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The Stock of Ettington and Talbot of Lighthorne Family History
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The Stock family history must start with the one piece of certain evidence which is the family Bible, presently in the possession of Maurice White, youngest son of Lucy Jane Stock. In the front leaf of this Bible is the following inscription:

Presented to Thomas and Jane Stock, with the good wishes and prayers of the Rev. G B. Hasell of Aikton in the Diocese of Carlisle, in memory of their wedding at Barnton Church in Cheshire, on Shrove Tuesday Feb.18th 1890

Also found in this Bible were two silk "In Memoriam" cards inscribed as follows;

In affectionate remembrance of
JANE
Beloved wife of THOMAS STOCK of
Heath Lodge Farm
Little Leigh
Died May 25th 1931 aged 70 yrs
Interred Little Leigh Church May 28th

In Memoriam
THOMAS STOCK
Husband of the late JANE STOCK
Died Oct. 12th 1932 aged 64
Interred Little Leigh Church
Oct. 15th 1932
Manse Farm Little Leigh

To start my research of the Stock family we must begin with the 1901 census returns and work our way back in time from there.

1901 CENSUS

Name	Age	Relation	Occupation	Place of Birth
Thomas Stock	33	Head	Chemical Worker Alkali	Ettington Warwickshire.
Jane Stock	39	Wife		Langrigg Cumbria
Thomas Edward Stock	10	Son	Scholar	Barnton Cheshire
Earnest Stock	7	Son		Barnton
Bessie Stock	5	Daug.		Barnton
William Stock	3	Son		Barnton
Lucy Jane Stock	1	Daug.		Barnton

The family is shown to be living at 7 Leighs Brow, Barnton, near Northwich, Cheshire. It should also be remembered that Thomas and Jane had two more children Harold (1902) and Sarah Anne (1904).

The following Confirmation card was found in the family Bible:

Parish of Little Leigh 1918

Lucy Jane Stock aged 18 years

Confirmed March 20th 1918 at 2:30 pm at Great Budworth Church Cheshire

CENSUS 1891

Name	Age	Relation	Occupation	Birth place
Thomas Stock	23	Head	General Labourer	Warwickshire
Jane Stock	29	Wife		Cumberland
Thomas Stock	4 mth	Son		Barnton Cheshire

The family is living at Princes Park, Barnton, Northwich, Cheshire.

To trace Jane Stock's (née Bell) former life check the Bell family file as we now must concentrate on Thomas Stock and his family tree.

We now know from the above census returns that my grandfather, Thomas Stock, was born around 1868, in Warwickshire, we must therefore turn to the following census returns for more information.

1881 CENSUS

Name	Age	Relation	Occupation	Birth place
Edward Stock	40	Head	Farm Lab.	Eatington Warks
Mary A Stock	39	Wife		Wolston [Wolson - Ed] Warks
Emma Stock	15	Daughter	Domestic Servant	Eatington
Thomas Stock	12	Son	Scholar	Eatington
James Stock	10	Son	Scholar	Eatington
Mary A Stock	7	Daughter	Scholar	Wolston [Wotton - Ed] Warks
Sarah Stock	4	Daughter		Runcorn Cheshire
Joseph Talbot	25	Boarder	Farm Lab.	Lighthorne Warks

Thomas Stock is now living at Weston Terrace, Runcorn Union, in the Parish of All Saints, Runcorn, with his parents and siblings. The Joseph Talbot seen here is actually Mary A Stock's younger brother, which will become clearer as we research the life of Edward and Mary A.

1871 CENSUS

Name	Age	Relation	Occupation	Birth place
Edward Stock	30	Head	Carter	Eatington Warw
Mary A Stock	30	Wife		Wolston [Woolson - Ed] Warw.
Emma Stock	5	Daughter		Eatington
Thomas Stock	2	Son		Eatington
James Stock	2 m [3 mo - Ed]	Son		Eatington

The family is now living at Black Househill, Eatington, Warwickshire. [Black Martin Farm, off Banbury Rd, Ettington - Ed] I am not too sure of this address as the writing on the return was very poor. It should also be noted the different ways that Eatington and Ettington are spelt. It is one and the same village and would appear from research that its name was changed to Ettington sometime around 1865.

We must now trace the parents and family of Edward and Mary A Stock.

What we do know at this point is that Edward Stock married a Mary Ann Talbot in [quarter ending - Ed] June 1863 registered at Stratford (vol 6d, page 697) but service not necessarily in Stratford (more research required) [on 26 May 1863, at Ettington church - Ed] and that Edward was born in Eatington around 1841 [baptised 7 March 1841 - Ed] and Mary A was born in Wolston around 1842. [3rd quarter 1842 - Ed] These villages are about 10 miles apart on the B4455 that runs east of Coventry and Leamington Spa with Ettington near Stratford on Avon and Wolston near Coventry.

1861 CENSUS

Name	Age	Relation	Occupation	Birth place
Edward Miles	82	Head	Farmer 130 acres	Shustoke Warw
Elizebeth Miles	66	Wife		Shustoke [incorrect - Hamington -Ed]
Elizebeth Miles	32	Daughter		Shustoke
Harriet Miles	30	Daughter		Shustoke
Edward Miles	26	Son		Shustoke
Elizabeth Daniel [? Dercel - Ed]	14	Servant	House Servant	
Frederick Fretwell [Tredwell - Ed]	16	Servant	Boy of all work	
Jane Page	18	Servant	Dairy Maid	
James Southern	19	Servant	Cow Man	
Edward Stock	19	Servant	Carter	Halford Bridge

In this return Edward is seen living at Farmhouse, Shustoke, which appears on the outskirts of Birmingham, Warwickshire, however in 1861 it would be well out in the country! Halford Bridge appears to be a small hamlet some way from Eatington by the river on the main road. Is Halford Bridge part of Eatington Parish? [Yes - Ed] Shustoke looks to be approx. 15miles from Eatington.

1851 CENSUS

Name	Age	Relation	Occupation	Birth place
Thomas Stock	53	Head	Ag. Labourer	Epwell Oxon.
Lucy Stock	44	Wife		Hook Norton Oxon.
John Stock	14	Son	Scholar	Ettington Warw.
Edward [Edmund - ed] Stock	10	Son	Scholar	Ettington
William Stock	7	Son	Scholar	Ettington
Anne Stock	4	Daughter		Ettington

We can now see Edward living at home with his parents and siblings at High Road, Ettington/Eatington Warwickshire. This census now shows the names of my great-great-grandfather and great-great-grandmother, Thomas and Lucy, also the villages where they were born in Oxfordshire. This census also gives the names of Edward's siblings and shows that all of the children were born in Eatington. [The name on the census return is clearly Edmund and it is assumed the census enumerator made a mistake, as the baptism of Edward on 7 March 1841 shows Thomas and Lucy as parents. - Ed]

1841 CENSUS

Name	Age	Relation	Occupation	Birth place
Thomas Stock	40	Head	Ag. Labourer	Warwickshire
Lucy Stock	30	Wife		Warwickshire
John Stock	4	Son		Warwickshire
Thomas Stock	2	Son		Warwickshire
Edward [Edwd - Ed] Stock	5 m	Son		Warwickshire

The family is now living at Badgers Farm Cottage, Ettington. The place of birth is wrong as will be seen when we trace Thomas and Lucy in the 1851 and 1861 census returns, as all the people shown on this return were stated as born in Warwickshire. Today Badgers Farm Cottage is thought to be a holiday let cottage.

It should be noted that in this census there is a Thomas Stock aged two but he is not there in the 1851 census, that is because he died in Stratford [District - Ed] in [quarter ending - Ed] December 1844 (vol.16, page 353)

A search of the relevant marriage register revealed the following:

Thomas Stock of Epwell Oxon. married Lucy Castle of Hook Norton Oxon. 13th October 1835 at Kineton Parish Church, Warks.

We have now traced my great-grandfather, Edward Stock, back to 1841 when he was 5 months and also know that his parents, my great-great-grandparents, Thomas Stock and Lucy Castle, were born around 1801 and 1808 even though on different census returns these ages do not seem to tally.

We can now trace Thomas and Lucy Stock, their children and Edward Stock's wife's family.

1861 (April 7th) CENSUS

Name	Age	Relation	Occupation	Birth place
Thomas Stock	64	Head	Pauper	Oxon. Epwell
Lucy Stock	53	Wife		Oxon. Hook Norton
Mary Stock	10	Daughter	Scholar	Warw. Ettington

The family is living at Ettington Village, Warwickshire (note the spelling of the village) and that most of the children have left home.

1871 (April 2nd) CENSUS

Name	Age	Relation	Occupation	Birth place
Thomas Stock	74	Head	Formerly Ag. Worker	Epwell Oxfordshire
Lucy Stock	63	Wife	Lost Wife [Do. Wife - Ed]	Hook Norton Oxfordshire
William Stock	27	Son	Masons Labourer	Eatington Warw.
Mary Stock	19	Daughter		Eatington Warw.

The family is now living at Eatington Village Warwickshire. Note Lucy Stock shown as "lost wife" this was because she had died in [quarter ending - ed] June 1866 (Stratford reg vol. 6d, page 351) and is clearly a mistake by Thomas when filling in the return. [This is incorrect. The form records Lucy as present, aged 63. The "lost wife" referred to by the author is "Do wife", meaning ditto wife, referring to her occupation as an agricultural labour, the same as her husband. The death of Lucy Stock referred to was that of a one year old baby and nothing to do with this family. - Ed]

A search of the relevant death lists showed that Thomas Stock died in [quarter ending - Ed] Dec.1873 and is seen in the Stratford District (vol.6d, page 407). From my research it appears Thomas and Lucy had six children. We know what happened to my great-great-grandparents, Thomas Stock and Lucy Stock, also their son Edward, but as yet nothing of the others, therefore more research is required.

We can now look at Edward Stock's wife's family. As previously stated Edward married Mary Ann Talbot in [quarter ending - Ed] June 1863 and if you re-visit the 1871 census you will see they were living in Eatington. To trace Mary Ann Talbot we must go back to the earlier census returns:

1861 (April 7th) CENSUS

Name	Age	Relation	Occupation	Birth place
James Talbot	55 widower	Head	Carpenter	Lighthorne Warw.
John Talbot	21	Son	Ag. Labourer	Wolston Warw.
Ann Talbot	19	Daughter	House Keeper at Home	Wolston Warw
James Talbot	12	Son	Ag. Lab.	Lighthorne Warw.
Richard Talbot	10	Son	Ag. Lab.	Lighthorne Warw.
Joseph Talbot	6	Son	Scholar	Lighthorne Warw.

The family is seen to be living in a cottage, Middle Lane [now called Church Lane - Ed], Lighthorne, Warwickshire. Note that Mary Ann is given as just Ann and that she is acting as the housekeeper to the rest of the family as her mother had died earlier. (See below)

1851 (March 30th) CENSUS

Name	Age	Relation	Occupation	Birth place
James Talbot	46	Head	Farm Lab.	Lighthorne Wark.
Mary Ann Talbot	39	Wife		Witherbrook Wark.
John Talbot	10	Son		Woolston
Mary Ann Talbot	8	Daughter		Woolston
William Talbot	4	Son		Wolston [Moreton - Ed]
Richard Talbot	1 m [2 - Ed]	Son		Wolston [Moreton -Ed]
James Talbot	2 [1 mth -Ed]	Son		Wolston [Moreton - Ed]

The family is now living in a cottage, ? Street [Main Street - now called Church Lane - Ed], Lighthorne Warwickshire. [The 1851 census enumerator has mistakenly transposed the ages of the 2 youngest children. - Ed]

Mary Ann Talbot (mother) died in June 1859. [This is incorrect. Mary Anne Talbot was buried in Lighthorne on 16 December 1854, aged 44 years. - Ed] William Talbot died in Dec 1855. [This is incorrect. In the 1871 census William, aged 25, is living with his father, James, and brothers James, Richard and Joseph, in Lighthorne. - Ed]

1841 (June 6th) CENSUS

Name	Age	Relation	Occupation	Birth place
James Talbot	30	Head	Ag Lab.	Lighthorne Warw
Mary Ann Talbot	25	Wife		Withybrook Warw.
John Talbot	1 mn [11 months - Ed]	Son		Wolston

[The birthplace information is taken from the 1851 census. The 1841 census state they were all born in Warwickshire. - Ed]

The family is living at Wolston Village, Warwickshire. A search of the relevant marriage register shows that James Talbot of Lighthorne married Mary Ann Wood of Withybrook in [the quarter ending] June 1840. (Stratford District vol.16, page 357) [This is incorrect. This marriage was registered Coventry District vol. 16, page 357. - Ed].

At present that concludes the information held on the Talbot family. N.B. I have had contact with a Geoffrey Woodhall from Warrington who says that Mary Ann Talbot is a distant relative of his mother's family and that he only had the initials M.A in his family tree, so was pleased to find the full name.

We must now trace the life of Edward Stock and Mary Anne Talbot and at this stage their five children, who, as we know, were called: Emma, Thomas, James, Mary Ann and Sarah and were living in Runcorn in 1881.

We know the history of my grandfather, Thomas Stock, who married Jane Bell from Cumbria. Now the 1891 and 1901 census returns must be used to trace other members of the family.

1891 (April 5th) CENSUS

Name	Age	Relation	Occupation	Birth place
Edward Stock	50	Head	Farmer	Ettington Warw.
Mary A Stock	49	Wife		Wolston Warw.
James Stock	20	Son	Gen. Lab.	Ettington Warw.
Mary Ann Stock	17	Daughter	Dom. Servant	Wolston Warw.

The family is now living at Chester Road, Whitby, Ellesmere Port, The Wirral, Cheshire. Note now that Edward is a farmer with two of the children at home, so what of Emma and Sarah? A search of the relevant records showed that Mary Ann Stock died in [quarter ending - Ed] March 1892 aged 18 years in the Wirral, Cheshire (Vol 8a, page 399).

1891 (April 5th) CENSUS

Name	Age	Relation	Occupation	Birth place
Thomas Hayes	24	Head	Lab. Chemical Works	Barnton Cheshire
Emma Hayes	25	Wife		Eatington Warw.
William E Stock	9	Wife's Brother	Scholar	Little Leigh Cheshire
Isabella Hayes	11 m	Daughter		Barnton Cheshire

Emma Hayes (née Stock) is seen living at Bells Brow, Barnton, Cheshire. Thomas and Emma married [quarter ending - Ed] June 1889 and registered in The Wirral (vol 8a, page 658). Note that her brother, William E Stock, is living with her which also means that Edward and Mary Ann Stock had six children.

1891 (April 5th) CENSUS

Name	Age	Relation	Occupation	Birth place
John Lewis	45	Head	Shopkeeper	Overpool Cheshire.
Sarah Lewis	45	Wife		Little Sutton Chester.
Elly Lewis	20	Daughter	Dressmaker	Ellesmere Port.
Ann Lewis	7	Daughter		Ellesmere Port
Sarah Stock	14	Serving Girl	General Servant	Runcorn Cheshire.

Sarah Stock was "in service" at Station Road, Whitby, Ellesmere Port, The Wirral, Cheshire.

1901 (March 31st) CENSUS

Name	Age	Relation	Occupation	Birth place
Edward Stock	60	Head	Farmer and Carrier	Eatington Warw.
Mary Ann Stock	59	Wife		Wolston Warw.
William Hayes	3	Grandson		Barnton Cheshire

The family is now living at Reed Side, Antrobus, Runcorn, in the Parish of St. Marks. I am uncertain as to whom are the parents of William Hayes, as can be seen on further reading, both daughters of Edward Stock married into the Hayes family.

I am not fully certain of the year of Edward Stock's death but I believe it to be 1914. I did

however find in the family Bible the following undated, un-named newspaper obituary notice:

Mr E Stock interred on Tuesday at Barnton Cemetery formerly of 255, Runcorn Road, Barnton who was a Farmer of first Whitby near Ellesmere Port and then at Antrobus. He was 73 years old and leaves a widow and children and died at his daughter, Mrs Hayes home.

The chief mourners were Messrs. Thomas Stock, James Stock and William Stock and a number of grandchildren. Mr F Hayes was the undertaker.

At present I do not know the year of Mary Ann Stock's death.

1901 (March 31st) CENSUS

Name	Age	Relation	Occupation	Birth place
James Stock	28	Head	Lab. Alkali works	Eatington Warw.
Hannah Stock	22	Wife		Barnton Cheshire
Arthur R Stock	3	Nephew		Barnton
Martha Stock	8m	Daughter		Barnton

This is the family of Edward Stock's son, James, with his wife and daughter living at 13, Lydyett Lane, Barnton Cheshire. I am not sure yet who Arthur R Stock is. As can be seen, he is not James's son. He can't be William Stock's son as William is only 19 at this time and unmarried. More research is required.

James Stock married Hannah Buckley in 1897 at Northwich and is believed to have had 10 children: Jessie 1899, Martha 1900, Mary A 1903, Arthur 1906, Charles 1908, Elsie 1910, Thomas 1911, Joseph 1912, Lucy J. 1914, Bessie 1918.

Also found in the family Bible was the following silk obituary book mark:

In loving memory of James the beloved husband of Hannah Stocks, 5, Lydyett Lane Barnton died Nov. 25th 1933 aged 62. Interred Christ Church, Barnton, Cheshire November 29th 1933.

1901 (March 31st) CENSUS

Name	Age	Relation	Occupation	Birth place
Thomas Hayes	34	Head	Chemical Worker	Barnton Cheshire
Emma Hayes	35	Wife		Eatington Warw.
Isabella Hayes	10	Daughter	Scholar	Barnton
Thomas Hayes	8	Son	Scholar	Barnton
Lily Hayes	7	Daughter	Scholar	Barnton
John Wm. Hayes	6	Son		Barnton
Alfred Hayes	4	Son		Barnton
Robert Hayes	1	Son		Barnton

Thomas and Emma Hayes (née Stock) are now living at 30 Townfield Lane, Barnton, Cheshire.

1901 (March 31st) CENSUS

Name	Age	Relation	Occupation	Birth place
William H Hayes	37	Head	Chemical Lab.	Great Budworth Cheshire
Sarah Hayes	25	Wife		Runcorn
Thomas Hayes	2	Son		Great Budworth
Henry Hayes	1	Son		Great Budworth
Marion Hayes	4 m	Daughter		Great Budworth
William Stock	19	Brother in Law	Chemical Lab.	Great Budworth

William and Sarah Hayes (née Stock) are living at Chapel House, Little Leigh, Northwich, in the Parish of St Michael's. William and Sarah married at Runcorn in [quarter ending - Ed] December 1896 (vol 8a, page 341). Note that Sarah's brother, William, is now living with her and not her sister Emma, as in the 1891 census also his birthplace is incorrect. (It should be Little Leigh.)

William Stock married a Hannah Mills in [quarter ending - Ed] December 1901 (vol 8a, page 405) and had at least one child called Mary Emma but I have no further information on this family.

I am not sure which of the daughters of Edward Stock was looking after him when he died. (See obituary notice.)

This now concludes the information presently held on the Stock family but as more research is carried out and more information becomes available this will obviously expand.

The following family tree is given so it makes it easier to see the family line from Maurice White back to Thomas Stock, born in Epwell in 1801

MAURICE WHITE born Leeds 1942 - m - WENDY MARGARET HUDSON born Leeds 1944

Dewsbury Road Congregational Church Leeds September 1964.- Children Ian and Neil

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LUCY JANE STOCK born Barnton Cheshire 1899 - m- ARTHUR WILLIAM WHITE born Leeds 1903

Leeds Registry Office November 1929 - Children - Donald Arthur, Lucy Christine, Eleanor Jane, Celia, Agnes, MAURICE, Kathleen

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THOMAS STOCK born Easington Warwickshire 1867 - m - JANE BELL born Langrigg Cumbria 1862.

Barnton Parish Church February 18th 1890.- Children Thomas, Earnest, Bessie, William, LUCY JANE, Harold, Sarah Anne (also possibly a son called Arthur R. Stock?)

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EDWARD STOCK born Easington Warwickshire 1841 - m - MARY ANN TALBOT born Wolston Warwickshire 1842. Marriage registered at Stratford [quarter ending - Ed] June 1863 - [married at Easington church 26 May 1863 - Ed] - Children Emma, THOMAS, James, Mary-Ann, Sarah, William.

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THOMAS STOCK born Epwell Oxfordshire 1801 - m - LUCY CASTLE born Hook Norton Oxfordshire 1808. Marriage at Kineton Parish Church Warwickshire 13th October 1835. - Children John, Thomas, EDWARD, William, Ann, Mary.

