

Edward Horner 1814-1894

(from: http://www.natgould.org/edward_horner_1814-1894

We have made changes, to dates in particular, to match our Horner family tree: <https://benitz.com/Horner/HornerAncestorTree.html>)



Edward Horner (No.1), born 1814) was the grandfather of Olga and her brothers; **Edward Horner (No.2)**, born 1844) was his son and the father of Olga et al.

Edward (No.1) was born on 12 June 1814 in London, the 5th child of **John Horner** 1770-1836, a druggist of Bucklersbury in the City of London, and his wife née Anna Maria Bayley 1773-1843. He was baptised on 19 July 1814 at St Stephen Walbrook church in London. In about 1858 the family moved from Dulwich Green in London to **May Place** at Crayford, Kent. He died there on 1 September 1894, aged 80 years. Probate of his Will was granted on 31 October 1894 – see it below.

Edward Horner (No.1) was a founding member of the **Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain**, a wholesale druggist merchant, and company director in the City of London.

On 18 March 1841 he married **Anne Herbert** at St Giles' parish church, Camberwell in London. She was born in 1819 at Walworth in London, the daughter of Jacob Herbert gentleman of Camberwell Green in London. She died March 1853, in Dulwich Common, Surrey.

Edward & Anne had 9 children. After Anne died, Edward Horner married **Mary Wilding**, on 17 April 1855, at Welshpool, Montgomery, Wales. He had another 7 children with Mary.

Anne's son, **Edward Horner (No.2)**, was born in 1844 at Herne Hill. He lived at Pebmarsh (?) in Essex. He was the father of Olga and her brothers, several of whom emigrated to Argentina and Canada.

May Place



Horner Family at May Place



References

- ❖ "**HORNER Edward** of May-place Crayford Kent esquire died 1 September 1894. Probate London 31 October to Charles Edward Horner, Hubert Decimus Egerton and John Shuter esquires. Effects £90,918 3s 5d. Resworn July 1895 £91518 3s 5d." *National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations) 1858-1966* (1894) page 183. Charles Edward Horner was his son, and the others were his sons-in-law. (Note: one pound in 1895 is worth £99-100 in 2020. Adjusted for inflation per UK Inflation Calculator, his effects were worth more than nine million pounds in 2020.)

- ❖ In 1894 the then President of the **Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain** "thought it fitting to refer to the fact that although all his life engaged in the wholesale trade, **Mr. Horner** was one of those men whose sturdy common-sense and superior education marked him in the City as being really an important man — almost a great man — in connection with great public works, especially gas and water undertakings. His advice was constantly sought. For many years, he (the President) believed, Mr. Horner was Chairman of the old Phoenix Gas Company, whose gasometers were located near Blackfriars Bridge many years ago. Their deceased founder died at a patriarchal age, having had a large family. He possessed robust health all his life, and his habit of always residing in the country was fully justified by the result so far as health and longevity were concerned. At the Jubilee dinner of the Society, Mr Homer was the only representative of the founders present ... It was agreed and resolved that a letter of condolence should be sent to Mrs. Horner." *The Chemist and Druggist* 10 November 1894.

May Place, Crayford

The residence of Olga & Humphrey's father: Edward Horner (No.2), bought by his father, Edward Horner (No.1).

(from: <http://www.bexley.gov.uk/article/10566/May-Place-Crayford>)

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The **May Place estate** lay to the north of St Paulinus Church, Crayford, Kent.

Before the 1939-1945 War a mansion in Jacobean style stood here, its grounds adjoining those of the Crayford Manor House. The Golf Club used what was left of the original building, which suffered from enemy action in that war. Beneath it are still older foundations and cellars. May Place was probably constructed originally for the Apylton family. Roger Appleton (or Apylton) was one of the auditors to Kings Henry V and VI and their Queens, and to the Principality of Wales and the Duchy of Cornwall.

The Appletons were followed at May Place by the Draper family who came from Erith, where they owned the manors of Bedonwell and Herring Hill. William Draper and his wife, Mary, are buried at St Paulinus Church. Their son and daughter, and a child who died at birth, are shown at the feet of their parents. After the death of Cresheld Draper, who, like his parents, was a benefactor to the poor of Erith and Crayford, the estate was purchased by Sir Cloudesley Shovel. Shovel began as a cabin-boy, and rose to become admiral and commander-in-chief of the British Navy: he died when his ship 'The Association' was wrecked off the Scilly Isles in 1707. Lady Shovel lived on at May Place until 1732.

Lord Carmichael, husband of Sir Cloudesley's daughter, Elizabeth, now came into the ownership of May Place, together with Ellam and Newbury, Crayford. He sold the estate to Nathaniel Elwick, a former Governor of Madras, whose daughter and heiress married Miles Barne of Sotterley, in Suffolk. The Barne family were to own the house until 1938, but rarely lived there. Tenants included the rich and popular heiress Mary Verney a descendant of the Apylton family. Her mother, when a young widow had married Richard Calvert of Bexley and Mary was brought up by him at Hall Place. In 1791 she inherited her uncles estates and the following year George III created her Baroness Fermanagh. She moved to May Place shortly afterwards and spent some £7,000, then a very large sum, on improving and modernising the house, including building the elegant music room in which she entertained the Prince of Wales (later George IV).

Later residents included John Fasset Burnett and Edward Horner (*No.1 – Olga's grandfather*), both well known local characters and also Rev Thomas Barne, a younger brother of Miles Barne, who was responsible for the rebuilding of the Manor House, then known as Newberry Farm. The district of Barnehurst is named after the Barne family, on whose land the station was built.!

History of Crayford

(from: <http://www.ideal-homes.org.uk/bexley/assets/histories/crayford>)

Crayford Manor House stands just to the north-west of St Paulinus Church, probably in roughly the same position as the first manor house, which was established in the 14th century. Crayford actually contained two manors, those of Howbury and Newbury.

Several large houses once stood in the area, including Oakwood, Shenstone and May Place. Little evidence remains of these, although part of the last house called **May Place** is now incorporated into the clubhouse of the Barnehurst Golf Course.