



Herefordshire

HENRY BROOKES FAMILY TREE

JOHN BROOKES m. ANN ?
b. 1783? Stretton ? b. 1793? Bishops Froome?
(Carpenter)³

BENJAMIN BENNETT m. MARY ?
b. 1784, Ledbury¹ b.1787 Broomesberrow?²
(Labourer, beer retailer, publican)⁴

HENRY BROOKES married (8 September 1842)⁵
b. 1816 at the Pound, Eastnor⁶
d. 16 April 1884 at Bye Street, Ledbury⁸
Buried 20.04.1884 in New Street Cemetery, Ledbury
(Fellmonger, shoemaker, fossil collector)⁹

ANN BENNETT
b. 1824 Ledbury⁷
d. November 1874
Buried 13.11.1874 in New Street Cemetery, Ledbury
(Shoe binder, dressmaker)¹⁰

MARY ANN	JANE	JESSIE	HARRIETT	CHARLES H.	ANN(IE)	EMMA	HANNAH	EDITH	WILLIAM T.
b. 1843 ¹¹	b. 1846 ¹²	b. 1848 ¹³	b. 1852 ¹⁴	b. 1855 ¹⁵	b. 1858 ¹⁶	b. 1862 ¹⁷	b. 1864 ¹⁸	b. 1871 ¹⁹	b. 1873 ²⁰

CHARLES H. BROOKES m. MARY b. 1858²¹
ANNIE b. 1880

Please note that birth dates are approximate and have been calculated from Census data

¹ 1841 Census return for Homend Street, Ledbury; 1851 Census return for Homend Street, Ledbury

² 1841 Census return for Homend Street, Ledbury; 1851 Census return for Homend Street, Ledbury

³ HRO CD78/1 Eastnor Register of Baptisms, 1813 – 1854: 29 December 1816 - Henry Brookes, father - John Brookes, mother - Ann Brookes, address - Pound. Pound – on the 1840 tithe map Pound Plantation is no. 111 small strip north-west of and close to the construction site of Eastnor Castle.

⁴ Benjamin Bennett was recorded as a labourer on the baptism of all his children 1814-1835, firstly living in the Mitchell area of Ledbury parish, then Worcester Road and then the Homend. Pigot's *Directory* (1844) and Lascelles & Co *Directory and Gazetteer* (1851) list Benjamin Bennett beer retailer, Packhorse, Homend Street. *The Pubs of Bromyard, Ledbury and East Herefordshire* by J. Eisel and R. Shoesmith indicates that he was running the Packhorse beer house between 1835 and 1851. The Pack Horse Inn still stands in the Homend next door but one to the Baptist Chapel, but now a private house. The tithe map shows houses and gardens rented among others by Benjamin Bennett in front of Rope Walk (£0.2.9) from John Fleetwood (ref. 126).

⁵ HRO Ledbury marriage register 8 September 1842 Henry Brookes (shoemaker) and Ann Bennett; witnesses: James Evans and Mary Bennett (Ann's mother) residence Homend, Ledbury. Henry's father: John Brookes – carpenter, Ann's father Benjamin Bennett – labourer.

⁶ See n. 3 above

⁷ HRO BO92/8 Ledbury Register of Baptisms 5 August 1824 Ann, daughter of Benjamin Bennett, labourer, and Mary his wife, of the Mitchell.

⁸ The Burial Records of New Street Cemetery (provided by Ledbury Town Council 19.09.2008) list the burials of Ann Brookes who died at Homend Street on 13 November 1874 aged 50 (grave corner references OP65/66), and of Henry Brookes, shoemaker, who died at Bye Street on 20 April 1884 aged 64 (he was about 68) with the same grave reference). The burial map of plots has been lost.

⁹ Lascelles & Co *Directory and Gazetteer* (1851) lists Henry Brookes as a Fellmonger of Homend Street. Slater's *Directory* (1868) lists Henry Brookes as a Boot and shoemaker. Littlebury's *Directory and Gazetteer* (1876) lists Henry Brookes of Homend Street under Shoemaker and as a Fossil Collector. In the census enumerator's books 1841-1871 he was described as a shoemaker or shoemaker journeyman. In 1881 he was at the home of his son Charles, in Skipton, Yorkshire, though perhaps only visiting, as he was in Ledbury when he died three years later.

¹⁰ Ann Bennett was a dressmaker before her marriage. At the 1861 census she was helping her husband in his trade, being recorded as a shoe binder. By 1871 she was again recorded as a dressmaker.

¹¹ No occupation was recorded for Mary Ann at any of the census dates; she was probably helping her mother run the house and look after the younger children.. In 1881 she was head of household, living at Homend Back with her sister Hannah and brother William, who was only 8.

¹² Jane was working with her mother and father as a shoe binder in 1861.

¹³ Jessie probably died between 1851 and 1861, as she does not appear on any of the later censuses.

¹⁴ Harriet was a dressmaker, like her mother, in 1871.

¹⁵ Charles was an agricultural labourer in 1871, but by 1881 he had moved to Skipton, Yorkshire and was working as a railway engine fireman. He had married a local girl, Mary, and they had a one-year old daughter, Annie.

¹⁶ Annie was still at school in 1871 and has not been traced in later census enumerator's books.

¹⁷ Emma moved to Skipton after her mother's death and was living with her brother Charles, and working as a cotton spooler in 1881.

¹⁸ Hannah remained in Ledbury and in 1881 was living with her elder sister Mary Ann and working as a seamstress.

¹⁹ Edith moved to Skipton after her mother's death and was living with her brother Charles, and listed as a scholar in 1881.

²⁰ William T. was only a year or so old when his mother died. He was living with his sister Mary Ann in Back Homend in 1881. He may be the William Brooks, aged 18, who in 1891 was lodging with Richard Drinkwater, farrier, in 1891 and working as a grocer's porter.

²¹ See note 15 above.