

ALONSO BERNARD COX 1869 - 25th November 1937

Alonso Bernard Cox was born in 1869 in Egham, Surrey or in some records he states he was born in Staines. It is more likely to be Egham as the family lived there in 1881.

His parents were Henry Cox, a wheelwright, and Sarah (?)

In 1881 Alonso was living at home in New Road, Egham, with his parents, brother, Samuel, a carpenter, and three sisters, Amy, Ellen and Kate.

The 1891 census records Alonso living as a boarder with Sidney Ziegler, in High Road, Woodford, Essex. Sidney's occupation was a baker so presumably Alonso was training with him, as he went on to become a baker.

He met his soon-to-be wife, Elizabeth Mitchell, who came from Montecute, Somerset, and they married there at the parish church on 10th May 1894.

In the 1899 City Directory Alonso was listed as a baker, pastry cook, confectioner and biscuit maker. By 1901 he had set up his own bakery in Danehill and in 1911 he and Elizabeth were still living in Danehill, in a house with 4 rooms.

Alonso died on 25th November 1937 aged 69 and was buried in Danehill cemetery on 30 November 1937.

Alonso's wife Elizabeth Mitchell came from Somerset, where her father Robert, was an agricultural labourer and her mother Emily was a glove maker. Glove making started in Yeovil, Somerset as early as 1720, and all the gloves were stitched by hand until the invention of the sewing machine in 1846. This invention is credited to Elias Howe who patented the first lockstitch sewing machine. Prior to that the invention of The Gloving Donkey, by James Winter in 1807, was a wooden frame that allowed girls as young as 8 years to make gloves, bringing in more money for the family.

Elizabeth died shortly before Alonso in 1937. It is unknown where Elizabeth is buried

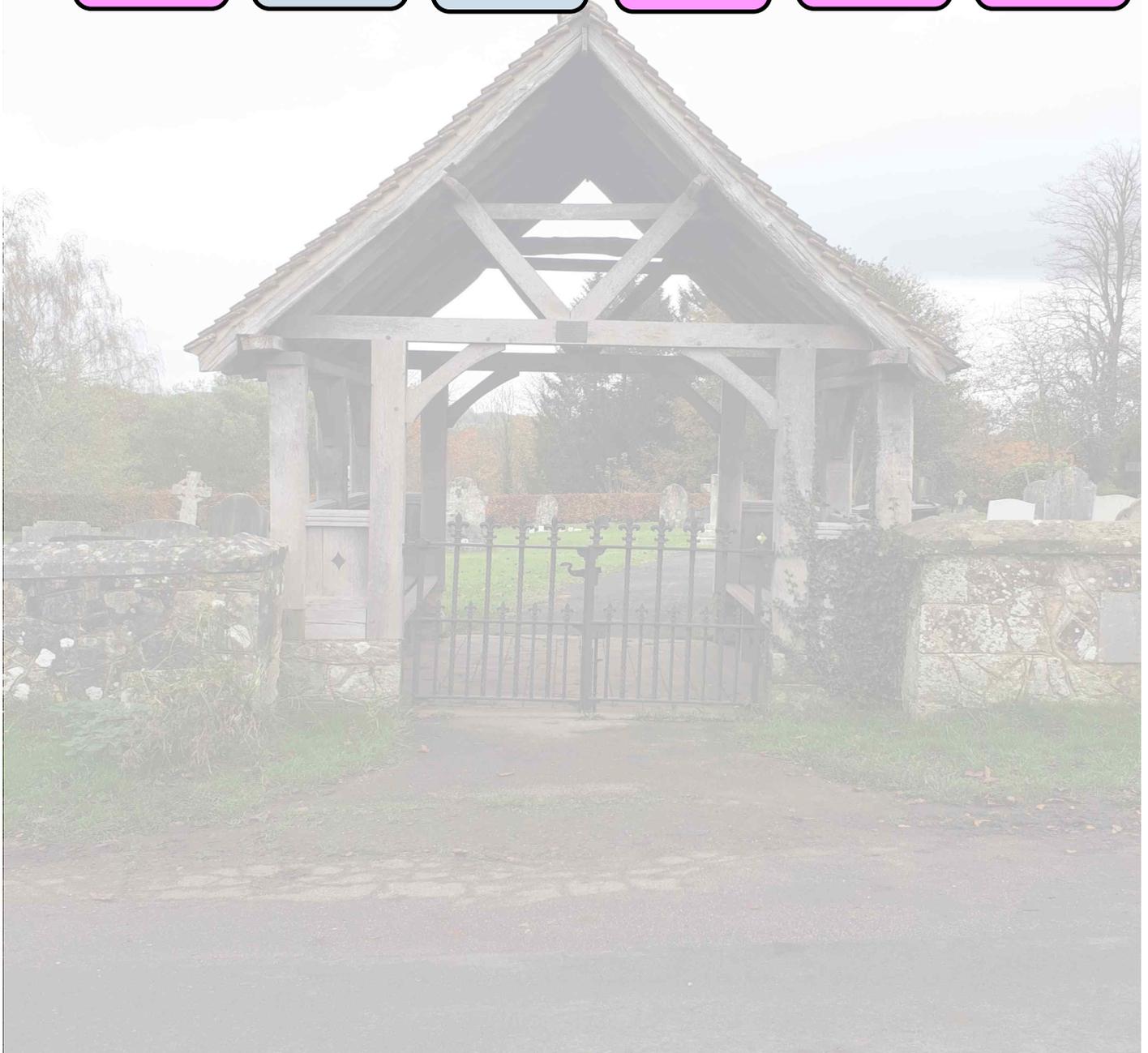
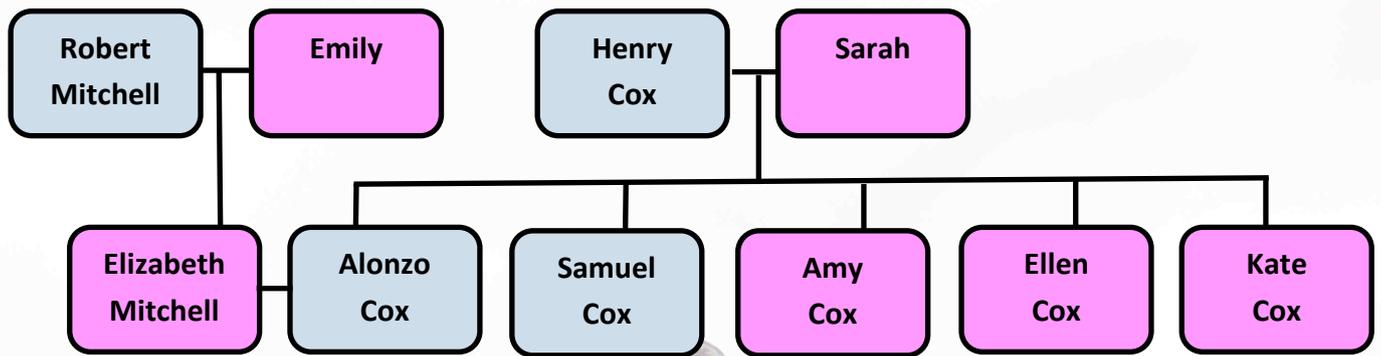


Left: Alonso and his pony and trap.

Right: Bernard is buried at Danehill cemetery



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