

STEDMAN COUSINS



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Dear Cousins,

Can you believe that another year has just flown by? Thank goodness that winter has now past (well, in the northern hemisphere, any way).

As you know, Tom has changed our website server to a much more efficient service. Thank you so much for resolving this Tom. It has made such a difference in the speed of moving from one section to another. Perhaps I could encourage you to upload something to the site. May be you have some photos from the Reunion last year that you would like to share, or a family story/ies.

Another bonus is the 'Dropbox' system which Tom has organised for us. This enables us to share larger documents at the press of a button. Already you will have been able to log into a number of fascinating documents relating to the family. May I encourage you to look through the number of interesting files stored there, and please feel free to add some of your own.

Have you made any discoveries over the winter period (well, summer in the southern hemisphere)? Dave and I have been looking at some of the siblings of the direct line of the White House, and where they migrated to. For example, someone made contact with the website, who we believe, descends from Arthur Stedman (b 1559) son of Robert Stedman and Joan Langford. This led us to searching for more information about Arthur and his descendents. Recently, I found a photo of a house on the Broncroft Estates where an Arthur Stedman lived until 1669. [See photo below] In his will he left an estate valued £337.9s.8d. quite a sum in those days. From the information Dave gleaned, Arthur b.1616 had died on 5 Aug 1669. To confirm our findings, on a 19century map of the Corvedale, next to the Park Farm on the Broncroft Estate, is **Lodge Farm**. It is now known as Lower Parks. Incidentally, I have just looked on the National Archives currency converter to see how much £337 would be worth in today's terms, the answer is: £28,027.99p.

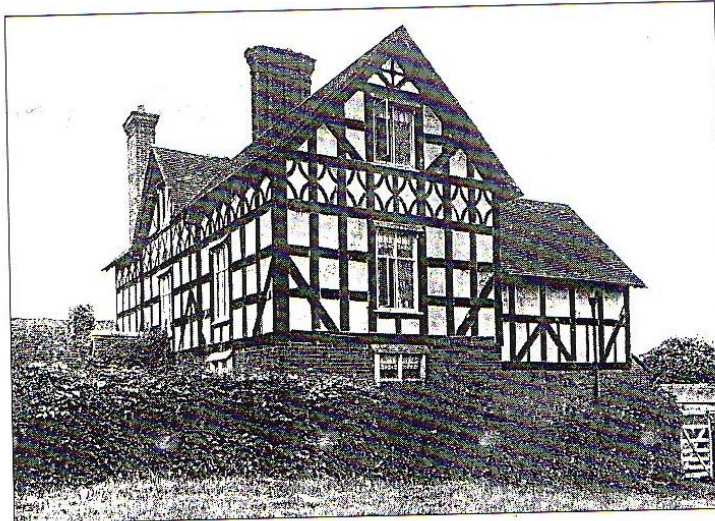


Figure 36. Lower Parks. This 1922 photograph shows the extensive decorative framing which was covered with rendering by the Church Commissioners.

If you would like to check out some other sums of money and need the web site address, it is: <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/currency/default0.asp#mid>

Some of us have been thinking of another 'mini Reunion' again in the Summer (August being the popular time). Perhaps you could let me know if you would like to meet up and if so, which of the following things you would be interested in doing/seeing:

The White House

Wilderhope Manor (Sarah Smallman is our link to this Smallman family home)

Yarkhill church (where Fabian Stedman's father was vicar) /**Yarkhill Court**

Bromfield (where Page and Sarah were married). *There wasn't time for this last year.*

or, if you have some other suggestions, do let me know.

One of our cousins, Pauline (Wheatcroft) is celebrating a special birthday on 20 March and I'm sure you will join me in wishing her a very Happy Birthday.



I think I might have sent this to some of the Cousins, but Dave extracted the signature or 'mark' (on the left) of our ? 9 or 10 x gt grandfather Thomas Stedman (1572-1645) from a document. I thought you would find it interesting, if you haven't already seen it.

I was recently told of an interesting web site : <http://www.historypin.com> where you can access a map (worldwide) on which people are adding old (and some more recent) photos of towns, villages etc. At the moment, the majority are British and US photos. Do have a look because there are some old photos of Bucknell, Ludlow and Presteigne, with invitations to add more.

A new cousin who descends from Edward Bright Stedman, recently made contact. In fact she lives very near to us in Cambridge. Sue Macdonald is the gt granddaughter of Edward Bright (1828) who was the son of James (1801) and Ann Bright, and grandson of James (1777). Sue was able to share some photos which I thought you would enjoy. (attached below). From the photos you will notice the very strong Stedman likeness.



Edward Bright Stedman and his wife Emma nee Hobbs



Emma Sarah Stedman = Edgar Joseph Thomas
Edna Mabel Thomas

Edward and Sarah's daughter Emma who married Edgar Joseph Thomas, holding their daughter Edna Mabel (Sue's mother).

With best wishes to you all.

Sandra
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