

Husband: **Robert ASPLAND** ^{1,2} #4030

Born: circa 1837 in Wicken, Cambridgeshire ^{3,1}
 Died: 2 Nov 1925 in Wicken, Cambridgeshire ³
 Father: Isaac ASPLAND #1638
 Mother: Sophia COOK #1639

CENSUS:

1851 - Fore Hill, Ely Trinity, Cambridgeshire
 Robt ASPLAND Pupil 12 Scholar Wicken, CAM

1871 - Vine Cottage, Front Street, Cambridgeshire
 Robert ASPLAND Head 33 Sedge Merchant Wicken, CAM
 Emma Sophia ASPLAND Wife 32 Beyton, SFK
 Isaac Bennington ASPLAND Son 3 Scholar Wicken, CAM

1881 - South Side of Main Road, Wicken, Cambridgeshire RG11/1681 Folio 86

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#4030 Robert ASPLAND Head M 44 Grocer Draper Wicken, CAM
 Brewer & Farmer
 60 acres, 1 man
 Emma Sophia ASPLAND Wife M 43 Beyton, SFK
 Isaac Bennington ASPLAND Son U 13 Scholar Wicken, CAM
 ASPLAND
 Emma Sophia ASPLAND Dau U 9 Scholar Wicken, CAM
 Elizth.MOLE Serv U 17 Ge.Serv (Domest) Ely, CAM

1891 - Wicken, Cambridgeshire
 Robert ASPLAND Head M 58 Grocer Wicken, CAM
 Emma Sophia ASPLAND Wife M 52 Beyton, SFK
 Emma Sophia ASPLAND Dau 10 Wicken, CAM

NOTES:

ISAAC ASPLAND, the nephew of the REV. ROBERT ASPLAND, kept a shop. In the trade directory of 1864, ISAAC is described as a brewer, grocer and draper, and his son ROBERT who succeeded him, had by 1879 increased the activities to include "sedge merchant" (sedge being roughly similar to peat, which grew in the neighbouring watery areas near Wicken and Soham). To the turn of the century his shop was also the POST OFFICE, probably the only shop, and by 1904 his entry reads, ASPLAND ROBERT, SEDGE MERCHANT, STATIONER, PATENT MEDICINE VENDER, BEER RETAILER.

WILL:

1926 - Robert ASPLAND of Wicken, Cambridgeshire, died 21-11-1925, aged 88. Probate to Emma Sophia ASPLAND, spinster, and Isaac Bennington ASPLAND, Manager of Ministry of Labour Office. £7951.

Wife: **Emma Sophia** ^{4,2} #4031

Born: circa 1838 in Beyton, Suffolk ⁴
 Died: 8 Jan 1903 in Wicken, Cambridgeshire
 Father:
 Mother:

WILL:

1903 - Emma Sophia ASPLAND of The Chestnuts, Wicken, Cambridgeshire (wife of Robert ASPLAND), died 08-01-1903, aged 65. Admin to said Robert ASPLAND, Grocer. £116.

M Child 1: **Isaac Bennington ASPLAND** ⁴ #3592

Born: 1867 in Wicken, Cambridgeshire ^{4,2}
 Died: 06 Jan 1932 in Thetford, Norfolk ⁵
 Wife: Ada Sarah #3591

NOTES:

In 1925 Will of Robert ASPLAND (father), he was described as being the Manager of the Ministry of Labour Office. He later became Mayor Of Thetford, Norfolk.

WILL:

1932 - Isaac Bennington ASPLAND of Friars Close, 34 Castle Street, Thetford, died 06-01-1932, aged 64. Probate to Robert Lindsey Bennington ASPLAND, garage proprietor, and Ada Sarah ASPLAND, widow. £1577.

F Child 2: **Emma Sophia ASPLAND** ² #4033

Born: circa 1872 in Wicken, Cambridgeshire ²
 Died: 3 Jun 1948 in Wicken, Cambridgeshire ⁶

NOTES:

EMMA SOPHIA ASPLAND was a spinster who lived at The Chestnuts, the low thatched house standing back from the main road near the Forge in Wicken. This had been the family home for a number of generations. She was a keen photographer around the turn of the century, taking many photographs that helped prove a fascinating picture of

the village and its inhabitants. A number of her photographs are featured in the book by Tony Day entitled "Wicken - a Fen Village". It also includes a photograph of Emma Sophia Aspland.

WILL:

1948 - Emma Sophia ASPLAND of The Chestnuts, Wicken, Cambridgeshire, spinster.
Died 3-6-1948, aged 78, at Station Road, Soham. Probate to Percy John WALLING and Alice Ethel WALLING. £8,088.

¹ 1851 Census.

² 1881 Census.

³ 1926 Will.

⁴ 1871 Census.

⁵ ASPLAND Will Index.

⁶ 1948 Will.