

## CHAPTER

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## The KEMP Family

### *“ Hampshire Builders Incorporated “*

Our first involvement with the KEMP family occurs in our 4th generation, where our GG-Grandfather, **Jacob Charles Hewitt** (b.1821, in West Cowes, Isle of Wight) marries our GG-Grandmother, **Charlotte Kemp** (b.1816, in Froyle, Hampshire).

Although Charlotte was born in Froyle, her family originated from Selborne, Hampshire and the Kemp family had lived there for more than 100 years, with the men primarily working as builders (stone masons, bricklayers, etc).

Selborne village is fairly small and it hosts the parish church, but the parish covers a larger surrounding rural area. As can be seen in the remainder of the chapter, much of the Kemp history surrounds Selborne, but not necessarily within the village. Sometimes parish records are annotated with additional information to describe a person and say where they lived and occasionally this was the case when the Kemps were mentioned. For example, there are occasions when some of the early Kemps were described as being “of Forresside” [ Forest-Side ] or “of Blackmoor”. This suggests that they lived in the rural area outside the village. Blackmoor is a small place a couple of miles to the north-east of Selborne. The village also has a large hill/embankment close by and this is covered in trees. Perhaps this was “Forest-Side” and the Kemps lived on the hillside ?

Our earliest known Kemp relative is ...

### **George Kemp ( b.circa 1650 )**

**George Kemp** married **Rose Martial** on 21st July 1674 at Selborne, Hampshire. These were our 7G-Grandparents. We know of one child, but there were probably others:-

George Kemp              b.1675      in Selborne, Hampshire

### **George Kemp ( 1675-1743 )**

**George Kemp** was our 6G-Grandfather. On 9th July 1696, he married **Elizabeth Sylvester** in Selborne, Hampshire. They had seven children :-

Elizabeth Kemp	b.1697	in Selborne, Hampshire
Ann Kemp	b.1698	in Selborne, Hampshire
Roase Kemp	b.1700	in Selborne, Hampshire ( d.1719 )
George Kemp	b.1702	in Selborne, Hampshire
Thomas Kemp	b.1709	in Selborne, Hampshire ( d.1710 )
Thomas Kemp	b.1711	in Selborne, Hampshire
William Kemp	b.1714	in Selborne, Hampshire

A note in the parish registers against the baptism of Thomas in 1711 describes his father as being George Kemp "of Forest-side".

**Elizabeth Kemp (b.1697)** remained unmarried and died in 1757.

**Ann Kemp (b.1698)** married Jonathan Marshall on 28th October 1725 in Selborne.

**George Kemp (b.1702)** was our 5G-Grandfather (further details below).

**Thomas Kemp (b.1711)** was a mason. He married Mary (surname & date unknown) and they had four children:-

Ann Kemp	b.1737	in Selborne, Hampshire
Thomas Kemp	b.1740	in Selborne, Hampshire
William Kemp	b.1742	in Selborne, Hampshire
George Kemp	b.1748	in Selborne, Hampshire

Of the above, William Kemp (b.1742) married Jane Hoar on 27th September 1762 in Selborne, Hampshire.

**William Kemp (b.1714)** was a bricklayer & maltster. He married Sarah (surname & date unknown) and they had four children:-

William Kemp	b.1755	in Selborne, Hampshire (d.1797)
Ann Kemp	b.1756	in Selborne, Hampshire (d.1779)
George Kemp	b.1759	in Selborne, Hampshire
Thomas Kemp	b.1759	in Selborne, Hampshire

## George Kemp ( 1702-1751 )

**George Kemp** was born in 1702 in Selborne, Hampshire and was our 5G-Grandfather. He was stone mason and bricklayer, and given that his brother Thomas was also a mason, it seems likely that this was the same trade undertaken by their father and that these skills were passed down from father to son. George married Hannah (surname & date unknown) and they had two children, but he died soon afterwards in 1751 in Selborne, Hampshire:-

George Kemp	b.1749	in Selborne, Hampshire
William Kemp	b.1751	in Selborne, Hampshire (d.1797)

## George Kemp ( 1749-c.1823 )

**George Kemp** was born in 1749 in Selborne, Hampshire and was our 4G-Grandfather. He adopted the same trade as his father and grandfather, becoming a stone mason and bricklayer. On 24th December 1771 he married **Martha Bide** at Selborne.

Martha was born in 1749 at Binsted, near Alton, Hampshire and was the daughter of **James Bide** and Elizabeth (nee Kelsey). She was the third of six children of James Bide & Elizabeth. They had married in Winslade, Hampshire in 1737 and had their first child in Froyle, Hampshire in 1739, but the other five were all born in Binsted between 1746 and 1759.

George Kemp and Martha Bide produced a large family, with thirteen children in total:-

George Kemp	b.1773	in Selborne, Hampshire
William Kemp	b.1776	in Selborne, Hampshire
Anne Kemp	b.1778	in Selborne, Hampshire
Eli Kemp	b.1779	in Selborne, Hampshire
Martha Kemp	b.1781	in Selborne, Hampshire
James Kemp	b.1783	in Selborne, Hampshire

Hannah Kemp	b.1785	in Selborne, Hampshire
Anne Maria Kemp	b.1787	in Selborne, Hampshire
Richard Kemp	b.1788	in Selborne, Hampshire
Elisha Kemp	b.1790	in Selborne, Hampshire
Thomas Kemp	b.1791	in Selborne, Hampshire
Hori Kemp	b.1794	in Selborne, Hampshire
Sarah Kemp	b.1795	in Selborne, Hampshire

**George Kemp (b.1773)**, as the eldest son in a large family, naturally took on the family trade of being a stone mason and bricklayer. On 5th June 1797, in Selborne, Hampshire, he married **Elizabeth Fry**. They had seven children:-

Martha Kemp	b.1799	in Selborne, Hampshire
Henry Kemp	b.1802	in Selborne, Hampshire
Elizabeth Kemp	b.1804	in Selborne, Hampshire
Hore Kemp	b.1807	in Selborne, Hampshire
Sarah Kemp	b.1809	in Selborne, Hampshire
John Kemp	b.1813	in Selborne, Hampshire
Mary Kemp	b.1816	in Selborne, Hampshire

By the time of the 1851 census, George Kemp (b.1773) is a widower and is living with his youngest daughter, Mary and her husband, Peter Phillips in Selborne Street, Selborne. Living in the same street is George's son, Hore with his wife, Rebecca. George Kemp died in 1853 at the age of 80 and was buried in Selborne.

**William Kemp (b.1776)** lived a long life and died in 1852, but apart from that, we have no further information on him.

**Anne Kemp (b.1778)** married **William Bass** in 1801.

**Richard Kemp (b.1788)** died in Holywater, Hampshire in 1820 at the age of 33. He was buried in Selborne.

**Elisha Kemp (b.1790)** was our 3G-Grandfather (see further details below).

**Thomas Kemp (b.1791)** also became a bricklayer. On 9th April 1819, in Selborne, Hampshire, he married **Maria Voakes**. They had nine children:-

Anne Kemp	b.1819	in Selborne, Hampshire
Maria Kemp	b.1821	in Selborne, Hampshire
Thomas Kemp	b.1822	in Selborne, Hampshire
Charles Kemp	b.1827	in Selborne, Hampshire
Thomas Kemp	b.1832	in Selborne, Hampshire
George Kemp	b.1834	in Selborne, Hampshire
Eli Kemp	b.1836	in Selborne, Hampshire
Jane Kemp	b.1838	in Selborne, Hampshire
Lucy Kemp	b.1842	in Selborne, Hampshire

The 1851 census lists the family of Thomas Kemp (b.1791) living at "Forrisside" (Forest-Side) in Selborne. Thomas and Maria were 59 and 56 years of age respectively and Thomas was described as a bricklayer. Living with them were 4 sons, 2 daughters and a grand-son. Of the sons, Charles (23), Thomas (19), George (16) and Eli (14) were all described as bricklayers. So, 5 bricklayers in the same household - quite a little building enterprise here!

Charles Kemp (b.1827) moved to Reigate in Surrey, married Rebecca and continued to work as a builder.

Thomas Kemp (b.1832) is listed in the 1871 census, living in Blackmoor, Selborne, with his family. An interesting point of note here is that, in 1870, the Workhouse at Headley, Hampshire was sold to a builder, Thomas Kemp junior of Blackmoor, for

£420. He converted it into a private house. It is now called Headley Grange, and in the 1960s and 70s was used by pop groups such as Led Zeppelin as a recording studio. Their famous '*Stairway to Heaven*' was amongst the tracks recorded there.

## Elisha Kemp ( 1790-1873 )

**Elisha Kemp** was our 3G-Grandfather and was born in Selborne, Hampshire in 1790. He grew up in Selborne and took up the same trade which was customary with all the male members of the family. He became a stone mason and bricklayer.

On 15th November 1812, Elisha married our 3G-Grandmother **Mary Adwater** at Selborne, Hampshire. Mary was the daughter of Daniel Adwater and Elizabeth (nee White) of Froyle, Hampshire. Mary had been born in Froyle in 1791 and was the oldest of eleven children:-

Mary Adwater	b.1791	in Froyle, Hampshire
Elizabeth Adwater	b.1793	in Froyle, Hampshire
Ann Adwater	b.1795	in Froyle, Hampshire
Jane Adwater	b.1797	in Froyle, Hampshire
Sarah Adwater	b.1799	in Froyle, Hampshire
Lucy Adwater	b.1801	in Froyle, Hampshire
John Adwater	b.1802	in Froyle, Hampshire
Sophia Adwater	b.1803	in Froyle, Hampshire
Hannah Adwater	b.1805	in Froyle, Hampshire
Daniel Adwater	b.1806	in Froyle, Hampshire
Harriet Adwater	b.1807	in Froyle, Hampshire (d.1808)

After their marriage, Elisha & Mary went to live in Froyle. This was the first time in at least 150 years that our direct Kemp ancestors had moved outside the parish of Selborne. They produced eleven children:-

Harriet Kemp	b.1814	in Froyle, Hampshire
Charlotte Kemp	b.1816	in Froyle, Hampshire
James Kemp	b.1818	in Froyle, Hampshire
Charles Kemp	b.1820	in Froyle, Hampshire
Martha Kemp	b.1822	in Froyle, Hampshire
Daniel Kemp	b.1826	in Froyle, Hampshire
Thomas Kemp	b.1828	in Froyle, Hampshire
Richard Kemp	b.1831	in Froyle, Hampshire
Henry Kemp	b.1833	in Froyle, Hampshire
Elizabeth Kemp	b.1836	in Froyle, Hampshire
Elisha Kemp	b.1838	in Winchester, Hampshire

By the time of the 1841 census, Elisha & Mary were living in Lower Froyle With them were five of their children - Daniel (14), Thomas (12), Richard (10), Henry (8) and Elizabeth (5).

In the 1851 census, they were living at Warren Cottage in Lower Street, Froyle. Elisha was 58 years of age and by that time he described himself as being a master bricklayer. His son, Henry (16) was living with him and was working as an agricultural labourer. His wife, Mary and sons Charles and Daniel are at a house in St.Pancras, London on the night of the census. They were probably visiting as there is a link to St. Pancras (see below).

Mary died in 1861 and Elisha died in 1873. Both were buried in Froyle.

As far as their children are concerned :-

**Charlotte Kemp (b.1816)** was our GG-Grandmother (see further details below).

**James Kemp (b.1818)**, a bricklayer, married Ann Carter. She was probably from Binsted as in the 1851 census, James and his family are recorded as living with Ann's father, John Carter, also a bricklayer, in Binsted. They probably lived in Binsted for at least 20 years as all their children were born there:-

Charles Kemp	b.1840	in Binsted near Alton, Hampshire
John Kemp	b.1842	in Binsted near Alton, Hampshire
Frank Kemp	b.1845	in Binsted near Alton, Hampshire
Louisa Mary Kemp	b.1847	in Binsted near Alton, Hampshire
Elisha Kemp	b.1850	in Binsted near Alton, Hampshire
Annie Kemp	b.1854	in Binsted near Alton, Hampshire
Rose Kemp	b.1860	in Binsted near Alton, Hampshire

However, by 1871, James Kemp and his family had returned to Froyle and were living at Aldersey Cottage, Main Road, Froyle. James died in 1890, aged 72. Ann died in 1906, aged 87. Both were buried in St.Mary's Churchyard in Froyle.

**Charles Kemp (b.1820)** moved to London and became a policeman. In the 1851 census, he was recorded as living at 14 Gold Street North, St.Pancras. Also living with him was his wife, Susan (born in Taplow, Berkshire) and visiting from Froyle were his mother, Mary (59) and one of his brothers, Daniel (25). The existence of Charles in St. Pancras at that time probably explains why his older sister, Charlotte (our GG-Grandmother) got married in St.Pancras and had her first child there. Charlotte and her husband, Jacob Charles Hewitt were probably visiting Charles or had gone to live close to him for a short period prior to migrating to Hull, Yorkshire.

By the time of the 1861 census, Charles was aged 40 had risen to the rank of Sergeant of the Metropolitan Police. He was then living in Church Row, Hampstead, London and living with him were his wife, Susan and a daughter, Charlotte (6). In 1871, Charles, Susan and Charlotte were recorded as living at 5 Church Row, Hampstead (which may have been the same address listed in 1861 without the house number) and his occupation was then given as Inspector of Nuisances to the Parish of Hampstead.

**Martha Kemp (b.1822)** also moved to London. She remained unmarried and in 1851 she was working as a cook for a George Bishop and family at 2 Westbourne Place, Paddington, London. In her later years she was clearly in poor health as she was recorded as living with her brother (Daniel) and family in 1891 at Park Lane, Froyle. At that time she was aged 68 and an invalid, living on her own means. She died in 1892 and was buried in her home village of Froyle.

**Daniel Kemp (b.1826)** remained in Froyle and followed the usual family occupation of being a bricklayer. However, he seemed to have another occupation in parallel as he was operating as a grocer for part of his life. Perhaps this activity as a grocer was the mechanism by which Daniel's elder sister (Charlotte, our GG-Grandmother) met her future husband (Jacob Charles Hewitt, our GG-Grandfather) as he was also in the grocery business?

On 2nd June 1855, Daniel married Harriet Brownjohn in Froyle. They had thirteen children:-

Harriett Elizabeth Kemp	b.1859	in Froyle, Hampshire	(d.1863)
Arthur Kemp	b.1860	in Froyle, Hampshire	
Ernest Kemp	b.1863	in Froyle, Hampshire	
Daniel Kemp	b.1864	in Froyle, Hampshire	
Lewis Kemp	b.1865	in Froyle, Hampshire	(d.1866)
Daniel James Kemp	b.1867	in Froyle, Hampshire	
James Kemp	b.1868	in Froyle, Hampshire	
Thomas William Kemp	b.1870	in Froyle, Hampshire	

Richard Kemp	b.1872	in Froyle, Hampshire	(d.1888)
Lewis Kemp	b.1874	in Froyle, Hampshire	(d.1875)
Frank Kemp	b.1876	in Froyle, Hampshire	

In 1861 Daniel Kemp (b.1826) and his family were living at the Grocer's Shop, Lower Froyle. He was described as a Grocer & Bricklayer (Master, employing 1 man and 1 boy). The family appeared to moved house frequently. In 1871 they were at Main Road, Froyle; in 1881 they were at The Cottage, Froyle and in 1891 at Park Lane, Froyle. Daniel died in 1895 and Harriet in 1904. Both were buried in Froyle. As a point of note, his son Daniel James Kemp purchased a Building firm in Froyle and this ran successfully for many years, still being in operation long after WWII.

**Thomas Kemp (b.1828)** followed the route of his older brother, Charles. He moved to London and joined the Metropolitan Police. In 1851 he was 22 years old and was a police constable, lodging with a Samuel Waite and family in Hampstead, London.

**Richard Kemp (b.1831)** went into "service" and became a footman. In 1851 he was a 20 year old servant, working for Sir Thomas Combe Miller (baronet, landed proprietor and vicar of Froyle) at Froyle Place, Froyle.

**Henry Kemp (b.1833)**, also known as Harry Kemp, seemed to buck the trend in terms of family occupations and moved into agriculture instead. For most of his life, he was described as a agricultural labour, although by 1901 he seemed to be elevated to the status of farmer. He married Mary Ann (surname and date unknown) and they had nine children. In the history of the Froyle village, there is mention of the establishment of the first parish council in 1894, with the election of the first 8 parish councillors. Henry Kemp was one of those elected.

## Charlotte Kemp ( 1816-1892 )

Our GG-Grandmother, **Charlotte Kemp**, was born in Froyle, Hampshire in 1816. On 15th November 1846, in St.Pancras, London, she was married to our GG-Grandfather, **Jacob Charles Hewitt**, a grocer from West Cowes in the Isle of Wight.

So, one of the mysteries of the research into our family history has been - how did a young woman, from a family of builders, who had lived all her early life in rural Hampshire, meet a man from the Isle of Wight from a totally different occupational background, and then why did they marry in St.Pancras rather than in the home village of either Charlotte or Jacob ?

Well, this obviously has to be speculation, but there are some tentative links which may provide an explanation. Firstly, one of Charlotte's brothers (Daniel) had a dual occupation. Like many others in his family, he was a builder. However, he also ran a grocer's shop in Froyle and that grocer's shop would have to buy-in goods from somewhere. Jacob's family had a grocer's shop in West Cowes, but that was also a shipping port. It would not be surprising if goods were imported to West Cowes and then distributed to other places some distance away. Maybe the Hewitts acted as importers and/or distributors of grocery products and perhaps Jacob met Charlotte when a grocery transaction was underway ?

Regarding the link to St.Pancras, another one of Charlotte's brothers (Charles) was a policeman in St.Pancras. He clearly received family visits from Froyle as his mother and brother were with him at the time of the 1851 census. Charlotte & Jacob married in St.Pancras in 1846, but also had their first child in Kentish Town, London in 1847. So, maybe they planned to visit their brother and then decided to stay a bit longer, or maybe they planned to move to London for a short time prior to their eventual migration north to Hull, Yorkshire (which occurred sometime between 1847 and 1851)? Another possibility is that Charlotte may have been expecting her first child prior to

their marriage, so perhaps the plan was to move away to an area where neither of them were known, to avoid any scandal. Anyway, without further evidence it is impossible to tell, so for now we will just have to speculate.

For further information on the above, see the chapter on the HEWITT family.