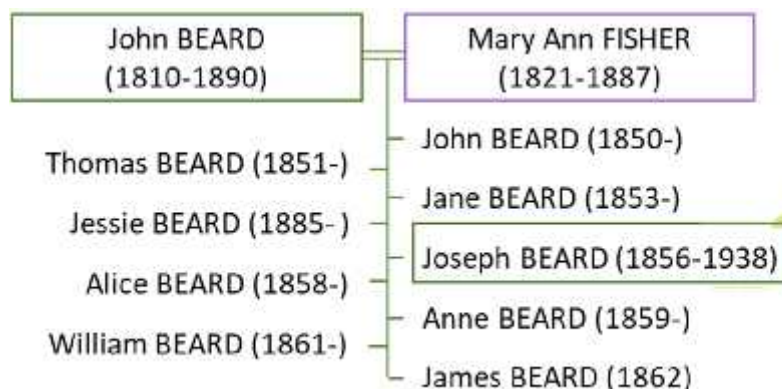


John BEARD (1810-1890) & Mary Ann FISHER

Great-great grandparents



Your great-great-grandparents were John BEARD and his wife Mary Ann (FISHER). As we have heard, John was born in 1810 in the parish of Staunton, Worcestershire. He was baptised there on the 10 April 1810.¹ John and his parents were recorded at Corse Lawn Farm in the 1841 census.²

John was 37 when he married Mary Ann FISHER in Ledbury, Herefordshire on 06 August 1847.³ Mary Ann FISHER was born in 1822 in Pendock, Worcestershire. She was the daughter of George FISHER, a farmer, and his wife Ann. Mary Ann was baptised in Pendock on 22 December 1822.⁴

Their first child, also called John, was born in 1849 and baptised later in Corse on 14 May 1850.⁵

In 1851 John lived at Buck Farm, Orridge Street,

Transcription of the 1851 census return for John BEARD & Mary Ann (FISHER)					
Corse, Gloucestershire, England					
<i>The Buck</i>					
Name	Rel	Cond	Age	Occupation	Born.
John BEARD	Head	Mar	38	Farmer of 50 acres employing 4 men	Staunton, Worcs.
Mary Ann BEARD	Wife	Mar	30	-	Pendock, Worcs.
John BEARD	Son		1	-	Corse, Gloucs.



Thomas BEARD	Son		3 mo	-	Corse, Gloucs.
Anne FISHER	Mother in law	Wid	62	-	Pendock, Worcs.
Eliza OXWORTH	Serv		14	House Servant	Ashleworth, Gloucs

As we can see, by this time John and Mary Ann had a second son Thomas. He was born in 1851 and baptised on 12 February that year in Corse, about a month before the above census was taken.⁶ The record confirms that John worked as a farmer and that Buck Farm covered about 50 acres.

His family continued to grow, and the 1861 census recorded John and Mary Ann with seven children, including your great-grandfather Joseph BEARD.⁷

Transcription of the 1861 census return for John BEARD & Mary Ann (FISHER)					
Corse, Gloucestershire, England					
Orridge					
Name	Rel	Cond	Age	Occupation	Born.
John BEARD	Head	Mar	47	Farmer of 49 acres employing 1 man	Staunton, Worcs.
Mary Ann BEARD	Wife	Mar	40	Farmer's wife	Pendock, Worcs.
John BEARD	Son	-	12	Farmer's son	Corse, Gloucs.
Thomas BEARD	Son	-	10	Farmer's son	Corse, Gloucs.
Jane BEARD	Daur	-	8	At School	Corse, Gloucs.
Jessie BEARD	Daur	-	6	At School	Corse, Gloucs
Joseph BEARD	Son	-	4	At School	Corse, Gloucs
Alice BEARD	Daur	-	3		Corse, Gloucs
Ann BEARD	Daur	-	2		Corse, Gloucs
Anne FISHER	Mother in law	Wid	69	Farmer's Widow	Pendock, Worcs.
Ann YEEND	Boarder	Mar	49	Nurse	Pendock, Worcs.

The 1871 census found the family had moved to the nearby parish of Oxenhall and lived at White House Farm.⁸ At 140 acres it was substantially larger than either Buck Farm or Corse Lawn Farm.



Transcription of the 1871 census return for John BEARD & Mary Ann (FISHER)					
Oxenhall, Gloucestershire, England <i>White House Farm</i>					
Name	Rel	Cond	Age	Occupation	Born.
John BEARD	Head	Mar	55	Farmer of 140 acres	Staunton, Worcs.
Mary Ann BEARD	Wife	Mar	50	-	Pendock, Worcs.
Thomas BEARD	Son	-	20	Farmer	Corse, Gloucs.
Jane BEARD	Daur	-	18	General Servant	Corse, Gloucs.
Joseph BEARD	Son	-	14	At School	Corse, Gloucs
Alice BEARD	Daur	-	12	At School	Corse, Gloucs
Ann BEARD	Daur	-	10	At School	Corse, Gloucs
William BEARD	Son	-	8	At School	Oxenhall, Gloucs
James BEARD	Son	-	6	At School	Oxenhall, Gloucs

The census shows that the younger children were all in school.

By 1881 John and his wife Mary Ann lived apart in different houses. John lived with his married daughter Jane and her husband Charles FAULKS at Cleeve Mill in Newent, Gloucestershire.⁹

Transcription of the 1881 census return for John BEARD					
Newent, Gloucestershire, England <i>Cleeve Mill</i>					
Name	Rel	Cond	Age	Occupation	Born.
Charles J. FAULKS	Head	Mar	34	Miller (Corn)	Astle[?], Gloucs.
Jane FAULKS	Wife	Mar	28	-	Corse, Gloucs.
James FAULKS	Son	-	9	At School	Oxenhall, Gloucs.
Annie FAULKS	Daur	-	7	At School	Newent, Gloucs.
Mary FAULKS	Daur	-	5		Newent, Gloucs.
Charles FAULKS	Son	-	4		Newent, Gloucs.
Florence FAULKS	Daur	-	2		Newent, Gloucs.
Henry FAULKS	Son	-	2 mo.		Newent, Gloucs.
John BEARD	Father in law	-	68	Miller	Staunton, Worcs.

John worked as a miller along with his son-in-law. Mary Ann stayed in Oxenhall in a cottage with their two sons William and James, both of whom worked as agricultural labourers.¹⁰ Their other son, Joseph (your great-grandfather) lived next door.



Your great-great grandmother, Mary Ann BEARD, died six years later on 29 December 1887, aged 68.¹¹ She was buried in Oxenhall on 04 January 1888.¹² John died two years later on 01 July 1890 and was also buried in Oxenhall 05 July.¹³ The burial record says he was 78 but he was nearer to 80 years old. John was recorded as a resident of Newent, so apparently still lived with his daughter at Cleeve Mill when he died.¹⁴ No record of a will or probate was found for either Mary Ann or John.

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Package Details – What sources were used to construct this report?

- ✓ Birth, marriage, and death indexes
- ✓ Parish records – baptism, marriage, and burial
- ✓ Census records
- ✓ Testamentary records – calendars of probate etc

