

Harriett Wickens (nee Tomsett)

1818 – 1880

Harriett Tomsett was born to James Tomsett (1790 – 1873) and Mary Wynn (1790 – 1858) in Chelwood Common, Fletching Parish, Sussex.

Harriet Tomsett married James Wickens (1812 - 1885) by bans on 1st March 1834 in the Parish of Fletching. Witnesses were Asa Wickens and Sarah Ann Tomsett.

Harriett and James had 7 Children; Alfred (1838 – 1884), Spencer (1840 – 1899), Mercy (1843 – 1843) (Age 4 months, Buried Danehill Cemetery 12th September 1843), Simeon (1849 – 1938), Naaman (1851 – 1852) (Age 1, Buried Danehill Cemetery 1st July 1852), Harriett (1853 – 1939) and Christopher (1856 – 1865) (Age 9, Buried Danehill Cemetery 26th October 1865).

At the time of her marriage, in 1834, her and her husband were living in Chelwood Common. By the census of 1841 she was living in Chelwood Common with husband and children. James was an agricultural labourer. They were still living there in the census' of 1851 and 1861, but during this period James was listed as a pork butcher. By the census of 1871 they had moved to Chelwood Common Cottage with their children. James was still a pork butcher.

Harriet died on 20th February 1880, aged 63, in Chelwood Common. She was buried in Danehill Cemetery on 24th February 1880. Her headstone reads "*In Memorial Remembrance of Harriett The Beloved Wife of James Wickens Who Departed this Life February 20th, 1880 In The 63 Year of Her Age.*"



Harriett Wickens in buried at
Danehill cemetery



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James Wickens

1812 - January 1885

James Wickens was born in 1812 to William Wickens (1775 - 1840) and Elizabeth Bassett (1775 - 1856) in Fletching Parish. He was baptized on January 12, 1812 in St Andrew and St Mary Church with his brother William who was 3 years old.

James parents were born in Rotherfield and were married in St Denys Church November 21, 1797. They had seven children; Tamar Wickens (1801 – 1863), Amos Wickens (1803 - ???), Azel Wickens (1805 – 1875) (buried Danehill Cemetery 31 August 1875—no headstone), Zilpah (Wickens) Beard (1807 – 1887) (buried Danehill Cemetery 7th April 1887 - no headstone), William Wickens (1809 – 1871), Asa Wickens (1810 – 1841) and James Wickens (1812 - 1885)

In the 1841 Census William was living in Fletching with his daughter Zilpah and her illegitimate children Elizabeth Wickens and Adelaide Wickens and a nephew William of Rotherfield. William was listed as a shoemaker.

James Wickens married Harriet Tomsett (1818 – 1880) by bans on 1st March 1834 in the Parish of Fletching. Witnesses were his brother Asa Wickens and Sarah Ann Tomsett.

James and Harriett had 7 Children. Only 4 lived to adulthood; Alfred (1838 – 1884), Spencer (1840 – 1899), Mercy (1843 – 1843) (Age 4 months, Buried Danehill Cemetery 12th September 1843), Simeon (1849 – 1938), Naaman (1851 – 1852) (Age 1, Buried Danehill Cemetery 1st July 1852), Harriett (1853 – 1939) and Christopher (1856 – 1865) (Age 9, Buried Danehill Cemetery Oct 29, 1865)

James lived all of his life, since his marriage in 1834, until his death in 1855 at Chelwood Common with his wife and children. He was an agricultural labourer in 1841, but change profession by 1851 to a pork butcher. In 1881 he was now retired and was living with his son Simon in Corn Dealer House.

James Wickens died in Chelwood Common in January 1885, aged 72. He was buried in Danehill Cemetery on 26th January 1885. He does not have a headstone.



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Alfred Wickens

14 December 1838 - 26 May 1884

Alfred Wickens was born on 14th December 1838, in Chelwood Common to James Wickens (1812 -1885) and Harriet Tomsett (1818 – 1880). Alfred Wickens was baptised in Trinity Chapel in Danehill on 6th January 1839. No birthdate was indicated in his baptismal records.

James Wickens and Harriet Tomsett had seven children of which Alfred was the eldest; Alfred (1838 – 1884), Spencer (1840 – 1899), Mercy (1843 – 1843), Simeon (1848 – 1938), Naaman (1851 – 1852), Harriet (1859 – 1939) and Christopher (1856 - 1865).

In 1861 Alfred was living with his parents and siblings in a cottage in Chelwood Common. His occupation was a hen dealer and poulterer.

Alfred married Sarah Ann Peirce by banns on 21st May 1862 in St. Anne's Church, Lewes, Sussex, Parish.

The Marriage Certificate of Registration details state The Bride, Sarah Ann Peirce, was a servant and her father, James Henley Peirce was a farmer. Marchant Peirce, Sarah Ann's brother, and Eliza Bowles (sp) were witnesses. Sarah Ann and Alfred had only one child, James Henry Wickens (1865 – 1938) who was born 8th February 1864 at Danehill, Fletching, Sussex.

By 1871, the family consisting of Alfred, Sarah Ann and son James and stepdaughter Fanny Ellen lived in Chelwood Common Cottage. Alfred was a Poulterer Master and employed 1 man and 1 boy.

By 1882, Alfred was a Poulterer and farmer of 11 acres employing 2 men. The family lived at School Hill in Chelwood Common and also had 1 servant living with Alfred, Sarah Ann and James Henry.

Alfred died on 26th May 1884, aged 45. He was buried at Danehill cemetery on 29th May 1884

His headstone reads: *"In Affectionate Remembrance of Alfred Wickens Who Departed This Life May 26th 1884 Aged 45 Years"*.



Alfred Wickens in buried at Danehill cemetery



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Spencer Wickens

1840 – 22 May 1899

Spencer Wickens was born in 1840 in Chelwood Common to James Wickens (1812 -1885) and Harriet Tomsett (1818 – 1880). Spencer was baptised in Trinity Chapel in Danehill on 27th December 1840. No birthdate was indicated. James Wickens' occupation was labourer.

In the 1841 and 1851 Census Spencer was living in Chelwood Common with his parents and brother Alfred. James was an agricultural labourer in 1841 but was a pork butcher in 1851.

On 12th January 1858 Spencer married Tamar Gasson; both of Chelwood Common. Spencer and Tamar had 2 children; Spencer (1858 - 1898) and Agnes (1861 – 1897). In the census of 1861, Spencer, Tamar and baby Spencer were living at Little Potmans Farm. Spencer was a farmer of 8 acres. By the census of 1871 the family was living at Chelwood Common Cottage. Spencer was a pork butcher journeyman. In the census of 1881 the couple were living at School Hill, Chelwood Common with their children. When the census of 1891 was taken Spencer and Tamar were living at Stone Cottage, Chelwood Common with Spencer's sister Agnes and her baby Edward May. Spencer was listed as a farmer.

Spencer Wickens died on 22nd May 1899, aged 58, at Chelwood Common. He was buried on 25th May 1899 at Danehill Cemetery. His headstone reads: *"In Loving Memory of Spencer The Beloved Husband of Tamar Wickens Who Departed This Life May 22nd, 1899 Aged 59 Years"*.



Spencer Wickens and his son
Spencer are buried at Danehill
cemetery



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Tamar Wickens (nee Gasson)

1838 - 6 May 1915

Tamar Gasson was born in 1838 in Chelwood Common to Humphrey Gasson (1798 – 1893) and Tamar Ridley (1808 – 1890). She was baptised on 19th August 1838 in Trinity Chapel, Danehill.

On 12th January 1858 Tamar married Spencer Wickens; both of Chelwood Common. Tamar's father Humphrey was a farmer. Tamar and Spencer had two children; Spencer (1858 - 1898) and Agnes (1861 – 1897).

In the census' of 1841 and 1851, Tamar was living in Chelwood Common with her parents and siblings. By the census of 1861, Spencer, Tamar and baby Spencer were living at Little Potmans Farm. Spencer was a farmer of 8 acres. They had moved by the census 1871, the family was living at Chelwood Common Cottage. Spencer was a pork butcher journeyman. By the census of 1881, the couple were living at School Hill, Chelwood Common with their children. In the census of 1891 Spencer and Tamar were living at Stone Cottage, Chelwood Common with Spencer's sister Agnes and her baby Edward May. Spencer was listed as a farmer. In the 1901 census the situation had not changed since 1891. In the census of 1911 Tamar, living on own means, shared her Danehill accommodation with grandsons Edward May (age 20) and Alfred Wickens (age 25). Both were pork butchers.

Tamar died in Chelwood Common on 6th May 1915, aged 77. Her effects were left to her grandson Alfred Wickens, butcher. Tamar was buried 8th May 1915 at Danehill Cemetery. Her headstone reads: *"In Loving Memory of Tamar the Beloved Wife of Spencer Wickens Who Departed This Life 6th May 1915 Aged 77 Years"*.



Tamar Wickens is buried at Danehill cemetery



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Spencer Wickens

October 1858 – 19 July 1898

Spencer Wickens was born in October 1858 to Spencer Wickens and Tamar Gasson. Spencer was baptised on 14th November 1858 in Danehill Parish Church.

Spencer married Emma Baker (1858 - 1951) by Bans on 15th, 22nd and 29th March 1884 in Danehill Parish Church. Both were from Danehill Parish. They were married in 1885.

Spencer and Emma had 4 children; Alfred (1886 – 1873), Clara (1888 – 18958), Edith Mary (1889 - ???), Cicely Ethel (1891 - 1939)

In the census of 1861 baby Spencer was living at Little Potmans Farm with his parents. His father was a farmer of 8 acres. By the census of 1871 Spencer was living at Chelwood Common Cottage with his parents. His father was a pork butcher journeyman. In the 1881 census Spencer living at School Hill, Chelwood Common with his parents and sister. Spencer was a pork butcher's son so likely he was working with his father.

In the census of 1891 Spencer and his family were living in Chelwood Common. Spencer was a pork butcher.

Spencer was only 39 when he died on 19th July 1898. He was buried in Danehill Cemetery on 22nd July 1898. His headstone reads *"In Loving Memory of Spencer, The Beloved Husband of Emma Wickens, Who Departed This Life July 19th 1898, Aged 39 Years"*.



Spencer and Emma Wickens and his father Spencer are buried at Danehill cemetery



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Emma Wickens (nee Baker)

15 July 1858 – 28th December 1951

Emma Baker was born on 15th July 1858 to Edward Baker (1825 – 1908) and Mary Ann Gasson (1833 – 1906) of Chelwood Common. She was christened Emmy in the Danehill Parish registry on 10th October 1858.

Emma Baker married Spencer Wickens by Bans on 15th March, 22nd March and 29th March in 1884 in Danehill Parish Church. Both were from Danehill Parish.

Emma and Spencer had 4 children; Alfred (1886 – 1873), Clara (1888 – 1895), Edith Mary (1889 - ????) and Cicely Ethel (1891 - 1939)

In the census of 1861 Emma was living with her parents in Chelwood Common. Her father was a labourer. She was still there in the 1871 census. She could not be found in the census of 1881. She married in 1885 and both Emma and Spencer were from Chelwood Common. In the census of 1891 Emma and her family were living in Chelwood Common. Spencer was a pork butcher. By 1901 Emma was a widow living with her daughters Edith, Mary and Ciceley. She was a pork butcher and market gardener. In the Census of 1911 Emma was still a widow living at Upper Stone House with her 3 daughters. She was a pork butcher and market gardener. In the register of 1938 Emma was living at Birch Cottage with daughter Clara. Emma was incapacitated.

Emma died in Chelwood Common on 28th December 1951 at Birch Wood Farm, Chelwood Gate, aged 93. She was buried 2nd January 1952 in Danehill Cemetery. She is buried with her husband Spencer.



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Simeon Wickens

1849 - 7 July 1938

Simeon Wickens was born in 1849 in Chelwood Common to James Wickens (1812 -1885) and Harriet Tomsett (1818 – 1880). Simeon Wickens was baptised in the Parish of Fletching on 8th April 1849. No birthdate was indicated. James Wickens' occupation was labourer.

Simeon married Eliza Fuller (1852 – 1935) on 29th March 1873 at St Nicholas Church, Brighton, Sussex. The couple had 6 children; Laura Minnie (1875 – 1953), Maud Mabel (1879 – 1967), Amy Edith (1881 – 1960), Annie Margaret (1884 – 1964), George Montague (1888 – 1956) and Ivy Gladys – 1897 - 1981

The census of 1851 show Simeon living in Chelwood Common with parents and siblings. James, his father was a Pork Butcher. The census of 1861 showed a similar picture as did the census of 1871. By his marriage he was still living in Chelwood Common. In the 1881 census, Simeon was living with his wife and family at the Corn Dealer House, Chelwood Common. He was a corn dealer. They had moved by the census of 1891 to Rosehall Villa, Chelwood Common. His occupation has not changed he was still a corn dealer. By the census of 1901 Simeon and his family still lived at Chelwood Common and he is listed as a grain (corn) dealer. They moved once again by the census of 1911 to Ivydene, Danehill with wife and children.

Simeon died 7th July 1938, aged 89, at St Elon, Stone Quarry Road, Chelwood Common, Danehill. Simeon was buried in Danehill Cemetery in July 1938 (no burial register record in Danehill Parish records). His headstone reads

"In Sweetest Memory of Eliza Devoted Wife of Simeon Wickens Who Was Called Home On February 6th 1935 Aged 82 Years

Also Simeon Wickens Who Was Called Home On July 7th 1938 Aged 89 Years

And Of Amy Their Daughter Who Was Called Home November 28th 1960



Simeon Wickens is buried at
Danehill cemetery



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Eliza Wickens (nee Fuller)

1852 – 6 February 1935

Eliza Fuller was born in 1852 in Brighton, Sussex to Henry Fuller (1826 – 1898) and Sarah Ann Beck (1825 – 1903). She was baptised on 14th November 1852 at St Nicholas Church in Brighton.

Eliza lived in with her parents and siblings in Brighton at 13 Crown Street. In 1871 her occupation was a servant.

Eliza Fuller married Simeon Wickens (1849 - 1938) on 29th March 29 1873 at St Nicholas Church, Brighton, Sussex. The couple had 6 children; Laura Minnie (1875 – 1953), Maud Mabel (1879 – 1967), Amy Edith (1881 – 1960), Annie Margaret (1884 – 1964), George Montague (1888 – 1956) and Ivy Gladys (1897 - 1981)

At the time of her Marriage in 1872 Eliza was living at 39 Crown Street in Brighton. The census of 1881 reveals Eliza was living with her husband and family at the Corn Dealer House, Chelwood Common. He was a corn dealer. By the census of 1891 Eliza had moved to Rosehall Villa, Chelwood Common. In the census of 1901 Eliza was living at Chelwood Common. When the census of 1911 came around Eliza lived at Ivydene, Danehill with husband and children.

Eliza died on 6th February 1935, aged 82, at St Elon, Stone Quarry Road, Chelwood Common, Danehill. Eliza was buried in Danehill Cemetery on 9th February 1935 (no burial register record in Danehill Parish records).

Her headstone reads *"In Sweetest Memory of Eliza Devoted Wife of Simeon Wickens Who Was Called Home On February 6th 1935 Aged 82 Years*

Also Simeon Wickens Who Was Called Home On July 7th 1938 Aged 89 Years

And Of Amy Their Daughter Who Was Called Home November 28th 1960



Eliza Wickens is buried at Danehill cemetery



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Amy Edith Wickens

22 December 1880 – 28th November 1960

Amy Edith Wickens was born in Chelwood Common on 22nd December 1880 to Simeon Wickens and Eliza Fuller. Amy Edith was given a private baptism on 7th January 1881 which was registered with the Parish of Danehill on 27th February 1881. Her father was a corn merchant.

On 12th June 1905 Amy Edith married Harry Hoadley, a butcher, in Danehill. Her father was a corn merchant. Amy and Harry were divorced on 24th May 1914. They had no children.

The census of 1881 showed Amy Edith living with her parents at the Corn Dealer House, Chelwood Common. Her father was a corn dealer. By the census of 1891 they have moved to Rosehall Villa, Chelwood Common. In 1901 the census showed her living with her parents at Chelwood Common. No occupation listed. In the census of 1911 she was living at Ivydene, Danehill with her parents under her married name (Hoadley). Occupation was mother help. In the census of 1939 she was living at St Elon and was a proprietress of a guest house

Amy Edith Wickens died at the Cuckfield Hospital on 28th November 1960. Her normal abode was St Elon, Danehill. Amy Edith was buried in Danehill Cemetery (no burial register record in Danehill Parish records) and her name was added to the headstone of her parents which reads

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Also Simeon Wickens Who Was Called Home On July 7th 1938 Aged 89 Years

And Of Amy Their Daughter Who Was Called Home November 28th 1960".



Amy Wickens is buried at Danehill cemetery



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George Montague Wickens

1888 – 21 February 1956

George Montague Wickens was born, in 1888, in Chelwood Common on to Simeon Wickens and Eliza Fuller. He was baptised on 18th February 1888 at Danehill. His father was a corn merchant.

George Montague married May Ade on 12th September 1912 in the Danehill Parish Church. He lived in Danehill and May Ade lived in Barcombe. They had one child George Francis Wickens (born 1st September 1913 in Chelwood Common and died 1932 in Brighton).

Simeon lived with his wife and family at the Corn Dealer House, Chelwood Common. He was a corn dealer. In the census of 1901 he was living at Chelwood Common with his family. His father was a grain (corn) dealer. In the census 1911 her was recorded as living at Ivydene, Danehill with his parents and siblings. He was corn salesman. In the census of 1939 he was living at Field View, Danehill with wife Mary. Occupation labourer (heavy work).

George Montague died 15th February 1956, aged 68, at St Elon, Danehill and was buried in Danehill Cemetery on 21st February 1956. His headstone reads *"In Fond Remembrance of George Montague Wickens Who Died February 15, 1956"*.



Amy Wickens is buried at Danehill cemetery



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Alfred Roy Wickens

15 July 1914 – 18 September 1983

Alfred Roy Wickens was born 15th July 1914 in Chelwood Common, Sussex to Alfred Wickens (1886 – 1973) and Pearl Bannister (1888 – 1963). He was baptised on 4th October 1914 in Danehill Parish Church. His father, Alfred Wickens, was the son of Spencer Wickens (1858 – 1898) and Emma Baker (1858 – 1951). His mother, Pearl Bannister, was the daughter of Frederick William Ripley Bannister (1858 – 1930) and Mary Jane Hobbs (1862 – 1918).

In 1939 Alfred was living in Upper Stone House with his parents and sister Ida. His occupation was dairy farmer.

Alfred Roy Wickens married Elsie Gertrude Langridge in October 1941 in Danehill, Sussex.

Electoral Registers indicate Alfred remained a dairy farmer living in Upper Stone House (a dairy farm) with his wife Elsie. Alfred and Elsie had 2 children, Martin (born April 1943) and Keith (born July 1944)

Alfred Roy Wickens died 18th September 1983, aged 69, in Danehill and was buried in Danehill Cemetery. His headstone reads *"Loving Memory of Alfred R. Wickens who died 18th September 1983 Aged 69 And Beloved Wife Elsie G. Wickens Who Died 2nd October 2014 Aged 97 True Country Folk Sadly Missed"*.

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Alfred Wickens is buried at Danehill cemetery



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Elsie Gertrude Wickens (nee Langridge)

26th July 1917 - 2014

Elsie Gertrude Langridge was born 26th July 1917 in Chelwood Gate to Ralph Henry Langridge (1884 – 1966) and Beatrice Hope (1887 - 1964). She was baptised on 7th October 1917 in Danehill Parish Church.

Elsie grew up in Chelwood Gate. Her father was a labourer at her birth and a bricklayer in subsequent years.

In 1939 Elsie lived at Rose Dene with her parents and siblings. She was a dairy farm assistant.

Elsie Gertrude Langridge married Alfred Roy Wickens in October 1941 in Danehill, Sussex. After her marriage she lived in Upper Stone House (a dairy farm)

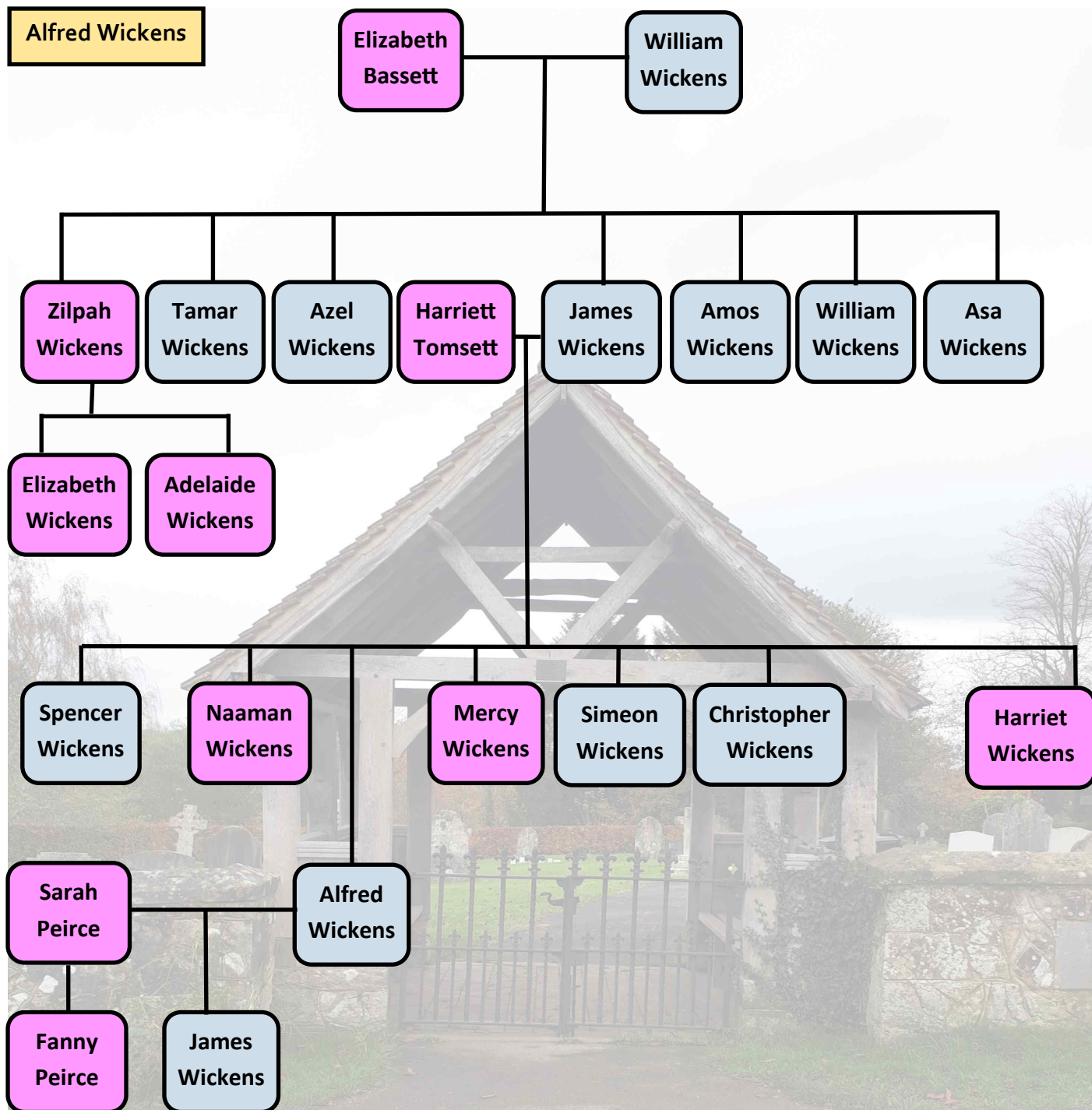
During the WW II she served with the Women's Land Army as a milk rounds girl from the 6th March 1941 until 10th March 1942 when she resigned due to her marriage.

Elsie Gertrude Langridge died in Hailsham, Sussex on 2nd October 2014, aged 97. She was buried in Danehill Cemetery. Her headstone reads "*Loving Memory of Alfred R. Wickens who died 18 September 1983 Aged 69 And Beloved Wife Elsie G. Wickens Who Died 2 October 2014 Aged 97 True Country Folk Sadly Missed*".

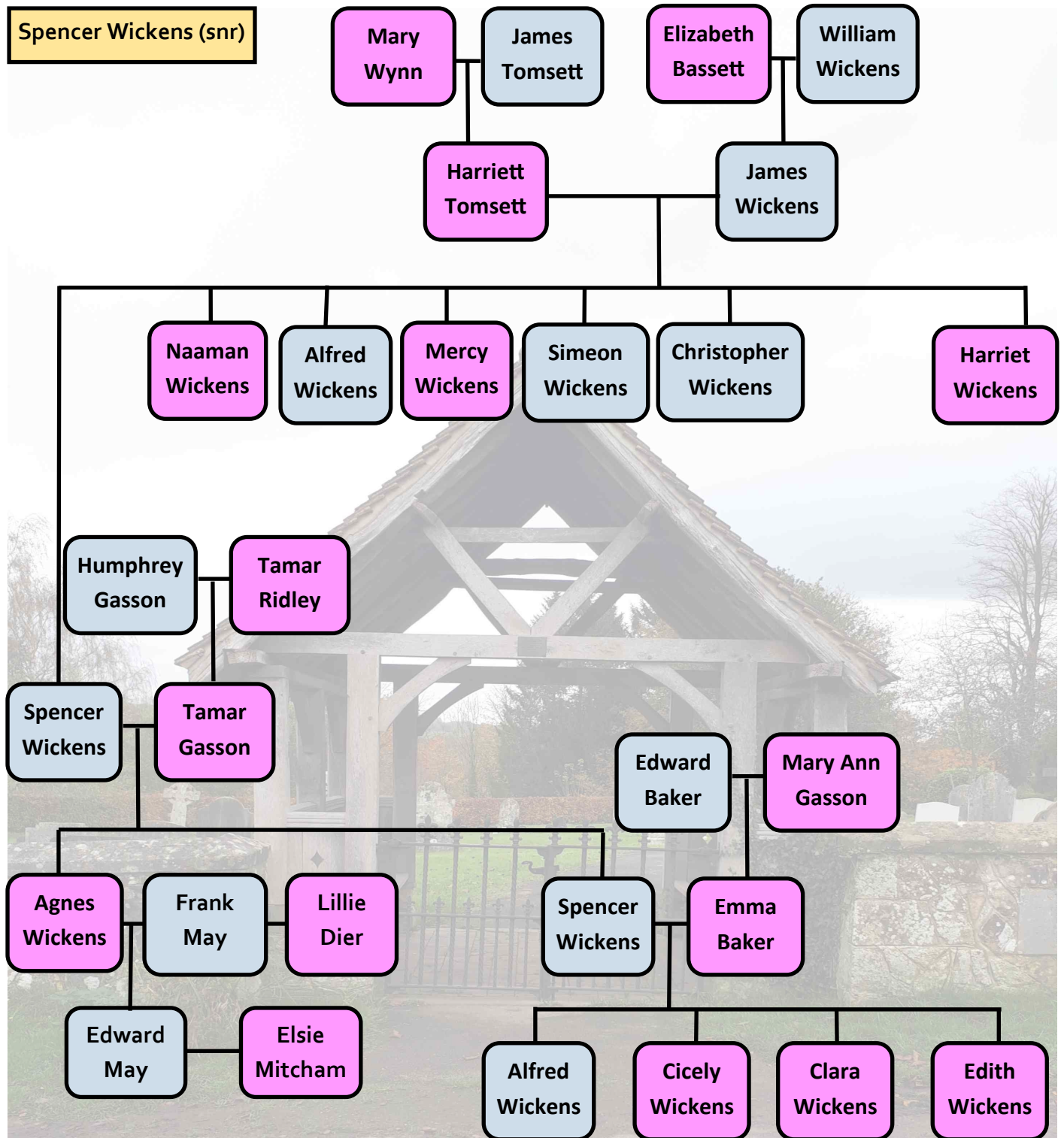
Elsie Wickens is buried at Danehill cemetery



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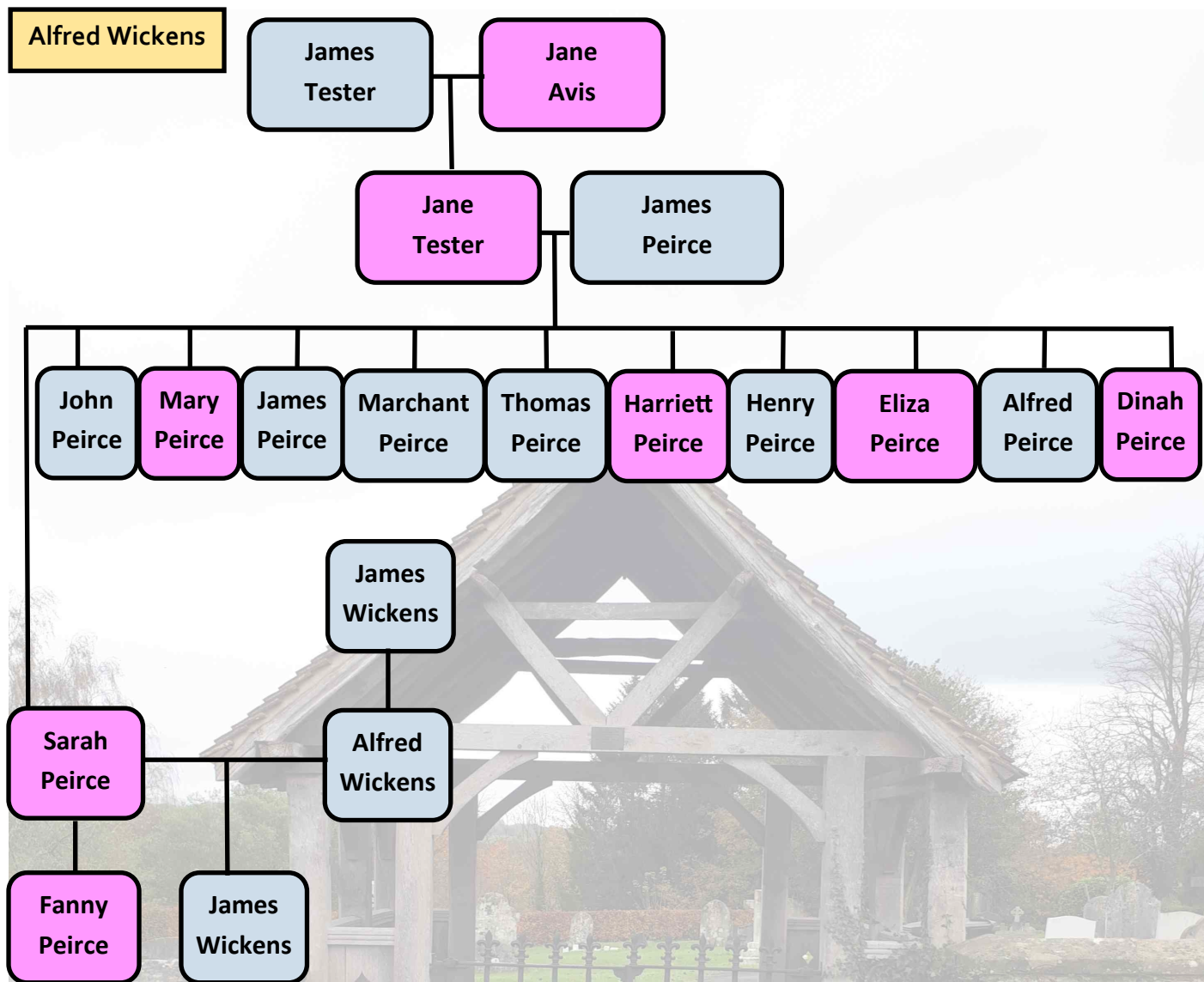
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To see more on Agnes May (nee Wickens) see the 'May' biography

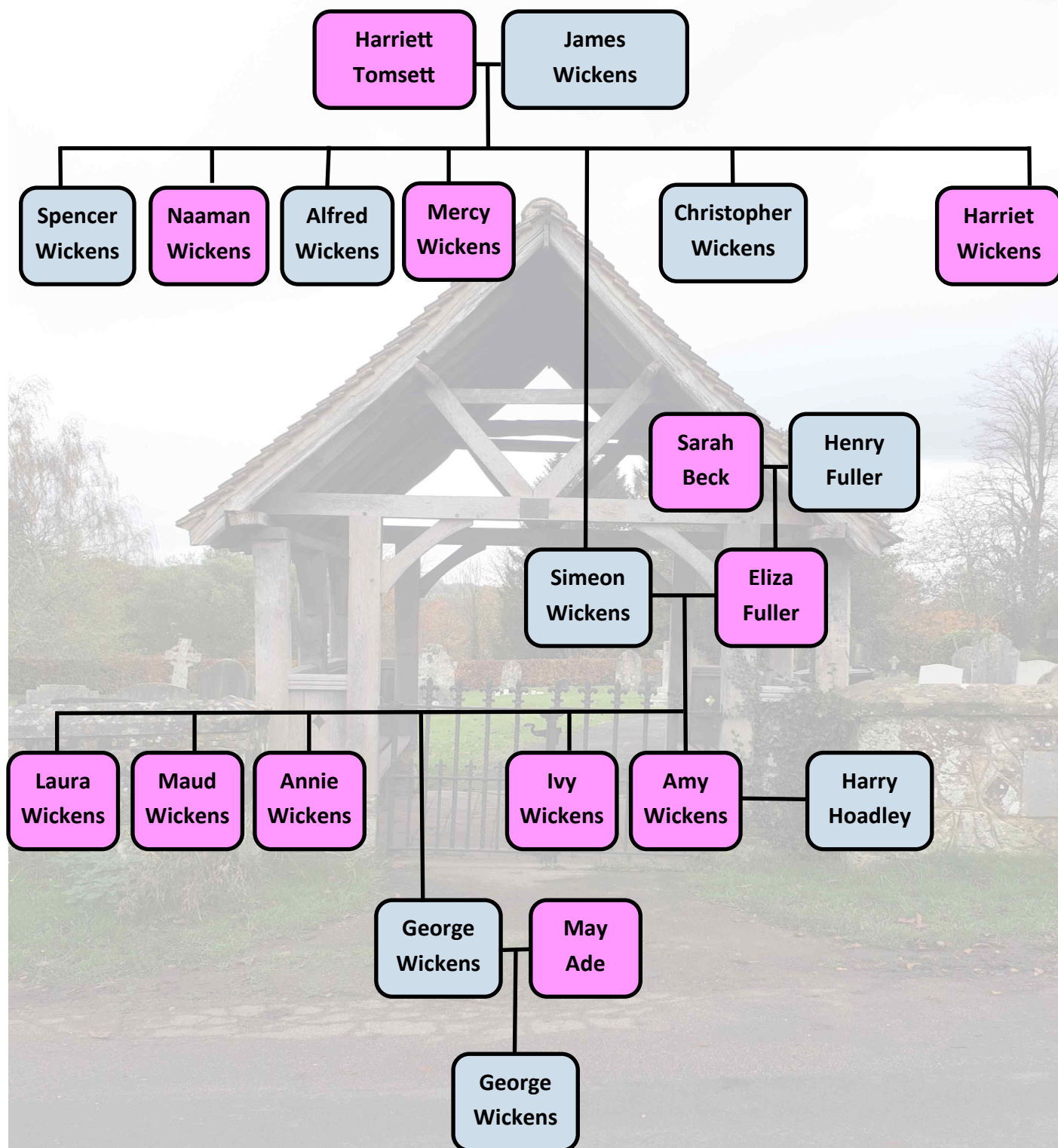


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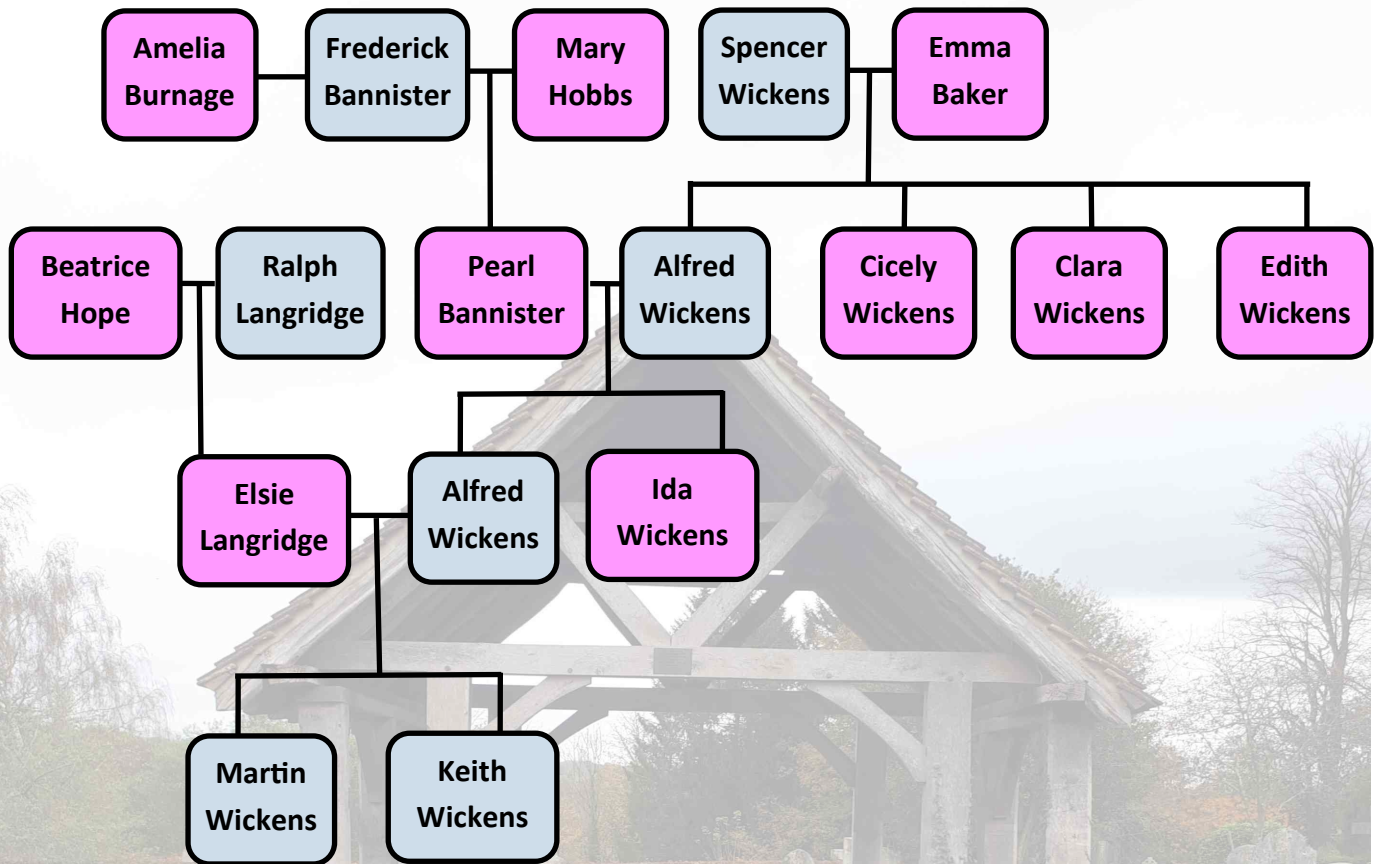


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