

THE TALBOT FAMILY HISTORY,

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This document was inspired by Maurice White's history of the Stock family published on the website of the Lighthorne History Society. To start my research of the TALBOT family and its connection to Lighthorne we must begin with the 1911 Census returns and work our way back in time from there.

1911 CENSUS

Name	Age	Relation	Occupation	Place of Birth
Joseph Talbot	55	Head	Labourer – Charcoal Works	Lighthorne, Warwickshire.
Emma Jane Talbot	24	Daughter	----	Widnes, Lancashire
Joseph Edward Talbot	22	Son	Labourer – Charcoal Works	Widnes, Lancashire
Richard Talbot	20	Son	Clerk – Charcoal Works	Swansea, Wales
William James Talbot	12	Son	School	Weston, Cheshire
Thomas John Talbot	10	Son	School	Weston, Cheshire
Albert Talbot	7	Son	School	Weston, Cheshire
Leonard Talbot	6	Son	School	Weston, Cheshire

We see Joseph Talbot, my most recent ancestor to be born in Lighthorne. We will trace him all the way back to 1861 when he was a boy living in Lighthorne, and then continue with his father and grandfather. For now, as a 55-year-old man, we see Joseph at Aaron's Row, Mersey View, Weston, Cheshire. Joseph's wife had died of cancer in 1909. I am a descendant of his eldest son, Joseph Edward Talbot, who was my great-grandfather.

1901 CENSUS

Name	Age	Relation	Occupation	Place of Birth
Joseph Talbot	45	Head	Labourer – Charcoal Works	Lighthorne, Warwickshire
Annie Talbot	35	Wife	----	Swansea, Wales
Joseph Edward Talbot	13	Son	----	Widnes, Lancashire
Richard Talbot	10	Son	----	Swansea, Wales
William James Talbot	2	Son	----	Weston, Cheshire
Thomas John Talbot	2 months	Son	----	Weston, Cheshire

The family is shown living at Aaron's Row, Mersey View, Weston, Cheshire. We see Joseph's wife, Annie Talbot, but the eldest daughter, Emma, is missing for unknown reasons.

1891 WALES CENSUS

Name	Age	Relation	Occupation	Place of Birth
Joseph Talbot	36	Head	General Labourer	Lighthorne, Warwickshire
Annie Talbot	24	Wife	-----	Swansea, Wales
Emma Jane Talbot	4	Daughter	School	Widnes, Lancashire
Joseph Edward Talbot	2	Son	School	Widnes, Lancashire
Richard Talbot	2 months	Son	-----	Swansea, Wales

The family is shown to be living at 19 Grenfell Town, Swansea, Wales. Joseph Talbot married Annie Richards in Liverpool in 1886. The family lived in Wales for a short period, perhaps to be closer to Annie's side of the family.

1881 CENSUS

Name	Age	Relation	Occupation	Place of Birth
Edward Stock	40	Head	Farm Labourer	Ettington, Warwickshire
Mary Ann Stock	39	Wife	-----	Wolston, Warwickshire
Emma Stock	15	Daughter	Domestic Servant	Ettington, Warwickshire
Thomas Stock	12	Son	School	Ettington, Warwickshire
James Stock	10	Son	School	Ettington, Warwickshire
Mary Ann Stock	7	Daughter	School	Wolston, Warwickshire
Sarah Stock	4	Daughter	-----	Runcorn, Cheshire
Joseph Talbot	25	Boarder	Farm Labourer	Lighthorne, Warwickshire

This part of the TALBOT family history is linked to Maurice White's history of the STOCK family, part of the Lighthorne History Society's archives. We find Joseph Talbot shortly after he had left Warwickshire when he was living in the household of Edward Stock at Weston Terrace, Runcorn, Cheshire. The Mary Ann Stock seen here is actually Joseph's older sister which will become clearer as we research the life of Joseph.

We can also see the impact of the industrial revolution. Like many rural families in the nineteenth century, the Talbots were uprooted from the countryside and moved to an urban centre of industry, in this case Cheshire.

1871 CENSUS

Name	Age	Relation	Occupation	Place of Birth
James Talbot	64	Head	Labourer	Lighthorne, Warwickshire
William Talbot	25	Son	Labourer	Morton Morrell, Warwickshire
James Talbot	23	Son	Labourer	Lighthorne, Warwickshire
Richard Talbot	21	Son	Labourer	Lighthorne, Warwickshire
Joseph Talbot	16	Son	Labourer	Lighthorne, Warwickshire

We see a young Joseph Talbot living with his family in Lighthorne. I am not sure of the address but we may safely assume it was a cottage somewhere in the village. His father James became a widower in the 1850s, sometime after Joseph was born. Note that William was born in Morton Morrell, a small village located 2 miles west of Lighthorne.

1861 CENSUS

Name	Age	Relation	Occupation	Place of Birth
James Talbot	55	Head	Carpenter	Lighthorne, Warwickshire
John Talbot	21	Son	Farm Labourer	Wolston, Warwickshire
Ann Talbot	19	Daughter	Housekeeper at home	Wolston, Warwickshire
James Talbot	12	Son	Farm Labourer	Lighthorne, Warwickshire
Richard Talbot	10	Son	Farm Labourer	Lighthorne, Warwickshire
Joseph Talbot	6	Son	School	Lighthorne, Warwickshire

The family is shown here living in their cottage in Lighthorne. The two eldest children were born in Wolston, a small village near to Coventry about 15 miles north of Lighthorne. The Ann Talbot seen here is actually Mary Ann Talbot who would later marry Edward Stock and move to Cheshire along with her youngest brother, Joseph.

1851 CENSUS

Name	Age	Relation	Occupation	Place of Birth
James Talbot	46	Head	Farm Labourer	Lighthorne, Warwickshire
Mary Ann Talbot	39	Wife	Farm Labourer's wife	Withybrook, Warwickshire
John Talbot	10	Son	Farm Labourer's son	Wolston, Warwickshire
Mary Ann Talbot	9	Daughter	Farm Labourer's daughter	Wolston, Warwickshire
William Talbot	4	Son	Farm Labourer's son	Moreton Morrell, Warwickshire
Richard Talbot	2	Son	Farm Labourer's son	Lighthorne, Warwickshire
James Talbot	1 month	Son	Farm Labourer's son	Lighthorne, Warwickshire

The family is seen living at Emfily House* in Lighthorne. James' wife Mary Ann was born Mary Ann Wood and she married James Talbot in 1840. She was born in Withybrook, a small village near Coventry about 20 miles north of Lighthorne.

* I am not too sure of this address as the writing on the return is poor.

1841 CENSUS

Name	Age	Relation	Occupation	Place of Birth
James Talbot	30	Head	Farm Labourer	Warwickshire
Mary Ann Talbot	25	Wife	----	Warwickshire
John Talbot	11 months	Son	----	Warwickshire

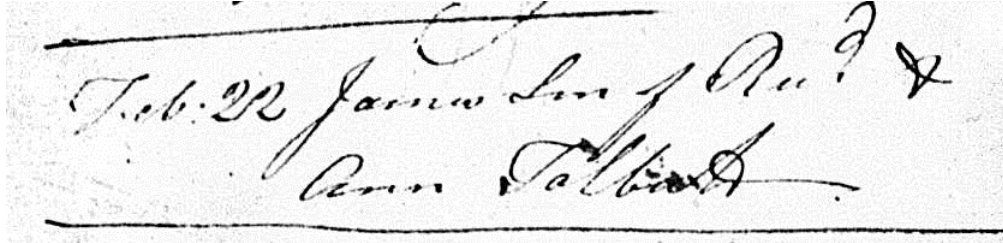
We see James Talbot, his wife and his first son living in Wolston. Note the only people given accurate ages on the return

were children. Most adults had their ages rounded down to end in either a 5 or a 0. James Talbot was in fact about 36-years-old when the census was taken and his wife, Mary Ann, was about 29.

Going Beyond the Census: The TALBOT family in the early 1800s

At this point my efforts to further trace the TALBOT family get complicated and far less certain.

I know James Talbot was born in Lighthorne and the Census returns consistently suggest a birth date of around 1805. James was most likely baptised as a baby and that being the case there is only one entry in the Lighthorne baptism parish records from this time that could be his:



The entry from 1806 reads: "Feb 22 James, son of Rich & Ann Talbot"

If this is correct it suggests James was probably born in late 1805 or possibly early 1806 and that his parents were named Richard and Ann Talbot. This is confirmed by James' marriage certificate which lists Richard Talbot as his father. When I searched through Census returns for a Richard and Ann Talbot living in Lighthorne I found the following:

1851 CENSUS

Name	Age	Relation	Occupation	Place of Birth
Richard Talbot	82	Head	Labourer	Lighthorne, Warwickshire
Ann Talbot	79	Wife	----	Lighthorne, Warwickshire
Thomas Talbot	33	Son	----	Lighthorne, Warwickshire
Elizabeth Talbot	25	Wife	----	Lighthorne, Warwickshire
Ruben Talbot	7	Son	----	Lighthorne, Warwickshire
Thomas Talbot	3	Son	----	Lighthorne, Warwickshire
Henry Talbot	2 months	Son	----	Lighthorne, Warwickshire

This return from 1851 shows three generations of the TALBOT family living in Lighthorne. Richard and Ann are the elderly couple, and for reasons given below I judge them to be the same Richard and Ann Talbot found on James Talbot's baptism record from 1806. However, here we see them living with their son Thomas and his wife Elizabeth. The three young children belong to Thomas and Elizabeth.

Thomas Talbot and Elizabeth Hunt were married in Lighthorne on 1844 when Thomas was 26.

If Thomas was 26-years-old in 1844 and 33-years-old in 1851 (see above) that would mean he was born in about 1818 and probably baptised around the same time. If we return to the Lighthorne parish records we see the following entry in 1818:

16 Aug.	Thomas	Richard Talbot	Ann	Je.	Dr.
No. 34.					

16 August - A boy named Thomas with parents Richard and Ann Talbot was baptised. The full page would reveal the location as Lighthorne and the occupation of the father as Labourer.

A complete look at the Lighthorne baptism records would show that between 1802 and 1818 Richard and Ann Talbot had a total of eight children baptised. From these regular entries in the parish records we can see that my direct ancestor, James Talbot, was their third child and Thomas was their eighth and final child. If we pretend for a moment that a detailed Census had taken place in 1821 the complete family might have looked like this (approximate ages for the children are based on the assumption that they were baptised as infants):

Name	Approx. Age in 1821	Relation	Occupation	Place of Birth
Richard Talbot	52	Head	Labourer	Lighthorne, Warwickshire
Ann Talbot	49	Wife	----	Lighthorne, Warwickshire
Sarah Talbot	19	Daughter	----	Lighthorne, Warwickshire
John Talbot	18	Son	----	Lighthorne, Warwickshire
James Talbot	15	Son	----	Lighthorne, Warwickshire
Ann Talbot	14	Daughter	----	Lighthorne, Warwickshire
Samuel Talbot	13	Son	----	Lighthorne, Warwickshire
Elizabeth Talbot	11	Daughter	----	Lighthorne, Warwickshire
Richard Talbot	9	Son	----	Lighthorne, Warwickshire
Thomas Talbot	3	Son	----	Lighthorne, Warwickshire

The TALBOT family in the 1700s

Richard Talbot would have been born in about 1769. Unfortunately I have found it impossible to trace the TALBOT family any further than Richard, all I can do is briefly speculate.

Based on the baptism records of their children I would guess Richard and Ann married in about in about 1800. All I have discovered so far is a record of a marriage between Richard Talbot and Ann Cotton which took place in 1797 in the parish of "Warwick, St Mary". This may be the correct record but it does not provide the names of Richard's parents so it is of limited use in further tracing the family.

If I go further back and try to locate evidence of Richard's baptism (which probably took place around 1770) I cannot find any record whatsoever.

With such limited evidence I have no way of knowing who Richard's parents were and so the trail runs cold. Parish records show several Talbots were living in and around Lighthorne in the 1700s and it is likely they were all relatives of mine to some degree, but how they fit into my family history is a mystery for now.

To conclude the stories of the main figures of this document:

Richard Talbot (my great x4 grandfather) stayed in Lighthorne as a labourer. He lived just long enough to appear in the 1851 Census and died in May 1851, aged 82.

James Talbot (my great x 3 grandfather) stayed in Lighthorne but fell on hard times in his old age. He died in the Southam Union Workhouse in 1890, aged 84.

Joseph Talbot (my great x 2 grandfather), having left Lighthorne he decided to stay in Cheshire where he continued working as a chemical works labourer. He died in 1940, aged 86. A further two generations of the TALBOT family were born and raised in Cheshire, including my father.

I was born in 1985 in Haywards Heath.