

| Pensioner Details |
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| <i>Pensioner name:</i> George Coombes |
| <i>Person ID:</i> DV1001 |
| <i>Your name:</i> Heather Latus |
| <i>U3A group:</i> South West |
| Part One: Birth and Family |
| 1: When and where was your pensioner born? |
| George Coombes was baptised on 3rd Sep 1841 at Bryanstone, Blandford, Dorset. |
| 2: Who were your pensioners' parents? Record any details you can find out about them here (e.g. occupation, religious affiliation, whether they could read or write) |
| <p>George Coombes Parents were Henry Coombes b. 1817 d. 1870 of Bryanston Blandford, Dorset and his wife Rosanna Churchill b. 1815 d. 1880 of Abbey Milton, Blandford, Dorset.</p> <p>At their marriage at Church of England, Bryanston they both signed their names.</p> <p>Henry was a labourer and Rosanna was a servant.</p> <p>30 Nov 1850 Henry Coombs was appointed Messenger on qualification by the recommendation of Lord Portman.</p> <p>1851 cen listed as Messenger/Letter at 103 Church Road, Bryanston 1861 cen listed as Post messenger 1871 at marriage of Daughter Ellen – listed as Postman</p> <p>Following the death of Henry Coombs 1872 Rosanna Coombes widow age 56 is listed as Baker at 17 Church Street, Sturminster Newton.</p> |
| 3: Did your pensioner have any siblings? What were their names, and how old were they in relation to your pensioner? Use this space to record anything else you have found out about them (e.g. occupation) |
| <p>George Coombes b. 1841 d. 1903 was the eldest of 7 children</p> <p>George Coombes 1851 census - George Coombes age 9, scholar, with Henry Coombes (father) 34, (Messenger Letter Carrier), Rosanna (mother) 36, Fanny 7, Ellen 6, Edwin 3, Charles 1. <i>Address</i> - Church Street, Sturminster, Dorset.</p> <p>1861 census - George Coombes age 19 (Post messenger, living with Henry Coombes (father) 44 (Post messenger), Rosanna (mother) 46, Edwin, 13 (Errand boy), Charles, 11, Henry J 8, Harriet 6 (scholars) <i>Address</i> - Church Street, Sturminster, Dorset.</p> |

1871 census - George Coombes, age 29 (Post messenger), Fanny his wife 24, and their daughter Emily Mary Coombes 2 months.

Address - Dover's Entry, Sturminster.

1881 census - George Coombes age 39 (Post messenger), Fanny 34, Emily Mary 10, Ellen Elizabeth 7, Henry John 5, Harriet Lily 3, Otis George 1.

Address - Pave Stones, Sturminster.

1891 census - George Coombes 49 (Rural post messenger), Fanny 45, Henry J Coombes 15 (Post Errand boy), Lilly H, 13 (a servant domestic), Otis G 11, Dorcas R 9, Edwin J 7, Albert S, 2.

Address - Church Street, Sturminster.

1901 census - George Coombes 59 (Postman), Fanny 55, Lily 23 (Glove machinist), Dorcas 19 (Glove machinist), Edwin 17 (Baker), Albert 12.

Address - Dover's Entry, Sturminster

Fanny Coombes b. 1844 d. 1919 3 years younger

1851 census - as above.

1861 census - Fanny Coombes 17, domestic servant to bank manager and his family –

Address --Bank, Market Place, Sturminster, Dorset.

1871 census - Fanny Coombes 27, House servant to Ida Wyndham 36 (single woman no profession)

Address - The Manor House, Fore Street, Beer and Seaton, Devon.

1881 census - Fanny Newbery nee Coombes 38, living with husband John Newbury 61, (Steward), Caroline Francis 14 (General servant domestic), Agnes Kelman 36 (visitor, single).

Address - 1 Beach Cottage, Seaton, Devon.

1891 census - Fanny Newbery 47, living with husband John Newbery 71 (Lodging House keeper) and six boarders. Ellen Coombes 17 (servant) is Fanny's niece, and daughter of George Coombes.

Address - 3 Seaview Terrace, Beer Road, Seaton, Devon.

1901 census - Fanny Newbery 57 (widow, living on own means), Eveline Coombes 11, Sidney C Briskell 23 (boarder, fish merchant, own means).

Address - Pave stones, Sturminster, Dorset

1911 census - Fanny Newbery 67 (widow, private means).

Address- Church Street, Sturminster

Ellen Coombes b. 1845 d. 4 years younger

Edwin Coombes b. 1848 d. 1919 7 years younger

1891 cen listed as baker with wife Fanny and daughter Ellen as assistants at Pavestones, Sturminster Newton.

Charles Coombes b. 1850 9 years younger

1871 cen Charles Coombes 21 (shoe maker), boarder at The Post Office, Bourton, with John Lush (shop keeper) and his family. Next door is another shoe maker.

1881 cen - listed as boot and shoe maker

Address - Bridge Street, Sturminster, Dorset.

1911 cen listed as retired boot dealer

Henry James Coombes b. 1853 12 years younger

1871 cen listed as baker

1881 cen listed as porter

Harriet Coombes b. 1855 14 years younger

1911 cen listed with husband who is station master

1939 cen widowed private means at 18 Salisbury Street, Blandford Forum

Part Two: Marriage and children

1: Did your pensioner marry? What was their spouse's name, and when and where did they marry them? Use this space to record any extra details you can find out about their spouse (e.g. when/where they were born, their occupation)

George Coombes married Fanny Fox at Sturminster, Dorset - Jan/Mar 1870.

Fanny Fox was born at Stourton Caundle in 1847 her father was a journeyman chair maker and her mother a glover.

Francis Fox (wife)

1851 cen - Fanny Fox age 4 living with father Daniel Fox, 34 (journeyman chair maker), mother Sarah, 34, John Fox 2, Thomas 3 months

Address - Caundle Stourton, Dorset.

1861 cen - Francis Fox age 15 living with Daniel Fox 44 (chairmaker), Sarah 44, John 12 (basket maker), Uriah 9, Walter 6, Robert H 3.

Address - Caundle St, Staunton Caundle, Dorset.

2: Did your pensioner have any children? What were their names, and when they were born? Use this space to record any extra details you can find out about them (e.g. occupation, where they lived later in life)

George Coombes and his wife Francis (Fanny) Fox had 8 children

Emily Mary Coombes b. 1871 d. 1934

1881 cen listed as servant at 111 Corn Hill, Sherborne, Dorset.

1897 Emily Mary marries Oliver Edwin Stephens who is son of George James Stephens (postman)

1911 cen living at 17, Oxford St, Swindon.

Ellen Elizabeth Coombes b. 1874 d. 1961

1891 cen listed as domestic servant at lodging house 3 Seaview Terrace, Beer Road, Seaton, Dorset.

1901 cen listed as servant at boarding house 40 Wykesmarsh, Gillingham, Dorset.

Henry John Coombes b. 1876 d. 1959

1891 cen listed as errand boy - 35 Church Street, Sturminster, Dorset.

1901 cen listed as railway clerk - 6 Waterloo Road, Radstock.

1911 cen listed as Railway clerk S & D Rlwy Co. - 48 St John's Rd, Weston, Bath.

1939 cen listed as Station Master ARP living at Bath Row, Sturminster, Dorset.

Harriet Lily Coombes b. 1878 d. 1950

1891 cen listed as domestic servant - 37 Church Street, Sturminster, Dorset.

1901 cen listed as glove machinist home worker at 41 Dorcas Entry, Church Street.

1905 marriage to Frederick David Tom Frampton, his sister is married to Henry J.

Coombes above

1911 cen at High Street, Henstridge, Blandford.

Otis George Coombes b. 1880 d. 1970

1901 cen listed as Butcher - boarding at 4 Prospect Pl, Weymouth.

1911 cen listed as journeyman butcher - Bridge Street, Sturminster Newton.

1939 cen listed as slaughterman - Burton Street, Sturminster.

Dorcas Rose Coombes b. 1882 d. 1962

1901 cen listed as glove machinist worker at home 41 Dorcas Entry, Church Street.

1911 cen listed as servant - Swindon, Wilts.

1916 marriage to widower William George Lewis journeyman Baker at Wesleyan Chapel, Swindon

1939 cen at Swindon, Wilts.

Edwin James Coombes b. 1884 d. 1942

1901 cen listed as Baker bread man at 41 Church Lane,

1911 cen listed as Baker - 1 Tanyard Villas, Shaftesbury, Dorset.

1939 cen listed as Baker and confectioner (cake) - 2 Colecoombe, Estlebridge, Somerset

Albert Lionel Coombes b. 1888 d. 1981

1911 cen listed as railway booking clerk boarder at Sturminster Marshall, Wimborne, Dorset.

1939 cen listed as Station master - Basonbridge, Bridgewater Road, Somerset.

1981 will at Burnham on Sea

Part Three: Work

1: What occupation was your pensioner recorded as doing in census years? Please make sure to state clearly which year you are referring to

1861 cen listed as Post messenger - Church Street, Sturminster, Dorset.

1871 cen listed as Post messenger - Dover's Entry, Bridge St, Sturminster, Dorset.

1881 cen listed as Post messenger - Paving stones, Sturminster, Dorset.

1891 cen listed as Rural post messenger - 37 Church Street, Sturminster, Dorset.

1901 cen listed as Postman - Dover's Entry, Bridge Street, Sturminster, Dorset.

2: What occupations were people living with your pensioner (e.g. spouse, children, boarders) doing in the census years? Please make sure to state clearly which year you are referring to

See Part 1 Q3

Part Four: Anything Else

Please use this space to record anything else you have found out about your pensioner

George Coombes retired aged 60 in 1901 employed as Assistant Supervisor with 40 years of service.

George Coombes died 14 Oct 1903 of Myocarditis failure. Present at death was Harriet Lily Coombes who was resident at that address in 1901 census.

Part Five: Your Sources

Please use this space to record the sources you have used

Citations for George Coombes

1851 census - Class: HO107; Piece: 1852; Folio: 181; Page: 21; GSU roll: 220999

1861 census - Class: RG 9; Piece: 1330; Folio: 23; Page: 12; GSU roll: 542796

1871 census - The National Archives; Kew, London, England; 1871 England Census; Class: RG10; Piece: 1974; Folio: 10; Page: 11; GSU roll: 830888

1881 census - Class: RG11; Piece: 2086; Folio: 12; Page: 17; GSU roll: 1341503

1891 census - The National Archives of the UK (TNA); Kew, Surrey, England; Census Returns of England and Wales, 1891; Class: RG12; Piece: 1632; Folio: 6; Page: 6; GSU roll: 6096742

1901 census - Class: RG13; Piece: 1970; Folio: 10; Page: 9

1861 postal record- British Postal Museum and Archive; Series: POST 58; Reference Number: 82

1855 baptism rec - Dorset History Centre; Dorchester, England; Reference: PE/SN: RE 1/3-4, 2/1-5, 3/1-4

1904 Marr rec - Dorset History Centre; Dorchester, England; Reference: PE/SN: RE 3/5-6, 4/1-3, 5/1

1841 birth rec - England & Wales, Civil Registration Birth Index, 1837-1915

1841 baptism rec - England, Select Dorset Church of England Parish Registers, 1538-1999

1901 death rec - England & Wales, Civil Registration Death Index, 1837-1915

1897 Marr rec - Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre; Chippenham, Wiltshire, England; Reference Number: 1065/41

1916 Marr rec - Wiltshire and Swindon History Centry; Chippenham, Wiltshire; Wiltshire Non-Conformist Registers; Reference: 1420/29

Citations for Henry Coombes (father)

1841 census - Class: HO107; Piece: 277; Book: 7; Civil Parish: Bryanston; County: Dorset; Enumeration District: 8 9; Page: 18; Line: 24; GSU roll: 241336

1851 census - Class: HO107; Piece: 1852; Folio: 181; Page: 21; GSU roll: 220999

1861 census - Class: RG 9; Piece: 1330; Folio: 23; Page: 12; GSU roll: 542796

1870 death rec - England & Wales, National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations), 1858-1995

1850 Postal appointment - British Postal Museum and Archive; Series: POST 58; Reference Number: 75

1840 Marr rec - Dorset History Centre; Dorchester, England; Reference: PE/BRY: RE 1/1 - 3, 2/1, 3/1 - 3, 4/1, 5/1 - 2, 6/1

1870 death rec Dorchester, England; Reference: PE/SN: RE 3/5-6, 4/1-3, 5/1

1816 bap rec - Dorset History Centre; Dorchester, England; Reference: PE/BRY: RE 1/1 - 3, 2/1, 3/1 - 3, 4/1, 5/1 - 2, 6/1

1855 bap rec - Dorset History Centre; Dorchester, England; Reference: PE/SN: RE 1/3-4, 2/1-5, 3/1-4

1845 bap rec - Dorset History Centre; Dorchester, England; Reference: PE/BRY: RE 1/1 - 3, 2/1, 3/1 - 3, 4/1, 5/1 - 2, 6/1

1841 bap rec - Dorset History Centre; Dorchester, England; Reference: PE/BRY: RE 1/1 - 3, 2/1, 3/1 - 3, 4/1, 5/1 - 2, 6/1