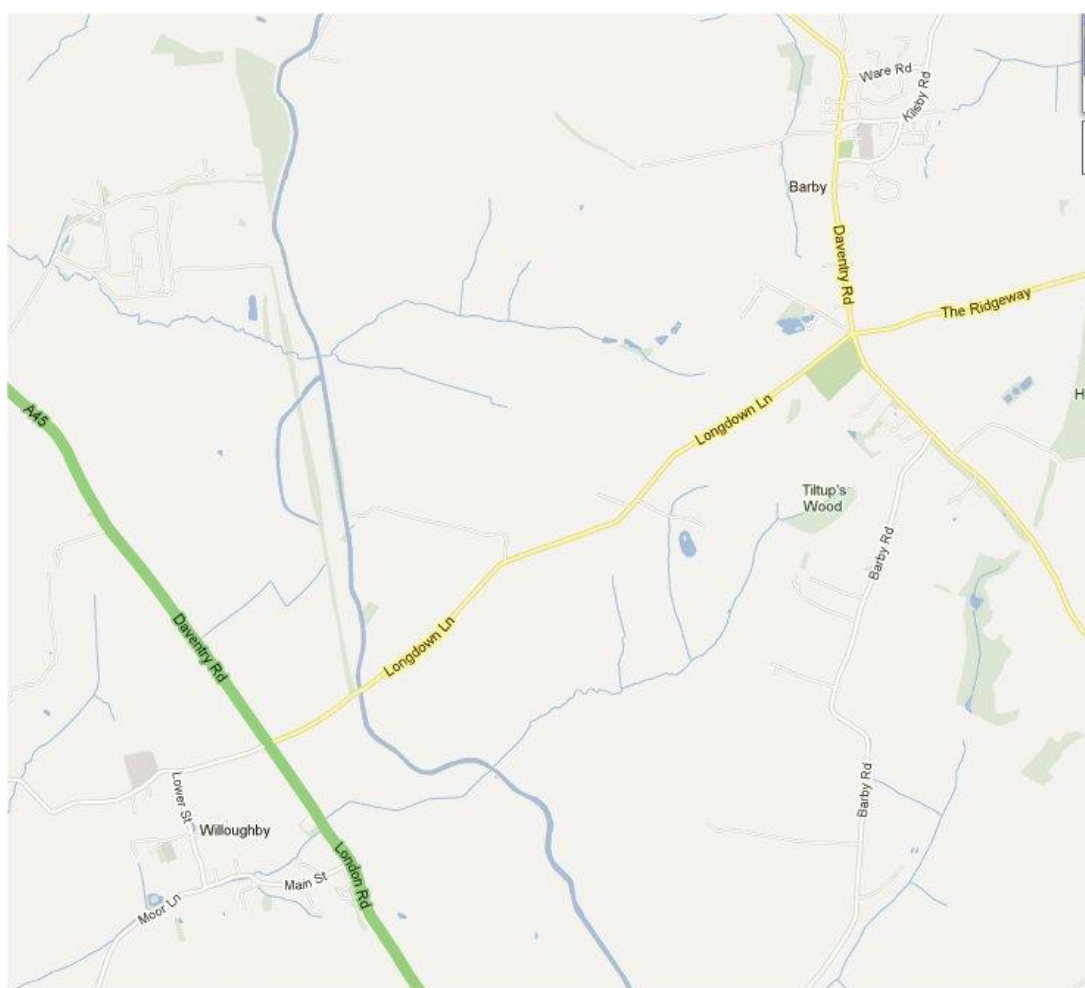


# BARBY and WILLOUGHBY

## FAMILY CONNECTIONS



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## INTRODUCTION

Over a period of about 300 years, a small number of families contributed to the populations of Barby and Willoughby by intermarrying. This note is mostly concerned with the connections between the Elkington and Ellard families.

The Elkingtons were already established in Barby by the end of the seventeenth century, but there was never an Elkington household in Willoughby. The last of the family to live in Barby was George Elkington, who died in 1981.

The Ellards are first recorded in Willoughby in the eighteenth century and some are there still. They farmed considerable acres of land in the Braunston-Sawbridge-Willoughby area.

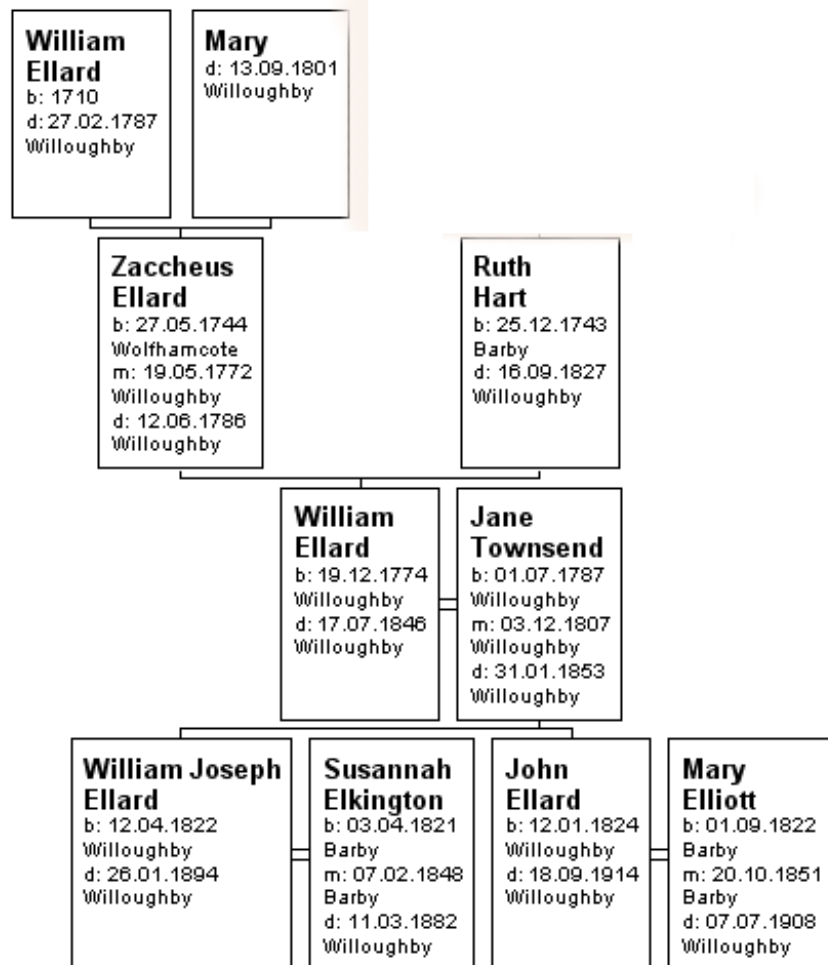
Most of the information given here has been obtained from parish registers and national censuses; this has not been referenced. In the family trees, the date of 'b' usually refers to a baptism, whilst 'd' refers to a burial. Some additional information has come from wills and local residents.

A more thorough account of the Elkington family, with references, is to be found in [www.barbylhg.org.uk](http://www.barbylhg.org.uk): *The Elkington Family of Barby*.

## CLOSE RELATIONS

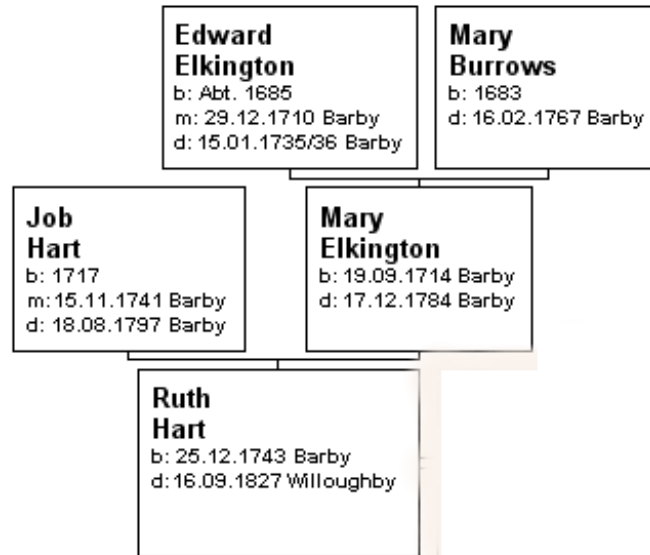
In January 1870, bans of marriage were called in the parishes of Willoughby and Wolfhamcote for two members of the Ellard family. They were cousins Susan and Zaccheus.

**SUSAN** was the daughter of **WILLIAM JOSEPH ELLARD** and **SUSANNAH** (née Elkington). Her husband was **ZACCHEUS JOHN ELLIOTT ELLARD**, the son of **JOHN ELLARD** and **MARY** (née Elliott). William Joseph and John were the sons of **WILLIAM ELLARD** and **JANE** (née Townsend).



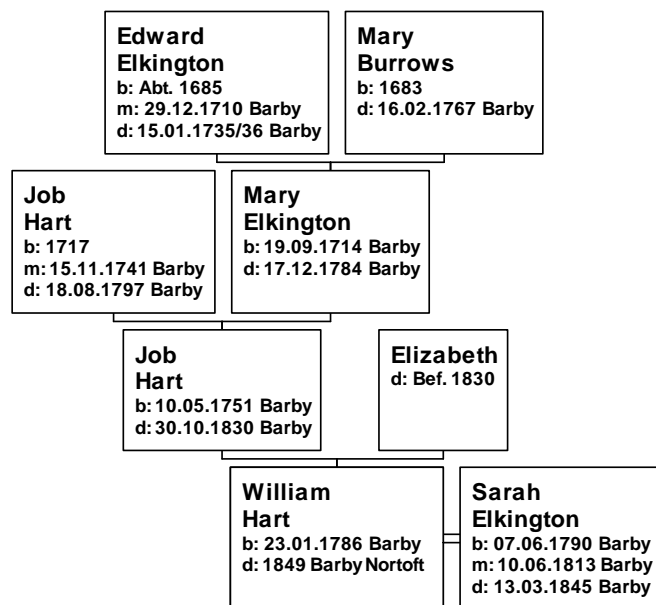
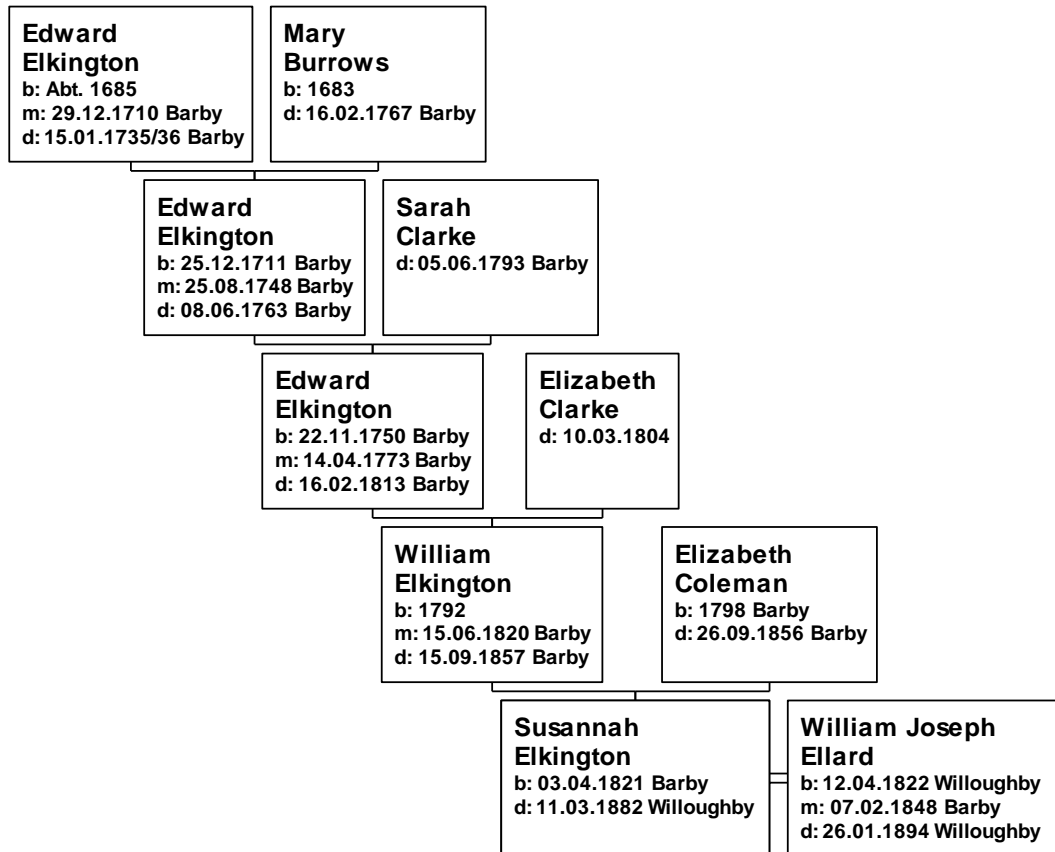
## THE ELKINGTON CONNECTION

William's mother **RUTH** was the granddaughter of **EDWARD ELKINGTON**, a cordwainer and one of the first Elkingtons to be identified in Barby parish registers.



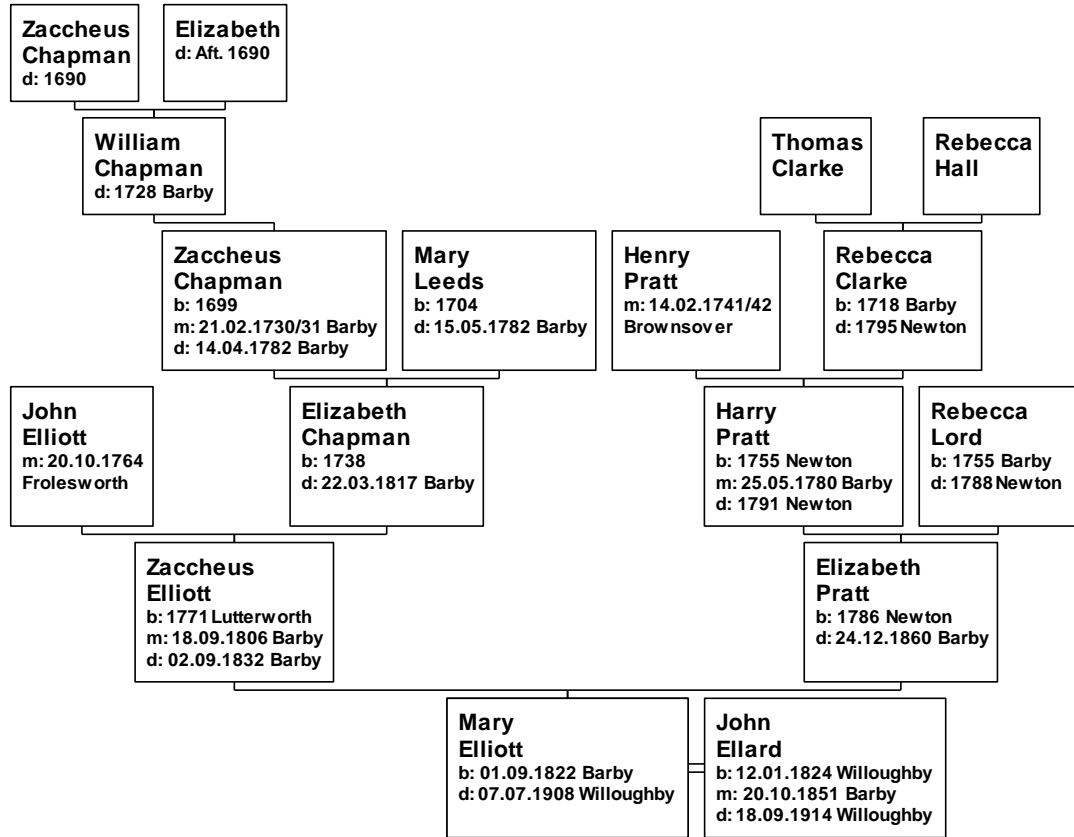
**SUSANNAH** was the great-great-granddaughter of this same Edward Elkington. Little is known of her great grandfather, except that he drowned himself at the age of fifty-two, having lived in a house on the site of present-day *Lilac Cottage*. But it is known that her grandfather lived in the centre of Barby, on the site of *Westfield House*, at the junction of Rugby Road and Elkington Lane (then known as Davis's Lane). He was allocated land at Enclosure in 1778 and farmed about 50 acres, of which he owned about 35 acres. When he died, this property was passed on to his eldest surviving son, **JOHN**. By the mid-nineteenth century, his younger son, Susannah's father **WILLIAM**, was farming 124 acres as a tenant of the rector, at *Barby Lodge*, on the road to Hillmorton.

**SARAH ELKINGTON**, sister of John and William, married Ruth Hart's nephew William Hart. William and Sarah Hart farmed at Barby Nortoft, owning land in both Barby and Kilsby parishes.

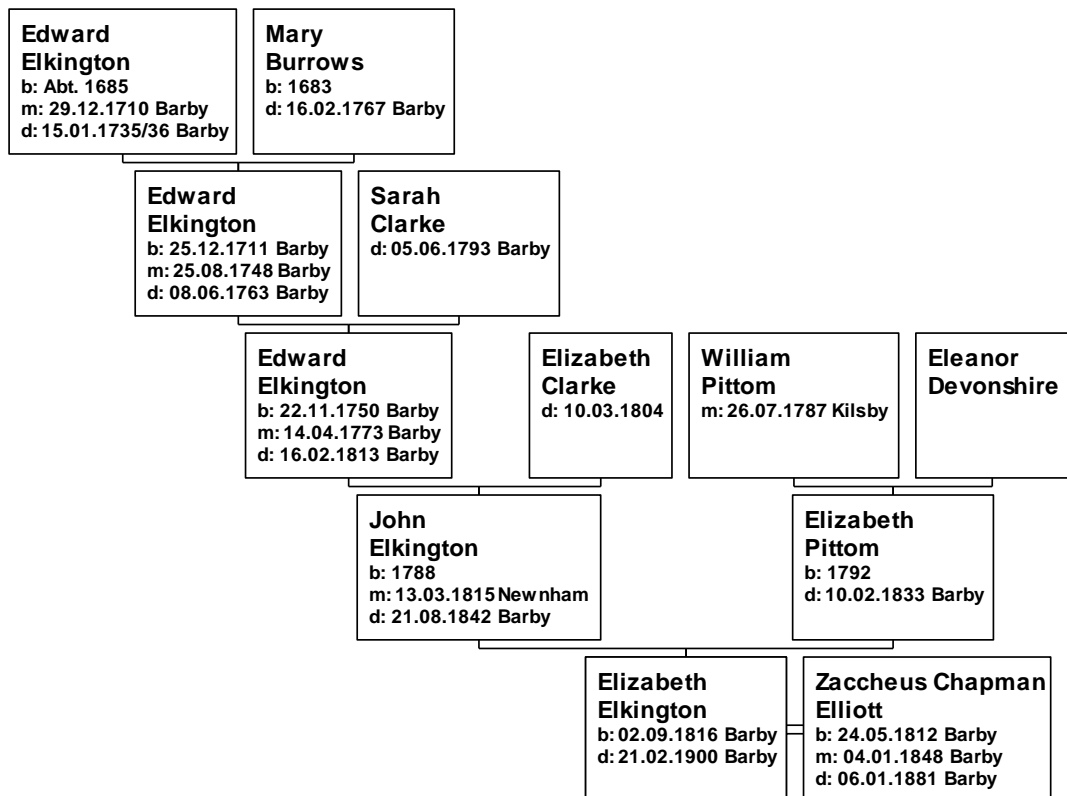
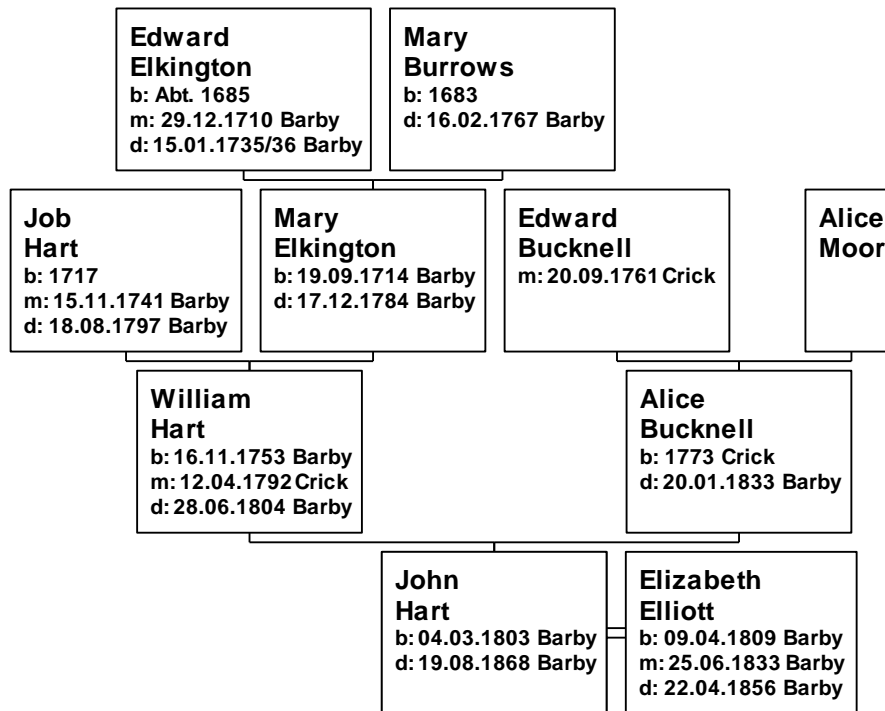


## THE ELLIOTT CONNECTION

**MARY ELLIOTT**, wife of John Ellard, was a descendant of several landowning Barby families.



Mary's sister, **ELIZABETH**, married another of Ruth Hart's nephews and remained in Barby, whilst their brother, **ZACCHEUS CHAPMAN ELLIOTT**, married **ELIZABETH ELKINGTON**, one of John Elkington's seven daughters. Zaccheus and Elizabeth Elkington farmed 60-100 acres over the 34-year period of their marriage, but left no children.



## THE CHAPMAN INHERITANCE

The 'Chapman' part of Zaccheus' name was a strong reminder of his descent from **ZACCHEUS CHAPMAN**, a cooper, who died in Barby in 1690. By the time Zaccheus married Elizabeth Elkington, he had inherited more than a name; he held a substantial property in the village, handed down through the Chapman family.

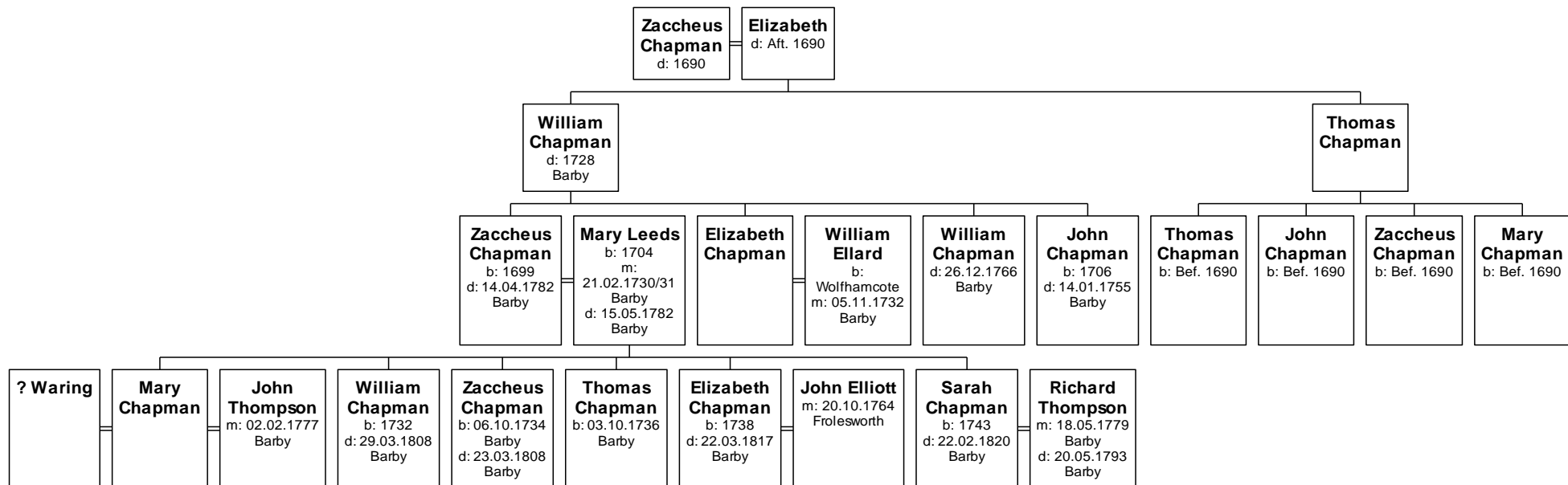
In addition to being a cooper, Zaccheus Chapman (-1690) owned a 'quarterne of a yard land', about 10 acres. His grandson **ZACCHEUS CHAPMAN** (1699-1782) was also a cooper; he too owned land, including 17 acres on The Ridgway (the continuation of Longdown Lane), known at the time of Enclosure as Farside Ryland and King Furlong, and two houses.

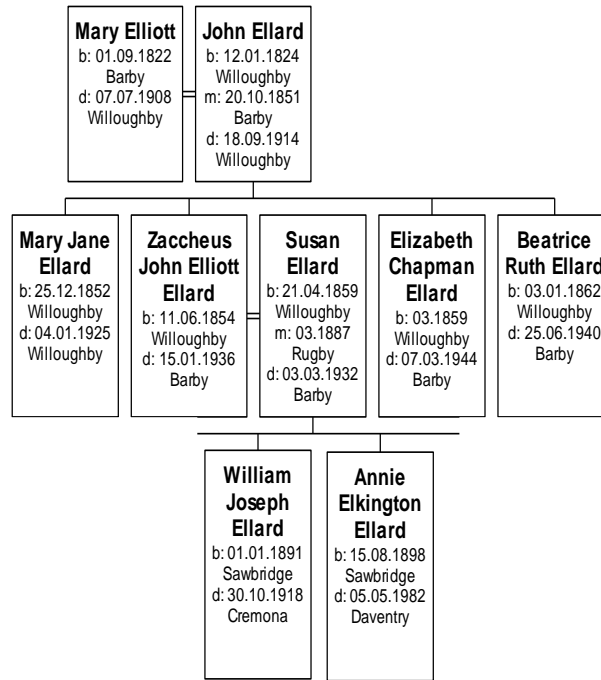
A third **ZACCHEUS CHAPMAN** (1734-1808), brother of the **ELIZABETH** who married John Elliott, was yet another cooper. He was a substantial landowner, paying land tax in 1798 which was three times that paid by Edward Elkington (1750-1813) and one and a half times that paid by Job Hart (1751-1830). His land linked his houses on Daventry Road to his fields on the far side of The Ridgway. When he died he left a range of bequests to his nephews and nieces, including 15 acres in Barby and 12 acres in Kilsby. But the main beneficiary of his will was his nephew **ZACCHEUS ELLIOTT** (1771-1832), who received the 27 acres plus another 13 in Barby parish, together with two houses and their several orchards, yards, gardens etc. The property was duly passed on, via **ZACCHEUS CHAPMAN ELLIOTT** (1812-1881), who died without any children, to Zaccheus C Elliott's nephew, **ZACCHEUS JOHN ELLIOTT ELLARD**.

**ZACCHEUS J E ELLARD** lived in one of the Barby houses on Daventry Road, with his wife Susan. The last inhabitant of the property, and the last Ellard to live in Barby, was their daughter **ANNIE ELKINGTON ELLARD**, known as Nancy. The house (titled *Old Manor Farm* in the 1946 electoral register, but known locally as *Miss Ellard's*) was demolished in the 1980s to make way for two detached houses. Zaccheus' sisters, **ELIZABETH CHAPMAN ELLARD** and **BEATRICE RUTH ELLARD**, also lived in Barby, in the *Stone House*, where they are remembered as 'elderly' in the 1930s. They were recorded with their sister **MARY JANE** in the Barby electoral register of 1918. Annie, Elizabeth and Beatrice were all buried in Willoughby.

The earliest record of a connection between the Chapman and Ellard families is that of the marriage of **ELIZABETH CHAPMAN** and **WILLIAM ELLARD** in 1732. No records of children born to William and Elizabeth have been found, so it is possible that this William Ellard is the William Ellard (1710-1787), father of Zaccheus, who is recorded as having children with Mary, who would then be his second wife. There were, however, Ellards whose connections to those described here have not been identified.







## THE ELLARD LEGACY

Whereas there were no land-owning Elkingtons in Barby by the beginning of the twentieth century, and only one described as a 'grazier', several of the Ellards were still farming.

When he died in 1846, William Ellard left his copyhold land to William Joseph and his 14 acres of freehold land in Willoughby and Woolscot to his son John. At the census of 1861, William Joseph was farming 90 acres, employing two men and two boys, whilst John was farming 130 acres with the help of three men and a boy. In 1871, William and Susannah farmed 142 acres with three men and a boy; their son **EDWIN ELLARD** (1855-1924) was at school in North Street, Daventry. John farmed 135 acres with two men and a boy.

In 1881, John was farming 150 acres. Edwin was listed as a farmer in High Street, Braunston, but with no specified acreage. He was probably one of his father's 'men', since William was also farming 150 acres with the help of three men and three boys. Another of William and Susannah's sons, **JAMES** (1854-1929) was also a farmer, at *The Lodge*, Willoughby, with 95 acres, one labourer and one boy.

In 1891, William was still described as a farmer (with no specified acreage), living with his son **WILLIAM ELKINGTON ELLARD** (1852-1926) and granddaughter **MABEL ELLARD**, (1882-1956) whose father **JOHN** (1858-1889) had died two years earlier, whilst her mother had moved to London with her second husband and new family. James and his wife **ANN** (1849-1934) were farming in Woolscot.

In 1901, James and Ann were still farming in Woolscot, with their son **THOMAS** (1881-1963). Edwin and his wife **MARY** (1842-1916) were at 78 High Street, Braunston; they had a 'cow boy' living with them. Brother William was farming in Willoughby, with an agricultural servant living in. Mabel had moved to her mother's home in London and was a milliner's assistant. Zaccheus and Susan were living at *Manor House Farm*, Wolfhamcote; in 1911 they were recorded in Sawbridge.

In 1911, John Ellard, Zaccheus' father, now a widower, was living at *The Cottage* in Willoughby. James was also in the village. Edwin was in Braunston still. Although all three men were working in agriculture, it is not clear whether they actually owned any land. None of the Ellard family were living in Barby, which suggests the property there was let.

However, Zaccheus was listed in the Barby electoral register of 1918 and was recorded as a grazier in Kelly's directories of 1920 and 1931 for Barby. Both Zaccheus and Susan were buried in Barby. Their son **WILLIAM JOSEPH** (1891-1918) served in the Northamptonshire Yeomanry during World War I and is commemorated on the memorial window in St Mary's Church. He died of influenza on 30 October 1918, after serving 2½ years in France. He is recorded at Cremona Town Cemetery.

William Joseph's second cousin **WILLIAM EDWIN ELKINGTON** (1892-1916), the son of Susan's cousin **JOHN CHARLES ELKINGTON** (1863-1948), is also commemorated in St Mary's. He was 'driver 11137, C Bty, 78<sup>th</sup> Bde, Royal Field Artillery', when he was killed in France in 1916.

Another of Susan's cousins, **JOSEPH ELKINGTON** (1865-1933), was the father of **GEORGE** (1898-1981), the last of the Barby Elkingtons.

The Willoughby Ellards of the twentieth century are mainly the descendants of James and Ann (née Downing).