

## THE FAMILY BACKGROUND OF JAMES ERNEST JOHN STUBBERFIELD

Before going into the family history of the Stubberfields, it's, probably, best to put down what little I know of Sarah Ann Mephram, Ernie's mother.

In the 1891 census, Sarah is given as the fifth child of James and Mary Ann Mephram; the complete household being as follows:.

James	Head	57	General Labourer (Employee)	Sussex - Battle
Mary A	Wife	51		Sussex - Battle
James	Son	21	General Labourer (Employee)	Sussex - Battle
Frances	Dau	18		Sussex - Battle
William	Son	15	Carter Boy (Employee)	Sussex - Battle
Richard	Son	12	Scholar	Sussex - Battle
Sarah	Dau	10	Scholar	Sussex - Battle
Ernest	Son	8	Scholar	Sussex - Battle

According to the registers of Births, Marriages and Deaths, Ernie was born in the last quarter of 1909. His parents were Ernest Huggett Stubberfield and Sarah Ann Mephram. They were married, in the parish of Battle, in 1908, where Sarah had been born in September 1880.

Over the centuries, there are many Stubberfields to be found in the records of Hooe and the neighbouring parishes but the first ancestor of Ernie, that I know of, was a Thomas Stubberfield who married an Elizabeth (Betty) Bumstead, on 14<sup>th</sup> March 1779, at Hooe Church. They had 14 children, in total and Henry, born 24 May 1801, who married Lucy Chapman, was Ernie's next ancestor-in-line

John	15 July 1779 at Hooe
Thomas	23 July 1780 at Hooe, buried 20 July 1785
Henry	24 May 1781 at Hooe, born 2 April 1781
Charlotte	27 October 1782 at Wartling
Richard	20 July 1783 at Hooe
Maria	29 May 1785 at Wartling
Mary	5 March 1786 at Hooe, married Charles Jeal, on 9 January 1806, at Hooe
James	24 August 1788 at Hooe, married Fanny Sinden on June 3, 10, 17, at Ninfield
Samuel	7 February 1790 at Hooe
Phille	30 October 1791 at Hooe
William	5 January 1794 at Hooe
Edward	18 December 1796 at Hooe
Thomas	2 February 1800 at Hooe, born 1 August 1799
Henry	24 May 1801 at Hooe, born 26 April 1801, married Lucy Chapman, 16 Nov 1821, at Hooe

**Note** We then pick up the family via the Censuses, the first being that of 1841.

**1841 Census – Hooe - Piece No. HO 107/1109/2 folio 9v page 13**

**Address: Park House**

Name		Age	Occupation	Born in Sussex?
Henry	Stubberfield	40	Agricultural Labourer	Y
Lucy	Stubberfield	35		N
Richard	Stubberfield	15	Agricultural Labourer	Y
John	Stubberfield	15	Agricultural Labourer	Y

William	Stubberfield	13	Agricultural Labourer	Y
Moses	Stubberfield	11	Agricultural Labourer	Y
James	Stubberfield	9	Agricultural Labourer	Y
Elizabeth	Stubberfield	7		Y
Ann	Stubberfield	5		Y
Rachel	Stubberfield	3		Y
Henry	Stubberfield	1		Y

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**1851 Census – Hooe - Piece No. HO107/1638 Folio 180 Page 22**

**Address: Late Pocock's**

Name	Relation To Head	Status	Age	Occupation	Where born
Henry Stubberfield	Head	Mar	52	Waggoner	Hooe, Sussex
Lucy Stubberfield	Wife	Mar	50		Hooe, Sussex
Henry Stubberfield	Son	-	11	Agricultural Labourer	Hooe, Sussex
Harriott Stubberfield	Daughter	-	9	Scholar at Home	Whatlington, Sussex.
Miriam Stubberfield	Daughter	-	7	Scholar at Home	Hooe, Sussex
Sarah Stubberfield	Daughter	-	5	Scholar at Home	Hooe, Sussex

**1851 Census – Hooe - Piece No. HO107/1638 Folio 181 & 181v, Pages 24 & 25**

**Address: Lord's Hill**

Name	Relation To Head	Status	Age	Occupation	Where born
William Stubberfield	Lodger	Mar	23	Waggoner	Hooe, Sussex
Elizabeth Stubberfield	Lodger's Wife	Mar	22		Hooe, Sussex
William Stubberfield	Lodger's Son	-	1		Hooe, Sussex

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**1861 Census – Hooe – Piece No. RG9/568 Folio 146 Page 13**

**Address: Allscross**

Name	Relation To Head	Status	Age	Occupation	Where born
Henry Stubberfield	Head	Mar	60	Agricultural Labourer	Hooe, Sussex
Lucy Stubberfield	Wife	Mar	58		Whatlington, Sussex

**1861 Census - Hooe - Piece No. RG9/568 Folio 146 & 146v Pages 13 & 14**

**Address: Olive's Farm**

Name	Relation To Head	Status	Age	Occupation	Where born
William Stubberfield	Head	Mar	33	Agricultural Labourer	Hooe, Sussex
Elizabeth Stubberfield	Wife	Mar	32		Hooe, Sussex
Charlotte Stubberfield	Daughter	-	13		Hooe, Sussex
William Stubberfield	Son	-	11		Hooe, Sussex
James Stubberfield	Son	-	9		Hooe, Sussex
George Stubberfield	Son	-	5		Hooe, Sussex
Frances Stubberfield	Daughter	-	1		Hooe, Sussex

**1871 Census – Hooe - Piece No. RG10/1043 Folio 48 page 3**

**Address: Genses Cottage**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Relation To Head</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Where born</b>
William Stubberfield	Head	Mar	42	Agricultural Labourer	Bexhill, Sussex
Elizabeth Stubberfield	Wife	Mar	41		Hooe, Sussex
Charlotte Stubberfield	Daughter	Un	23	Domestic Servant	Hooe, Sussex
William Stubberfield	Son	Un	21	Agricultural Labourer	Hooe, Sussex
James Stubberfield	Son	Un	20	Agricultural Labourer	Hooe, Sussex
Frances Stubberfield	Daughter	-	11	Scholar	Hooe, Sussex
Lucy Stubberfield	Daughter	-	9	Scholar	Hooe, Sussex
Mary Stubberfield	Daughter	-	6	Scholar	Hooe, Sussex
Richard Stubberfield	Son	-	2		Hooe, Sussex

**On 13<sup>th</sup> November, 1871,** James Stubberfield married Hannah Huggett, in Hooe Church.

**1881 Census – Hooe – Piece No. RG11/1042 Folio 75 Page 17**

**Address: Nr Parsonage**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Relation To Head</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Where born</b>
James Stubberfield	Head	Mar	39	Agricultural Labourer	Hooe, Sussex
Hannah Stubberfield	Wife	Mar	32		Tunbridge Wells, Kent
Charles Stubberfield	Son	-	9	Scholar	Hooe, Sussex

**1881 Census – Hooe – Piece No. RG11/1042 Folio 75 Page 17**

**Address: Nr Parsonage**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Relation To Head</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Where born</b>
William Stubberfield	Head	Mar	52	Agricultural Labourer	Hooe, Sussex
Elizabeth Stubberfield	Wife	Mar	51		Hooe, Sussex
Henry Stubberfield	Son	Un	16	Agricultural Labourer	Hooe, Sussex
Richard Stubberfield	Son	-	13	Agricultural Labourer	Hooe, Sussex
Mary J. Stubberfield	Daur	-	9	Agricultural Labourer	Hooe, Sussex

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**1891 Census – Hooe – Piece No. RG12/776 Folio 141 Page 4**

**Address: Nr. The Grove Glebe Cottage**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Relation To Head</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Where Born</b>
James Stubberfield	Head	Mar	39	Agricultural Labourer	Hooe, Sussex
Hannah Stubberfield	Wife	Mar	41		*Tunbridge Wells, Kent
Charles Stubberfield	Son	Un	19	Agricultural Labourer	Hooe, Sussex
Ernest Stubberfield	Son	-	9		Hooe, Sussex

**\*Note** - Tunbridge Wells was originally in Sussex

**1891 Census – Hooe – Piece No. RG12/776 Folio 142 Page 5**

**Address: Parsonage**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Relation To Head</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Where Born</b>
William Stubberfield	Head	Mar	64	Agricultural Labourer	Hooe, Sussex
Elizabeth Stubberfield	Wife	Mar	63		Hooe, Sussex
Henry Stubberfield	Son	Un	25	Agricultural Labourer	Hooe, Sussex

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**1901 Census – Hooe – Piece No. RG13/888 Folio 63 Page 14**

**Address: Parsonage**

William Stubberfield	Head	Mar	74	Carter on Farm	Bexhill, Sussex
Elizabeth Stubberfield	Wife	Mar	73		Hooe, Sussex

**Note.** Sad to say, probably because of her age, Elizabeth is indicated, on the census, as being “feeble-minded”.

**1901 Census – Hooe – Piece No. RG13/888 Folio 64 Page 15**

**Address: Near the Grove**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Relation</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Where born?</b>
James Stubberfield	Head	Mar	51	Labourer on Farm	Hooe, Sussex
Hannah Stubberfield	Wife	Mar	50		Tunbridge Wells, Kent
Charles Stubberfield	Son	Un	29	Labourer on Farm	Hooe, Sussex
Ernest Stubberfield	Son	Un	19	Labourer on Farm	Hooe, Sussex

This is the last census, at present available to view, and, so, the Stubberfield family line stops at this point. However, the full name of Ernest in the above 1901 is Ernest Huggett Stubberfield and the father of James Ernest John Stubberfield.

Ernie does not appear to have ever got married or, at least, I have been unable to find any reference to him ever having done so or to a wife.

This is as far as I am going to take Ernie’s family history mainly because there are too many other things that I need to do but, at least, I can see the connection between Hooe and Ernie, which is something I don’t suppose many other people are aware of.

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