

Hi Nick

Thanks for getting back to me. My apologies for the delay in replying but the last couple of weeks have been a bit hectic at work and I'm now just catching up. When I contacted you I hadn't seen the whole of your site as just one page came up when I was searching for something in the Cave family and now that I've seen all the information on the Loomes family, it's filled in a great many gaps for me. I had always thought Louisa's mother was Elizabeth Linthwaite but was not sure. So thank you very much for all the info.

As you know, Louisa married Edmund Joseph Cave on 28/07/1864. Edmund was born on 31/12/1841 at Theddingworth and his parents were John Cave (Builder or Mason) and Martha Clara Cave (nee Martin). Martha was born in Budbrook, Worcs, but I don't have any further information. The witnesses at the wedding were Charles Cave and Ellen Mary Cave who were Edmund's brother and sister. By the way, I had Louisa down as b.1844 but am not sure.

My Great-Grandfather was John George Cave (b. 19/01/1867) who married Mary Ann Burns on 17/09/1890 at Coventry at the RC Church of the Most Holy Sacrament. Their daughter, Agnes Mary Cave, was my Grandmother and she is the Agnes Mary who was living with her Grandparents, Edmund & Louisa, on the 1901 census. Sadly, both of her parents died young. As you know, John George died in 1894 in Coventry and Mary Ann then came back to Husbands Bosworth with Agnes. Mary Ann died in 1897 of Rheumatic Fever and Agnes was brought up by Edmund & Louisa.

Mary Ann Burns was born in Scotland and I am trying to trace her, but so far without success. According to the marriage certificate, her father was John Burns who was a Timekeeper at the Coalpit. Before her marriage, Mary Ann was at Hothorpe Hall and was a domestic servant according to the marriage certificate. The De Trafford family then owned Hothorpe but were not in residence at that time and there are only staff listed on the 1891 census. The housekeeper was a Mrs Emma Mary Strickland, who I think was my Grandmother's Godmother. John George Cave joined the Leicestershire Regiment in 1884. He became a Corporal but was invalided out through ill health in 1886. He was working as a Railway Porter in Coventry.

One slightly odd thing - my Grandmother was Catholic, as was her mother, Mary Ann Burns, but I had always thought the Caves and Loomes families were C of E as was borne out by Louisa's wedding certificate. However, on John George Cave's army records he was down as RC in 1884 which I would have thought was long before he met Mary Ann.

My Grandmother married Herbert Vincent Greer in 1914 and they had 4 sons: Leo Victor, Raymond Clifford, Ivan Kenneth and John Derek. Victor (he didn't use the Leo) was my father and married Mary Greatorex; Cliff married Hedi Schmeiding and lived in Germany, they had one son, Raymond who sadly died in Hannover following a fire in 1980; Ivan married Betty Waite-Howard and John married Margaret Gutteridge, they have a son John and daughter Sarah. Sadly, John is the only one of the brothers still living.

With regard to John George's siblings, I don't know what happened to his sister, Mary, who married Thomas Jackson. I think Austin and his family remained in Husbands Bosworth, but don't know any more about them. Ellen, as you know, married William Stretton and I don't know what happened to Lewis, but Lilian married Dewey Waldie, a Canadian Mountie, and lived in Edmonton, Canada. She and my Grandmother kept in touch until my Grandmother died and I have some photos of her.

Agnes Clare, who married Herbert Bilsdon, had 4 children: Gladys b. 1901 married Harold Charles and they had a daughter, Patricia, who my Dad recalled married an American serviceman and went to live in the US; Herbert - I don't know much about; Agnes who married Gerald Crouch and had 2 children, Jeffrey and Janet; and Ethel who married Ted Butterfield and had a daughter, Josie, who married but died some time in the 1970s whilst her parents were still alive. Ethel and Aggie used to visit my Grandmother regularly. Ethel was known as 'Feffie' and I remember her visiting us when I was a child. The three sisters each had a poodle and were great characters. Feffie was great fun and was always extremely smart and stylish.

I don't know anything about Florence, but am trying to find out. Francis was known as Frank - I don't know his wife's name, but remember my Dad saying Feffie had told him that Frank Cave had died and that he was the last link to John George. Clare Griffiths (nee Cave) used to write to my Dad occasionally and I think she was Frank's daughter.

I have photos of John George and Mary Ann - I would love to see a photo of Louisa but have never come across one.

I hope the above fills in a few gaps for you. I am still doing some research into the family and may also have some further info from family papers etc. I will have a look and send you anything which may be of interest.

Regards

Rosemary