



*Proof of Pedigree  
Parish of  
North Wraxall*

*Dated 5 June 1879*

*Stephen Ford  
(Deceased)*



**Declaration**

of Mr. Levi Holder and Mrs. Sarah Drew  
in proof of Pedigree

<b>Parties to document :-</b>	Levi Holder Sarah Drew
<b>Other names mentioned :-</b>	Charles Drew, husband of Sarah, a labourer Anne Ford, wife of Thomas, snr, née Hancock Richard, Stephen & Thomas Ford, son's Elizabeth & Mary Ford, daughter's Mary Ford née Taylor, wife of Thomas Ford Stephen & Edmond Ford, sons of Thomas & Mary Ford Mary Taylor (daughter of Thomas & Anne Ford), wife of Daniel Taylor
<b>Property mentioned in this document :-</b>	Two pieces of land called respectively "Ford Field Tyning" and "Coleme Way" situate in the Parish of North Wraxall

**Memorandum**

The within written Declaration with the exhibits thereto are by Indenture dated the twenty ninth day of September One thousand eight hundred and seventy nine covenanted to be produced to Isaac Holborow his heirs and assigns in respect of two pieces of land to which the same relate called respectively "Ford Field Tyning" and "Coleme Way" situate in the Parish of North Wraxall in the County of Wiltshire and which have been conveyed to the said Isaac Holborow in fee simple by the above mentioned Indenture.

**We** Levi Holder of the Parish of North Wraxall in the County of Wilts and Sarah Drew the wife of Charles Drew Labourer of the same Parish Do solemnly and sincerely declare as follows and first I the said Levi Holder for myself say

- (1) I am of the age of Sixty eight years and upwards and during the whole of my life time have resided in the Parish of North Wraxall aforesaid and for Forty two years previous to my retirement in the year One thousand eight hundred and seventy six I was clerk of the said Parish.
- (2) I knew and was well acquainted with Stephen Ford late of North Wraxall aforesaid Farmer the propositus mentioned in the Pedigree hereto annexed and marked with the letter "A".
- (3) And I the said Sarah Drew for myself say I am of the age of Fifty four years and upwards and for thirty eight years and upwards now last past have lived in the Parish of North Wraxall aforesaid and for thirty one years and upwards previous to the decease of the said Stephen Ford I ackd as his housekeeper.
- (4) The said Stephen Ford repeatedly communicated to me the particulars of his relatives and my knowledge of the facts hereinafter mentioned has been obtained from statements made to me as aforesaid by the said Stephen Ford and from information which I have received from various other sources during the time that I have lived in the same Parish of North Wraxall and such information corroborates in every respect the statements made to me by the said Stephen Ford.
- (5) And we the said Levi Holder and Sarah Drew for ourselves severally say that we have carefully examined the said Pedigree hereto annexed and marked with the letter "A" and believe the same to be perfectly covered.
- (6) We have always heard and believe that Thomas Ford late of North Wraxall aforesaid married his only wife Anne (before her marriage called as we have always heard and believe Anne Hancock, spinster) at the Parish Church of Corsham in the County of Wilts and to the best of our judgment and belief they are the persons respectively referred to in the Certificate of Marriage hereto annexed and marked with the letter "B".
- (7) The said Thomas Ford as we have always heard and believe died and was buried at North Wraxall aforesaid in the month of June One thousand seven hundred and eighty four and the said Anne Ford his Wife as we have always heard and believe died and was buried in the same Parish in the month of December One thousand seven hundred and ninety.
- (8) There was issue of the marriage between the said Thomas Ford and Anne his Wife Five Children only to the best of our knowledge information and belief (namely)
  - (1) Richard Ford who as we have always heard and believe died a Bachelor and was buried at North Wraxall aforesaid in the year One thousand eight hundred and one [two x-out] and to the best of our judgment and belief he is the person referred to in the Certificate of Burial hereto annexed and marked with the letter "C".
  - (2) Stephen Ford who as we have always heard and believe died a Bachelor at North Wraxall aforesaid in the year One thousand eight hundred and three and was buried there and to the best of our judgment and belief he is the person referred to in the Certificate of Burial hereto annexed and marked with the letter "D".
  - (3) Thomas Ford who as we have always heard and believe was born at North Wraxall aforesaid and to the best of our judgment and belief is the person referred to in the Certificate of Burial hereto annexed and marked with the letter "E".
  - (4) Elizabeth Ford who as we have always heard and believe died in early infancy at North Wraxall aforesaid in the year One thousand seven hundred and forty four and was buried there and to the best of our judgment and belief is the person referred to in the Certificate of Burial hereto annexed and marked with the letter "F".
  - (5) Mary Ford who as we have always heard and believe was born at North Wraxall aforesaid and to the best of our judgment and belief is the person referred to in the Certificate of Burial hereto annexed and marked with the letter "G".
- (9) The said last named Thomas Ford as we have always heard and believe married his niece Mary Taylor his only wife at the Parish Church of Bathwick in the City of Bath and to the best of our judgment and belief they are the persons respectively referred to in the Certificate of Marriage hereto annexed and with the letter "H".
- (10) The said last named Thomas Ford as we have always heard and believe was buried at North Wraxall aforesaid in the year One thousand eight hundred and thirty seven and to the best of our judgment and belief he was the

person referred to in the Certificate of Burial hereto annexed and with the letter "I" and the said Mary Ford his wife as we have always heard and believe died and was buried in the same Parish in the year One thousand eight hundred and forty seven.

- (11) There was issue of the Marriage between the said Thomas Ford and Mary his Wife two children only to the best of our knowledge information and belief namely
- (1) the said Stephen Ford the propositus mentioned in the said Pedigree hereto annexed and marked "A" who to the best of our knowledge information and belief was born at North Wraxall aforesaid and is the person referred to in the Certificate of Baptism hereto annexed and marked with the letter "J" and
  - (2) Edmond Ford who as we have always heard and and believe was born at North Wraxall aforesaid and to the best our our judgment and belief is the person referred to on the Certificate of Baptism hereto annexed and marked with the letter "K".
- (12) The said Stephen Ford (the propositus) died a Bachelor at North Wraxall aforesaid and intestate as we have always heard and believe on the twenty ninth day of March last and was buried in the same Parish and he is the person referred to in the Certificate of Burial hereto annexed and marked with the letter "L" and the said Edmond Ford as we have always heard and believe died in infancy and was buried at North Wraxall aforesaid and to the best of our judgment and belief he is the person referred to in the Certificate of Burial hereto annexed and marked with the letter "M".
- (13) The said named Thomas Ford and Mary his Wife did not nor did either of them to the best of our knowledge information and belief ever dispute their Marriage or take any steps or proceedings to annual or set aside the same nor have we heard that their said Marriage was ever avoided.
- (14) The said Mary Ford (daughter of the said Thomas and Anne Ford was we have always heard and believe married her only Husband Daniel Taylor (of the Parish of Marshfield in the County of Gloucester) at North Wraxall aforesaid and we believe them the said Mary Ford and Daniel Taylor to be the persons respectively referred to in the Certificate of Marriage annexed and marked with letter "N".

And we make this solemn Declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the provisions of an Act of Parliament made and passed on the fifth and sixth years of the reign of His late Majesty King William the fourth intituled "An Act to repeal an Act of the present Session of Parliament intituled An act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the State and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof and for the more entire suppression of voluntary and extra judicial oaths and affidavits and to make other provisions for the absolution of unnecessary oaths".

**Declared** at North Wraxall in the County  
of Wilts this Fifth day of June One  
thousand eight hundred and seventy nine

Levi Holder  
Sarah Drew

before us  
Frederic Inman

A Commissioned to Administer Oath in  
the Supreme Court of Judicature