

Alfred William Stevens

June 1863 - 31 January 1927

Alfred William was born in Fletching in June 1863 and baptised on 2nd August of that year. His father John Stevens (1839-1886) was a shepherd. Alfred's mother was Mary Jane Marchant (1840-????).

In 1871 Alfred was 7 years old and living with his parents in a cottage in Sheffield Green. On the 1881 census he is now 17 and working as a labourer on a farm. In 1891 Alfred is still at home with his parents and is now working as a general labourer. Alfred has listed his name as William. It was common in Victorian times to call your children by their second Christian names, but it does make it confusing for genealogists.

Alfred married Mercy Farmer, and the Banns were read on 10th, 17th and 24th February 1889 and the wedding took place on 2nd March in Fletching.

The 1911 census records Alfred and Mercy in Sheffield Park, as caretakers. The census states the house had 52 rooms so maybe they lived in Sheffield Park House and were responsible for looking after the whole house. The record is unclear and a mark on the number 5 could be a mistake and they only lived in 2 rooms?

They were not blessed with children and lived together until they both died within days of each other in 1927.

Alfred William died on 31st January 1927 ages 63 years, at Tricklands Cottages, Sheffield Park. He left £145. 1s.5d in his Will. He was buried at Danehill cemetery on 3rd February 1927.

Mercy Stevens (nee Farmer)

2 March 1866 - 27 January 1927

Mercy Farmer was born on 2nd March 1866 in Fletching. Her father James Farmer (1821-1903) was a farm labourer, and her mother was Mary Ann Avis (1838-1905).

In 1871 Mercy was living a home with her parents, in Kings Wood, Fletchnng and in 1881 in Furners Green. Mercy was from a large family with 9 siblings, George, Laura, Ansley, Amelia, Edward, Ellen, Agnes, Mary and Frank.

Mercy married Alfred William Stevens on 2nd March 1889.

They did not have any children and Mercy died 3 days before her husband Alfred on 27th January 1927 aged 59 years. She was buried the same day as her husband, 3rd February 1927



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1889. Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish of Fletching in the County of Sussex.

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
411	March 2nd 1889	Alfred William Stevens	25	Bachelor	Shepherd	Sheffield Green	John Stevens	Shepherd
		Mercy Farmer	23	Spinster		Sheffield Green	James Farmer	Labourer

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church after Banns by me,

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Alfred William Stevens and Mercy Farmer in the Presence of us, John Henry Stevens and Fanny Pallmer *W. Attsuborough M.A.* Vicar.

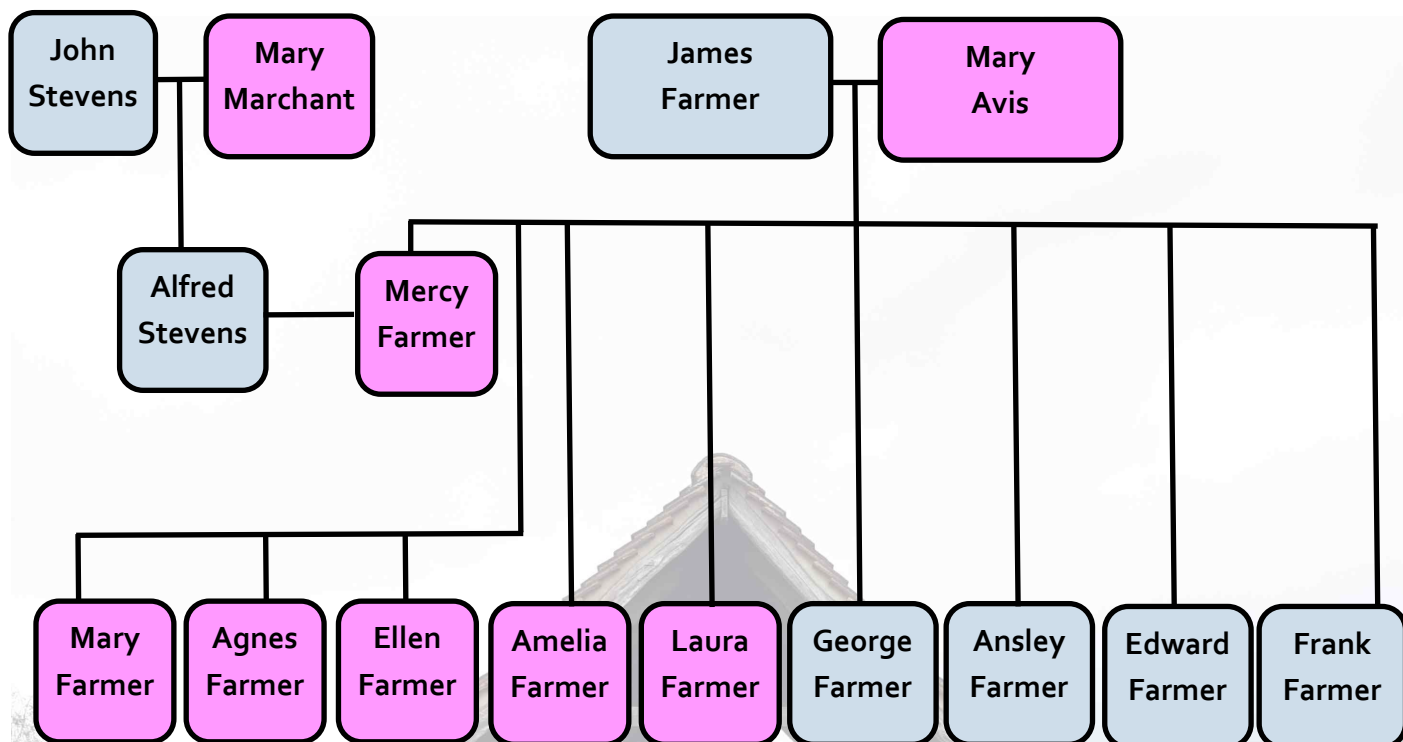
Alfred William Stevens	Luchlan & Cottages Sheffield Park Fletching	3rd February 1927	63 years.	J. Parker
Mercy Stevens	Luchlan Cottages Sheffield Park Fletching.	3rd February 1927	59 years.	J. Parker



Top: Alfred and Mercy's marriage certificate. Bottom: Alfred and Mercy's burial record. Right: Alfred and Mercy are buried at Danehill cemetery



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