

Thomas Chatfield

20 February 1825 - 14 May 1905

Thomas Chatfield was born on 20th February 1825 in Fletching. He was christened on 20th February 1825 at Chailey. Thomas' parents were John Chatfield (1787-1870) and Lucy Marten (1793-1875).

Thomas and Hannah were married on 6th April 1850. at Fletching Church. At the time of the marriage, both Thomas and Hannah were living at Furners Green. Thomas was aged 26 years, a bachelor and a Wheelwright. Witnesses to the marriage were Anthony Browning and Lucy Westgate.

They had 8 children; Albert (16/11/1851 - 16/09/1867), Anna (20/12/1853 - 28/01/1854), Alice, Horace, George (08/01/1861 - 1872 (aged 11)), Ellen, Harriet and Annie Louisa.

In 1881 the family were living at Portmansford Farm, Furners Green, and Thomas was farming 67 acres with help of one man and a boy. Church records state that Thomas was church warden for 30 years.

In 1899, Thomas was recorded as a Farmer at Portmansford Farm, Danehill, but had retired by 1905. The running of the farm was taken over by their son, Horace. Thomas had been a Church Warden at Danehill for some 30 years [20].

Thomas died on 14th May 1905 at Penfold Cottage, Danehill, Sussex, aged 80 years, when he was described as a Retired Farmer. He was buried in All Saints churchyard, Danehill.

Probate was granted on the 26th June 1905 to Horace Chatfield, the surviving trustee. By his Will made at Portmansford Farm, Danehill and dated 2nd December 1897, he appointed his son, Horace Chatfield and his friend John Yates, Farmer of Fletching, as his trustees and executors. He made the following bequests:

To wife, Hannah Chatfield To take absolutely all plate, linen, china, glass, books, pictures, prints, wearing apparel, jewellery, household furniture and other household effects. All real and residuary personal estate to be sold or converted into money with the proceeds held by the trustees. All income arising therefrom to be paid to my wife during her lifetime. On the death of my wife Residue to go equally to three of my children: Horace Chatfield, Harriet Chatfield and Anne Chatfield or their heirs.

<i>Thomas Chatfield</i> <i>Parish Warden</i> <i>for 30 years</i> No. 703	<i>died at</i> <i>PENFOLD COTTAGE</i> <i>Danehill</i>	<i>May</i> <i>18</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>Ammon</i> <i>Per</i>
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Thomas Chatfield's burial record



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Hannah Chatfield (nee Browning)

3 July 1824 - 31 July 1899

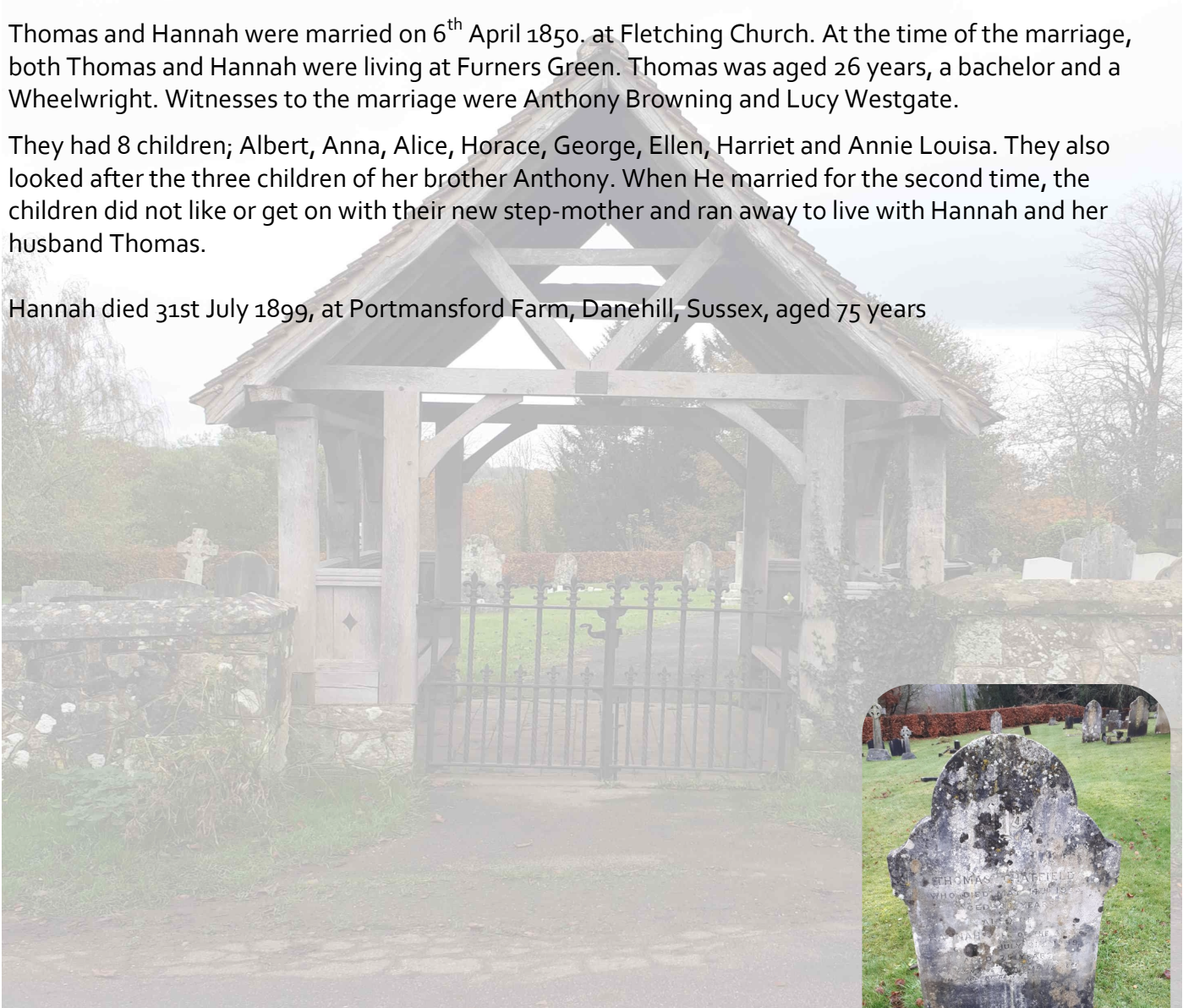
Hannah Browning was born on 3rd July 1824 in Fletching, her parents were James Browning (1801-1866) and Ann Briggs (1798-1873). James came from Maresfield and Ann from Fletching. They were married on 31st January 1824 at St John the Baptist, Lewes. She was christened on 8th August 1824 at Fletching.

Hannah was one of three children. She had two brothers, Anthony and Edwin. In 1830, the family was living at Chelwood Common, when James was a Labourer

Thomas and Hannah were married on 6th April 1850. at Fletching Church. At the time of the marriage, both Thomas and Hannah were living at Furners Green. Thomas was aged 26 years, a bachelor and a Wheelwright. Witnesses to the marriage were Anthony Browning and Lucy Westgate.

They had 8 children; Albert, Anna, Alice, Horace, George, Ellen, Harriet and Annie Louisa. They also looked after the three children of her brother Anthony. When He married for the second time, the children did not like or get on with their new step-mother and ran away to live with Hannah and her husband Thomas.

Hannah died 31st July 1899, at Portmansford Farm, Danehill, Sussex, aged 75 years



Thomas and
Hannah Chatfield
are buried at
Danehill cemetery



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Hannah & Thomas Chatfield's children

Alice Chatfield

2 June 1857

Alice Chatfield was born on 2nd June 1857 at Marden, Kent. She left home, with her sister Ellen, to take up dress-making at Brighton. She later moved to Islington, North London where she was a Drapery Assistant at Ward's Store. In 1881 was employed as a Draper's Assistant and living on the premises with sister Ellen at 3-4 Vere Street, London; the business of Jabez Stephen Crouch and family. Became the second wife of Anthony James Browning on 3rd December 1911, at which date she was living at 42 Bingfield Street, Islington.

Horace Chatfield

28 April 1859 - 29 December 1940

Horace was born on 28th April 1859 at Sliders Farm, Fletching, Sussex. He was christened at Holy Trinity Chapel, Danehill, on 11th Jul.1859. He was a Farmer by trade. He later took over the operation of Portmansford Farm, Furners Green, from his father. He married on 11th October 1899 to Mary Thompson (Born 3rd April 1867).

They had two children; Grace Chatfield, born on 22nd November 1903 and George Chatfield who was born on 3rd March 1910. He married Florence Mary Trussler on the 12th October 1935 and had two children; Lawrence, born 10th August 1938 who never married and Christopher, born 25th November 1941 who married Elizabeth Perkins in 1967 and had two sons; Stephen (born 1970) and Robert (born 1971).

Horace was a Churchwarden at Danehill between 1907 - 1911 and 1918 - 1940.

Horace died on 29th December 1940, aged 81 years, and was buried at Danehill. At the time of his death Horace was described as Retired Farmer and the family was living at 'Holmwood', Danehill, Sussex.



Horace Chatfield is buried at Danehill cemetery

Ellen Chatfield

20 October 1863

Ellen was born on 20th October 1863 at Chelwood Common, Fletching, Sussex. She left home, with sister Alice, to take up dress-making in Brighton. In 1881 was employed as a Draper's Assistant and living on the premises with sister Alice at 3-4 Vere Street, London; the business of Jabez Stephen Crouch and family. She became the first wife of Anthony James Browning on 21st July 1889



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Hannah & Thomas Chatfield's children

Harriet Chatfield

30 June 1865 - 5 June 1929

Harriet was born on 30th June 1865. With her sister, Annie, opened a Guest House called 'Oakhurst' at Horsted Keynes. Harriett never married. She died on 5th June 1929 at Brightlands, Horsted Keynes, Sussex aged 63 years, and was buried in Horsted Keynes churchyard.

Annie Louisa Chatfield

6 May 1868—23 September 1930

Annie Louise was born 6th May 1868. With her sister, Harriet, opened a Guest House called 'Oakhurst' at Horsted Keynes. After Harriet's death in 1929, Annie retired to a small house in Horsted Keynes, where she died on 23rd September 1930, aged 62 years, and was buried in Horsted Keynes churchyard.



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Anthony Browning (Hannah's brother)

1828

Anthony Browning was born around 1828 in Fletching

He married twice. His first marriage was to Ann Greenfield (See Greenfield family). Ann was born in London about 1825, the daughter of Zephaniah and Charlotte Greenfield. Anthony and Ann were married on the 1st December 1860 at the Parish Church of St. George, Bloomsbury, London. Anthony was a bachelor and a farmer. Ann was a spinster. Witnesses to the marriage were James Zephaniah Greenfield and Charlotte Greenfield (Ann's siblings)

They had three children:

Anthony James Browning

Anthony was born on 27th October 1862 at Sliders Farm, Fletching. Anthony could not be found in the 1881 census, but a James Browning (born 1864, Fletching, Agricultural Labourer) was boarding at the home of George and Caroline Browning at Birch Grove, Maresfield. He married Ellen Chatfield on 21st July 1889 at Brighton Parish Church. He then married Alice Chatfield, sister of his first wife Ellen Chatfield, on 3rd December 1911 at Islington.

Charlotte Browning

Charlotte was born on 21st May 1864 at Chelwood Common, Fletching. She was later a matron of a Childrens Home in Kingston, Surrey. She died 4th January 1937, aged 73 years.

In 1862, the family was living at Slider's Farm, Danehill, but by 1864 had moved to Chelwood Common, Fletching. Anthony was recorded as an Innkeeper in 1864 and 1866.

Alfred John Browning

Alfred was born on 29th May 1866 at Chelwood Common, Fletching, Sussex. He married Emily (surname unknown). They lived in Kingston, Surrey. They had a daughter, Kathleen, who married William Evans but there were no children.

Ann died in 1866, aged about 41 years.

After Ann died Anthony remarried to Sarah (surname unknown), soon after 1866. No record of this marriage could be found. The three children of the first marriage did not like their new step-mother and ran away together one night to their father's sister Hannah's house at Portmans Ford Farm. Hannah and her husband Thomas Chatfield gave them a home and brought them up with their own children. The 1881 census showed that the children were later reconciled with their new step-mother.

Anthony died by 1889 when he was recorded as a Wheelwright.



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Edwin Peter Browning (Hannah's brother)

1830

Born 1830 in Fletching. He was christened on 16th May 1830 at Fletching

At the time of his marriage, Edwin was a Wheelwright.

Edwin married Harriet Waghorn on 17th August 1858 at the Independent Chapel, Marden, Kent. Her father was Benjamin Waghorn, a coal agent. Both Edwin and Harriet were from Marden, Kent. Harriet was born in 1831 at Marden and was aged 28 on her wedding day.

They had three children; Anne Browning. Born 1860 at Marden, Kent, Jessie Browning. Born 1862 at Marden, Kent, Frank Browning. Born 1868 at Pembury, Kent.

In 1881 the family was living at North End, Downe, Kent (when Edwin was a farmer of 197 acres and employing 3 men and 1 boy) with 2 farm servants and 2 boarders.

Hannah's parents

James Browning

1801 - 16 May 1866

James was born in 1801 in Maresfield. He married Ann on 31st January 1824 at St John the Baptist, Lewes. In 1830, the family was living at Chelwood Common, when James was a Labourer. The 1841 and 1851 census showed them living at Portmansford. James was recorded as a Farmer in 1858. By The 1861 census they had moved to Great Bottoms.

James died on the 16th May 1866, aged 65 years, at Fletching. At the date of death he was recorded as being a farmer. He died from injuries through accidentally falling off his horse on 14th May. He died intestate.

Ann Browning (Nee Briggs)

1798 - 19 October 1873)

Ann was born in 1798 in Fletching. She married James Browning on 31st January 1824 at St John the Baptist, Lewes. In 1830, the family was living at Chelwood Common. The 1841 and 1851 census showed them living at Portmansford. By The 1861 census they had moved to Great Bottoms .

The 1871 census showed Ann Browning, then aged 73 and a widow, living with her daughter Hannah and her husband, Thomas Chatfield, and five children at Furners Green, Fletching.

Ann died on the 29th October 1873, aged 75 years, at Furners Green, Fletching, Sussex. She died intestate



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James
Browning

Ann
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Edwin
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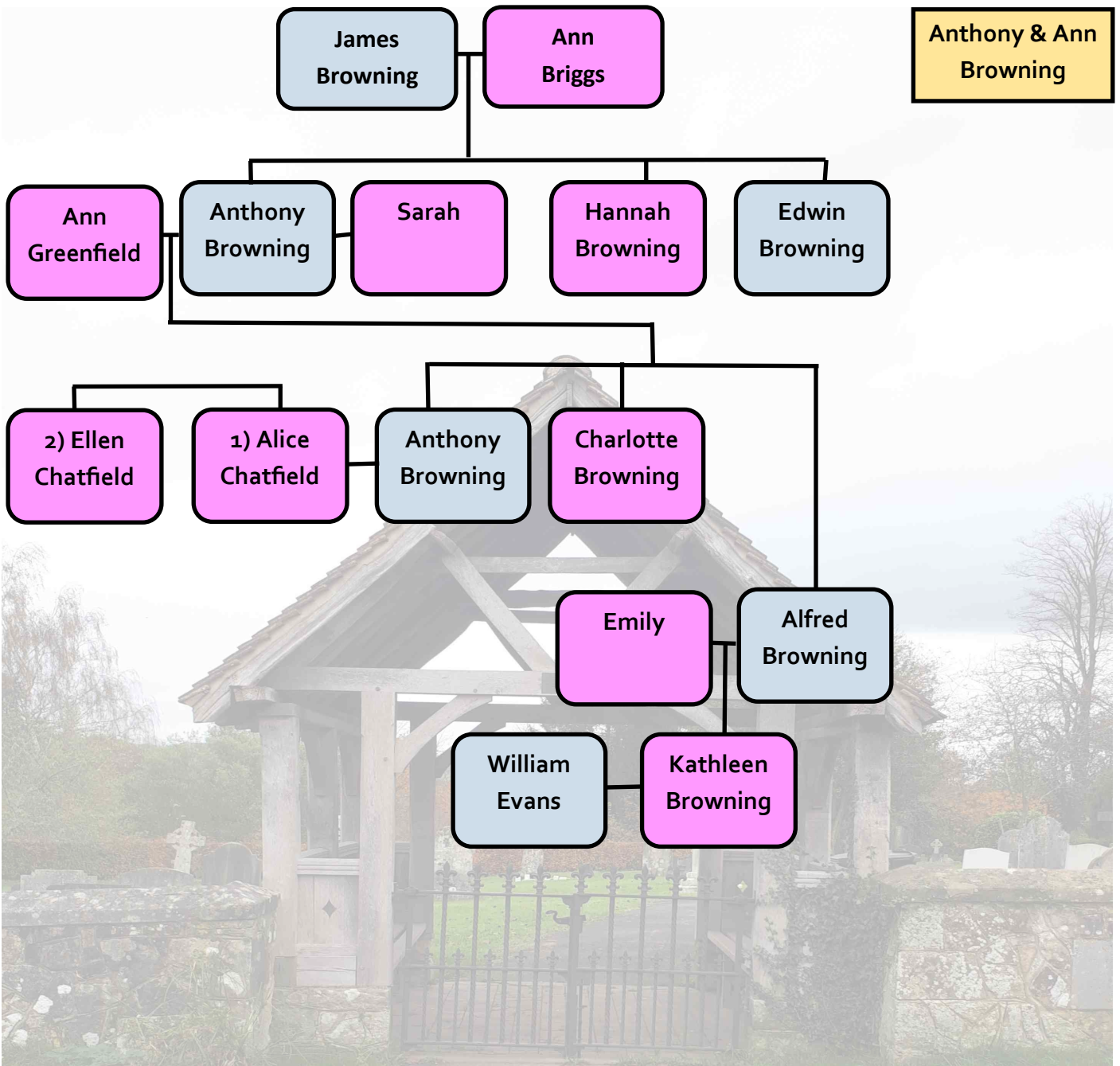
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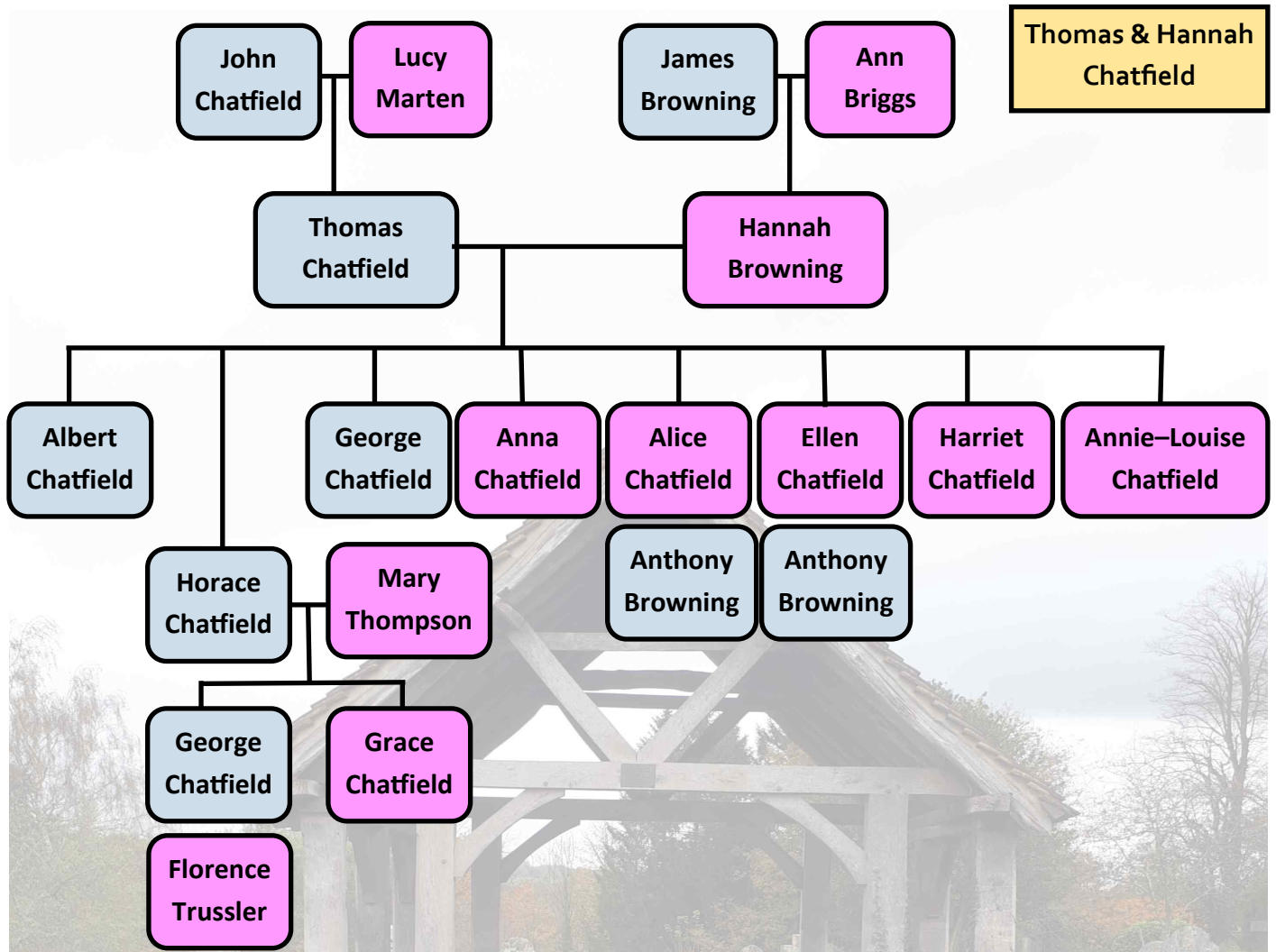


Anthony & Ann Browning

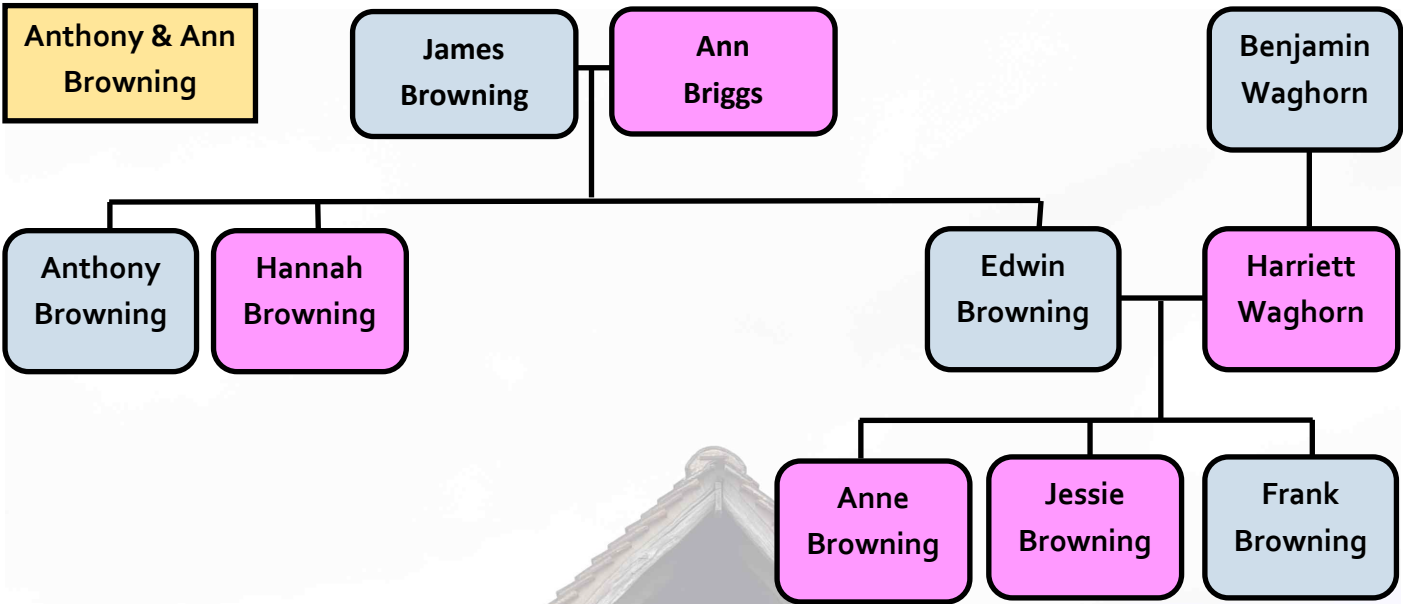
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