



People News

Woodford

Leonard Moody was born in Lockerley, Hampshire in 1884, the son of James and Edith Moody of 4 Moodys Row, Newtown, Lockerley. His father was a general dealer and had 3 other sons and a daughter at the time of the 1891 census, George aged 10, Allan aged 4, Annie aged 2 and Edgar aged just 5 months.

By the time the 1901 census was taken Leonard was working on the Broadlands Estate as a General Assistant. He was recorded as a visitor at Park Cottages situated within the grounds of the estate.

It is believed that at age 18 Leonard became apprenticed as a blacksmith on the estate and in the 1901 Census he had moved into Middle Woodford and was working there as the general and shoeing blacksmith.

He had married Elsie Alice Tinham in 1909 and his eldest son Arthur Leonard was born in 1910. 9 children in total were born into the family, the others being Sarah G. A. born 1911, Dorothy M. born 1913, Beatrice A. R. born 1915, Nesta D. Y. born 1918, Bertram G. born 1920, Kathleen M. born 1921, Freda L. born 1924 and Derrick J. born in 1926. All were born at Anvil Cottage and Dorothy was still resident there in 1990.

Leonard continued working as the village blacksmith until his retirement in 1964.

Leonard died on the 9th June 1967 and is buried in the churchyard at Woodford. His son Arthur Leonard had been buried in the churchyard having died on the 16th November 1966.

Elsie Alice Moody was buried in the churchyard having died on the 22nd April 1975 aged 92.