# Thomas JORDAN (c. 1730-)

Thomas JORDAN was born circa 1730 in Canterbury. He married Sarah BROWNING.

Sarah BROWNING was born circa 1743. She and Thomas JORDAN had the following children:

Thomas JORDAN (c. 1771-c. 1840)

#### **Second Generation**

**Thomas JORDAN**, son of Thomas JORDAN and Sarah BROWNING, was born circa 1771 in Canterbury. He married **Mary**. He died circa 1840 aged approx 69.

Mary was born circa 1767 in Bridge. She and Thomas JORDAN had the following children:

William JORDAN (c. 1822-1889)

#### **Third Generation**

William JORDAN, son of Thomas JORDAN and Mary, was born circa 1822 in Bishopsbourne, Kent. He married **Mahala JONES** on 5 May 1850 in Parish Church, Brabourne. They appeared in the census in 1871 at Village, Wickhambreaux. In 1881 he was a Farm Labourer in Wickhambreux Green, Wickhambreux, Bridge, Kent. He died of Glandular inflamation of bowels on 1 June 1889 in Wickhambreaux aged approx 67.

Mahala JONES was born circa 1826 in Newchurch, Kent. She appeared in the census in 1891 and 1901 in Quaives Farm, Ickham, Bridge, Kent (living with her son Thomas) and was living on her own means.

Mahala JONES and William JORDAN had the following children:

Thomas JORDAN (1856-1933) Hannah JORDAN (c. 1862-1890)

#### **Fourth Generation**

**Thomas JORDAN**, son of William JORDAN and Mahala JONES, was born on 7 April 1856 in Kingstone, Bridge, Kent at Foreland Farm. He married **Elizabeth Jane RUSSELL** on 18 July 1877 in Wickhambreaux Parish Church, Bridge. He and Elizabeth Jane RUSSELL appeared in the census in 1881. He was a Farm Labourer in Wickhambreux Street, Wickhambreux, Bridge, Kent. In 1891 and 1901 he was a Farm Bailiff in Quaives Farm, Ickham, Bridge, Kent. Quaives farm was owned by the Kelsey family. He died of Myocardial Degeneration/ Old Age on 26 June 1933 in Brabourne aged 77.

Elizabeth Jane RUSSELL, daughter of William RUSSELL (c. 1815-1895) and Jane HEMMING (-1881), was born on 18 December 1852 in Stonehouse, Plymouth, Devon. In 1877 she was a Servant. She and Thomas JORDAN had the following children:

Annie Elizabeth JORDAN (1879-) William Thomas JORDAN (1879-1886) Charles JORDAN (1881-)

Emily Russell JORDAN (1882-1886)

Harry R JORDAN (1884-)

Tom R JORDAN (1886-)

Born 11 April 1879 in Wickhambreux. Born on 10 December 1879. He died on 1 May 1886 aged 6 years

Born on 16 July 1881 in Wickhambreux. He was baptised in Wickhambreaux. He was an Agricultural Labourer.

Born on 8 October 1882. She was baptised in Wickhambreaux. She died on 27 April 1886 aged 3 years.

Born on 5 March 1884 in Wickhambreux. He was baptised in Wickhambreaux. He had one daughter Hilda JORDAN (1908-1998) Born on 19 December 1886 in

Wickhambreux.

Philip JORDAN (1888-1981)

William R JORDAN (1890- ) Gerald JORDAN (1893-1980) Lily JORDAN (1895- ) Born on 5 October 1888 in WICKHAMBREUX Born on 3 April 1890 in Ickham Born on 7 July 1893 in Ickham born on 24 July 1895 in Ickham

Thomas & Elizabeth tenanted a farm at Brabourne near Ashford. Betty Jordan, Thomas' granddaughter remembers their son Tom and his wife, Eva, and Annie (Thomas and Elizabeths daughter) all lived with Thomas in the farmhouse.

Quaives farm was and is owned by the Kelsey family.

**Hannah JORDAN**, daughter of William JORDAN and Mahala JONES, was born circa 1862. She died on 17 May 1890. Believed to be the Hannah Adams mentioned on mourning card in Family Bible.

#### **Fifth Generation**

Charles JORDAN, son of Thomas JORDAN and Elizabeth Jane RUSSELL, was born on 16 July 1881 in WICKHAMBREUX, Kent. He was baptised in Wickhambreaux. He was an Agricultural Labourer. Charles was known within the family as 'half past eleven' because of his splayed footed stance.

**Harry R JORDAN**, son of Thomas JORDAN and Elizabeth Jane RUSSELL, was born on 5 March 1884 in Wickhambreux. He was baptised in Wickhambreaux. He was known as Russell. He had one daughter Hilda JORDAN (1908-1998)

Annie Jordan (nee White), Philips wife, never liked (even hated according to Betty, her daughter) Russell (Harry). Indicated he was a lecher.

**Tom R JORDAN**, son of Thomas JORDAN and Elizabeth Jane RUSSELL, was born on 19 December 1886 in Wickhambreux. He was baptised in Wickhambreaux. He appeared in the census in 1891 at Quaives Farm, Ickham, Bridge, Kent. In 1901 he was a Yardman on the Farm. He married **Eva** in 1922 (estimated).

Rented Fourlands farm in Brabourne from Lord Brabourne. Thomas Snr and Tom's older sister Annie lived with them.

Philip JORDAN, son of Thomas JORDAN and Elizabeth Jane RUSSELL, was born on 5 October 1888 in WICKHAMBREUX, Kent. He was baptised in Wickhambreaux. He appeared in the census in 1891 and 1901at Quaives Farm, Ickham, Bridge, Kent. In 1901 he was a Houseboy (Domestic) at Quaives Farm. Philip left school at the age of 11 years old and became a 'boots' at the local vicarage. At 13 he became a Wagoner's mate but got fed up with having to get up at 4 a.m. every morning so in 1906 he ran away and joined the 'Buffs' (East Kent Regt) at seventeen and a half years old. He went to India, Ceylon, Singapore, and Hong Kong. He spent 9 years away coming home just in time for the 1914-18 war. He was at the battle of Loos where 3,000 of his regt. went in in one day. He was lucky and came out with approx 300 others. The rest perished. He came home, became a farm worker and in the words of his son, Denys, "married Mum and lived under her thumb until he died a very well fed man"! He appeared in the census in 1911 in 2/Bn The Buffs - India & Singapore aged 22. After his Army career he was a FARM WORKER (STOCKMAN). He was C of E. He married Annie Rosa WHITE on 30 November 1920 in ST MARY'S CHURCH, STODMARSH, KENT. He had 3 children. He died of Myocardial Infarction on 3 July 1981 in PEMBURY HOSPITAL, PEMBURY, KENT, at which time his home address was: 1 Quaker Lane, Court Stile, Cranbrook, Kent. He was buried in MAIDSTONE, KENT.

Annie Rosa WHITE and Philip JORDAN had the following children:

Betty JORDAN (1921-2018) Hazel JORDAN (1923- ) Denys JORDAN (1932-2005)

William R JORDAN, son of Thomas JORDAN and Elizabeth Jane RUSSELL, was born on 3 April 1890 in Ickham, Kent. He was baptised in Wickhambreaux. He appeared in the census in 1891and 1901 at Quaives Farm, Ickham, Bridge, Kent.

Gerald JORDAN, son of Thomas JORDAN and Elizabeth Jane RUSSELL, was born on 7 July 1893 in Ickham. He was baptised in Wickhambreaux. He appeared in the census in 1901 at Quaives Farm, Ickham, Bridge, Kent. In 1911 he was a Farm Worker in St Peters, Broadstairs, Kent. He joined the army in 1913 and went to India and was there at the outbreak of WW1. Was in France for the retreat in1915 and at the Somme working with horses transporting supplies. On return from WW1 he worked on the river and met his wife Ethel who was the sister of another riverman. Gerald married Ethel on 21 January 1925 in Stourmouth, Kent. They moved to Brabourne in a house on the corner of the lane leading to

Fourlands Farm where he worked with his brother, Tom. In 1948 an illustrator by the name of Gee Denes illustrated a child's 'factual' book written by D J Desmond (aka Leonard Malcolm Saville). It was the first time this had been done using photographs instead of coloured drawings. The book was entitled 'John and Jennifer at the Farm' and was illustrated with photographs which featured Gerald at work on the farm. He died on 17 December 1980 in Ashford, Kent.

Ethel and Gerald JORDAN had the following children:

Dorothy JORDAN (1925- ) Elsie JORDAN (1927- ) Winifred JORDAN (1928- ) Born on 29 September 1925 Born on 14 February 1927

Born on 13 December 1928. She married **Leslie SAWYER** in 1951. They had a son and a daughter Derek and Annie

James Thomas JORDAN (1932-2019) Born on 12 November 1932. He died on 4

October 2019.

**Lily JORDAN**, daughter of Thomas JORDAN and Elizabeth Jane RUSSELL, was born on 24 July 1895 in Ickham. She was baptised in Wickhambreaux. She appeared in the census in 1901 at Quaives Farm, Ickham, Bridge, Kent.

Lil had a baby in Preston after her father banished her because of the unmarried pregnancy. The family story has it that her Mother Elizabeth visited her there and caught pneumonia and died however there is some doubt about that. Despite extensive searching no record of Elizabeths death has been found

Also family story that Lil's son died in a car accident but this is apparently not true as per a family friend, Freda (see letter)

Betty did meet Lil's son (poss name Bert). He came to her family home once and met her and Hazel from school on another occasion.

#### Sixth Generation

**Hilda JORDAN**, daughter of Harry R JORDAN, was born on 12 December 1908. She died in August 1998. She had one daughter Liz(beth)

Betty JORDAN, daughter of Philip JORDAN and Annie Rosa WHITE, was born on 27 December 1921 in STODMARSH, KENT. She was a DOMESTIC SERVICE / HOUSEWIFE. She was C of E. She was educated at Wickham Breaux/Littlebourne/ Bridge. She started work in domestic service at the age of 14 with the Elcombes, the same family that her Mother had worked for at a similar age. She married George John GOLDSMITH on 21 August 1945 in GOUDHURST PARISH CHURCH, KENT. She had 2 children. She was described as 5' 3.5" Brown Hair, Grey Eyes, Medium Complexion. On 15 November 2009 she moved into Fairlawn Care Home, St Mary's Road, Ferndown, Dorset when it became impossible for Betty to live in her own home anymore due to advancing vascular dementia. Betty died of (a) End stage dementia (b) Frailty of old age on 6 November 2018 at the care home in Ferndown, Dorset.

George John GOLDSMITH and Betty JORDAN had the following children:

Gail GOLDSMITH (1951-) Elaine GOLDSMITH (1955-)

**Hazel JORDAN**, daughter of Philip JORDAN and Annie Rosa WHITE, was born on 15 September 1923 in STODMARSH. She was a DOMESTIC SERVICE(HOTEL) / HOUSEWIFE.

Denys JORDAN, son of Philip JORDAN and Annie Rosa WHITE, was born on 11 May 1932 at Lackenden Cottages, Littlebourne, KENT. He was an ELECTRICIAN. He was C of E. He married Patricia Helen NASH, a CHEMISTS SHOP ASSISTANT, on 21 January 1957 in BROMLEY REGISTER OFFICE. His Address was '1 Hamelton Road, Bromley, Kent' They were later divorced. He married Yvonne DI-LUICA, a NURSING AUXILIARY who was born on 26 September 1941 in ITALY and Came to England in 1947, on 12 September 1982 in Petts Wood Methodist Church. His address was: 14 Crescent Drive, Petts Wood. He had 2 children. He died on 2 June 2005 in Orpington, Kent.

Yvonne DI-LUICA and Denys JORDAN had the following children:

Lucia JORDAN (1984-)

Philip JORDAN (1982-)

Born on 3 February 1984 in Farnborough Hospital, FARNBOROUGH. Born on 26 April 1982 in Farnborough

Hospital.

### **Seventh Generation**

**Gail GOLDSMITH**, daughter of George John GOLDSMITH and Betty JORDAN, was born on 1 April 1951 in LANGTON, TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT. Gail married **Brian CROPPER** on 18 April 1970 in ST PAULS CHURCH, RUSTHALL, KENT.

Brian CROPPER and Gail GOLDSMITH had the following children:

Jason Brian CROPPER (1970- )

Melanie Anne CROPPER (1976- )

Born 5 December 1970

Born 19 January 1976

**Elaine GOLDSMITH**, daughter of George John GOLDSMITH and Betty JORDAN, was born on 25 August 1955 in PEMBURY HOSPITAL, PEMBURY, KENT.. She married **Alan POYNTER**.

Alan POYNTER and Elaine GOLDSMITH had the following children:

Georgina POYNTER (1984-) Born on 5 February 1984 in Kendal,

Cumbria.

Charlotte POYNTER (1986-) Born on 7 January 1986 in Kendal

## **Eighth Generation**

**Jason Brian CROPPER**, son of Brian CROPPER and Gail GOLDSMITH, was born on 5 December 1970. He was christened on 11 April 1971 in St Mary's Church, Windermere. He was a DRIVER. He was Atheist. He was educated at St Mary's Jnr Sch, W'mere/The Lakes School. He had 4 children. He had a relationship with **Emma KERSHAW**. Jason and Emma were not married. They lived together from 1988(?) until 2005.

Emma KERSHAW and Jason Brian CROPPER had the following children:

Samuel John CROPPER (1997- ). Samuel was born on 4 July 1997 in KENDAL, CUMBRIA.

Ewan Daniel CROPPER (1999- ). Ewan was born on 22 November 1999 in

Kendal Cumbria.

He married **Rebecca OPHIDE** on 16 June 2012.

Rebecca OPHIDE was born on 21 August 1980. She and Jason Brian CROPPER had the following children:

Billy CROPPER (2013- ).

Grace CROPPER (2018- ).

Billy was born on 22 July 2013.

Grace was born on 10 October 2018 in

Windermere, Cumbria.

Melanie Anne CROPPER, daughter of Brian CROPPER and Gail GOLDSMITH, was born on 19 January 1976. She was christened circa April 1976 in St Mary's Church. She was a Groom and later a Bank Clerk. She was educated at St Mary's Primary Sch/The Lakes School/Ferndown Upper School. She married Marcus AYRES on 21 October 2013 in The Wordsworth Hotel, Grasmere when she was 37 years 8 months. The address was: Grasmere, Cumbria.

Marcus AYRES was born on 22 June 1976. He was a Builder. He and Melanie Anne CROPPER had the following children:

Molly May Bridget AYRES (2015- ). Molly was born on 10 January 2015 in PEMBURY HOSPITAL, PEMBURY, KENT.

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