

Descendants of Farmer TROLLOPE (excerpt)

Farmer TROLLOPE son of Valentine TROLLOPE and Mary HARVEY, was born on 13 Dec 1795 in Scarning, Norfolk, England, was christened on 3 Jan 1797 in Scarning, St Peter, Norfolk, England, died on 22 May 1871 in West Bradenham, Norfolk, England at age 75, and was buried on 26 May 1871 in West Bradenham, St Andrew, Norfolk, England. Farmer was described by his son as "being a short thick set man with short neck, round head and face and double chin but he could not boast of legs to match the superstructure, in extenuation of which he used to quote a Scripture which said 'The Lord did not delight in a man's legs', but mother used to offset this by saying they became shaky by sitting so much - which I think was chiefly the reason his legs were so unsteady in his later years."

After leaving the Old Farm the family removed to the village of West Bradenham and took over the village baker's shop which Farmer, with the assistance of his wife and eldest son Charles ran for about two years. Charles left home and, unable to continue, Farmer gave up the business. With his wife earning some income sewing, Farmer did a little work on the land but was not much good as a labourer. There was no school in the parish at this time but the necessity for one seemed to be felt and a large labourer's house was rented and into this fairly commodious dwelling the family moved with Farmer and Marie put in charge as Master and Mistress of this very rural academy. The large kitchen with the boys under Farmer and the general living room for the girls in charge of Marie. Here they lived and kept school for possibly three or four years. His second son Arthur helped him with the school for a while, was then apprenticed as a tailor to his uncle James in East Dereham. but in 1846 at the age of 17 he ran away and joined the army.

The West Bradenham school was eventually amalgamated with the East Bradenham school and the united school was placed in the charge of Farmer and his wife with two assistants and under the oversight of the two Parish Clergymen and this arrangement continued for some five years. A fine new school was built of bricks and grew to include students from a wider area. Farmer was a teacher and the school where he taught in West Bradenham was built in 1853 and is not in use now. Apparently it is an interesting Victorian building and still retains its water pump outside. The house for the schoolmaster is all part of the same building.

Farmer married Maria CHAPMAN on 3 Dec 1823 in Scarning, Norfolk, England. Maria was born on 1 Jun 1799, died on 19 Mar 1872 in West Bradenham, Norfolk, England at age 72, and was buried on 23 Mar 1872 in West Bradenham, St Andrew, Norfolk, England.

Children:

His ninth child, John C TROLLOPE was born in 1839 in Chatham, Kent, England.
John married Melissa Ann MERRIAM on 30 Jun 1863 in Chatham, Kent, Ontario, Canada.
Melissa was born in 1846 in Chatham, Kent, Ontario, Canada.