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Bridge  
Canterbury  
Kent CT4 5BA

April 18 2000

Dear Mrs Gleadall,

Your letter to Mr Williamson has been passed to me for reply, so I apologise for the slight delay in my response. I hope this has reached you before you travel to England. The reason is that Mr Williamson unfortunately died rather suddenly last November, and I found myself in possession of his papers relating to Bridge.

I very much regret to say that there is as yet no book on our local history, though attempts are currently being made to put one together. All I can say about the name Jarvis therefore is that it is certainly a local name. My best source is the national census for 1881, which is available on CDROM. It does not of course link up with Peter Jarvis, since he died in 1826. There were however at that time four families of that name in Bridge, a total of 16 people, 12 male and 4 female, only one of whom was born Jarvis. All the adult males were Agricultural Labourers: Charles (born 1810), John (1815), Henry (1828), Henry (1840), Edward (1855), Joseph (1858), William (1859). Only three of these were born in Bridge: Henry (1828), Joseph and William.

18 people are listed as having been born in Bridge, 10 male, 8 female. 7 of these males are among the 12 mentioned above. In addition there are John (1813) living off rent from property in Dover, William R. (1835) a farmer at Upper Hardres (near Bridge) and a child John (1879), born in Sturry. The women are mostly servants elsewhere.

31 other Jarvis's are recorded in the census from villages nearby and Canterbury itself. Similarly, 43 were born in Bridge, but live in nearby villages.

If you can find someone living in 1881, we can perhaps go further.

There is still someone of the name in Bridge: Alfred (Alfie), of The Lodge, Little Bridge Place, Brewery Lane, CT4 5LF, who owns the local photographic studio. I can't tell you about his antecedents, though.

I hope some of this is useful to you.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Williamson,

Last year when we were visiting St. Peter's Church we were told that you had written a book on the local history of Bridge.

I am descended from Peter & Elizabeth Jarvis (1748-1826) and would love to know more about the Jarvis family and Bridge.

Please could you send details of how I may obtain your book, cost, etc. I have a British chequing account. I plan to be in England April/May.

Thank you for any information you may be able to give me.

Sincerely  
Mary Gleadall (ne Golding)

## Descendants of Jarvis

### 1 Jarvis

- . +Margaret d: November 16, 1806 in St. Peter's Parish Church, Bridge, Kent
- .... 2 Peter Jarvis b: 1748 d: August 6, 1826 in St. Peter's Parish Church, Bridge, Kent Occupation: 1796 Gamekeeper at Barham
- ..... +Elizabeth b: 1749 d: December 14, 1824 in St. Peter's Parish Church, Bridge, Kent
- ..... 3 Anne Jarvis b: 1776 in Bridge, Kent
- ..... +John Creswell b: 1774 in All Saints, Canterbury, Kent m: September 1, 1796 in Bridge Parish Church, Kent Occupation: 1796 Tailor & Draper
- ..... 4 Ann Creswell b: August 23, 1797 in All Saints, Canterbury, Kent
- ..... 4 Elizabeth Creswell b: April 15, 1810 in St. Mary Bredin, Canterbury
- ..... 4 Jane Creswell b: February 14, 1813 in Dane John Buildings, Canterbury
- ..... 4 Kate Creswell b: October 22, 1815 in Dane Jane Buildings, Canterbury
- ..... 4 Mary Creswell b: Abt. 1820
- ..... 5 Henry Creswell b: December 17, 1837 in 1 Dane John Bldg, St. Mary Bredin, Canterbury, Kent d: April 6, 1918 in Westenhangar Station Cottages, Stanford, Kent Occupation: linen weaver, railway porter, signalman SER
- ..... +Emma Young b: April 13, 1838 in St Nicholas at Wade, Kent m: December 25, 1859 in Parish Church in St. Martin, Canterbury d: April 4, 1899 in Westenhangar, Stanford, Kent
- .... 2 Richard Jarvis b: 1750 d: February 6, 1822 in St. Peter's Parish Church, Bridge, Kent Occupation: Gamekeeper
- ..... +Tamer d: November 16, 1813 in St. Peter's Parish Church, Bridge, Kent
- ..... 3 Richard Jarvis b: 1777 d: February 8, 1859 in St. Peter's Parish Church, Bridge, Kent
- ..... +Mary b: 1775 d: January 7, 1863 in St. Peter's Parish Church, Bridge, Kent
- ..... 3 Henry Jarvis b: 1784 d: April 16, 1853 in St. Peter's Parish Church, Bridge, Kent
- ..... +Mary b: 1794 d: October 17, 1865 in St. Peter's Parish Church, Bridge, Kent

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