



Family Notices

Lyneham

The following entries were found in a family bible in Canada. The name of the owner nor where in Canada the bible was found is not known however the information may prove useful

Information recorded in the Bible

Abraham Simkins was born in July 1800

He married firstly a lady by the name of Ann. She is recorded as having been born on 4th May 1796 and died 13th March 1856 and is buried in Lyneham.

Abraham and Ann had several children:-

Kezia born 14th June 1820

David born 17th January 1825

Eliza born 3rd July 1827 and died 24th December 1829

Ester born 15th April 1829 and died 25th April 1829

Rosanah born 3rd May 1831 and died 28th May 1846

Caleb born 16th April 1834 and died 30th December 1860 in America

Joshua born 14th September 1837

Abraham then married a lady by the name of Sarah. She is recorded as having been born on 18th May 1793 and died 6th October 1860 she is buried in Calne

Abraham married a third time to a lady named Sophia. She was born in 1799 and died 24th March 1872 and is buried in Clack (Bradenstoke)

Further Research

Abraham and Ann are listed in the 1841 census with their children David, Rosanah, Caleb and Joshua. All living at Littlecot, Lyneham

In 1851 the family are listed as being in Preston, Lyneham this time with just Caleb and Joshua at home.

After the death of Ann in 1856, Abraham married Sarah Watson in the December Quarter of 1856 within 6 months of his first wife's death. Sarah died in 1860.

In the 1861 Census Abraham is listed as a widower living alone in Littlecot, Lyneham and in the 1871 census he is recorded as living in New Zealand, Hilmarton with his third wife Sophia and is a molecatcher. He married Sophia

Procer in 1862. By the time the 1881 census is taken Abraham is recorded once more as a widower, Sophia having died in 1872. He was living at Barrow End in Lyneham and was an agricultural labourer.

Abraham died in the June Quarter of 1882 aged 82

Kezia Simkins appears in the 1841 census for Lyneham and is listed as a Female Servant employed by Jacob Large. It would appear that Keziah Simpkins was married in the December 1842 Quarter to Jesse Simpkins and according to the 1861 census she had had 6 children, Eliza, Mary, Jabez, Nophtali, Edwin and Emily. The family were living at Barrow End, Lyneham. In the 1871 census the family are still together at the same address but with two more children recorded David and Bertha. Kezia and her husband were recorded in the 1881 census living in the same place with son David. By 1891 the children have all moved away. In 1901 Kezia is recorded as a widow still living at Barrow End. Her grandson George aged 9 is recorded with her. Kezia died aged 84 in 1905.

David Simkins was recorded as being with the family in 1841. He is listed as a groom and gardener to Thomas Mann in Trowle, Bradford on Avon in 1851. By 1871 he had married his wife Mary and was living in New Zealand, Hilmarton and working as an agricultural labourer. In 1881 he is recorded as a shoemaker and In 1901 as farming along with his wife Mary. There does not seem to be any trace of David in 1861 or in 1891 nor does their appear to be a death record for him in the UK indexes. There does not appear to be a marriage recorded either although Mary his wife in the census returns is given as being born in Tockenham.

Caleb Simkins is listed as being with his parents in both the 1841 and 1851 census. In the latter return he is recorded as being an agricultural labourer. It would appear that by 1861 he had migrated to the USA where he remained until his death. There is no record of his migration in the shipping lists.

Joshua Simkins was registered in September Quarter 1837 in the Cricklade Registration District. He was listed with his parents in 1841 and again in 1851. He married his wife Dinah Gough in 1859 and is recorded with her in the 1861 census living at Bushton Road, Clyffe Pypard and working as an agricultural labourer whilst his wife is listed as a housekeeper. There are no further records for Joshua after the 1861 census.