

Genealogy of the family of Reuben and Betsy Talbot of Lighthorne

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I have traced **Mabel Mumford (née Talbot)** in the 1891 and 1901 Lighthorne censuses. Her parents were Reuben and Betsy Talbot. She left Lighthorne before 1911, but her parents were still living there, in Church Lane. Mabel married Stephen Mumford of Moreton Morrell, on 24 October 1903, at Lighthorne. In the 1911 census the family is listed as Stephen Mumford junior 28, farmer's son working on farm, born at Whatcote, Mabel 29, wife and children Linda May 8, Frederick Stephen 6, Amy Elizabeth 4, Arthur Charles 1 and there were 2 grooms living with them. The first 2 children were born in Lighthorne and the subsequent 2 in Moreton Morrell. The 1921 census is similar but the grooms are no longer there.

There was a 1939 register of the population and from that we find that Arthur C Mumford, son of Stephen and Mabel, is a farmer at Tea Cosy Farm, Hannington, Blixworth, Northants. He was born 30 Oct 1909 and he married Joan L, who was born 9 Nov 1910. Living with them was Stephen's mother, Mabel Mumford, born 30 Sep 1881 and a baby, Joy Mumford, born 6 Sep 1939. A further entry below is officially closed.

The children of Stephen and Mabel

Linda May b. Lighthorne 5 Dec 1902, m. 25 Dec 1922 at Moreton Morrell to Cecil Watkin Gilks, d. 10 Oct 1990 at Kineton

Frederick Stephen b. Lighthorne 1 Dec 1904, m. quarter 4 1930 at Stratford to Eleanor Anderton, d. 22 Aug 1982

Amy Elizabeth b. Moreton Morrell 3 Oct 1906, m. 11 Aug 1928 at Moreton Morrell to Arthur Cyril Coles, d. quarter 4 1992

Arthur Charles b. Moreton Morrell 30 Oct 1909, m. 28 Sep 1935 at Bishops Tachbrook to Joan Lilian Cole, d. 31 Dec 1986 at Hannington, Northants.

Betsy Talbot, née Sheasby was born in Napton on the Hill, Warks and baptised on 11 July 1847. She was the daughter of Thomas and Betsy Sheasby. Thomas' occupation was labourer. She married Reuben Talbot of Lighthorne at Emscote, near Warwick, in 1868. At the time she was 21 and Reuben was 23. Her father's occupation was carpenter.

In the 1871 census Reuben and Betsy Talbot lived in Southam St, Kineton, with their 2 children, Thomas 2 and Albert 6 mths, both born in Kineton. In the 1881 census they lived in The Bank, Lighthorne, with children Albert 10, Henry 8, Arthur 6 (born in Chadshunt), Alice 2 (born in Chadshunt) and Annie E, (born in Lighthorne). There is no listing of Thomas, who may have died. In the 1891 census the family lived at Church Lane, Lighthorne and included the 2 parents with Albert Ernest 20, agricultural labourer, Henry 18, agric. labourer, Alice 14, Annie Elizabeth 11, Mabel 9 (born Lighthorne) and George Wilfred 7 (born Lighthorne).

In the 1901 census the family were still in Church Lane, Lighthorne, but consisted of Reuben 56, waggoner, Betsy 53 and Mabel 19. In the 1911 census Reuben and Betsy were still in Church Lane, but had been joined by their son Albert Ernest, aged 40, who was a widowed road sweeper. They were also living with their grand-daughter, Linda May Talbot, 8, who was probably the daughter of

Albert Ernest. Albert Ernest Talbot may have been the roadman that Phillip Card remembers. The 1911 census also states that Reuben and Betsy had 9 children of whom 8 were surviving.

Betsy Sheasby, née Sumner, the mother of Betsy Talbot, was baptised at Beaudesert, Warks, on 27 February 1816. She was the illegitimate daughter of Sarah Sumner, a single mother of Claverdon.

Betsy married Thomas Sheasby on 22 October 1833, at Rowington, Warks. and in the 1841 census they were living in Dog Lane, Napton, with their children Thomas 7, William 5, and Henry 2. Also in the 1841 census, in Dog Lane is a family comprising Thomas Sheasby 60, with his wife Sarah 55 and children James 20 and Charles 15. This Thomas and Sarah may have been the parents of the Thomas who married Betsy Sumner in 1833.

Thomas and Betsy Sheasby can be traced living at Napton through the 1841, 1851, 1861, 1871 and 1881 censuses. Their children were Thomas, William, Henry, Betsy (who married Reuben Talbot), Edward, Sarah and Arthur. Betsy Sheasby was buried at Napton on 27 May 1885, age 74.