

INTERESTING FAMILY RECORDS

BETHERSDEN RESIDENT'S 83 DESCENDANTS

It is said that only one thing can make one happier than having a child—and that is having a grandchild. The reason being that one has all the fun, all the affection—and the responsibility is once removed!

If that is true, Mr. George Cowell, of Bridge Farm, Bethersden, must get a considerable kick out of life. He has twelve sons and daughters, all living and all married, forty-five grandchildren and twenty-six great-grandchildren.

Mr. Cowell is eighty-eight years of age, and when our representative called to see him he found the old man hedge-brushing! Mr. Cowell enjoys good health, and has worked on Bridge Farm for about sixty-eight years. He is a native of Bethersden, being born there in 1844, and is proud of being the oldest inhabitant.

There are four sons and eight daughters, who are all married and all have children, with one exception. They are:—John, aged 48, Gravesend; George, aged 46, Harvel; Frank, aged 38, Southern Railway employee, Maidstone; Thomas Edward, aged 33, farm labourer, Bethersden; Esther, aged 60, Ashford; Alice, aged 58, Hythe; Louisa, aged 57, Maidstone; Florrie, aged 55, Ashford; Ellen, aged 50, Ilford, Essex; Lucy, aged 44, Marden; Ruth, aged 40, Maidstone; Bessie, aged 35, Willesborough.



Mr. G. COWELL.

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DEATH OF AIR FORCE RECRUIT.—Aircraftsman Frederick John Jarrett, aged 20, who joined the Royal Air Force 15 days previously, died at Princess Mary's Royal Hospital, Halton, Wendover, on Thursday last week, from double pneumonia. The body was brought to Bridge Station on Saturday night, was met by a party of his old village chums and taken to Vine Cottage, the residence of his grandfather, Mr. George Cowell. The funeral took place on Wednesday at St. Peter's Church with military honours. Hawkinge Aerodrome, where Mr. Jarrett enlisted, provided the motor tender and aeroplane trailer, on which the coffin was borne, trumpeters and a firing party, in charge of Flying Officer R. Heath. The Vicar of Bekesbourne, Rev. F. Lamplugh, officiated, and the mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Jarrett (father and mother), Mr. Reg Jarrett (brother), Miss Dorothy Jarrett (sister), Mrs. Cowell (grandmother), Mrs. Lockwood (aunt) and Mr. Lockwood, Mrs. L. Cowell (aunt), Miss D. Cowell (aunt), Mrs. R. Jarrett (sister-in-law), Mr. A. Gamble, Mr. A. Miles, Mr. and Mrs. W. Keeler (friends). The Bridge Boys' Club were represented by Messrs. H. Decent, G. Honney, J. Friend, F. Hogben, P. Belsey, H. G. Price and H. Hawkins; the British Legion by Messrs. F. Dean, W. Macdougall, A. Carpenter, F. Carpenter and S. T. Waghorne (hon. secretary).

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Miss Dorothy Jarrett was
John Bicho's mother.