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The 'Tarno Rye', writer and Gypsiologist, Francis Hindes Groome, enjoys a quiet moment in a life that was often turbulent and that ended in surprising circumstances. Find out more on page 56.



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# New members' interests

Who's researching *your* surnames?

We'd like to take this opportunity to welcome our new members. To contact one of them, write them a letter and seal it in a stamped envelope bearing only the member's name. Place both it and a note showing your name and membership number in another envelope and post that to the Membership Secretary (address on the inside front cover). Both envelopes must have a stamp. Where the member has an e-mail address, you can write an e-mail message to them which we'll forward. Send it to [membership@rtfhs.org.uk](mailto:membership@rtfhs.org.uk), with 'RTFHS Interests' as the subject line.

2434 - Mr Ian RICHARDSON (e-mail available)

**WRIGHT** - East Sussex C18th & C18th

**DAVIS** - East Sussex C18th & C18th

**LOVELL** - East Sussex C18th & C18th

2435 - Mr Paul HORTON (e-mail available)

**HOLLAND**, Moses (1818-1909), born Ratcliffe on Soar, Nottinghamshire, buried Orton on-the Hill, Leicestershire, married Ety/Ambretta Holland (1822- 1903), also buried in Orton-on-the Hill. Albert Edward Holland born circa 1855, married Sarah Ann Jane.

2436 - Mrs Stephanie ATKINSON (e-mail available)

**PARTRIDGE, TAYLOR, MEACOCK** - Barton Seagrave, Twywell, Rockingham, Grafton Underwood in Northamptonshire especially William Partridge born c1800, married Frances TAYLOR and John Partridge, married Mary MEACOCK c1800, died 1812.

2437 - Mrs Jacqueline COMFORT (e-mail available)

**BUCKLAND, SMITH, LOVELL.**

2438 - Mr Shane PORTMAN (e-mail available)

**KEET, JAMES** - New Forest.

2439 - Miss Pamela KINGSNORTH

**COOK** - Ruth, Kent.

2442- Mrs Jeanette TILLYER (e-mail available)

**PARKER** - 1800 to present

**LOVERIDGE** - 1800 to present

**LEE** - 1800 to present

**PATEMAN** - 1800 to present.

2443 - Richard & Carol GILBERT (e-mail available)

**JAMES, BOWERS, AYRES, DOE** - Hampshire, Dorset & Southern England

**BOSWELL, HERON, TAYLOR** - North Wales & English Midlands.

# Joseph Orchard's Children

By Eric Trudgill

The **Joseph Orchard** in question isn't the best known one, the son of **Edward** and **Christiana** who was baptised in 1823 and married **Susan Scarrott** in 1842, but probably his uncle. This Joseph Orchard was probably a son of **John Orchard** and **Ann Perry** and thus an older brother of the **Abraham Orchard** baptised in Ashbury, Berkshire in 1796, who in Churchill, Oxfordshire in 1818 married **Sarah James** daughter of **William** and **Martha**, and thus an older brother too of the fore-mentioned Edward Orchard, baptised in Baydon, Wiltshire in 1798, who in Shipton under Wychwood, Oxf in 1819 married **Christiana Hunt** daughter of **William** and **Mary**, and sired the Joseph baptised in 1823.

Joseph and Ann's children, and birth data for three others, initially within a small triangle in central Berkshire, and then in the small area of west Berks and north Wilts favoured by John and Ann Orchard and Abraham and Sarah.

Joseph junior was christened in Newington, Oxf in 1808 (travellers) and died young; **Jonathan** was christened in Long Wittenham, Berks in 1809 (travellers); **James** was christened in Wallingford, Berks in 1811 (travellers), being recorded in error as Joseph (James, born in Wallingford, in the census is with his mother Ann, born in Witney); **Penella** was born in Appleford, Berks about 1813; a third Joseph junior was christened in Baydon, Wilts in 1816 (chimney sweep); **George** in Uffington, Berks in 1818 (travellers); **Caroline** in Baydon in 1821 (chimney sweep); and **Thomas** in Baydon in 1824 (chimney sweep of Longcot). John was born in or near Longcot about 1826, and Ann junior was buried in Great Coxwell, Berks in 1829 (infant of Baydon). I've found partners and offspring for six of these children (frequently recorded, like Abraham Orchard's, as **Archers**).

James, baptised in 1811, married a **Matilda** and had an **Ellen**, christened in Chisledon, Wilts in 1837, who married **John Nicholls**; plus a Jonathan christened in Lambourn, Berks in 1840 (itinerant chimney sweeps; born in a gypsy camp by the road); a James christened in Baydon in 1842, an

The Joseph Orchard in question was probably in turn a younger brother of the John Orchard who married in Chicheley, Buckinghamshire in 1802 **Helen Bland** (baptised in 1775 daughter of **John** and **Ann**), although it's possible that this John Orchard was Abraham's and Edward's widowed father, or indeed, this being the case, that Joseph was nevertheless his brother, and Abraham's and Edward's uncle, since Joseph married Helen Bland's younger sister, **Ann** (baptised in Witney, Oxf in 1785 daughter of John and Ann) in Appleton, Berks in 1809, Joseph a travelling man of Longcot, Berks (close to Ashbury), Ann a travelling woman of Chicheley, Bucks.

I've found baptisms for seven of



## About the author

Eric Trudgill focussed his research initially on Boswells, Bucklands, Lees and Smiths who might be ancestors of his wife, Anne-Marie Ford. He's written a RTFHS Family Tree book on each of them, six articles on each for *Romany Routes*, and 13 articles on each for the website Gypsy Genealogy, through which he can be contacted. He now focusses equally on other notable 'tribes', and has written further Family Trees books for four, articles on 16 for *Romany Routes*, and articles on 84 of them for Gypsy Genealogy.

**Alfred** christened in Sutton Courtenay, Berks in 1844; an **Edwin** born about 1848, but christened in Faringdon, Berks in 1857; a **Sarah** born in Faringdon about 1852; a **Mary Ann** christened in Faringdon in 1856; and a John christened in Binsted, Hampshire in 1859, son of James and Betsy basketmaker of Faringdon.

Penella, born in Appleford, Berks about 1813, perhaps married **William Nicholls** in Oxford St Thomas in 1831. If so the marriage didn't last long, since by a **Hibbert** she had a Jonathan Orchard (named after her elder brother), who was buried in Baydon in 1835, six weeks old, the illegitimate son of Penella, tramper; and she had a **Jane Hibbert**, christened in Uffington, Berks in 1836, daughter of Penella Archer. Subsequently, perhaps by the same husband, there were a **Thomas** and **Mary**, born in Berks about 1842-45, and an **Emma** christened in Binsted in 1859 daughter of **Penelope** of Faringdon, jointly with **John Orchard** son of **James**.

The Joseph junior, baptised in 1816, replacing the one baptised in 1808, married **Caroline Austin**, and was the only member of Joseph and Ann's family to travel "long", like the children of Edward and

Christiana. **Elizabeth** was born in Waddesdon, Bucks according to the census, but was christened in Holybourne, Hants in 1843; **Henry** was born in Faringdon about 1845; **Joseph** was christened in Faringdon in 1847 son of Caroline; **Barbara Helen** was born in Berks about 1849 but christened in Clifton, Gloucestershire in 1864 with three siblings; **Ann** was born in Lambourn about 1851; **Sophia** was born in Bucks about 1853 but christened in Clifton in 1864; **William** was born in Coleford, Glos about 1855; **Maria** was born about 1858 and christened in Clifton in 1864; **Caroline** was born in Coleford about 1861; **Charles** was christened in Clifton in 1864; and **Mary** was born in Coleford about 1866.

George, baptised in 1818, married first seemingly a **Rose** and christened a **Louisa** in Holybourne, Hants in 1843 jointly with Joseph and Caroline's Elizabeth, and had perhaps a John, born in Fyfield, Oxf about 1845. George married second seemingly an **Eve** and christened a **Henry** in Faringdon in 1847; **John Thomas** in Little Coxwell, Berks in 1849; James in Faringdon in 1852 (son of James and Eve); and **Angelina** in Lambourn in 1855 (itinerant chimney sweep). George married third seemingly **Elizabeth Hughes** in the Faringdon Registration District in 1865, and seems to have

### Interested in the Lovells? Be in Brockenhurst

We're launching two new RTFHS books on Society Day in Brockenhurst - Saturday 9 May 2015 - where they'll be on sale for the first time. (See page 43 for details about the day.) They are *The Family Tree of Major and Susanna Lovell* by Josephine Tombs and *The Family Tree of Daniel and Violetta Lovell* by Eric Trudgill. Find out more at [www.rtfhs.org.uk](http://www.rtfhs.org.uk) from mid-May 2015 and in *Romany Routes* in June.



had a John by her, born about 1858, and a James, christened in Binsted in 1859 (basketmaker of Faringdon) jointly with children of James and Penella.

**Thomas**, baptised in 1824, married **Sarah Rixon** (daughter of **Charles** and **Ann**) in Faringdon in 1849. They had a **John** and a **Joseph**, born in Faringdon about 1842-46, but don't seem to have had more children, and in 1872 Thomas battered his wife to death in a drunken rage and committed suicide while imprisoned in Devizes, Wilts awaiting trial.

Finally, John, born about 1826, married **Sarah Ann Butler** in the Faringdon Registration District in 1852. They had three children born in Faringdon between about 1850 and 1854 (**Angelina**, **Rosena** and **Arthur**) and seven children born in Highworth, Wilts between about 1856 and 1868 (**Tryphena**, **Blanche**, **Samuel** or **Lemuel**, **Ernest**, **Ordress** or **Ardrest**, **Herbert** and **Phineas**). It looks like John, the last surviving child of a plainly named family, felt like being a little flamboyant.

## One from the family album: ‘Gipsy Smith’ in holiday mood

Non-member Charles Smith posted this on the Society's Facebook page recently and kindly said we could publish it. It comes from his family's photo album and shows the famous evangelist Rodney Smith - 'Gipsy Smith' - with his son Albany to his right. We've often seen Rodney in formal poses in newspapers and official photos so it's a pleasure to see him in relaxed style. And it may be the first time this photo has ever been published.



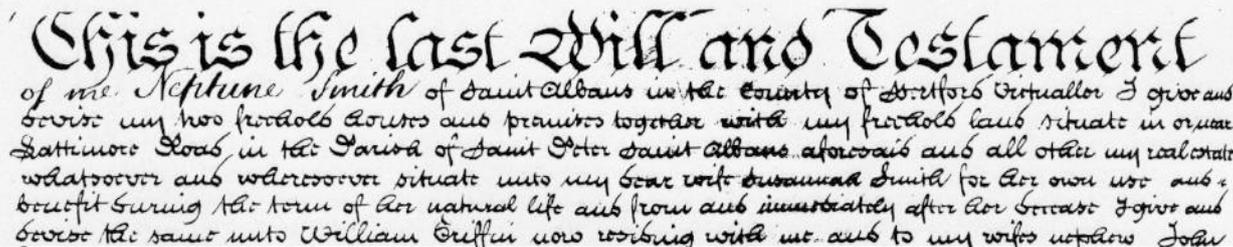
# Web Window

By the *Routes* Editorial Team

## English and Welsh wills: 1858 to present

<https://probatesearch.service.gov.uk/#calendar>

Will records for England and Wales from 1858 onwards are now available to search and order online. Name searches in the indexes are free and you can then order copies of wills direct from your own computer at a cost of £10 each. You're alerted by e-mail after a few days when your order is ready for you to download.



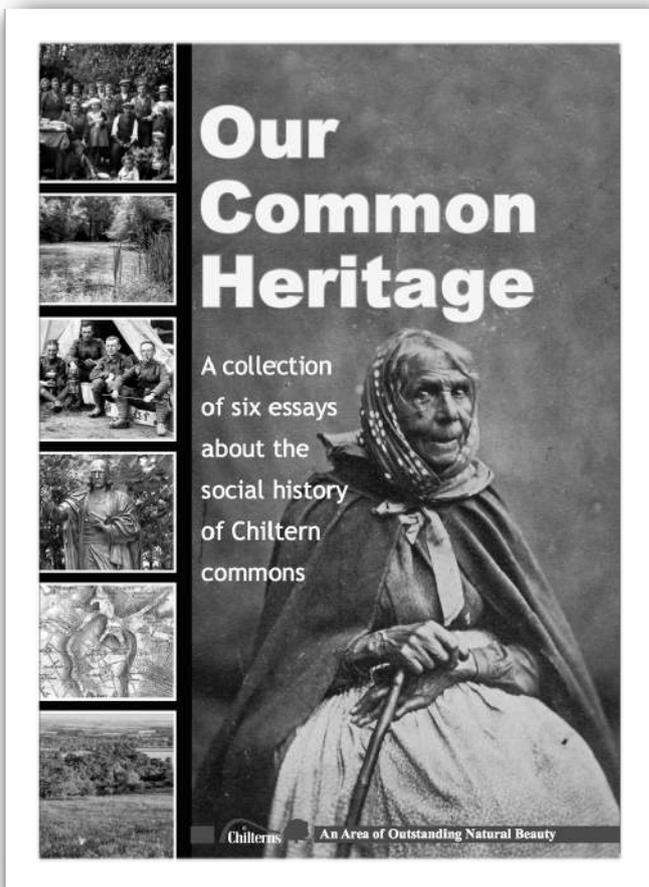
## Our Common Heritage: Romany families in the Chilterns and other aspects of social history

<http://tinyurl.com/kjok5ew>

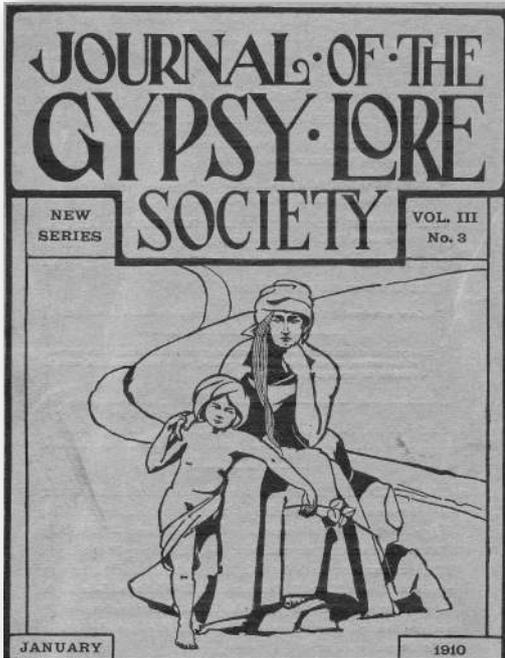
This free online publication from the Chilterns Conservation Board includes an essay by RTFHS member Anne Ford called *On Common Ground*. This focuses on the Romany families who camped on the commons and travelled through the

region in the 19th century and made a major contribution to its rural economy and social life by working on the farms and brick kilns, providing music, dancing booths and fairground rides at fairs and feasts and supplying household essentials such as pegs, baskets and brooms. The families include **Hearn, Loveridge, Fenner, Draper, Beldam, Leatherland, Fisher, Harris, Shaw, Buckland, Smith, Boswell** and many others.

The cover shows a fine portrait of the famous Gypsy **Elizabeth Leatherland** (nee Hearn) who claimed to be 111 years old at her death in Tring, Hertfordshire, in 1874. There's also a photo of the Beldams (top left and inside), appearing by kind permission of a Beldam descendant, Shelly Finney.



# From the pages of the JGLS



The *Journal of the Gypsy Lore Society (JGLS)* is one of the most important sources for anyone with Gypsy family history interests. First published in 1888, it contains family histories, trees, news items, photos and articles about customs, culture and language, using information that was often gathered by the writers - the 'Gypsiologists' - direct from the Gypsies themselves.

Nowadays, some of the early volumes of the *JGLS* are available to browse free online on sites like The Internet Archive (<https://www.archive.org>). And in this new *Romany Routes* series, we'll be pointing you to extracts from the *JGLS* to show the potential of its contents and possibly help you in your own research.

From the *Journal of the Gypsy Lore Society*, New Series, Vol. VI, page 157:

"Notes and Queries

44. - GYPSY BAPTISMS

Through the kindness of the **Rev. F. P. Gilbert**, Rector of South Wootton near King's Lynn, Norfolk, I have received the following interesting extract from the Baptismal Register of this parish:-

1831, Oct. 2. **Erosabella**, dr. of **John** and **Ruth Killthorpe**,

Itinerant Gypsies

**Curlinda**, dr. of **Chas.** and **Mary Lee**, Itinerant Gypsies

In regard to the first of these entries, a clergyman dull of hearing may easily have mis-heard the surname; or, the Gypsies may have given an alias, a thing not at all rare, as those who search many registers know well. **Erosabella** is without doubt the '**Bella**' who appears on the **Chilcot** pedigree as a daughter of **John Chilcot** and **Ruth Liti Lovell**; while **Curlinda** in the second entry can be no other than **Kerlenda**, daughter of **Charles Lee** and **Union Chilcot**, who became the wife of **George (Lazzy) Petulengro**. The substitution of **Mary** for **Union** is on a par with an existing Anglo-Romani usage by which **Enos** becomes **Amos**; **Femi**, **Amy**; and **Poley**, **George**, - to the postman and *gaje* generally. Touching the use of their peculiar 'fore' or Christian names, in the presence of *gaje*, many Romanichels are extremely sensitive. **GEORGE HALL**, 29<sup>th</sup> August 1912".