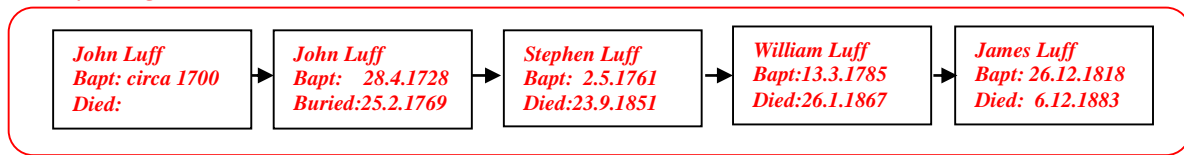


## James Luff 1864 - 1911?

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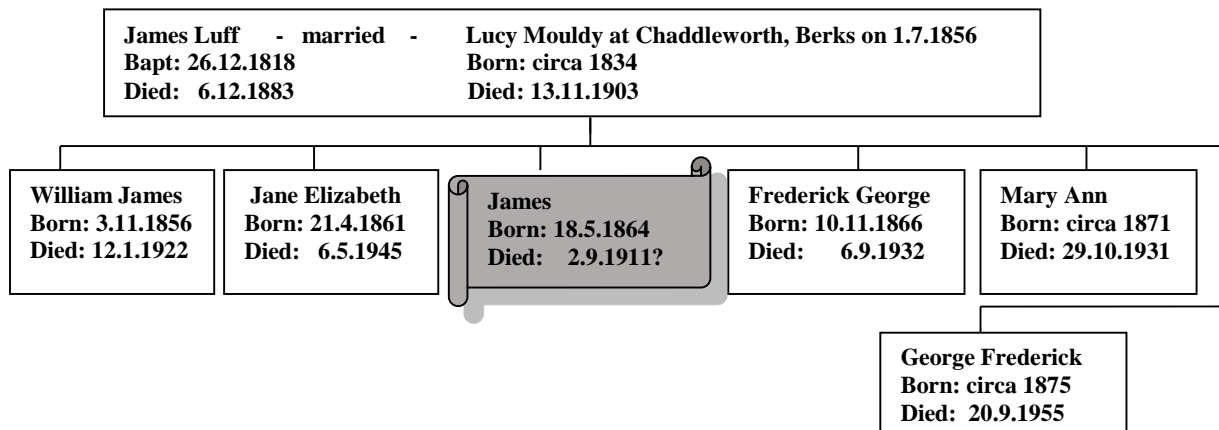
### Family Lineage:



James Luff was born on 18<sup>th</sup> May, 1864. He was the son of James and Lucy Luff.

James was born in the City of London Hospital, City Road, London E.C. When he was born he was not named, this might have been because he was a sickly child. Future records suggest that James was illiterate, and possibly backward.

(Source: *Official Birth certificate*)



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The 1871 Census shows James living with his parents in Upper Hale, Surrey. He was 8 years old and attending school.

Extract from the 1871 Census taken 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> April 1871, in Farnham, Surrey

The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the									
* Civil Parish (or Township) of	City or Municipal Borough	Municipal Ward of	Parliamentary Borough of	Town of	Village or Hamlet, &c., of	Local Board, or (Improvements Commissioners) District of	Electoral Division of		
Farnham					Hale				
No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSE Tenanted by	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON-DITION	AGE of	Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN	1. Deaf-and-Dumb 2. Blind 3. Imbecile or Id 4. Lunatic
222	Upper Hale	1	James Luff	Head	Mar	50	Sawyer	Farnham, Surrey	
			Lucy Luff	Wife	Mar	46		Chaddleworth, Berks**	
			William Luff	Son	Mar	14	Scholar	Farnham, Surrey	
			Elizabeth (Jane) Luff	daughter	Mar	10	attending school	St Lukes, Middlesex**	
			James J Luff	Son	Mar	8	attending school	St Lukes, Middlesex**	
			Frederick George Luff	Son	Mar	5		Farnham, Surrey	
223	"	"	Thomas Luff	Head	Mar	47	Sawyer	Farnham, Surrey	
			Lucy Luff	Wife	Mar	44		Chaddleworth, Berks**	
			William Luff	Son	Mar	14	Scholar	Farnham, Surrey	
			Elizabeth (Jane) Luff	daughter	Mar	10	attending school	St Lukes, Middlesex**	
			James J Luff	Son	Mar	8	attending school	St Lukes, Middlesex**	
			Frederick George Luff	Son	Mar	5		Farnham, Surrey	
224	"	"	Thomas Luff	Head	Mar	47	Sawyer	Farnham, Surrey	
			Lucy Luff	Wife	Mar	44		Chaddleworth, Berks**	
			William Luff	Son	Mar	14	Scholar	Farnham, Surrey	
			Elizabeth (Jane) Luff	daughter	Mar	10	attending school	St Lukes, Middlesex**	
			James J Luff	Son	Mar	8	attending school	St Lukes, Middlesex**	
			Frederick George Luff	Son	Mar	5		Farnham, Surrey	
225	"	"	Thomas Luff	Head	Mar	47	Sawyer	Farnham, Surrey	
			Lucy Luff	Wife	Mar	44		Chaddleworth, Berks**	
			William Luff	Son	Mar	14	Scholar	Farnham, Surrey	
			Elizabeth (Jane) Luff	daughter	Mar	10	attending school	St Lukes, Middlesex**	
			James J Luff	Son	Mar	8	attending school	St Lukes, Middlesex**	
			Frederick George Luff	Son	Mar	5		Farnham, Surrey	
Total of Houses			Total of Males and Females			11	13		

Street Name	Name	Position In House	State	Age/Sex	Employment	Birth Place
Upper Hale	James Luff	Head	married	50/Male	Sawyer	Farnham, Surrey
	Lucy Luff	Wife	married	46/Female		Chaddleworth, Berks**
	William	Son	single	14/Male (unclear)		Farnham, Surrey
	Elizabeth (Jane)	daughter		10/Female	attending school	St Lukes, Middlesex**
	James J	Son		8/Male	attending school	St Lukes, Middlesex**
	Frederick George	Son		5/Male		Farnham, Surrey

\*\* shown incorrectly as Farnham on the 1871 Census.

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Extract from Sheldrake's Aldershot and Sandhurst Military Gazette dated Saturday February 3, 1877

Aldershot Petty Sessions. Reporting that Frederick Luff, James Luff, Jane Luff, along with others were found guilty of damaging rifle butts at Aldershot barracks on 24<sup>th</sup> January, 1877. Frederick Luff was 11 years old, Jane Luff was 16 years old and James Luff (the author's great grandfather) was 14 years old at the time.

the case to be dealt with by the military authorities, and the prisoner was accordingly handed over to the escort.

DAMAGING RIFLE BUTTS.

*George Stephens*, who was previously convicted for begging, was again placed in the dock charged with damaging the rifle butts.—14 days' imprisonment.

*George Stephens* (same prisoner as before) *Frederick Luff*, *James Luff*, *Jane Luff*, *Rose Whiting*, *Alfred Whiting*, *Mary Ann Whiting*, and *James Burgess*, were severally charged with maliciously damaging the rifle butts on 24th January.—P.C. Shrimpton stated that he was on duty at the rifle butts on the 24th January, and saw the eight defendants there tearing down the butts with hoes and target stays. They ran away when he came up. He caught *Mary Ann Whiting*, and found 2½lbs. of lead in her possession.—A private in the 64th Regt., who had charge of the rifle butts, said the damage done was to the extent of £1.—*Frederick Luff*, *Rose Whiting*, and *Alfred Whiting* (being their first appearance) were fined 8s. each, or 7 days imprisonment. *Jane Luff*, *James Burgess*, *Jane Luff*, *Mary Ann Whiting*, and *George Stevens* were fined 15s. each or 14 days imprisonment. Allowed a month for payment, except *Stephens* who elected to go to prison.

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In the 1881 census James, now 18 years old and unmarried, is shown as being employed as a carter.

Extract from the 1881 Census taken on 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> April, 1881, in Farnham, Surrey.

Municipal Borough of		Municipal Ward of		Parliamentary Borough of		Urban Sanitary District of		Rural Sanitary District of		Ecclesiastical Parish or District of			
Farnham				Upper Hale		Farnham		Upper Hale		Farnham			
No. of Sole	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES Inhabited (1) or (2)	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON- DITION as to Marriage	AGE last Birthday		Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN	(1) Deaf-and-Dumb (2) Blind (3) Imbecile or Idiot (4) Lunatic			
						Males	Females						
			Emma Russell	Wife	Married	20			Surrey; Upper Hale				
			Emily	Daughter	Single	1			Do				
			William	Son	Married	16		General Labourer	Do				
			Charles Gilbert	Head	Widow	86		General Labourer	Do				
			Charles Gilbert	Wife	Married	16		General Labourer	Do				
			Mary Ann	Daughter	Single	58		General Labourer	Do				
			James	Son	Married	62		General Labourer	Do				
			Lucy	Wife	Married	49			Do				
			Jane	Daughter	Single	19			Do				
			James	Son	Single	14		Carter	Do				
			Frederick	Son	Single	10		General Labourer	Do				
			Mary Ann	Daughter	Single	6			Do				
			Elizabeth Russell	Head	Widow	85		General Labourer	Do				
			James Harrington	Head	Married	34		General Labourer	Do				
			John	Son	Married	31			Do				
			Charles G	Son	Single	5		Scholar	Do				
			James M	Son	Single	2		Do	Do				
			Frederick H	Son	Single	1		Do	Do				
			Thomas Edwards	Head	Widow	75		General Labourer	Do				
			John	Son	Married	49		Do	Do				
			Rachel Knott	Head	Widow	84		Ag. Labourer	Do				
			Elizabeth	Wife	Married	33			Do				
			Henry	Son	Single	12		Scholar	Do				
Total of Houses...		6	Total of Males and Females...		14	11							

Street Name	Name	Position In House	State	Age/Sex	Employment	Birth Place
Providence Cott's Upper Hale	James Luff	Head	married	62/Male	Sawyer	Farnham, Surrey
	Lucy Luff	Wife	married	49/Female		Chaddlesworth, Berks
	Elizabeth (Jane)	Daughter	single	19/Female		St Lukes, Middlesex
	James J	Son	single	19/Male	Carter	St Lukes, Middlesex
	Frederick George	Son		14/Male	General Labourer	Farnham, Surrey
	Mary Ann	Daughter		10/Female		Farnham, Surrey
	George	Son		6/Male		Farnham, Surrey

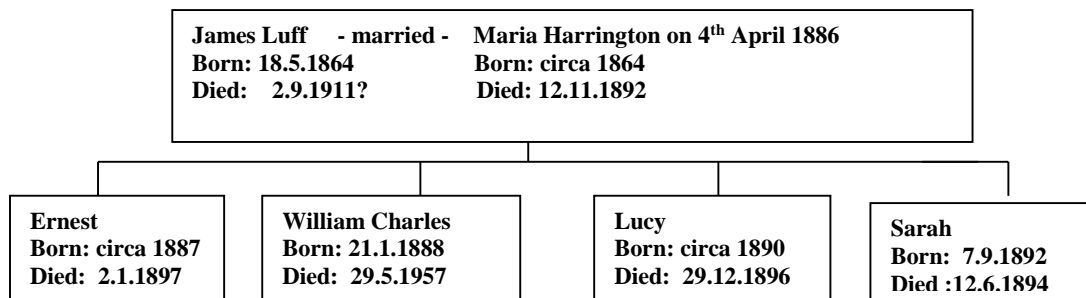
On 4th April 1886 James married Maria Harrington. Maria Harrington was born in Upper Hale in 1864. James was unable to write his name.

(Source: Marriage record in Hale Parish Register)

1886 Marriage solemnized								
4. 4. 1886 in the of in the County of								
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
462	April 4	James Luff	22	Bachelor		Upper Hale	James Luff	Sawyer
		Maria Harrington	22	Spinster		Upper Hale	James Harrington	Labourer
Married in the according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the by Mr. J. P. Harrington								
This Marriage was solemnized between us.			James Luff & Maria Harrington			Charles Harrington		

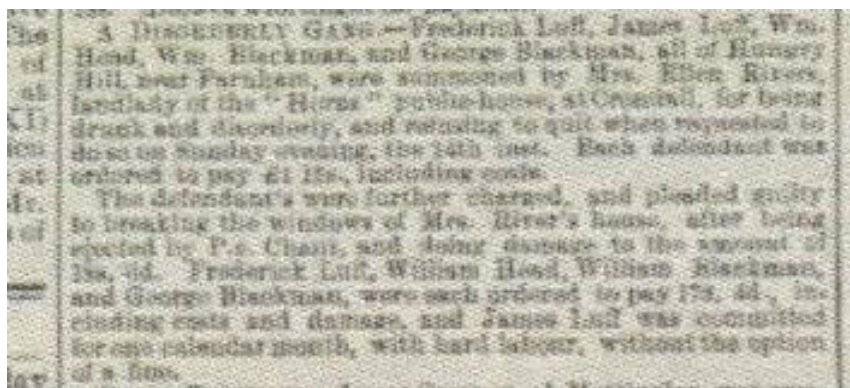
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The marriage produced the following children.



An extract from the

“Reading Mercury, Oxford Gazette, Newbury Herald, and Berks County Paper, Saturday, September 27, 1890”



Transcript:

**A DISORDERLY GANG – Frederick Luff, James Luff, Wm. Head, Wm. Blackman, and George Blackman, all of Hungry Hill near Farnham, were summonsed by Mrs Ellen Rivers, landlady of the “Horns” public-house, at Crondall, for being drunk and disorderly, and refusing to quit when requested to do so on Sunday evening the 14<sup>th</sup> instant. Each defendant was ordered to pay £1 15s, including costs.**

The defendants were further charged, and pleaded guilty, to breaking the windows of Mrs River’s house, after being ejected by P.c. Chant, and doing damage to the amount of 18s 6d. Frederick Luff, William Head, William Blackman and George Blackman, were each ordered to pay 17s 4d, including costs and damage, and James Luff was committed for one calendar month, with hard labour, without the option of a fine.

James Luff (the author’s great grandfather) would have been about 26 years old, also married with 3 children. It seems likely that his and his family’s future deprecation was caused by James’ criminal activities. Frederick Luff, James’ brother would have been about 24 years old at the time of this conviction.

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The 1891 Census shows James, now aged 27, living with his family in Hoghatch Lane, Upper Hale. James was employed as a general labourer. Maria was now 25. Their family included Ernest aged 4, William Charles aged 3 and Lucy aged 10 months.

Extract from the 1891 Census taken on the night of 5<sup>th</sup> April, 1891 in Farnham, Surrey.

Civil Parish		Municipal Borough		Municipal Ward		Urban Sanitary District		Rural Sanitary District		Division		Division			
Farnham								Hale		Farnham		Guildford		St John's	
Col. 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	Do house No.	Do house No.	Do house No.	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON- DITION as to Marriage	AGE last Birthday of	Sex	PROFESSION or OCCUPATION	Employed or Unemployed	Employed or Unemployed	Employed or Unemployed	WHERE BORN	(1) Dead and Dumb (2) Blind (3) Lame, Paralyzed or idiot
					Arthur Pharo	Son								Surrey; Farnham	
					Edwin	Do								Do	
					Ernest	Do								Do	
50	Hoghatch Lane	1			Thomas	brother	Head	27	M	Blacksmith	x			Do	
					Mary	Do	Wife	29	F					Do	
					Thomas	Do	Son	16	M	apprentice labourer	x			Guildford	
					Albert	Do	Son	14	M					Farnham	
					Mary	Do	Son	12	F					Do	
					Mildred	Do	Son	10	F	Schooler				Do	
					Alice	Do	Son	8	F	Do				Do	
					Maud	Do	Son	5	F	Do				Do	
51	Do	1			William	Do	Son	2	M	General labourer	x			Do	
					Thomas Burgess	Head	M	25						Do	
					James	Do	Wife	29	F					Herts. Brotham	
					Thomas	Do	Son	14	M					Surrey Farnham	
					Richard	Do	Son	12	M					Do	
					James	Do	Son	10	M					Do	
52	Do	1			George Langport	Head	M	25		Do		x		Do	
					John	Do	Wife	23	F					Do	
					Charles	Do	Son	14	M	Schooler				Do	
					James	Do	Son	12	M	Do				Do	
					George	Do	Son	10	M	Do				Do	
					Harry	Do	Son	8	M	Do				Do	
53	Do	1			William	Do	Son	10m	F					Do	
					James Luff	Head	M	26		General labourer	x			London; St Lukes	
					Maria	Do	Wife	25	F					Surrey Farnham	
					Ernest	Do	Son	4	M					Do	
					William	Do	Son	3	M					Do	
54	Do	1			Lucy	Do	Son	10m	F					Do	
					William	Do	Son	3m	M	bricklayer	x			Do	
					Matthias	Do	Wife	27	F					Do	
Total of Houses and of Tenements with less than Five Rooms		5		2	Total of Males and Females..			18	13						

Street Name	Name	Position In House	State	Age/Sex	Employment	Birth Place
Upper Hale	James Luff	Head	married	26/Male	General Labourer	London, St Lukes
	Maria Luff	Wife	married	25/Female		Farnham, Surrey
	Ernest Luff	Son		4/Male		Farnham, Surrey
	William Luff	Son		3/Male		Farnham, Surrey
	Lucy Luff	Daughter		10mth/Female		Farnham, Surrey

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**It would seem that James and Maria fell on hard times as records show that Maria died on 12th November 1892, in the Farnham Union Workhouse. She died of typhoid just 2 months after giving birth to her daughter Sarah. Maria was just 28 years of age.**

***(Source: Official Death certificate)***

**Sarah the youngest child died on 12<sup>th</sup> June 1894, she was 21 months old. She died from bronchitis.**

**Lucy their third child died of diphtheria in the Farnham Union Workhouse, she died on 29th December 1896, aged 6.**

**Ernest the eldest son died on 2nd January 1897 aged 10 years. He died of diphtheria also in the Farnham Union Workhouse.**

**The only child that survived was the author's grandfather, William Charles Luff.**

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The 1901 Census shows James, aged 35 and a widower, living with his mother, Lucy, then aged 67, at Wyke Cottages, Hale. James was unemployed. Living with them were James's brother George, and James's son William Charles. George Luff remained in the household, despite having at least 2 illegitimate children of his own, as he seemed to be the only 'breadwinner'.

Extract from the 1901 Census taken on the night of 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1901 in Farnham, Surrey.

LOCALITY			HOUSEHOLDERS				COUNTY BOROUGH, MUNICIPAL BOROUGH, OR URBAN DISTRICT		WARD OF MUNICIPAL BOROUGH OR OF URBAN DISTRICT		PARISH		A SUBDIVISION OF PARISH OR DIVISION		TOWNSHIP OR CHURCH OR PARISH		
of Farnham			of St John's Hale				of		of		of Farnham		of Guildford		of Hale		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
HOUSEHOLDERS	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	Uninhabited	Occupied	Partly occupied	Partly uninhabited	Partly occupied	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	Age last Birthday	PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION	Employer, Worker, or Own account	If Working at Home	WHERE BORN	(1) Deaf and Dumb	(2) Blind	(3) Lame	(4) Imbecile, feeble-minded
30	Hale	1					William Baker	Head	66	General Labourer			Surrey Farnham				
							Maria Baker	Wife	66				Do. Do.				
31	Wyke Cottages	1					George Norris	Head	59	House Painter	worker		Berks Wokingham				
							Maria Norris	Wife	48				Surrey Hale Farnham				
							Anna Do.	Daughter	24				Do. Do.				
							John Do.	Son	23	House Painter	worker		Do. Do.				
							Arthur Do.	Son	18	General Labourer	worker		Do. Do.				
							Maud Do.	Daughter	13				Do. Do.				
							Yvonne Do.	Daughter	10				Do. Do.				
							Georgina Do.	Daughter	9				Do. Do.				
							Malcolm Do.	Son	4				Do. Do.				
32		1					Henry Wiles	Head	44	Carpenter	worker		Berks Newbury				
							Emily Do.	Wife	46				Surrey Hale Farnham				
							Elizabeth Do.	Daughter	14				Do. Do.				
							Henry Do.	Son	10				Do. Do.				
							Maud Do.	Daughter	9				Do. Do.				
							Emily Do.	Daughter	5				Do. Do.				
33		1					John Young	Head	49	General Labourer			Do. Do.				
							Emily S. Young	Wife	44				Surrey Do.				
							Barry P. Young	Son	9				Do. Farnham				
							Edward Young	Son	6				Do. Do.				
							Alfred E. Young	Daughter	5mo				Do. Hale Do.				
34		1					John Chilly	Head	42	Bookbinder's Labourer	worker		Do. Do. Do.				
							Mary Do.	Wife	47				Do. Do.				
							John Do.	Son	19				Do. Do.				
							Anna Do.	Daughter	15				Do. Do.				
							Ernest Do.	Son	10				Do. Do.				
35		1					Lucy Luff	Head	67	General Labourer			Berks Chaddleshall				
							James Do.	Son	35				Berks London				
							George Do.	Son	25	Carpenter's Labourer	worker		Surrey Farnham				
							William Do.	Son	13				Do. Do.				
1	Total of Schedule of Houses and of Tenements with less than 1 room	6				4	Total of Males and of Females...	16	15								

Street Name	Name	Position In House	State	Age/Sex	Employment	Birth Place
Wyke Cotts	Lucy Luff	Head	Widow	67/FMale		Chaddleshall/ Berks
	James Luff	Son	Widower	35/Male	Gen labourer(not working)	St Lukes, London
	George Luff	Son	single	25/Male	Carpenters Labourer	Farnham, Surrey
	William Luff	Son		13/Male		Farnham, Surrey

Lucy Luff died in Hale on 13th November 1903. After his mother's death George Luff married Blanche Smith, and moved from the house. I have no records to show where James and his son William Charles lived after Lucy's death.

I lose track of James and cannot find him on the 1911 census in the Farnham area. The only record that might suit is that a James Luff died in the Pewsey Workhouse in 1911. However I cannot substantiate this as being correct at the present time. He was certainly deceased at the time of the marriage of his son William Charles in 1918, as this is stated on the marriage certificate.