

Pensioner Details

Pensioner name: George Deacon

Person ID: SM1010

Your name: Heather Latus

U3A group: South-West

Part One: Birth and Family

1: When and where was your pensioner born?

George Deacon was born in South Brent, Somerset. At the 1841 census he was 6 weeks old, and living with his mother Elizabeth Deacon (20) at Redclift St, Cheddar, Somerset. His father Francis Deacon (20) was living at Bath Arms Inn, Clift Street, Cheddar.

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)

Father - Francis Hewer Ballen Deacon was born 17 Mar 1822 Wrington, Redhill, Somerset.

Mother - Elizabeth Channon was born in 1819 Bedmister, Bristol

Francis Deacon

Francis Deacon married Elizabeth Channon in Bristol Sept 1842 vol11 pg203. There were two children born of this marriage:

- George Deacon b. 1841 d 1921
- Emily Deacon b. 1844 d. 1873

Elizabeth Channon died and was buried 6 May 1849 aged 30 at Temple, Bristol.

1851 census - George Deacon (age 9) pauper, Emily Deacon age 7 pauper listed at Axbridge Union Workhouse (there is no record of Francis Deacon here presumably their father was working elsewhere).

30 Jan 1854 at parish church, Street. Francis Deacon (age 28) bachelor (hostler) married Emma Kick (21). Fathers - James Deacon was coachman, Thomas Kick labourer. Francis Deacon signed his name, Emma Kick and her father made the mark of a cross.

1861 census - Francis Deacon (39) listed as ostler in a Flyman's Yard with Emma (wife) 27, Ellen 8, Edwin 6, Alice 4, Samuel 2.

1870 - Francis Deacon at daughter Emily's marriage listed as horse keeper.

1871 census - Francis Deacon (55) was listed as Stable man living with Emma 36, Edwin 16 (groom), Samuel 11 (errand boy), Frank 9, Jesse 5, Alfred 2. Address: 6 Victoria Sq, Redclift, Bristol.

1881 census ret - Francis Deacon 64 (widower), Alfred 11, Emma 7. Address: 32 Catherine Mead St, Bedminster.

1896 at George Deacon's marriage was listed as a horse dealer.

1889 22nd Dec Francis Deacon was buried at Radcliffe St Mary, Bristol aged 67 years

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)

George Deacon had one sister Emily born around 7th Jul 1844 at Cross, Compton Bishop, Somerset

She was 3 years younger and they were baptised at the same time on 7th Jul 1844.

Their mother Elizabeth died in 1849 and in 1851 census George (10) and his sister Emily (7) were paupers at Axbridge Union Workhouse. George Deacon was not a resident with his children.

Emily Deacon 1844-1873

1851 census see above

1861 census Emily Deacon age 15 is apprentice to grocer and draper, Churchill Villages, Somerset

1870 10 Mar Emily age 25 married William Henry Shepherd, labourer age 34 at the parish church St Philip and Jacob, Bristol. Fathers are Francis Deacon (horse keeper) and Henry Shepherd (accountant). Also present George Deacon. All signed their names on the certificate.

1871 census Emily Shepherd nee Deacon (26) wife of William Henry Shepherd (warehouseman) and his mother 65 (widow, retired boot finder) and niece Anna Maria King, 14.

George Deacon had 8 half siblings with whom he shared a father Francis. Francis did not marry Emma Kick until 1854.

Ellen Kick born 1853 - baptised Apr 4th - mother Emma Kick single woman of Street, Somerset.

1861 census Ellen Deacon age 8 - address 41 Guinea St, Bristol

1871 census Ellen Deacon servant to ship broker and his family at 9 Cumberland Terrace, Bristol.

Edwin George Deacon born 1855

1871 census listed as groom

1881 census listed as ostler

1889 son's birth listed as fireman

Alice Amelia Deacon born 1857

1871 census listed as servant

Samuel James Deacon born 1859
1871 census listed as errand boy aged 11,

Frank Abel Deacon born 1862
1881 census listed as carter
1905 daughter's marriage listed as carter

Jesse Deacon born 1866.
1891 census listed as labourer general lodging with aunt and uncle.

Alfred William Deacon born 1869

1911 census listed as packing case manufacturer living at 20 Edgecombe Road, Bristol.

Emma Frances Deacon born 1874
1891 census listed as general servant at Coombe Farm, Wrington.

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 Deacon married twice

First marriage to Mary Gardner

19 Jul 1868 at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, Gloucester, England

George Deacon 27 (butcher) married Mary Gardner 21

Mary Gardner (1847–1893) was the daughter of blacksmith Thomas Gardner, and she was born Didmarton, Gloucestershire.

Second marriage to Julia Hartin

2nd Marriage 29 Jun 1896 at Bristol, St James, Gloucestershire, England

George Deacon 55 (head postman) married Julia Hartin 33 (spinster). Her father was listed as Hugh Hartin (army pensioner)

Julia Hartin was born in 1863. She was the daughter of Irish catholic parents Hugh and Isabella Hartin and she was born at sea enroute to Mauritius. In 1881 Hugh Hartin was a Chelsea pensioner.

Boarders

1861 census George Deacon listed as boarding with Frederick Allen (butcher and grocer) at Chewstoke, Somerset where he is aged 19 and is apprentice butcher.

1891 census Mary, Ellen and Dora Carpenter were boarders with George Deacon at Hillgrove Hill, Bristol.

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)

Children born to George Deacon and Mary Gardener

Frederick George Deacon born 1870 died 1954

- 1901 listed Colour Sargeant Royal Marine Artillery 60, St Augustine, Road, Portsmouth.
- 1911 listed Insurance clerk late RM Ret. 23 High Street, Portsmouth.
- 1919 Naval Rank Lieutenant
- Feb 1932 Appointed Postman - L P S & E
- 1939 Retired Lt RM Gains Road, Portsmouth, Dorset
- 1954 Will at 11 Auckland Road East, Southsea

William John Deacon born 1872 died 1943

- 1911 listed as gas fitter
- 1939 listed retired plumber 24 Kings Square, Bristol - inmate at institution.

Edith Mary Deacon born 1875 died 1963

- 1891 listed as general servant.
- 1898 Edith Mary Deacon (23) of 7 Marlborough Place, Bristol marriage to Herbert Charles Underwood, 26 (shorthand writer) of 11 Richmond Crescent, Barnsbury. All signed their names.
- 1911 Edith Mary Townsend with husband Herbert Underwood (Secretary to Limited Company), at 23 Townsend Road, Richmond, Surrey

Eleanor Gertrude Deacon born 1878. Died 1941

- 1902 bap of daughter Gertrude Winifred May Bezant. Husband George is Sgt Maj 90 Battery RFA Farnham.
- 1923 On electoral register in Wandsworth, London
- 1939 Living in Marlborough, Wiltshire with husband George Bezant, who listed as skilled workman class 11 GPO telecommunication lines.
- 1941 buried with her daughter Winifred Gertrude May Talbot both of 133 Geraldine Rd, SW18 (presume killed in the London blitz together) on April 21st

George James Deacon born 1880 died 1940

- 1900 at marriage listed as Clerk.
- 1911 Census listed as Millers Carter.
- 1939 Census living at Woodview Terr, Nailsea, Bristol. Incapacitated.

Children born to George Deacon and Julia Hartin

Hugh Deacon born 1897 died 1970

- 1911 census listed as junior clerk Brewery office.
- 1914/18 Territorial service record aged 17 years. Clerk at George's brewery 110 Dove Street, Kingstown, Bristol
- 1915 WWI Royal Army Medical Corps serving in France.
- 1939 census listed as brewers clerk, 16 Kingstown Parade with sister Dorothy and her husband.
- 1967 pension registered at Royal Army Medical Corps

Kathleen May Deacon born 1898 died 1990

- 1924 Marriage to Bertram Langabeer address Kingstown.
- 1939 Census at 1 Stanley Ave, Bristol
- 1990 Will living at Worcester Lodge, 32 Castle Road, Clevedon, Avon.

Dorothy Deacon born 1900

- 1921 present at father's death living at same address (110 Dove Street, Kingstown, Bristol).
- 1927 Marriage to Leslie Hodges (packer). Both sign names.

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 census: Listed as boarding with Frederick Allen, butcher and grocer at Chewstoke, Somerset where he is aged 19 and is apprentice butcher.

1871 census: Listed as age 29 Letter Carrier PO in Redcliff, Bristol

1881 census: Listed as age 39 Letter carrier GPO at Hill Grove Cottage, Carolina Avenue,

1891 census: Listed as age 50 Postman ay Hillgrove Cottage, Hillgrove Hill, Bristol.

1897 baptism of son Hugh: Listed at 8 Duke Street, Bristol Postman

1898 at daughter Edith Mary marriage: Listed as Head Postman.

1900 at son George James marriage: listed as Post office employee.

1901 census: Listed as age 59 head postman Post Office Bedminster, Bristol with father in law Hugh Hartin, widower age 74 (army pensioner)

1911 census: Listed as age 69 Post Office pensioner at 3 Carolina Avenue, Bristol.

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

1881 census: Elizabeth Parish visitor listed superintendent chocolate factory.

1891 census: Mary Deacon wife listed as Laundress. Mary Carpenter (boarder) listed as Chambermaid

1901 census Hugh Hartin (father-in-law), widower listed as Army Pensioner

1911 census: Hugh Deacon (son) listed as junior clerk brewery office.

Part Four: Anything Else

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

George Deacon Retired in 1901

1921 died age 79 at Southmead Infirmary. His cause of death was hemiplegia, broncho-pneumonia. Home address is 110 Dove Street, Kingstown, Bristol where he lives with daughter Dorothy Deacon.

Part Five: Your Sources

Please use this space to record the sources you have used

Citations for George Deacon

1841 census - Class: HO107; Piece: 967; Book: 7; Civil Parish: Cheddar; County: Somerset; Enumeration District: 3; Folio: 34; Page: 23; Line: 6; GSU roll: 474608

1851 census - Class: HO107; Piece: 1937; Folio: 44; Page: 12; GSU roll: 221096

1861 census - Class: RG 9; Piece: 1678; Folio: 118; Page: 29; GSU roll: 542849

1871 census - The National Archives; Kew, London, England; 1871 England Census; Class: RG10; Piece: 2519; Folio: 47; Page: 10; GSU roll: 835251

1881 census - Class: RG11; Piece: 2484; Folio: 38; Page: 27; GSU roll: 1341598

1891 census - The National Archives of the UK (TNA); Kew, Surrey, England; Census Returns of England and Wales, 1891; Class: RG12; Piece: 1970; Folio: 43; Page: 30; GSU roll: 6097080

1901 census - Class: RG13; Piece: 2358; Folio: 149; Page: 5

1911 census - Class: RG14; Piece: 14864; Schedule Number: 115

1898 baptism record - Bristol Archives; Bristol, England; Bristol Church of England Parish Registers; Reference: P.St.J/R/2/k

1896 marriage record- Bristol Archives; Bristol, England; Bristol Church of England Parish Registers; Reference: P/St J/R/3/3

1868 marriage record -- Bristol Archives; Bristol, England; Bristol Church of England Parish Registers; Reference: P/St/MR/R/3/17

1867 postal record - British Postal Museum and Archive; Series: POST 58; Reference Number: 84

1898 postal record -- British Postal Museum and Archive; Series: POST 58; Reference Number: 95

1841 baptism record - England & Wales, Civil Registration Birth Index, 1837-1915

1842 birth register - General Register Office; United Kingdom; Volume: 6a; Page: 233

Citations for Francis Deacon (father)

1841 census - Class: HO107; Piece: 967; Book: 7; Civil Parish: Cheddar; County: Somerset; Enumeration District: 3; Folio: 28; Page: 9; Line: 7; GSU roll: 474608

1861 census - Class: RG 9; Piece: 1712; Folio: 95; Page: 23; GSU roll: 542855

1871 census - The National Archives; Kew, London, England; 1871 England Census; Class: RG10; Piece: 2520; Folio: 50; Page: 23; GSU roll: 835251

1881 census - Class: RG11; Piece: 2452; Folio: 66; Page: 18; GSU roll: 1341590

1889 burial - Bristol Archives; Bristol, England; Bristol Church of England Bishop Transcripts of Parish Registers; Reference: EP/V/4/34

1854 marriage record - Somerset Heritage Service; Taunton, Somerset, England; Somerset Parish Records, 1538-1914; Reference Number: D\P\stn/2/1/2