

### John and Elizabeth Baker (nee Harris)

John born 1740 in the village of Henham, Essex, his wife Elizabeth born 1743 also in the village of Henham.

They married on 20th May 1765 in the parish church of St. Mary, Henham.

Johns occupation was a plough servant working for a local farmer. They made their home in a small thatched cottage in the village where they lived all their lives. They had eight children Thomas. **John b 1769**. Humphrey b 1771. Richard b 1773. Sally b 1775. James b 1781. Phillip b 1784. and Susannah b 1787.

John and Elizabeth died within five months of each other John aged 87 on 6th February 1827 and Elizabeth aged 84 on 10th July 1827.

They are both buried in St. Mary's cemetery Henham.

### John and Millicent Baker (nee King)

John born 1769 in Henham the second son of John and Elizabeth Baker.

He was baptised 2nd April 1769 at St Mary's church Henham.

His future wife Millicent lived a few miles away in the village of Broxted where she was born in 1777. John and Millicent married on 24th October 1798 in the parish church of St. Mary the Virgin Broxted. They made their home at 4 Browns End, Broxted where the next three generations of the Baker family were to live.

John and Millicent had seven children Sarah b 1802. John b 1804. Susan b 1806.

Isaac b 1808. **Charles b 1812**. Rebecca b 1815 and James b 1817.

As with his father John worked on the land all his life which was a hard occupation. In spite of this he lived to a ripe old age dying in the cottage at Browns end on 18th April 1864 aged 96. He is buried in Broxted church.

### Charles and Sophia Baker (nee Staines)

Charles born 1812 in the cottage at 4 Browns End Broxted was baptised in the local church on 10th February 1812.

Sophia was also born in Broxted and baptised there on 17th February 1817, she was the daughter of William and Elizabeth Stains.

Charles and Sophia were married 5th April 1835 in Broxted church they both signed their marriage certificate with a cross.

They had eight children Mary, James, **George b 1843** Thomas, William, Samuel, Ann and Eliza. Charles carried on the tradition of working on the land and was an agricultural labourer all his life. Charles died between 1881 and 1891. To help out with her income after she was widowed Sophia looked after Barnardo boys on the 1891 census she has two boys staying with her.

a bit further forward with our family history. Received the death certificate yesterday for Lydia Baker and it is the correct one, she died on 12th February 1856 at Brick End, Broxted aged 40 years from Consumption. One Elizabeth Poole, a neighbour, was with her when she died, lived with her husband James, don't know if they were related to Lydia and Isaac.

I have noticed from the 1861 Census when Isaac was living with his sons George and Alfred that they were living at Brown(s) End, Broxted, can't find it on my modern map of the area. I have found reference to the death of Isaac Baker and have sent for the certificate. If it is the correct one, he died in March 1862, so George and Alfred would only have been aged 12 and 10, so wonder what happened to them after that. I have also found reference to an Edmund Baker living with his wife and family in Bow in 1881, plus reference for their marriage, so I have sent for a copy of their marriage certificate which will give me his father's name. If it is the right Edmund I will try and find them in the 1871 census - maybe George and Alfred went to them????

As we know, our George Baker from Broxted eventually married Harriett Bowyer (and they became Grandad Baker's parents). I have found out more about Harriett's family, they came from Calford Green, Kedington, Suffolk. Her father was George Bowyer born approx. 1831 an Agricultural Labourer and her mother was Emily. George Bowyer's father was Edward Bowyer born approx. 1780, a Blacksmith, who lived into his 80's. His wife was Susan born approx. 1784 and lived beyond the age of 76. I have googled Calford Green, it is a very small hamlet now, maybe was a bit bigger in those times.