

Edmund the Foundling

Edmund was born circa 1830-1833 and was left in Swayne's Close near St. Edmunds Church, Salisbury. He had been abandoned and left in a basket. He was then handed over to the parish authorities who gave him the name of Edmund Found.

He married Ellen Gooderich in the March Quarter of 1858 in the Alderbury Registration District, which at that time covered the parishes of Salisbury.

In 1861 he was resident of Castle Street, St. Edmunds, Salisbury and was working as a gardener, his place of birth was unknown. Also listed were his wife Ellen aged 27, born in Martin, a daughter Fanny, aged 8 born in Salisbury, and sons Sidney aged 2, born in Ugford and Frank aged 7 months born in Salisbury.

Fanny it would appear was illegitimate and born in the Amesbury Registration district in the September Quarter of 1854.

The family were still to be found at 91 Castle Street in 1871 Fanny was now 17 and a son Walter aged 6 was the only other child recorded having been born in Ugford. Edmund was still employed as a gardener.

It would appear that Sidney John, born 16th September 1858 had died on the 12th November 1864 and that Edmund Frank, born 31st August 1860 had died on the 27th October 1864. Another daughter Eleanor Bessie had been born on the 16th December 1862 and had also died on the 22nd October 1864. It can be presumed that the children all died of a contagious illness since their deaths were all so close together. Walter Edmund Found was born in Ugford in about 1865.

In 1881 Edmund had become a general shopkeeper with his wife Ellen and daughter Fanny who was unmarried at this time. Walter Edmund had moved to London as was employed as a clerk for Lloyds of London where he was boarding with John Atwell at 62 Market Street, Paddington, Middlesex.

Edmund and Ellen remained resident at 91 Castle Street and by 1891 Fanny was not listed with her parents, Edmund now recorded as a grocer.

Fanny Louisa Found had married Frederick Thomas Southam in London in the March Quarter of 1899. She was listed in the 1891 census as a married woman living on her own means. She was listed as a visitor to her brother Walter Edmund who had by now become an underwriter at Lloyds of London and was resident with his wife Ellen Kate (nee Betts) of Bath, Somerset whom her married in 1896 and 2 sons Cecil Edmund, 4 and Harcourt Walter, 2 both born in Chiswick, Middlesex. Their address was 4 Dukes Avenue, Chiswick, Middlesex

Edmund died on the 11th April 1900 at an estimated age of 69.

Ellen was found on the 1901 census visiting Soothill Upper, Nr. Dewsbury, Yorkshire where an Ellen L. Sanderson was listed as having been born in Martin, Wiltshire in 1869. There is no evidence as to how the two Ellen's are connected. There seems to be no trace of Fanny and her husband Frederick Southam in the 1901 census.

In 1911 both Ellen Found and her daughter Fannie Southam were recorded as living at 3 Chestnut Avenue, Stourwood, Bournemouth, Hampshire. Ellen listed as a widow and Fanny listed as married but no trace of her husband.

Walter Edmund Found died in Brentford, Middlesex in 1933. There are no confirmed death dates for Ellen Found or Fannie Southam. Reference to the 1921 UK census may lead to further information when it is published

Cecil Edmund Found married Marjory M. Flawn in 1929 and it would seem they had 2 daughters Judith M. born 1935 and Anthea C. in 1937. Cecil Edmund died in Chelsea in 1965. Marjorie died in Westminster in 1982.

Judith M. Found married Edmund C. Skepper in 1959 and they had 3 children Meriel C. born in 1961, Catrina E. born in 1962 and Richard E. born in 1964.

Anthea C. Found married John M. Rogers in 1964. It is uncertain that they had any children at this stage.

Harcourt Walter Found died in 1972 in Hammersmith, Middlesex. He had married Muriel Adelaide A. Ryde in 1929 who died in 1972 in Ealing. They had a son Michael E. born in 1930 and a daughter Diana M. in 1946.

Michael E. Found married Valerie P. Williams in 1956 in Westminster and they produced 2 sons, Graham E. R was born in 1961 and Richard Michael in 1966.

Graham E. R. Found married Michele C. H. Coleman in 1982 in Maidstone, Kent. They had 3 sons Christopher Edmund P. born in 1983, Timothy Graham in 1985 both in Watford, Hertfordshire and James Michael born in Tunbridge Wells in 1995.

Diana M. Found married Michael J. Burnand in 1966. They had 2 daughters Sara Katherine and Gemma Clare born in 1970 and 1972 in Hammersmith. Sara married Timothy N. Pike in April 2000 and a son Jack Oliver was born in 2001.