

John White AKA Jackie of Bampton 1824-1905 My Great Great Great Grandfather

John's baptism is recorded in Bampton Church on 30th May 1824, the son of William 1789-1868 and Amy White (nee Randall) 1793-1837.



The 1841 census shows John and his siblings living with widowed father William in Mill Green Terrace which is on the south-western edge of Bampton (the whole South-Western quarter of Bampton is known as Weald or West Weald due to the road leading to a hamlet of the same name).

By 1851 John has left the family home and is lodging in Bampton.

On the 22nd December 1853 John marries Anne Bedwell in Bampton Church.



The Diary and Memoirs of John Allen Giles, ed. David Bromwich, Somerset Record Society (2000)

Monday, June 5 Whit Monday [1854], Bampton.

'The Club walked round the parish to receive contributions for the band. The Morris dancers came, and among them John White who afterwards married our servant Ann Bodwell. He laid four handkerchiefs on the ground cross-ways and danced between them. I suppose this is a relic of the ancient sword dance. There are some very good notices of the Morris dance in Brand's Popular Antiquities.'

The 1861 census sees John aged 37 with wife Ann (nee Bedwell) and three children: John aged 6, William aged 5 and Catherine aged 2. John's father William dies in 1868.

Three more children have been born by the 1871 census which lists John as aged 47 and four children living at home: William aged 15, Walter aged 9, James aged 7 & Fanny aged 2. The family are living in the Sandford area of Bampton (Western part of town just south of the church) and they remain here for the next 2 censuses.

William aged 15 seems to be disabled so his mother writes seeking help:

Monday, Dec. 21 [1871], Sutton Rectory

'I annex a letter received this morning from our old servant at Bampton, Ann White (née as they term it, Bedwell) containing marvellous spelling, &c. Bampton, Dec. 20.

Madham,

Parden the libertey i have taken in Riting to you this time i trust i shall Not offend you by doing so i am verey sorey to tel you that i have Ad My Poor sun William in Bed for the last seven Months With a Deased hip e is Not Abel to get our of Bed Without My help Nor i fear e Wont for sum length of Time yet it As Made it very bad for us so i wanted to Ast you if you Pleas Mam if you could send me A litel to help Me this Crismus i should be so very Much Ablished to you for it for e stands in Need of Meney things Wich i ham sorey to say i cant get for him i hope Will find you and Dr Jiles And All the famley quite Well i ham very sorey to say We have lost Poor Mr Adams. Alow Me Madham ever to Remain your umbel servant Ann White

The same 4 children are listed in the 1881 census, with John aged 57 and Ann as 53. Sons William, Walter and James are listed as agricultural labourers-the same as their father. By 1891 William has left home so Walter aged 29, James aged 27 and Fanny aged 22 remain.



By 1901 John is a widower and his daughter Fanny is listed as his housekeeper. The photo is thought to have been taken around this time.

Son James is living in the next door house with his wife Fanny and 5 children: John aged 7, James aged 5, Sydney aged 4, Nancy Catherine aged 2 and Rose Jane aged 1.



James White and family pictured outside Sandford Cottage, Bampton, in 1912