Zephaniah Greenfield

C1794 / 1795 - 24 May 1860

Zephaniah Greenfield was born around 1794 / 1795. He was christened on 15th Jun.1794 at Wisborough Green, the son of Zephaniah and Mary Greenfield. In the Church Register transcript the name is shown as 'Grenville', but it obviously should be Greenfield because the parents first names are the same, it is the correct date, and he had a brother William.

Zephaniah and Mary are thought to have married about 1785. They did marry at Wisborough although they lived in the area. The only marriage around this tim found was at Bramley, Surrey, on 26th May 1785 between Zephaniah Greenfield and Mary Baxter. Zephaniah and Mary had at least three children – no others were found in a search of the Wisborough Green parish registers from 1783 to 1800.

Zephaniah married Charlotte (?) around 1820. Charlotte is recorded as being born in 1800 at Burton, Gloucestershire. They had five children; Ann, Henry, John, Charlotte and James

During the years 1824 to 1831, whilst at Great Bookham, Zephaniah was described as a Coachman.

In 1837, Zephaniah Greenfield of 55 Devonshire Mews, Portland Place, London, was entitled to vote through ownership of a copyhold house and land at Chelwood Common, Sussex

In September 1847, the family was living at 55 Upper Harley Street, London. At this date, Zephaniah was a Coachman.

The 1851 census showed the following for 55 Devonshire Mews South, Portland Place, Marylebone (HO107-1487, slide 323:

Zephaniah Greenfield	Head	Age 56	Coachman Born, Sussex
Charlotte Greenfield Wife	Age 51		Born, Gloucester
Charlotte Greenfield Dau	Age 16	Teacher	Born, London
Hannah Fox Servant	Age 15	Servant	Born, Chelwood, Sussex

Zephaniah was described in 1860 as an Innkeeper and a Farmer

Zephaniah died on 24th May 1860, aged 66 years, at Chelwood Common, Fletching. He was buried in Danehill churchyard on 29th May 1860



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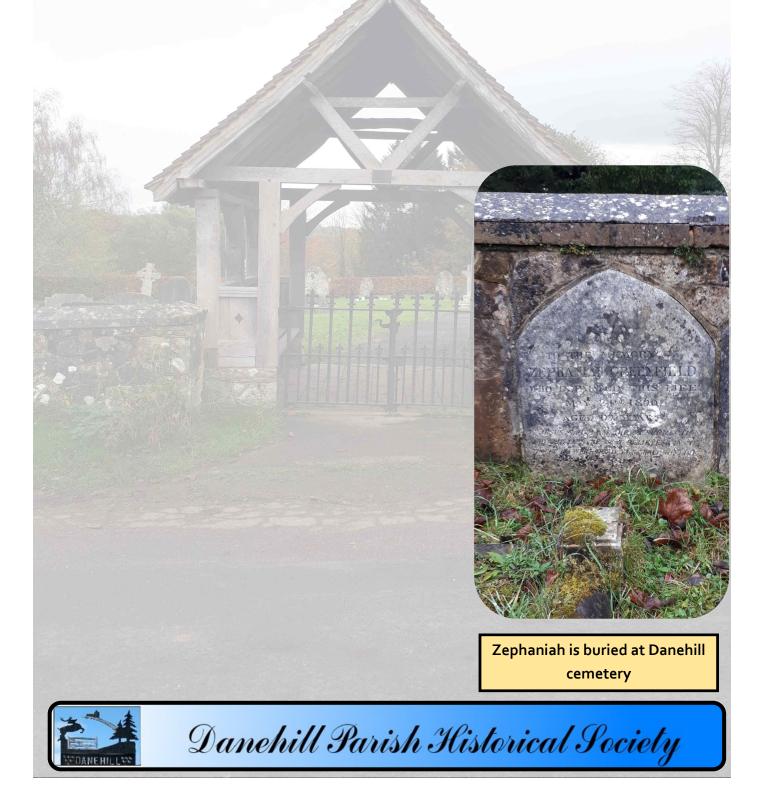
By his Will dated September 1847, he appointed his friends Benjamin Martin the elder of Fletching, Shopkeeper, and Benjamin Martin the younger as his executors. He made the following bequests:

All copyhold hereditments and residue of real estate to be sold and the net proceeds to be invested

To wife, Charlotte £50 for her immediate use. All household goods, furniture and other. All income arising during her lifetime on the invested monies

To all children or their heirs On death or remarriage of wife all capital and remaining interest to be divided equally between them. His Will was proved at Lewes on 3rd August 1860 by Benjamin Martin the Elder of Danehill, the surviving executor. Effects under £200.

In the 1861 census, Charlotte was living with her daughter, Ann, and her husband at Sliders Farm, Fletching.



The children of Zephaniah & Charlotte Greenfield

James Zephaniah Greenfield

James was Christened, 9th October 1825 at Great Bookham, Surrey, the son of Zephaniah and Charlotte.

James married twice. His first wife's name is unknown. They had two children; Rose M. Greenfield who was born in 1859 at St. Martins, Middlesex and Emma C. Greenfield who was born in 1862 at St. Martin, Middlesex. Both were recorded, in 1881, as National School Teachers.

James' second wife was Louisa Amelia Brown (born 1846 at St. Johns Wood, Middlesex at St. James, Westminster, whom he married on 28th June 1879.

In 1881 the family were living at 129 Long Acre, St. Martin in the Fields, London, when James was a Municipal Rate Collector.

James died 28th Jul.1911, aged 85 years, at 9 Willcott Road, Alton, when his trade was still described as a Rate Collector. The death was registered by the widow, L.A. Greenfield.

Henry Greenfield

Henry was christened on the 3rd August 1828 at Great Bookham, Surrey. He was the son of Zephaniah and Charlotte.

Henry married but the name of his wife was unknown. They had two children; Mary A. Greenfield who was born in 1860 at Camberwell. In 1881 her occupation was a Domestic servant and Fanny E. Greenfield who was born in 1866 at Wandsworth. In 1881 she was recorded as a Scholar.

In 1881 the family was living at St. Ann's Boys School House, Wandsworth, Henry was a National Schoolmaster.

John Greenfield

John was christened on 3rd July 1831 at Great Bookham, Surrey. He was the son of Zephaniah and Charlotte. John did marry, but the name of his wife is unknown. She had died by 1881 so John was a widower. It does not look as though he married again. In 1881 was living with his brother James and family, when John was a Commission Agent.

Charlotte Greenfield

Charlotte was born 1835 in London. Not much else is known about her.



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Ann Browning (nee Greenfield)

Born 1824/25 in London. She was Christened on the 18th April1824 at Great Bookham, Surrey, the daughter of Zephaniah and Charlotte. At the time of her marriage, to Anthony Browning (1828-?), on 1st December 1860, Ann was living at 10 Great Queen Street, London. They were married at the Parish Church of St. George, Bloomsbury London

Anthony was a bachelor and a farmer. Ann was a spinster. Both were of full age. 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.

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.

The 1861 census showed the following information for Sliders Farm, Fletching

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.

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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Zephaniah Greenfield's brothers

John Greenfield

John was Christened on 12th March 1786 at Wisborough Green, Sussex, the son of Zephaniah and Mary Greenfield.

William Greenfield

William was Christened on 14th March 1789 at Wisborough Green, the son of Zephaniah and Mary Greenfield. William married Charlotte.

The 1851 census showed William and Charlotte living at Chelwood Common, Fletching, when William, aged 61, born Wisborough Green, was a farmer of 10 Acres, employing 1 person. Charlotte was born in 1789 at Hastings.



