought that as so many persons assembled near the pit some-one should have taken steps to rescue the boy, especially as he was only four yards from the edge. Gilding (recalled) said the reason why they went to wade in the pit was because it was quiet and out of the way. He had not been cautioned by Mr. Batterlley not to go to the pit, but was cautioned about another pit, and was discharged by Mr. Matthews for not obeying Mr. Batterlley’s orders. – Verdict: “Accidentally drowned while bathing.”

John Bullard was one of the sons of Edmund and Mary Ann Bullard.

**LOUISA BULLARD**

Her birth was registered in 1864, daughter of John Bullard and Sarah Ann (Reeve).

1871 census Sporle Street, Sporle with Palgrave, Norfolk

John Bullard head married 44 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

Sarah Ann Bullard wife 40 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

Edward Bullard son 18 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

William Bullard son 13 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

Martha Bullard daughter 11 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

Grace Bullard daughter 9 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

LOUISA BULLARD daughter 7 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

Eliza Bullard daughter 5 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Ruth Bullard daughter 3 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Florance Bullard daughter 1 born: Sporle, Norfolk

1881 census Sporle Street, Sporle with Palgrave, Norfolk

Sarah Ann Bullard widow 50 born: Sporle, Norfolk

William Bullard son single 23 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

Grace Bullard daughter single 18 servant born: Sporle, Norfolk

LOUISA BULLARD daughter single 16 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Ruth Bullard daughter 13 scholar born: Sporle, Norfolk

Florence Bullard daughter 11 scholar born: Sporle, Norfolk

Mary Ann Bullard daughter 9 scholar born: Sporle, Norfolk

William Ives Bullard grandson 0 born: Sporle, Norfolk

1888 10 November LOUISA BULLARD married Thomas Wright at Sporle

1901 census In Street, Sporle with Palgrave, Norfolk

Thomas Wright head married 45 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

LOUISA WRIGHT wife 35 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Ethel Wright daughter 11 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Louisa Wright daughter 8 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Emma Wright daughter 5 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Walter E. Wright son 2 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Mabel Wright daughter 0 born: Sporle, Norfolk

1911 census Sporle with Palgrave, Norfolk

Thomas Wright head married 58 farm labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

LOUISA WRIGHT wife 48 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Walter Edward Wright son 12 school born: Sporle, Norfolk

Mabel Wright daughter 10 school born: Sporle, Norfolk

Oswald Stanley Wright son 5 school born: Sporle, Norfolk

Florence Bullard granddaughter 7 school born: Sporle, Norfolk

Gertrude Louise Bullard granddaughter 1 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Children of Lousia:

Florence Mary Bullard 1883, Gertrude Wright Bullard 1885, Ethel Wright 1889, Louisa Wright 1892, Emma Wright 1895, Walter Edward Wright 1898, May Gertrude Wright 1898, Mabel Wright 1900, Reginald Wright 1902, Oswald Stanley Wright 1905

**MARIA BULLARD**

Born at Sporle with Palgrave - daughter of Edward Bullard and Caroline (Payne).

1841 Census Return, Parish of Sporle with Palgrave.

Sporle: Sarah Bullard 65, Martha Bullard 17, Mariah Bullard 15, John Bullard, Edward Bullard 10.

Servant to Edward Power, barrister at law. In the 1851 census Maria Bullard was aged 22 years, and living and working at Eccleston Terrace, St. George Hanover Square, Middlesex.

**MARIA BULLARD**

Her birth was registered in 1856, daughter of John Bullard and Sarah Ann (Reeve).

1861 census Sporle Street, Sporle with Palgrave, Norfolk (190)

John Bullard head married 33 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

Sarah Bullard wife 30 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Caroline Bullard daughter 9 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Edward Bullard son 8 born: Sporle, Norfolk

MARIA BULLARD daughter 5 born: Sporle, Norfolk

William Bullard son 3 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Martha Bullard daughter 1 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Ann Reid mother in law 66 work in gang born: Sporle, Norfolk

1871 census Sporle with Palgrave, Norfolk

William Grummett head married 57 grocer and draper born: Sporle, Norfolk

Eliz Grummett wife born: Sporle, Norfolk

John Grummett son 13 born: Sporle, Norfolk

James Grummett son 7 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Susanna Grummett daughter 20 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Edith Trollop visitor 7 born: Syderstone, Norfolk

MARIA BULLARD servant 16 born: Sporle, Norfolk

1875 Sept quarter Maria Bullard married Mark Warnes.

1881 census Mill Lane, London Street, Swaffham, Norfolk

Mark Warnes head married 27 agricultural labourer born: Litcham, Norfolk

MARIA WARNES wife 25 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Rosanna Warnes daughter 5 scholar born: Swaffham, Norfolk

Alice Mary Warnes daughter 3 born: Swaffham, Norfolk

Frederick Warnes son 1 born: Swaffham, Norfolk

1891 census London Street, Swaffham, Norfolk

Mark Warnes head married 37 agricultural labourer born: Norfolk

MARIA WARNES wife 35 born: Norfolk

Alice M. Warnes daughter 13 born: Swaffham, Norfolk

Frederick A. Warnes son 11 born: Norfolk

Kate Warnes daughter 9 born: Norfolk

Charles A. Warnes son 7 born: Norfolk

Ellen M. Warnes daughter 5 born: Norfolk

Horace Warnes son 3 born: Norfolk

1901 census Danehurst Street, Fulham, London

Mark Warnes head married 46 railway carriage cleaner born: Litcham, Norfolk

MARIA WARNES wife 44 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Frederick Warnes son 21 railway carriage cleaner born: Norfolk

Albert Warnes son 16 railway carriage cleaner born: Norfolk

Kate Warnes daughter 19 born: Norfolk

Horace Warnes son 13 born: Swaffham, Norfolk

Reginald Warnes son 8 born: Swaffham, Norfolk

George Cecil Warnes son 4 born: Swaffham, Norfolk

1911 census Fulham, London

Mark Warnes head married 56 farm labourer born: Litcham, Norfolk

MARIA WARNES wife 54 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Horace Warnes son 22 milk carrier born: Swaffham, Norfolk

Reginald Percy Warnes son 18 van boy born: Swaffham, Norfolk

George Cecil Warnes son 14 grocery errand boy born: Swaffham, Norfolk

Herbert John Huxable border 29 born: Barnstable North, Devon

The death of Maria Bullard was registered in the Fulham district in 1926. Her age was given as 70 years.

Children of Maria:

Rosanna Warnes 1876, Alice Mary Warnes 1877, Frederick Arthur Warnes 1879, Katie Warnes 1882, Charles Albert Warnes 1884, Ellen Maria Warnes 1886, Horace Warnes 1888, Reginald Percy Warnes 1893, George Cecil Warnes 1896

**MARTHA BULLARD**

Born at Sporle with Palgrave - daughter of Edward Bullard and Caroline (Payne).

1841 Census Return, Parish of Sporle with Palgrave.

Sporle: Sarah Bullard 65, Martha Bullard 17, Mariah Bullard 15, John Bullard, Edward Bullard 10.

Servant to Edward Power, barrister at law. In the 1851 census Martha Bullard was aged 24 years, and living and working at Eccleston Terrace, St. George Hanover Square, Middlesex.

**MARTHA BULLARD**

Her birth was registered in 1860, daughter of John Bullard and Sarah Ann (Reeve).

1861 census Sporle Street, Sporle with Palgrave, Norfolk (190)

John Bullard head married 33 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

Sarah Bullard wife 30 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Caroline Bullard daughter 9 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Edward Bullard son 8 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Maria Bullard daughter 5 born: Sporle, Norfolk

William Bullard son 3 born: Sporle, Norfolk

MARTHA BULLARD daughter 1 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Ann Reid mother in law 66 work in gang born: Sporle, Norfolk

1871 census Sporle Street, Sporle with Palgrave, Norfolk

John Bullard head married 44 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

Sarah Ann Bullard wife 40 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

Edward Bullard son 18 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

William Bullard son 13 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

MARTHA BULLARD daughter 11 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

Grace Bullard daughter 9 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

Louisa Bullard daughter 7 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

Eliza Bullard daughter 5 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Ruth Bullard daughter 3 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Florance Bullard daughter 1 born: Sporle, Norfolk

The death of Martha Bullard was registered in the Swaffham district in 1873.

**MARY ANN BULLARD**

1861 Census – Mary Ann Bullard, aged 17, schoolmistress

**MARY ANN BULLARD**

Her birth was registered in 1854, daughter of John Bullard and Sarah Ann (Reeve).

**MARY ANN BULLARD**

Her birth was registered in 1872, daughter of John Bullard and Sarah Ann (Reeve).

1881 census Sporle Street, Sporle with Palgrave, Norfolk

Sarah Ann Bullard widow 50 born: Sporle, Norfolk

William Bullard son single 23 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

Grace Bullard daughter single 18 servant born: Sporle, Norfolk

Louisa Bullard daughter single 16 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Ruth Bullard daughter 13 scholar born: Sporle, Norfolk

Florence Bullard daughter 11 scholar born: Sporle, Norfolk

MARY ANN BULLARD daughter 9 scholar born: Sporle, Norfolk

William Ives Bullard grandson 0 born: Sporle, Norfolk

1891 census Sporle Street, Sporle with Palgrave, Norfolk

Sarah A. Bullard widow 60 born: Norfolk

Eliza Bullard daughter single 25 field worker born: Norfolk

Ruth Bullard daughter 23 born: Norfolk

MARY A. BULLARD daughter 18 born: Norfolk

Edith Bullard granddaughter 7 scholar born: Norfolk

Mabel Bullard granddaughter 6 scholar born: Norfolk

Harry Bullard grandson 3 born: Norfolk

Louisa Bullard granddaughter 2 born: Norfolk

Mary Ann Bullard married Walter Allcock.

1901 census Park, Wallington with Thorpland, Norfolk

Walter Allcock head married 29 yardman on farm born: Ashill, Norfolk

MARY A. ALLCOCK wife 28 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Bertha Allcock daughter 6 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Sydney Allcock son 3 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Daisy Allcock daughter 2 born: Roxham, Norfolk

Arthur E. Allcock boarder 14 born: Hilgay, Norfolk

1911 census Wallington with Thorpland, Norfolk

Walter Allcock head married 39 yardman, feed cattle born: Ashill, Norfolk

MARY ANN ALLCOCK wife 38 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Sydney Walter Allcock son 13 labourer on farm born: Swaffham, Norfolk

Daisy May Allcock daughter 12 school born: Roxham, Norfolk

Herbert Allcock son 9 school born: Wallington, Norfolk

William Allcock son 5 born: Wallington, Norfolk

Children of Mary Ann and her husband:

Bertha Ellen Allcock 1895, Sydney Walter Allcock 1898, Daisy May Allcock 1899, Herbert Allcock 1901, William Allcock 1906.

**ROBERT BULLARD**

Baptism Sporle 1797 18 June Born: 1797 8 March

Robert son of John Bullard and Sarah (Greenwood spinster)

Mentioned in Sporle parish records 1823 to 1830 as Robert Bullard, joiner & carpenter

1851 census Swaffham Robert Bullard 53 yrs lodger born: Sporle

Sporle with Palgrave

1861 census Robert Bullard, carpenter

1871 census Robert Bullard, carpenter, aged 75 years

1881 census Robert Bullard, retired carpenter

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SWAFFHAM.

PETTY SESSION, Saturday, Jul 2nd. – Before T. R. Buckworth Esq. and Colonel Mason.

Robert Bullard, carpenter, of Sporle, was charged with taking fish illegally, on the 24th June, from water belonging to Mr. John Hudson. – Fined 6d, damage 1s, costs 11s.

Wife: Caroline late Payne

Children: Martha Bullard, Maria Bullard, John Bullard, Edmond Bullard.

**RUTH BULLARD**

Her birth was registered in 1868, daughter of John Bullard and Sarah Ann (Reeve).

1881 census Sporle Street, Sporle with Palgrave, Norfolk

Sarah Ann Bullard widow 50 born: Sporle, Norfolk

William Bullard son single 23 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

Grace Bullard daughter single 18 servant born: Sporle, Norfolk

Louisa Bullard daughter single 16 born: Sporle, Norfolk

RUTH BULLARD daughter 13 scholar born: Sporle, Norfolk

Florence Bullard daughter 11 scholar born: Sporle, Norfolk

Mary Ann Bullard daughter 9 scholar born: Sporle, Norfolk

William Ives Bullard grandson 0 born: Sporle, Norfolk

1891 census Sporle Street, Sporle with Palgrave, Norfolk

Sarah A. Bullard widow 60 born: Norfolk

Eliza Bullard daughter single 25 field worker born: Norfolk

RUTH BULLARD daughter 23 born: Norfolk

Mary A. Bullard daughter 18 born: Norfolk

Edith Bullard granddaughter 7 scholar born: Norfolk

Mabel Bullard granddaughter 6 scholar born: Norfolk

Harry Bullard grandson 3 born: Norfolk

Louisa Bullard granddaughter 2 born: Norfolk

Ruth Bullard married Joseph Clements after 1901.

1911 census In Street, Sporle with Palgrave, Norfolk

Joseph Clements head married 44 born: Norwich, Norfolk

RUTH CLEMENTS wife 43 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Sarah Ann Bullard mother-in-law 82 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Harry Bullard boarder 23 born: Sporle, Norfolk

William Clements son 14 born: Salle, Norfolk

Fredrick Clements son 13 born: Whitwell, Norfolk

Ernest Clements son 8 born: Salle, Norfolk

Child of Ruth:

Harry Bullard 1888

**SUSANNA BULLARD**

Marriage Sporle 1814 4 May

Isack Green single

Susan Bullard single

1841 Census Return, Parish of Sporle with Palgrave.

Sporle: Susannah Green 55.

**WILLIAM BULLARD**

His birth was registered in 1858, son of John Bullard and Sarah Ann (Reeve).

1861 census Sporle Street, Sporle with Palgrave, Norfolk (190)

John Bullard head married 33 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

Sarah Bullard wife 30 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Caroline Bullard daughter 9 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Edward Bullard son 8 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Maria Bullard daughter 5 born: Sporle, Norfolk

WILLIAM BULLARD son 3 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Martha Bullard daughter 1 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Ann Reid mother in law 66 work in gang born: Sporle, Norfolk

1871 census Sporle Street, Sporle with Palgrave, Norfolk

John Bullard head married 44 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

Sarah Ann Bullard wife 40 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

Edward Bullard son 18 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

WILLIAM BULLARD son 13 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

Martha Bullard daughter 11 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

Grace Bullard daughter 9 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

Louisa Bullard daughter 7 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

Eliza Bullard daughter 5 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Ruth Bullard daughter 3 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Florance Bullard daughter 1 born: Sporle, Norfolk

1881 census Sporle Street, Sporle with Palgrave, Norfolk

Sarah Ann Bullard widow 50 born: Sporle, Norfolk

WILLIAM BULLARD son single 23 agricultural labourer born: Sporle, Norfolk

Grace Bullard daughter single 18 servant born: Sporle, Norfolk

Louisa Bullard daughter single 16 born: Sporle, Norfolk

Ruth Bullard daughter 13 scholar born: Sporle, Norfolk

Florence Bullard daughter 11 scholar born: Sporle, Norfolk

Mary Ann Bullard daughter 9 scholar born: Sporle, Norfolk

William Ives Bullard grandson 0 born: Sporle, Norfolk

The death of William Bullard was registered in the Swaffham district in 1890. His age was given as 31.

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SPORLE. – AN INQUEST was held at the Chequers inn on Tuesday, 23rd inst., before Mr. W. M. Barton, coroner, touching on the death of William Bullard, age 31, who died suddenly on 22nd inst. It appeared from the evidence of his mother and sister that he was a strong healthy man and never had an illness. He had been drinking on the Sunday night, and went to bed a little before midnight, and at about 5.30 a.m. on the following morning he was heard moaning. He was attended to by his mother, but he died in a short time afterwards. The evidence of Mr. T. S. Thomas, surgeon, of Swaffham, was to the effect that death was due to syncope, and the jury returned a verdict accordingly.

**JOHN BUNNET**

Sporle born. In Norfolk in the 1851 census

Bunnet, John 52 yrs head Little Massingham

**EDWARD SWANTON BUNTING**

The Rev. Bunting, nephew of William, inherited property in 1822, No.134 on the Sporle Tythe Map

Edward Swanton Bunting – 1835 Parliamentary Elections, Sporle with Palgrave. Place of residence: Datchworth, Hertfordshire.

Edward S. Bunting, of Yelden in the County of Bedford Clerk, the eldest nephew of William Bunting, late of Beeston next Mileham, gentleman, was paid £650 by Henry Woodcock of Norwich, Surgeon Dentist, for the farm and farm premises.

**JOHN BURDON**

Consistory Court of Norwich 1687-1750

Burdon, John, Sporle, Norfolk, farmer, 1732 12 Bransby

**ELLEN BURTON**

Sporle Marriage Transcript.

Thomas Saw of this Parish single man & Ellin Burton of this Parish Single Woman

were married in this Church, by Banns this 14th day of October one thousand seven hundred & ninety four by me Gunton Postle, Curate

The marriage was solemnized by us Thomas Saw Ellin Burton

In the presence of Thomas Rudd Henry Whisker

**FREEMAN BURTON**

Mentioned in Sporle records in 1823 as a carpenter.

**ISAAC BURTON**

Born at Sporle with Palgrave.

Coachman. In the 1851 census he was aged 36 years, married, and was living at Eaton Place Mews, St. George Hanover Square, Middlesex.

**JAMES BURTON**

JAMES BURTON was born at Spoal (sic), Norfolk, according to his Military records and served for 14 years. He was discharged at the age of 35 years. WO/121/21/193. He may have been baptised at Sporle as James Firman Burton son of Elizabeth Burton in 1793, who by the 1851 census was married to Jane Howard and was living at Swaffham.

Sporle born. In Norfolk in the 1851 census

Burton, James 60 yrs head Swaffham

**JEREMIAH BURTON**

Born at Sporle with Palgrave.

Annuitant. In the 1851 census he was aged 60 years and was at High Street, Redbourn, Hertfordshire.

**JOHN BURTON**

JOHN BURTON was a pensioner, aged 70 years, and was recorded the 1841 census for Sporle with Palgrave. According to his Military records he was born at Spole (sic), Norfolk. He served for 12 years, and was discharged at the age of 30 years. WO/121/28/22. There is no record of a John Burton baptised at Sporle within that time frame.

**JOHN BURTON**

Sporle Marriage Transcript.

John Burton and Elizabeth Green both of this Parish

were Married in this Church by Banns this second day of Septr 1805 C. Marfell, Curate

The marriage was solemnized by us the mark x of John Burton the mark x of Elizabeth Green

in the presence of John Haxell the mark x of Elizabeth Stebbings

**JOHN BURTON**

Sporle born. In Norfolk in the 1851 census

Burton, John 20 yrs son Great Fransham.

**JOHN BURTON**

Born in Sporle.

1881 Census Transcript of Yorkshire, Sculcoates, 2 Bank Side

Burton, John 51 years boarder marr. wheelwright, with his wife.

**JOSEPH BURTON**

Baptised at Sporle in 1806, father John Burton.

**WILLIAM BURTON**

Sporle Marriage Transcript.

William Burton single man of Parish and Mary Abrey of this Parish Single Woman

were married in this Church, by Banns this twenty first day of July one thousand seven hundred & ninety four by me Gunton Postle, Curate

The marriage was solemnized by us William Burton Mary Abrey

In the presence of James Ward Henry Whisker

1841 Census Return, Parish of Sporle with Palgrave.

Sporle: William Burton 70 shepard, Mary Burton 65.

**EDMUND BUSCALL**

Consistory Court of Norwich 1687-1750

Buscall, Edmund, Sporle with Palgrave, Norfolk, yeoman 1729 360 Rudd

**LIONEL J. T. BUSH**

Lionel J. T. Bush was born c. 1887 in London.

He was pupil in the 1901 census at the Sporle Private Choir School.

#### BODMAN BUTLER

Will: Bodman Butler died 28 April 1851. Written: 14 April 1851. Proved: 26 May 1851.

Surplus estate held at Sporle, inherited from brother George. Offered for sale to Richard Wingfield.

**NOT YET SORTED:**

Sporle born. Living in Norfolk in the 1851 census

Bowes, Susanna 67 yrs lodg Swaffham

Bracknell, Mary Ann 54 yrs wife Feltwell

Buck, Rose 53 yrs head Cockley Cley. Possible marriage Rose Savory and John Buck.

Burton, Ann 55 yrs wife South Pickenham

Buscale, Jane 60 yrs vis. Swaffham. Possible marriage Jane Robbins and Charles Buscall.

Wills and Administrations:

Consistory Court of Norwich 1687-1750

Bunting, Catherine Sporle, Norfolk widow 1709 236 Famm

**MORE TO COME.**