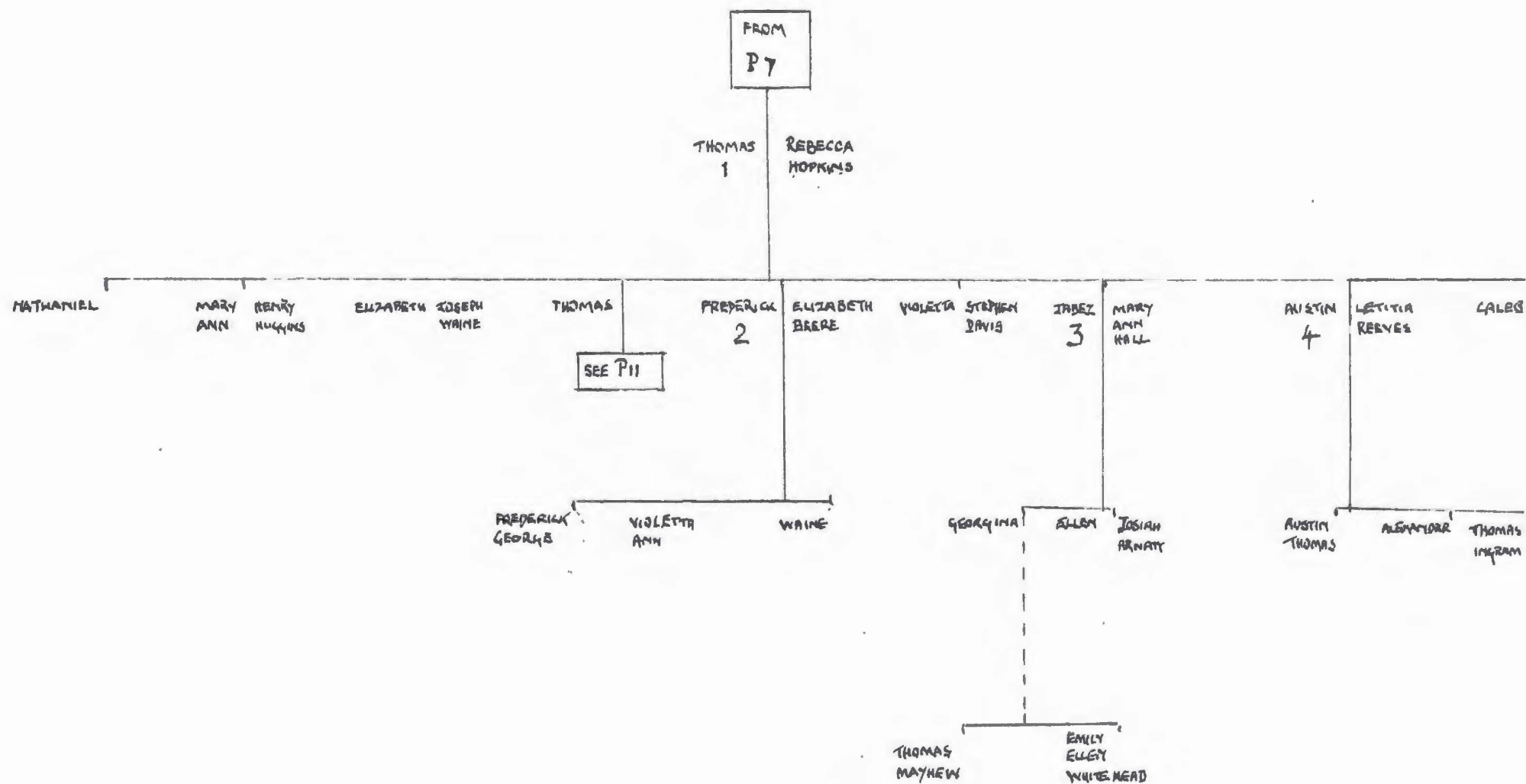




Ralph Christopher Simpson	born 1883
Walter Anthony Simpson	born 1886
Margaret Noel Simpson	born 1884
Esther Mary Winifred Simpson	born 1889

It was Ralph Christopher who changed his name from Simpson to Apletre. He had no issue. The "Times" reported the death "on Saturday 30 September 1967 at Oakapple Farm, Ringwood, Major Ralph Christopher Apletre M.C. aged 84 years late Royal Artillery and Royal Tank Corps."

When Miss Edith Apletree was doing family research she had some quite interesting correspondence with Marion Simpson. The impression is of a rather snobbish lady who despite her protestations of affection for the name of Apletree was more than proud of her Henchman and Russell forebears. Her son Ralph too appeared to have the same trait for the story goes that he changed his name in anticipation of being made Edith's main beneficiary in her Will. She found him too much of a snob and he was not even mentioned in it.

From these letters it is evident that that branch of the family possessed a painting, on wood, of Thomas Apletree, the Justice of the Peace and Commonwealth Commissioner for Oxfordshire. It was lent to Edith around 1902 who had a copy made of it which fortunately was passed to me after her death. The original is probably now in the possession of the Slinger family in Warwickshire.

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Thomas 1

The youngest son of Nathaniel Austin and Anne, Thomas was baptised on 14th August 1763.

In 1799 he was a juror at Oxford Quarter Sessions so was it at this time in Oxford he met his wife?

He was 38 when, on 19 September 1801 at St.Peter's Church Oxford he married "Rebecca Hopkins of St.Peter's Parish - a minor and with consent of her mother."

The vicar of Hook Norton was kept busy conducting a succession of baptisms:-

Nathaniel on 17th August 1805

Mary Ann on 9th February 1807

Thomas on 22nd November 1809

Elizabeth on 28th October 1811

Frederick on 27th September 1813

Violetta on 28th November 1815

Jabes on 25th December 1818

Austin on 25th December 1819

Caleb on 7th July 1822.

Only two children, Nathaniel and Caleb, died in infancy.

In 1816 he sued his Solicitor Francis Findon concerning the sale of 80 acres of land at Milcombe. Thomas had put it up for auction and realised £2,900. But Soden the purchaser failed to complete so Findon bought it at the auction price and later sold it to one Matthews for £4,400. Thomas considered this sharp practice stoutly denied by Findon.

In November 1819 Thomas made his Will leaving the farm in trust for his eight then surviving children (Caleb was then alive) as tenants in common. He died on the 6th October 1824, his wife Rebecca surviving him until 28th July 1850.

His daughter Mary Ann married Henry Huggins a coachmaker of Oxford at St.Mary Magdalen Oxford on 1st November 1825.

Elizabeth married Joseph Waine a stud groom of Chadlington on 18th March 1883. They had two daughters Elizabeth and Inez.

Violetta married Stephen Davis of Idlicote on 3rd May 1847. -

For Thomas see P.11

Frederick 2

Frederick left Hook Norton to be a butcher, first at Heythrop and then at Banbury. On the 5th August 1835 he married Elizabeth Beere at St.Mary's Banbury. About 1840 he became the Workhouse Master at Brackley Workhouse, long since demolished.

His children were Frederick George born in 1839 but who died in that year, Violetta Ann born in 1840 who died at 18 years of age and Waine born in 1843 who died at birth.

He died at Brackley in 1862 administration being granted to his widow Elizabeth, who died in 1880.

Jabez 3

According to the 1841 census he was then a sadler in Hook Norton age 23. By the time he was 25 he had moved to Tadmorton having first married Mary Ann Hall of Banbury on 29 April 1843. In 1844 he was living in Banbury and 1846 in Witney. In 1847 he was keeping the Bull Inn at Burford. When he died in 1854 he was resident at Stow-on-the-Wold.

His daughter Georgiana Mary Ann was born at Banbury in 1844. She never married but she too was something of a migrant.

She was a barmaid, probably at Saltley near Erdington, Birmingham in 1867 when she had a daughter Emily Ellen Whitehead where

she was undoubtedly working in 1872 when she had another illegitimate child Thomas Mayhew. In 1873 she moved to Headington Oxford and opened a tobacconist shop at 6 Woodstock Road. She died at Headington in 1908.

Her daughter Emily Ellen died at the age of six.

Her son Thomas Mayhew became a foreman bricklayer whose wife Mary Ellen died at Headington in 1947. He died in 1951.

Jabez other daughter Ellen married Josiah Arnatt at St. Andrews Holborn in London.

Austin 4

Austin the youngest son of Thomas was first a butcher at Hook Norton. In 1845 he married Letitia Reeves at Stow-in-the-Wold. In 1846 he was keeping the Coach and Horses at Adderbury Oxfordshire and a year later an innkeeper at Womersley in Surrey where his son Austin Thomas was born on 7th August 1847. Austin Thomas died at the age of 39 in London.

By 1849 Austin was living at 61 Gibraltar Row St. Georges Road Southwark where his son Alexander was born. He died when 3 years old. Austin moved to Newington Butts where he was employed as a labourer. His son Thomas Ingram born in 1852 died in 1853.

Austin himself died in 1855 at Stow-in-the-Wold.

His widow Letitia married again in 1857 at Lambeth

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John 1

John the son of Samuel and Sally was baptised at **Deddington**