How to Interpret the Family Tree

The Family Tree has been generated using TreeDraw v4.4.2 (from SpanSoft) from my database and converted into PDF format for viewing. Use the zoom facility within Acrobat Reader or your browser to zoom in to view.

The information about the tree - source file name, date created, number of people, families and generations - can be found in a box on the left hand side of the tree.

Within the Family Tree, the descent is shown by a line.

Names of people are given including the surname. Sometimes there is an extra forename in brackets where that name has been added or used during their lifetime though was not necessarily part of their birth name. An additional surname in brackets signifies their birth surname and that they used the end surname subsequently.

Each person has been designated a number, which follows the name in square brackets. The dates and places shown are from the birth certificate or baptism and death certificate or burial, whichever is available or, where these have not yet been found, an estimate based on other data e.g. Birth or Death Registration, monumental inscriptions, census (shown as 'abt' before the date). They are preceded by 'b.' or 'd.'. The place is given as the town with the county shown using the Chapman Code. For places outside England and Wales, there will be the region/state and outside the UK, it will include the country.

Dates of marriage are shown above the spouse's name and are in the same format as above. 'Not Known' is used where neither the date nor the place is known.

For men who retain the family surname and have more than one marriage, the wives are shown linked with a dotted line and the children are shown as descending from her. Where there was an informal relationship, but no marriage, and produced children who use the surname of the tree it is recorded as 'No Marriage'. Other illegitimate children are shown as descended from their mother, who is linked using a dotted line if required.

For women who change their surname, the number of children currently known of the marriage is shown below the husband's details. Where there are also illegitimate children these are shown with a dotted line and where the child's father is known, it is included in the child's details.

For wives who subsequently had illegitimate children who used the name of their mother's husband (and that of the tree) are shown as children of the couple but with 'Father not known' below their name. This allows their marriages and subsequent children to be included.

Information about a person can be obtained by quoting the person's number as the information is stored in a database. The tree is optimised for viewing, but if you wish to print it, let me know and I will produce a version for printing.

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