

# John Starie and ancestors

Starey of The Hem 1682



John Starie was the father of my great-grandfather Josphe Starie Handley. Although no father was named on Joseph's birth certificate we know that the father must have been John Starie (see the research on Joseph).

John lived on Hemm Farm in Coreley from 1861 till 1901. The Hemm (or Hemn, Hemme) had been in the Starie family at least since Thomas Starie owned it in 1590. Nine or more generations of Staries were at The Hemm.

John was born in 1838 in London where both his parents had been born. In 1841 census shows his parents and brother Joseph at their home in London, but John is not on the census, which is strange as he would have been just 2 years old when the census was taken. At the age of 12 John was on Batch (Bache) Farm in Coreley with his great-aunt Sarah Starie and her husband John Jones (or James). Did he go to live with them when he was a baby? Sarah and John were childless so was he 'given' to them to look after?

The 1861 census shows John Starey at Hemm Farm with a servant "of all work". So at the age of 23 he must have been running the farm. The year before he had an affair with his cook, Ann Handley, who gave birth to Josphe Starie Handley in 1860 (see the research on Ann Handley).

John married Emma Hale who we see living with him on the censuses of 1871, 1881, 1891 and 1901. They had no children.

Emma died before 1911 when John is no longer at The Hemm but living with a housekeeper at Glinthorn, Sutton Park Road in Kidderminster (possibly a care home). The census shows him as a retired farmer, widower and without children.

John died in 1928 when he was 89 years old and was buried at St Peters Church in Coreley.



John's parents were Joseph Haydon Starie and Hester Gosden. The 1841 census shows them living at High Holborn in London with their second son Joseph aged 1. Joseph Haydon was a printer and the 1851 census shows that he also was a coffee shop keeper. At that time the family lived on Agar Street. Hester's sister Kate Haverson, a bookseller's assistant, lived with them as she was a widow.

They later move to Marylebone (1851 census) and then Tottenham Court Road (1861 census) by which time Joseph Haydon has become a bookseller.



Joseph Haydon's father Thomas Starie (born 1778) came from Great Kyre, Worcestershire and his mother Mary (nee Haydon, born 1776) from Washfield in Devon. Further research could perhaps shed light on how they could have met and why they went to live in London.

Thomas's paternal ancestors all came from the Coreley area and many lived on The Hemm. I have traced the Starie line back to Humphrey Starie who was born in 1544, see family tree below. Humphrey's brother Thomas was owner of The Hemm when he wrote his will in 1590.



