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The following conventions are used:

Any persons in the family tree with known natural history associations will be indicated in red type. Any relationships will be to the root naturalist unless otherwise stated.

Dates are presented Year – Month – Day

e.g. **1820 March 9** or **1820.3.9**
1820 March or **1820.3**

Dates will be shown in bold type if a reliable reference is presented in the document. In cases where an exact year cannot be given (e.g. it is derived from an age at death), the date will be presented in normal type and preceded with "c" – e.g. c1798. There are some cases where a date is available from a secondary source only (e.g. a published obituary), in these cases it will be presented in italics – e.g. *1823.7.21*

Data sources:

Census data have been used, whenever possible, to confirm relationships; they are not considered a reliable source of data concerning age. Contemporary newspaper family notices are considered as reliable sources of relationships and dates; reports and obituaries are treated more cautiously. Parish records generally provide a reliable source of data and digitised images have been used whenever possible. Any difficulties with transcription will be made clear. In some cases only transcripts have been available; errors here are usually confined to spelling. The most important source of this material is the International Genealogical Index compiled by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Utah. National Civil Registration Indexes are considered reliable, as are probate records.

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The Clarke family of Saffron Walden (and later also Andover) produced four notable naturalists. Three were the sons of Turner Poulter Clarke (1761 - 1844) and his second wife Elizabeth Baron, the other the eldest son of another of their brothers.

Joseph Clarke (1802 – 1895) was the first child of this marriage and is much better known as an antiquarian. He, along with Joshua, was a founding member of the Saffron Walden Museum which opened in 1835. His name is associated with donations of several mammal specimens. He also had a keen interest in birds and in 1835 contributed an article on Crossbills to the *Magazine of natural history*. Joseph is also credited with records in Yarrell's 1843 *History of British birds*. Snippets in the literature also reveal an interest in plants and insects.

Joshua Clarke FLS (1805 – 1890), many times mayor of Saffron Walden, is most noted as a botanist and was awarded a gold medal by the Royal Horticultural Society for the best collection of plants made in Essex, in their 1864 competition; this collection is now housed within the museum. He is known to have botanised with Prof. C. C. Babington in the Saffron Walden area. Joshua also had an interest in birds and some of his specimens are now in the museum.

Obituary – 1890 Journal of Botany, v28, 192.

[<https://www.biodiversitylibrary.org/page/8071987#page/210/mode/1up> viewed 2019.11.7]

Benjamin Clarke FLS (1813 – 1890) was the youngest of the brothers and the most academic and reclusive. After training and qualifying as a doctor he devoted his attentions to botany. He lived much of his life in London and seems to have been regarded by many, including Bentham and Hooker, as brilliant if obsessive.

Obituary – 1890 Journal of Botany, v28, 84 – 86.

[<https://www.biodiversitylibrary.org/page/8071877#page/100/mode/1up> viewed 2019.11.7]

Charles Baron Clarke MA FRS FLS FGS (1832 – 1906) was the eldest son of a fourth brother, Turner Poulter Clarke JP (1803 – 1897). His father moved to Andover, Hampshire, where practiced as a land surveyor and engineer and raised a large family. Charles studied at Cambridge where he gained an MA in 1859, he was elected a fellow of the Linnean Society in 1867 (President 1894/6), the Geological Society in 1868, and was elected to the Royal Society in 1882. He spent much of his working life in India, eventually retiring to Kew. He published extensively.

Obituary - Charles Baron Clarke (1832 – 1906)

D. P. Obituary notices of fellows deceased. Royal Society vol 79 B, xli - lvi

[<https://royalsocietypublishing.org/doi/pdf/10.1098/rspb.1907.0049> viewed 2019.11.7]

All relationships shown are relative to Joshua Clarke (1805 – 1890)

William Clarke () ←←← grandfather
 *** married **Elizabeth** ()

Turner Poulter Clarke (1761 - 1844.4.30) ←←← father
 1 married **Sarah Edwards (- 1799) on **1785.10.4**

½brother ¹**Thomas Clarke** (c1794 – 1871) farmer/grocer
 1 married **Susannah Hills (- 1822) on **1811.10.2**

<i>nephew</i>	William Clarke (1812/13 -)	
<i>niece</i>	Sarah Clarke (1815.1.12 -)	
<i>niece</i>	Susannah Clarke (1816 - 1878)	
<i>niece</i>	Martha Clarke (1817.7.12 -)	Unmarried
<i>niece</i>	Mary Clarke (1819.6.10 - 1861)	

[Thomas Clarke (c1794 - 1871.1.28)]
 2 married **Anna Savil (c1800 – 1876) on **1825.11.10**

<i>niece</i>	Harriet Clarke (1826.10.13 -) ?To New Zealand	
<i>nephew</i>	Thomas Clarke (1828.2.26 -)	
<i>niece</i>	Catharine Clarke (1829.8.14 -) ² [c1856: Mrs Rev W H Smith Aubrey]	
<i>niece</i>	Emma Clarke (1831.6.29 -) ³ <i>by 1871: Mrs Thomas Wheeler</i>	
<i>niece</i>	Anna Clarke (1833.5.27 -) [1858: Mrs G H Roberts]	
<i>niece</i>	Sarah Clarke (1835.3.11 - young)	
<i>nephew</i>	William Clarke (1838 -)	
<i>niece</i>	Julia Clarke (1841 - ?1877)	Unmarried
<i>nephew</i>	George Clarke (1843 -)	

½sister **Sarah Clarke** (c1796 - **1838.8.23**)
 *** married **William Leverett** (c1790 – **1848.2.21**) on **1817.10.14**

<i>niece</i>	⁴ Sarah Leverett (c1820 -) [1842: Mrs Thomas Andrews]
<i>nephew</i>	William Leverett (1823.9.9 -)
<i>nephew</i>	Turner Poulter Leverett (c1833 – 1895.9.9)

Joshua Clarke's father was widowed around 1800 and re-married in 1801, see the next sheet ...

[Turner Poulter Clarke (1761 - 1844.4.30)]

**2 married ⁵Elizabeth Baron (- 1822.11) on 1801.5.21

←←← father
←←← mother

brother **Joseph Clarke FSA (1802.4.6 - 1895.7.14)** *Unmarried*

brother **Turner Poulter Clarke (1803.12.6 - 1897.4.18)**
1 married **Elizabeth Parker (1808 - 1851) on **1831.9.15**

nephew **⁶Charles Baron Clarke MA FRS FLS FGS (1832.6.17 - 1906.8.25)**
Unmarried

nephew **Turner Poulter Clarke (1835.12.5 - 1903.1.13)**
*** married **Clara Lumley McCausland (1843.3.3 - 1929.2.13)**
on **1871.8.10**

No Issue?

nephew **Spencer Clarke MA (1837.5.13 - 1921.11.1)**
*** married **Charlotte Elizabeth Hemstead (⁷1849.5.1 - 1941.10.13)**
on **1868.2.6**

Marion Elizabeth Clarke (⁸1870.9.18 - 1943.1.11)
[1896: Mrs J H Zehrer]

Edith Mary Clarke (⁹1873.7.29 -)

Edward Baron Clarke (¹⁰1876.1.3 - 1954.4.7)

Ernest Spencer Clarke (1879 - 1960.3.15)

John Turner Parker Clarke (¹¹1884.4.12 - 1957.11.18)

nephew **Edward Clarke (1839.1.31 -)** *Unmarried*

niece **Elizabeth Clarke (1839.1.31 -)** *Unmarried*

niece **Georgiana Clarke (1842.11.17 - 1844)**

niece **Alice Marianne Clarke (1848.9.12 -) [1877: Mrs Ducat]**

[Turner Poulter Clarke (1803.12.6 - 1897.4.18)]

2 married **Margaret Aletta Webb (1822.7.29 - 1868.4.29) on **1855.10.2**

niece **Charlotte Aletta Clarke (1856.7.22 - 1937.4.22)** *Unmarried*

niece **Effie Margaret Clarke (1867.9.28 - 1960.4.6) [1890: Mrs T Lamb]**

Joshua Clarke FLS (1805.4.10 - 1890.3.1)

wife *** married **Elizabeth Ann Sampson (1817.8.22 - 1891.11.10)** on **1866.7.4**

No Issue

brother **John Clarke (1809.7.23 - 1894.10.18)** *Unmarried*

sister **Elizabeth (Eliza) Clarke (1811.8.15 - 1912.3.5)** *Unmarried*

brother **Benjamin Clarke MRCS FLS (1813.9.5 - 1890.2.4)** *Unmarried*

sister **Emma (1817.1.26 - 1914.1.18)** *Unmarried*

sister **Hephzibah (Effie) Mary Clarke (1818.7.29 - 1913.8.15)** *Unmarried*

Sources:

1761 April 20: Essex, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1538-1812 [database on-line]. Lehi, UT, USA

Baptism of Turner Poulter Clarke, son of William and Elizabeth Clarke, St Mary the Virgin, Newport, Essex.

1785 October 4: Essex, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1538-1812 [database on-line]. Lehi, UT, USA

Marriage of Turner Poulter Clark and Sarah Edwards, St Mary the Virgin, Saffron Walden, Essex.

1801 May 21: England, Marriages, 1538-1973. Salt Lake City, Utah

Marriage of Turner Poulter Clark and Elizabeth Barow at St Clement Dales, Westminster. [This seems to be a mis-transcription of Baron.]

1808 March 16: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah

Baptism of Elizabeth, daughter of James and Martha Parker, Wonston, Hants.

1811 October 2: England, Marriages, 1538-1973. Salt Lake City, Utah

Marriage of Thomas Clark and Susannah Hills, Epping, Essex.

1812 November 15: Essex Record Office; Chelmsford, Essex, England; Essex Church of England Parish Registers

Baptism of William, son of Thomas and Susannah Clarke, All Saints, Epping; born 1812 October 6.

[There is a little uncertainty here – see next item]

1813 October 3: Essex Record Office; Chelmsford, Essex, England; Essex Church of England Parish Registers

Baptism of William Clark, son of Thomas and Susan Clark, St Mary the Virgin, Henham, Essex.

1815 February 12: Essex Record Office; Chelmsford, Essex, England; Essex Church of England Parish Registers

Baptism of Sarah, daughter of Thomas and Susannah Clarke, All Saints, Epping; born 1815 January 12.

1816 June 9: Baptism Register, Brentwood Independent Chapel

Baptism of Susannah Clark, daughter of Thomas and Susannah Clarke of Brentwood.

1817 October 18: *Public edger and Daily Advertiser

MARRIED. Oct. 14, Mr, Wm. Leverett, auctioneer, to Sarah, eldest daughter of Mr. Turner Clark, both of Saffron Walden.

[The Cambridge Chronicle gives his profession as Cabinet Maker.]

1818 February 6: Baptism Register, Henham Independent Congregation.

Baptism of Martha, daughter of Thomas and Susanna Clark of Henham, born 1817 July 12.

[This is very close to Maunden and Saffron Walden.]

1819 October 10: Baptism Register, Henham Independent Congregation.

Baptism of Mary, daughter of Thomas and Susanna Clark, born 1819 June 10.

1820 August 13: Baptism Register, Abby Lane Independent Meeting, Saffron Walden

Baptism of Elizabeth Ann, daughter of John Sampson of Chesterford and Elizabeth his wife; born 1817 August 22.

1822 January 10: Birth Register, Little Meeting House (Baptist) Saffron Walden, Essex

Joseph Clark, son of Turner Poulter Clark of Saffron Walden and Elizabeth his wife was born on the sixth day of April 1802 at Saffron Walden aforesaid.

Turner Clark, son of Turner Poulter Clark of Saffron Walden and Elizabeth his wife was born on the sixth day of December 1803 at Saffron Walden aforesaid.

Joshua Clark, son of Turner Poulter Clark of Saffron Walden and Elizabeth his wife was born on the tenth day of April 1805 at Saffron Walden aforesaid.

John Clark, son of Turner Poulter Clark of Saffron Walden and Elizabeth his wife was born on the twenty third day of July 1809 at Saffron Walden aforesaid.

Elizabeth Clark, daughter of Turner Poulter Clark of Saffron Walden and Elizabeth his wife was born on the fifteenth day of August 1811 at Saffron Walden aforesaid.

Benjamin Clark, son of Turner Poulter Clark of Saffron Walden and Elizabeth his wife was born on the fifth day of September 1813 at Saffron Walden aforesaid.

Emma Clark, daughter of Turner Poulter Clark of Saffron Walden and Elizabeth his wife was born on the twenty sixth day of January 1817 at Saffron Walden aforesaid.

Hephzibah Clark, daughter of Turner Poulter Clark of Saffron Walden and Elizabeth his wife was born on the twenty ninth day of July 1818 at Saffron Walden aforesaid.

[A bulk registration!]

1822 November 6: Burials Register, Little Meeting House, Saffron Walden (Baptist)
Burial of Elizabeth, wife of Turner Poulter Clark.

1823 September 10: Baptisms Register, Church of England, Jersey
Baptism of Margaret Aletta Webb, daughter of Robert Webb Esq., and Margaret his wife. Born at Rennes 1822 July 29. Godfather Robert Webb, godmother Mrs Mary Anne Taggart.

1823 October 3: Essex Record Office; Chelmsford, Essex, England; Essex Church of England Parish Registers
Baptism of William, son of William and Sarah Leverett, St Mary the Virgin, Saffron Walden; born 1823 September 9.

1825 November 10: Essex Record Office; Chelmsford, Essex, England; Essex Church of England Parish Registers
Marriage of Thomas Clark and Anna Savil at St Mary the Virgin, Manuden, Essex.

1826 December 27: Baptism Register, Henham Independent Congregation, Essex
Baptism of Harriett, daughter of Thomas & Anna Clark of Manuden, born 1826 October 13.

1828 July 14: Baptism Register, Henham Independent Congregation, Essex
Baptism of Thomas, son of Thomas & Anna Clark of Manuden, born 1828 February 26.

1830 January 7: Baptism Register, Henham Independent Congregation, Essex
Baptism of Catharine, daughter of Thomas & Anna Clark of Manuden, born 1829 August 14.

1831 September 15: England, Marriages, 1538–1973. Salt Lake City, Utah
Marriage of Turner poulter Clarke and Elizabeth Parker at Wonston, Hampshire.

1831 December 27: Baptism Register, Henham Independent Congregation, Essex
Baptism of Emma, daughter of Thomas & Anna Clark of St Ayletts, Saffron Walden, born 1831 June 29.

1832 October 9: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Charles Baron Clarke, son of Turner Poulter Clarke and Elizabeth at Andover, Hants.;
born 1832 June 17.

[He appears to have been re-baptised at Clement Danes, Westminster, on 1843 April 21.]

1833 October 3: Baptism Register, Abbey Lane Meeting (Independent), Saffron Walden
Baptism of Anna, daughter of Thomas Clark, of this parish, & of Anna his wife, born 1833 May 27.

1835 May 28: Baptism Register, Abbey Lane Meeting (Independent), Saffron Walden
Baptism of Sarah, daughter of Thomas Clark, of this parish, & of Anna his wife, born 1835 March
11.

1836 January 8: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Turner Poulter Clarke, son of Turner Poulter Clarke and Elizabeth at Andover, Hants.;
born 1835 December 5.

1837 June 28: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Spencer Clarke, son of Turner Poulter Clarke and Elizabeth at Andover, Hants.; born
1837 May 13.

1838 August 31: *Stamford Mercury

*DIED. On the 23d inst., Sarah, wife of Mr Leverett, of the Rose and Crown inn, Saffron
Walden, Essex; brother to Mrs. G. Baker, of St. Mary's-street, Stamford.*

1838: Civil Registration Index

Birth of William Clarke registered in Saffron Walden, last quarter.

1839 February 2: *Reading Mercury

BIRTH. On Thursday, at Andover, the lady of Mr. Poulter Clarke, of Twins, a son and daughter.

1841: Civil Registration Index

Birth of Julia Clarke registered in Saffron Walden, second quarter.

1841: Census – St Aylotts, Saffron Walden

Thos Clark	45	Farmer
Anna Clark	40	
Harriet Clark	14	
Catherine Clark	12	
Emma Clark	9	
Anne Clark	8	
Sarah Clark	6	
William Clark	3	
Jane Clark	1mo	

[This is actually **Julia**]

[All born in Essex]

1842 September 8: England, Essex Parish Registers, 1538-1900. Salt Lake City, Utah
Marriage of Sarah Leverett and Thomas Andrews at Saffron Walden, Essex.

[The 1851 census shows Thomas to be a farmer, then at Hempstead.]

1842 December 14: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Georgiana Clarke, daughter of Turner Poulter Clarke and Elizabeth at Andover, Hants.;
born 1842 November 17.

1843 March 3: India, Births and Baptisms, 1786-1947. Salt Lake City, Utah
Birth of Clara Lumley McCausland, daughter of John Kennedy McCausland and Emma [Faithfull],
Bengal.

[There is another transcription which gives the same birth date taken from a baptism in
Mussoorie, Bengal, on 1848 May 1. Clara's age is given as 5. It may be that both transcriptions
have their origin in the same document. Care should be taken as she always seemed to claim
birth in 1848.]

1843: Civil Registration Index

Birth of George Clarke registered in Saffron Walden, second quarter.

1844: Civil Registration Index

Death of Georgiana Clarke registered in Andover, Hants., first quarter.

1844 May 3: *Chelmsford Chronicle

DEATHS. 30th ult. aged 81, Mr Turner Poulter Clarke, of the Rosse Farm, Saffron Walden.

[The Essex Standard of the same day carries the announcement but gives his age, correctly, as 84. His will dated 1835 February 6 gives the names of his ten children, Thomas and Sarah are treated differently from the younger eight, reflecting their different mother. A codicil dated 1838 September 7 records the death of his daughter Sarah Leverett, her inheritance being divided between her three named children.]

1848 February 29: *Sun (London)

DIED. On the 21st inst., at Saffron Walden, Essex, Mr. William Leverett, aged 58.

[William Leverett was the licensee of the Rose and Crown Inn, Saffron Walden.]

1848 October 13: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Alice Marianne Clarke, daughter of Turner Poulter Clarke and Elizabeth at Andover, Hants.; born 1848 September 12.

1849 September 29: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Effie Mary, daughter of Turner Poulter Clarke and Elizabeth, Saffron Walden.
[Effie seems to have been re-baptised as an adult.]

1851: Civil Registration Index

Death of Elizabeth Clarke registered in Andover, Hants., last quarter.

1855 October 6: *London Daily News

MARRIAGES. CLARKE – WEBB. – Oct. 2, at St. Mary's, Chatham, by the Rev. G. Chambers, M.A., T. P. Clarke, Esq., Mayor of Andover, to Margaret Aletta, daughter of Major Webb, R.M.

1856 August 22: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Charlotte Aletta Clarke, daughter of Turner Poulter Clarke and Margaret Aletta at Andover, Hants.; born 1856 July 22.

1858: Civil Registration Index

Marriage of Anna Clarke and George Henry Roberts registered in Hackney, last quarter.

[Henry was a jeweller.]

1866 July 13: *Chelmsford Chronicle

MARRIAGES. CLARKE – SAMPSON. – 4th inst. at Saffron Walden, Joshua Clarke, Esq., F.L.S., of Fairy Croft, to Elizabeth Ann, youngest daughter of the late Mr. John Sampson, of Chesterford, Essex.

1867 October 20: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Effie Margaret Clarke, daughter of Turner Poulter Clarke and Margaret Aletta at Andover, Hants.; born 1867 September 28.

1868 February 15: *Berkshire Chronicle

MARRIAGES. February 6, at Whitchurch, Hants, by the Rev. W. H. Dudley, vicar, assisted by the Rev. J. Hemstead, uncle of the bride, Spencer Clarke, Esq., coroner for the county, to Charlotte Elizabeth, fourth daughter of T. R. Hemstead, Esq., surgeon.

1868 May 7: *Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette

DIED. April 29, at Andover, in the 45th year of her age, Margaret Aletta, wife of T. P. Clarke, esq., J.P., and eldest daughter of the late Major Webb, R.M. Light Infantry, of Chatham.

1870 November 1: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Marion Elizabeth, daughter of Spencer and Charlotte Elizabeth Clarke, Whitchurch, Hants.

1871 August 19: *Reading Mercury

MARRIAGES. On the 10th inst., at Christ Church, Cheltenham, T. P. Clarke, Esq., of the Legacy Duty Office, Somerset House, son of T. P. Clarke, Esq., of Andover, to Clara Lumley, only surviving daughter of Lieut.-Gen. McCausland, C.B.

1877: Civil Registration Index

The death of Julia Clarke (35) was registered in Hackney, first quarter. Her sister Anna Roberts lived in Dalston, Hackney.

1877 December 21: *Pall Mall Gazette

MARRIAGES. DUCAT – CLARKE – At the Cathedral, Bombay, Captain Cyril H. P. Ducat, 109th Regt., to Alice M., daughter of Mr. Turner P. Clarke, J.P., Andover, England, Nov. 22.

1879: Civil Registration Index

Birth of Ernest Spencer Clarke registered in Whitchurch, Hants, first quarter.

1890 February 8: *Hampstead & Highgate Express

INQUESTS. Yesterday (Friday) morning the same coroner [Dr G. Danford Thomas] held an inquest at the Hampstead Workhouse Infirmary, New-end, on the body of Mr. Benjamin Clarke, M.R.C.S., F.L.S., aged seventy-seven, who was found dead on Tuesday afternoon by the side of his bed at his lodgings, 2, Mount Vernon, where he had resided for thirty years. Mr. Charles Clarke, a nephew of the deceased, living at Kew, said that his uncle had a small income. He was eccentric in his manner. He was full of scientific ideas, and had published many books and papers. At one time he held the post of botanical lecturer at one of the London institutions. Mrs. Butler, the landlady of 2, Mount Vernon, said that the deceased had two rooms and lived by himself. On Monday he seemed to be in his usual health, but on Tuesday, as she did not hear him about, she went to his bedroom and found him kneeling by the side of his bed, dead. Dr. W. Boulting, of The Mount, Heath-street, who was called to see the deceased, said that he had known him for some years. He was a very eccentric man, but a man of very considerable ability, and was well known in the scientific world. Witness saw him about six weeks ago, when deceased called on him to tell him the result of a scientific experiment he had made. When witness was called to him on Tuesday he was quite dead. In the bed were two large stones, which, he understood, were always kept there. Death was due to serous apoplexy. A verdict of "Death from natural causes" was returned.

1890 March 7: *Cambridge Chronicle and Journal

THE LATE MR. JOSHUA CLARKE. We regret to have to record the death our old and esteemed townsman Mr. J. Clarke, Saffron Walden, which took place early on Saturday last. For some time past Mr. Clarke had been in delicate health, and had recently had attack bronchitis. Dr. Atkinson was in constant attendance; but the deceased became unconscious at intervals, and peacefully passed away at the ripe age of 83. Mr. Clarke was the oldest Magistrate on the Brough Bench, and he was also a member of the Town Council, having been elected in 1841. In 1868 he was elected Alderman. and has served the office of Mayor ten times. He took a keen interest in the affairs of the town, was a trustee of the Savings Bank, and treasurer of the Board of Guardians. The removal of one of so kind and benevolent a disposition will be mourned many. The deceased was a great admirer of pictures, and was the possessor of a fine collection. His collections of humming-birds and birds of Paradise were stated to be the most complete of their kind in the United Kingdom. The funeral took place yesterday, when the remains were followed to their last

resting-place by most of the members of the Corporation, the deceased's male relatives, workmen, and others. The burial service was performed by the Rev. H. Pepper.

[The *Yarmouth Independent* of the following day reported that his death had been at about half-past four on Friday morning – i.e. **February 28. In 1822.** However other reports state that his coffin plate carried the date of **March 1.** His estate was valued at over £30,000]

1890 June 14: *Reading Mercury

MARRIAGES. LAMB – CLARKE. – On the 10th inst., at Kew Church, by the Rev. C. H. Ridding, M.A., assisted by the Rev. W. H. Bliss, M.A., Thomas Lamb, of the Elms, andover, to Effie Margaret, youngest daughter of Mr. Turner P. Clarke, of Western Cottage, Andover.

1891 November 20: *Saffron Walden Weekly News

DEATHS. CLARKE. – 10th November, at Fairy Croft, Saffron Walden, Elizabeth Anne, widow of Joshua Clarke, in her 74th year.

1894 October 26: *Cambridge Independent Press

DEATHS. CLARKE – October 18, at The Roos, Saffron Wlden, John Clarke, aged 85.

1895 July 26: *Chelmsford Chronicle

SAFFRON WALDEN. FUNERAL. – On the afternoon of the 18th July the Archdeacon of Essex officiated at the funeral of the late Mr. Joseph Clarke, F.G.S., who died at the Ross, in his 94th year. The deceased's family had held the Ross 200 years. Four of the deceased's nephews followed him to his last resting place, and many an old friend visited the grave side.

[The Probate Register gives his date of death as 1895 July 14.]

1895: Civil Registration Index

Death of Turner Poulter Leverett (62) registered in Uxbridge, Middlesex, third quarter.

[He died in Hanwell Asylum, his death date is given in their register as **1895 September 9.** He had been admitted as a patient periodically from as early as 1875.]

1896 November 17: *London Evening Standard

MARRIAGES. ... Whitchurch, Hants, by the ... Johann Heinrich Zehrer ... daughter of Spencer Clarke ...

[The image of this entry is almost illegible.]

1897 May 1: *Reading Mercury

DEATHS. CLARKE. – On the 18th ult., at Western-cottage, Andover, Turner Poulter Clarke, J.P., in the 94th year of his age.

1903 January 22: *Cornishman

DEATHS. CLARKE – Jan 13, at Falmouth, Turner Poulter Clarke, 80.

1906 October 2: Probate Register, London

Records the death of Charles Baron Clarke of Kew, Surrey, on 1906 August 25. Probate to Spencer Clarke, solicitor, and Edward Clarke, vestry clerk.

1912 March 28: Probate Register, London

records the death of Elizabeth Clarke, spinster, of Mortlake on 1912 March 5. Probate to Spencer Clarke, solicitor.

[The Civil registration index gives her age as 100.]

1913 August 22: *Chelmsford Chronicle

DEATH OF MISS EFFIE CLARKE. – The death occurred on Friday of Miss Effie Clarke who had reached the great age of 95, and who resided with her elder sister, Miss Emma Clarke, in Audley Road. The deceased was sister of the late Mr. Joshua Clarke, eleven times Mayor of Saffron Walden, and also of the late Mr. Joseph Clarke, a local antiquarian, and of the late Mr. John Clarke, of the Roos Farm. The family lived at the Roos Farm for over a hundred years.

1914 May 8: Probate Register, London

Records the death of Emma Clarke, spinster of Saffron Walden, Essex, on 1914 January 18. Probate to Spencer Clarke, solicitor, and Edward Clarke, vestry clerk.
[The Civil Registration Index gives her age as 97.]

1921 February 27: Probate Register, London

Records the death of Spencer Clarke of Sutton Surrey, on 1921 November 1. Probate to widow Charlotte Elizabeth Clarke, Edward Baron Clarke, surveyor, John Turner Parker Clarke, solicitor, and Edith Mary Clarke, spinster.

1930 October 29: Probate Register, London

Records the death of Clara Lumley Clarke, widow, at Richmond on 1929 February 13. Probate to Bruce Lamb, solicitor.

1938 February 15: Probate Register, London

Records the death of Charlotte Aletta Clarke, spinster of Andover, Hants., on 1937 April 22. Probate to Effie Margaret Lamb, widow, and John Turner Parker Clarke, solicitor.

1942 June 10: Probate Register, Llandudno

Records the death of Charlotte Elizabeth Clarke, widow, of Basingstoke on 1941 October 13. Probate to Edith Mary Clarke, spinster, and Edward Baron Clarke, retired local government officer.

1943 March 11: Probate Register, Llandudno

Records the death of Marion Elizabeth Zehrer, widow, of West Wickham, kent, on 1943 January 11. Probate to Charlotte Louise Zehrer, spinster.

1954 December 7: Probate Register, London

Records the death of Edward Baron Clarke of Wimbourne, Dorset, on 1954 April 7. Probate to Ernest Spencer Clarke, retired army officer, and Alan Dunstan Daly, chartered surveyor.

1958 March 13: Probate Register, Winchester

Records the death of John Turner Parker Clarke, of the Roos, Witchchurch, Hants, on 1957 November 18. Probate to Dennis William Walter Sluman, Captain R.M., and John Spencer Clarke, solicitor.

1960 April 26: Probate Register, Winchester

Records the death of Ernest Spencer Clarke of Southampton, on 1960 March 15. Probate to Marion Alfreda Walsh, married woman.

1960 November 10: Probate Register, Winchester

Records the death of Effie Margaret Lamb of Andover, Hants, on 1960 April 6. Probate to Eva Ducat, spinster.

Notes:

¹ There is a little ambiguity concerning the elder children of Thomas Clarke. Martha is known to be his daughter from census records but William, Sarah and Susannah, although looking correct may be part of other families.

In 1851 Thomas Clarke was living at Thorpe Hall Farm Wathamstow

1838 September 8: *Morning Advertiser

*Thorp Hall Farm, Walthamstow. MESSRS. FOSTER and SONS are directed by the Trustees of sale announce, they will Sell by Auction, at Garraway's, on MONDAY, Sept. 10, Twelve, THORP HALL FARM, a capital copyhold estate, late the property of William Long. Esquire, deceased, situate at Hall-end, Walthamstow, consisting of 81a. 1r. 10p. of excellent meadow and arable land, the whole lying contiguous to the house, excepting three acres in Walthamstow-marsh, together with a farm-house, which has been partly rebuilt, double barn, cow-house, stable, granary, other buildings, and a large tenement; is now and has been in the occupation of **Mr. William Clarke** for about forty years, who is under notice to quit at Michaelmas next. This estate, delightfully situate only seven miles from London, capable of great improvement, held of the Manor of Walthamstow, Tony, and High Hall, subject to the usual fine on death or alienation, and to an annual quit-rent of 1L. 1s. 9d. May be viewed by permission of the tenant, and Particulars had of Messrs. Lawrence ...*

[Is this Thomas' grandfather?]

² William Hickman Smith, later William Hickman Smith Aubrey, was born in Darlston, Middlesex about 1833. In 1861 he was an independent Minister in Minster Sheppey. He is later described as a Journalist and author.

Catalogue of the officers and alumni of Rutgers College (originally Queen's College) in New Brunswick, N.J., 1766-1916

*D.D. – WILLIAM HICKMAN SMITH AUBREY Croydon, England
Born in London, England, Dec. 9, 1858. D.D. (Univ N.Y.. 1881). Clergyman, **Church of England**. Author and Journalist. Writer on History and Economics. Died, Feb. 10, 1916.*

This is clearly wrong! The Civil Registration Index gives his age at death as 69 – i.e. born c1834. In 1855 W Hickman Smith of London, spoke for the "Society for the liberation of religion from state patronage and control" in Wrexham. In 1857 the "Rev. W. Hickman Smith" of Dalston became minister to the Congregational church in Watton, Norfolk..At this point he seems to have styled himself Rev. rather than Mr.

1837 July 14: Baptism Register, West Hackney, Middlesex

Baptism of William Hickman Smith, son of William and Sarah Smith, police man of 8 Kingsland-road.

[He seems to have been baptised as a child, censuses consistently give his birth year as c1833.]

In 1861 he left Sheerness (in debt) after 3 years as an Independent Minister. He was appointed to a Congregational chapel in Anerley (Penge?) in July 1862. At his inauguration he stated that he had been four years in the ministry. By 1865 he has acquired a fleeting MA and by December added F.L.C..

1870 February 5: *South London Chronicle

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE ... The literary character has developed singularly in cases of Nonconformist preachers who have spent some years South of the Thames, after they have left the district. The Rev, W. Hickman Smith Aubrey, who used, when at Anerley, to content himself with the patronymic of Smith, has latterly taken to the writing of history.

...

[He seems to have first adopted the Aubrey in 1867, although he did not use it widely until 1870. Was it a deliberate allusion and homage to the 17th C. biographer John Aubrey?]

He still styles himself an Independent Minister (Croydon) in the 1871 census.

³ Emma is living as Emma Wheeler by 1871, The ages of her children suggest a marriage in the mid 1860s. The 1891 census shows that Martha Clarke, Emma's half-sister, is living with the family in Hackney.

⁴ By 1861 Sarah is a widow, the census shows that her aunts Emma and Effie (who are a similar age to her) are visiting her farm (Boarded Barn) in Hempstead.

⁵ The National Archives; Kew, England; *Prerogative Court of Canterbury and Related Probate Jurisdictions: Will Registers*; Class: *PROB 11*; Piece: *1535*
In the Will of Charles Baron, cordwainer of Saffron Walden, proved in London on 1812 July 16, he makes mention of his three daughters Elizabeth Clarke, and Sarah and Susannah Baron. His executors were his son Charles and his son-in-law Mr Turner Poulter Clarke.

Charles Baron jun. (c1776 - 1848) (the uncle of Joshua Clarke) was a prominent member of the local Horticultural Society and in 1833 sold a collection of tulips " ... *supposed to be one of the finest in the kingdom* ..." *Morning Advertiser August 26.

The National Archives; Kew, England; *Prerogative Court of Canterbury and Related Probate Jurisdictions: Will Registers*; Class: *PROB 11*; Piece: *2068*
When he died in 1848 he bequeathed his estate to his nephews and nieces, naming Joseph, Joshua, Turner, John, Benjamin, Eliza, Emma and Hephzibah Clarke. Benjamin's share was to be used to purchase him an annuity, Joshua was to be given the option on purchasing any of the estate.

⁶ Charles Baron Clarke also became a botanist. After a distinguished career as a barrister & mathematics lecturer at his old college Queen's, Cambridge, he went to India in 1866 eventually becoming superintendent of the Royal Botanic Garden at Shibpur. From 1879 worked with Hooker on the Flora of British India. He developed an interest in botany whilst at Cambridge. Returned to India 1883. Bulletin of Miscellaneous Information (Royal Gardens, Kew) Vol. 1906, No. 7 (1906), pp. 271-296.

⁷ Birth date from the 1939 Register for England and Wales when she was living with her daughter Edith in Winchester-road, Basingstoke.

⁸ Birth date from 1939 England and Wales Register, widowed and living in Beckenham, Kent.

⁹ Birth date from the 1939 Register for England and Wales when she was living with her mother.

¹⁰ Birth date from 1939 England and Wales Register.

¹¹ Birth date from 1939 England and Wales Register.