

A time line for the life of John Dean (Grocer, Farmer, Publican)

Baptized in Deddington - July 4th, 1828

Died – Hanwell Mental Asylum - December 13th, 1878

Buried in Deddington -December 19th, 1878

Son of William Dean (1786-1866) and Elizabeth Prestidge (1793-1867)

He was the younger brother of Henry Dean of Earl's Farm and also of Eliza Dean who married into the Bull family. Richard Bull was the village vet in the early 19th century. His son Ronald's battlefield grave marker from WWI is one of the nine WWI crosses in the church.

1851

John first married Jane Ann Gilkes (1824-1858) of Grove Ash at Sandford on July 17th

DEDDINGTON.	
MARRIED.—At Deddington, Mr. R. A. Dutton, to Miss Catherine Hone, of Clifton.—At Sandford, Mr. John Dean, grocer, Deddington, to Miss Jane Gilkes, of Grove Ash.	
The game at cricket between the players of this place and those of Barton was won by the former with six wickets to fall.	
A meeting is about to be held to establish a gas company at this place.	

Oxford Chronicle July 26th, 1851

John's shop

This is a very early photograph of Deddington Market Square (courtesy of Oxford Photographic Archives) showing John's shop. If you zoom the image his name is clearly visible. It was located in what, in more recent times, was known as Tuckers Stores and is now a closed restaurant premises next to Foodies coffee shop.



John Dean's shop 1850-59

Between 1820 and 1853 there was a general shortage of the very widely used farthing copper coins so shop keepers and traders issued their own coins; see <https://www.whitmorectm.com/unofficialfarthings>



These images are of an 'unofficial farthing' coin locally minted by John and now in the possession of his descendant Tommy Bull, resident in the USA. He has visited Deddington several times and this article is largely the result of his extensive research into the Dean and Bull families.

1853

John was assaulted by another grocer Alfred Cross who seems to have suffered severely from the effects of alcohol!

A DEDDINGTON TRADESMAN IN TROUBLE.—*Alfred Cross*, grocer, Deddington, was summoned by John Dean, also a grocer of the same place, for assaulting him. Complainant stated that he was returning from Mr. Whittom's, where he had been on business, and on passing by the residence of defendant he began calling him names, as he was in the habit of doing, and eventually struck him on the face. He gave defendant no provocation, and had been very kind towards him. He was for some time in his employ, and several days after leaving him, defendant called upon him, and said he had heard of a situation at Mr. Bullock's, of Stow, and being as he said "hard up," he lent him a pony to ride over after it; notwithstanding that and other acts of kindness, defendant was continually abusing him. Cross admitted the charge, but as a palliation pleaded that complainant's wife had on one occasion said he went home drunk, which he denied. His conduct during the hearing was so wild and incoherent that the magistrates were of opinion he was nearly intoxicated then, and for the assault ordered him to pay 5s. fine and 8s. costs, or be committed to prison for three weeks.—A charge of being drunk and disorderly the same day, the 20th of September, was then preferred against Cross by Mr. Superintendent Harwood. Complainant was in his garden on the morning of the day when defendant came reeling up to the gate in a drunken state, calling to him in a very noisy and disorderly manner; he then attempted to get over the hedge into the garden, which Mr. Harwood prevented by pushing him away. Defendant thereupon commenced abusing him. He appears on this occasion to have been so thoroughly drunk as to be utterly oblivious of all that occurred, and declared until that moment he "did not know what it was all about." For the offence he was fined 5s. and costs 8s. Defendant refused to pay the fines, intimating that he preferred going to Oxford castle for 3 weeks instead, and the magistrates gave orders for the commitment to be made out. He was retained in custody for about a quarter of an hour, during which time his courage rapidly oozed out, and with the assistance of a friend the money was paid and he was liberated.

Oxford Chronicle and Berks and Bucks Gazette – October 8th, 1853

1856

A small child attempted to steal some bacon and cheese in John's shop. The shopman just reprimanded her

... prevent the discovery of the offender.

PETTY THEFT.—On Saturday night last, between 7 and 8 o'clock, Sarah Gibbs went into the shop of Mr. John Dean, grocer, of the Market-place, to purchase a penny rushlight, and while waiting to be served, she picked up a piece of bacon and a piece of cheese, and secreted them under her shawl. A shopman, named Preedy, detected her directly. The child being more to be pitied than blamed, through the neglect of its parents, was reprimanded and allowed to depart. We hope the child will have better habits instilled into her for the future, or otherwise, in case of a similar offence, punishment must be inflicted.

Jackson's Oxford Journal. January 26th, 1856

John and his wife were thrown out of their carriage when their horse fell on Deddington Hill

fortunately without any serious injury.

ACCIDENT.—On Thursday se'nnight, as Mr. and Mrs. John Dean, of this town, were driving down Deddington Hill at a very steady pace, the horse suddenly fell, throwing both of them out. We regret to state that Mrs. Dean was seriously hurt, having received several severe sprains, besides being very much bruised about the head and face.

GAS.—The question of gas has been the almost all-

Newspaper unknown November 15th, 1856

1858

In January his wife Jane died

In September he married Sarah Ann Curtis (1817-1894) on Sept 23rd

She was the Daughter of Mr. Richard Curtis of Speller House, Boddington, Northamptonshire

ON'S OXFORD JOURNAL

DEDDINGTON.

MARRIED.—Sept. 23, at Boddington, Mr. John Dean, grocer and spirit merchant, of Deddington, to Sarah Anne, eldest daughter of the late Mr. Richard Curtis, of Speller House, Northamptonshire.

DIED.—Sept. 27, after undergoing a painful operation at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, aged 20, Edwin, fourth son of Mr. Wm. Chater, deeply regretted by his relatives and a large circle of friends.

BUCCLEUCH ARCHERY CLUB.—The members of this Club held their second prize meeting (the closing one of the season) on Tuesday the 21st of September, at Adderbury.

W. Chamberlin Esq., the Vice-Presi-

Jackson's Oxford Journal, October 2nd, 1858

1871 Census

He is recorded as a Farmer of 127 Acres in Cuckfield, Sussex

1871 England Census for John Dean

Sussex > Cuckfield > ALL > 4

No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON-DITION	AGE of Person	Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN	1. Deaf-and-Dumb
								2. Blind
105	Copy-hoca Town	John Dean	Head	Man	48	Farmer of 127 Acres Employing 2 Labourers	Bxford - Boddington Northampton - Boddington	3. Imbecile or Idiot
		Sarah A.	Wife	Wife	77		Bxford - Deddington	4. Lunatic
		Catherine F. do	Daughter	Wife	77		do	
		William H. J. do	Son	-	11	Scholar	do	
		Sarah A. do	Daughter	-	9	do	Employing Maidens	
		Henry A. do	Son	-	7	do	do	
		Horatia E. do	Daughter	-	5	do	do Lambeth	
		Mary E. Seley	Governess	Wife	50	Governess	Hamp. Alderley	
		John Weston	Servant	Wife	7	Farm Servant	Finger Loughfield	



Copyhold Farm still exists today

1878

John died at Hanwell Mental Asylum on December 13th, 1878 previously of “Red Lion” Southall

He was brought back to Deddington to be buried

Oxfordshire, England, Church of England Deaths and Burials, 1813-1965 for John Dean					
Deddington > 1845-1883					
Thomas Boniface Vicar.	John Dean No. 1405	Hanwell	Dec. 19	51	Thomas Boniface Vicar.

His gravestone is also inscribed with the name of his first wife Jane Anne who died in 1858 aged 34 and poignantly next to it is a stone in memory of their daughter Frances Anne who died in 1854 aged 9 months



John & Jane Anne's gravestone



their daughter Frances Anne's gravestone

DEAN John.

Personal Estate under £600.

27 December. Administration (with the Will) of the Personal Estate of John Dean formerly of the "Red Lion" Southall but late of the Hanwell Lunatic Asylum both in the County of **Middlesex** who died 13 December 1878 at the Lunatic Asylum was granted at the **Principal Registry** to Sarah Ann Dean of 88 St. Paul's-road Canonbury in the said County Widow the Relict the Universal Legatee.

Will/Administration – Hanwell Asylum

1881

Daughter Sarah Ann Dean married Barnett Guest who was formerly Licensed Victualer

1885

Daughter Sarah's marriage, lists her father John on the marriage certificate as Publican. The marriage was witnessed by Stepfather Barnett Guest and sister Rosaline.

Photographs The Gallery contains an [album of images](#) of members of the Dean family

