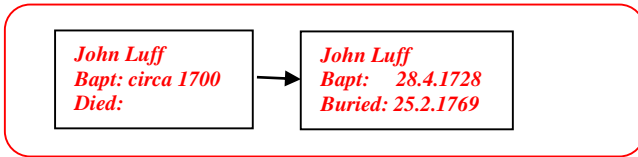


**Stephen Luff 1761 - 1851**

(The author's Great-Great-Great-Grandfather)

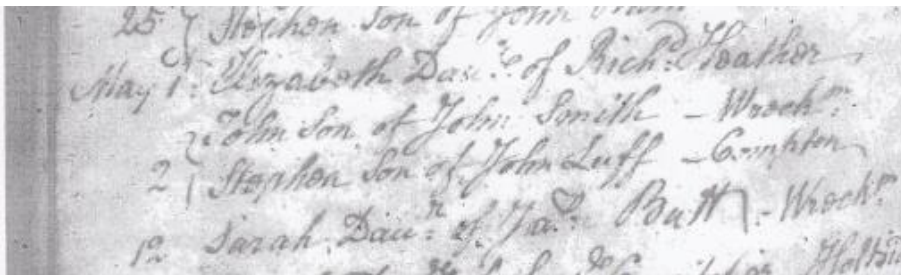
**Family Lineage:**

Web-site: [www.mike-jl.co.uk](http://www.mike-jl.co.uk)



Stephen Luff was baptised at St Andrew's Church, Farnham, on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1761. He was the son of John Luff. The record shows that, at the time of his birth, John Luff his father and family resided in Compton, a small hamlet a mile from Farnham.

Extract from the St Andrew's Church records showing the baptism of Stephen Luff.

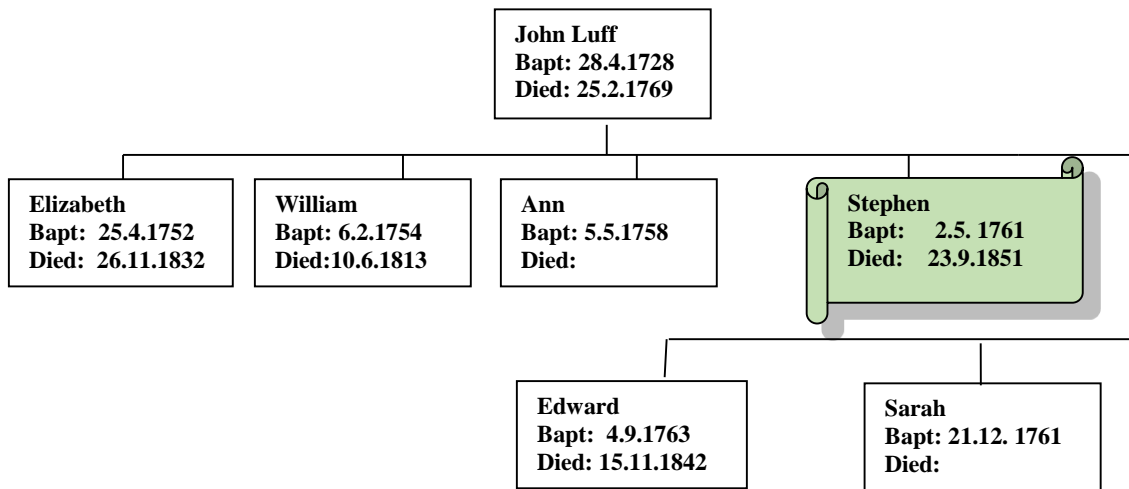


Below is an extract from the 1871 Ordnance Survey Map of the Farnham area. The hamlet of Compton is shown, and it is clear that even a hundred years after the birth of Stephen Luff there were very few dwellings in the area. The School shown was not there in 1761. I can only surmise that the employment of Stephen's father was as a sawyer or gardener.



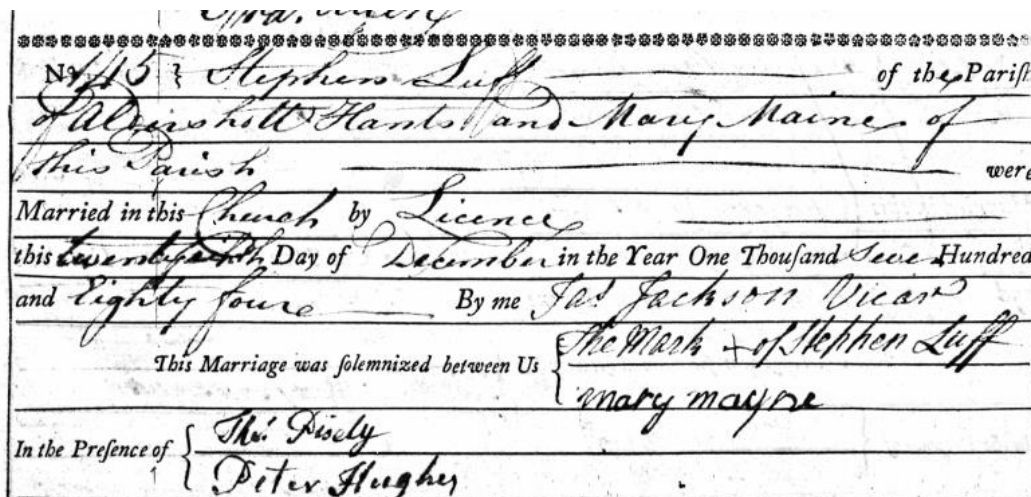
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The siblings of Stephen, as shown below, are all children of John Luff. I have been unable to prove categorically that they are Stephen's brothers and sisters.



Stephen Luff married Mary Mayne on 28th December 1784 at St Andrew's Church, Farnham.

Extract from St Andrew's Church records showing the marriage of Stephen Luff and Mary Mayne, is below. Mary Mayne writes her own name, however the Church official records her surname as Maine. For a woman to be able to write her own name is probably the exception rather than the rule in this class of person at this time in history. But as stated in my introduction, Mary seems to have come from a well- educated family. Stephen, who was illiterate, was living in the Parish of Aldershott (now spelt Aldershot) at the time of the marriage. Mary Mayne was from the Parish of Farnham. Witnesses to the marriage were Thomas Pisely (who seems to have been a church official, and was a substantial landowner) and Peter Hughes who was the owner of the Malthouse and hopgrounds in Farnham. This suggests to me that Stephen, as a labourer, would probably have been highly thought of by his employer, Peter Hughes.

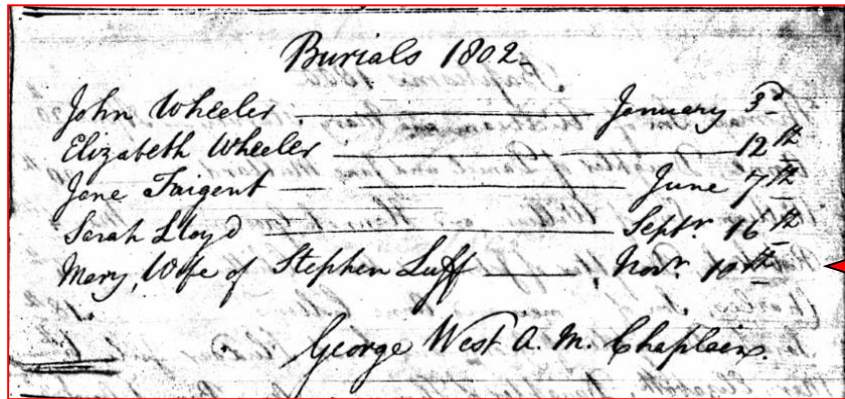


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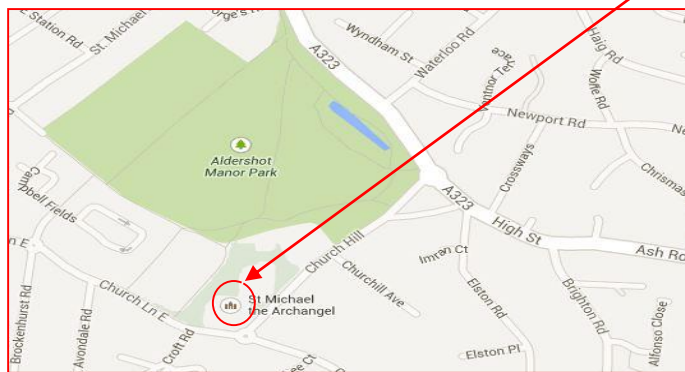




Mary, Stephen's wife, died and was buried in St Michael's Church, Aldershot on 10<sup>th</sup> November 1802. The following is an extract from the burial records of St Michael's Church, Aldershot.



Map of Aldershot showing position of St Michael the Archangel

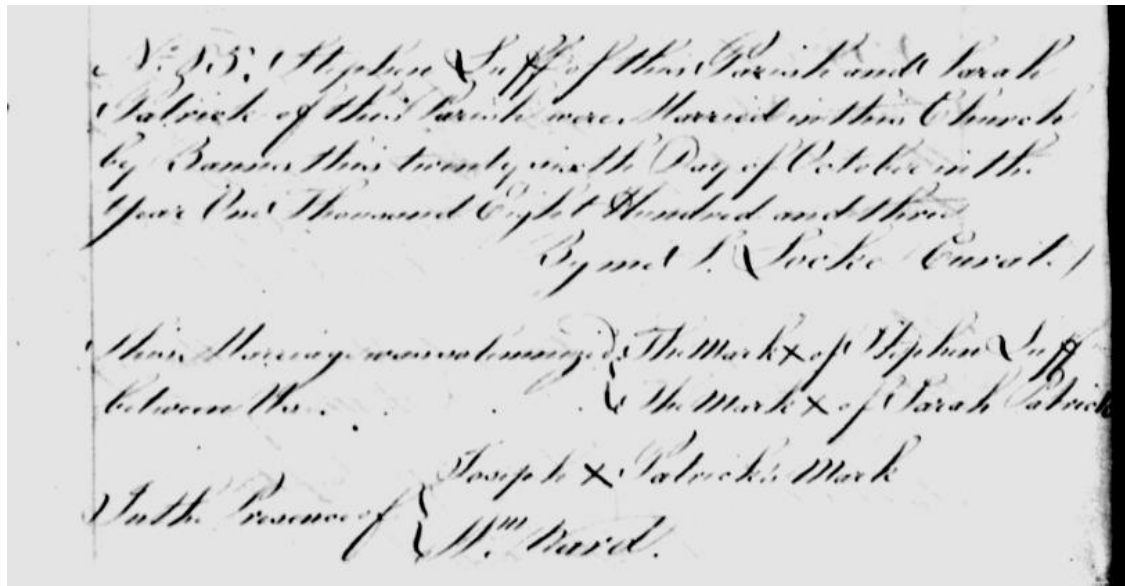


St Michael the Archangel Church, Aldershot.

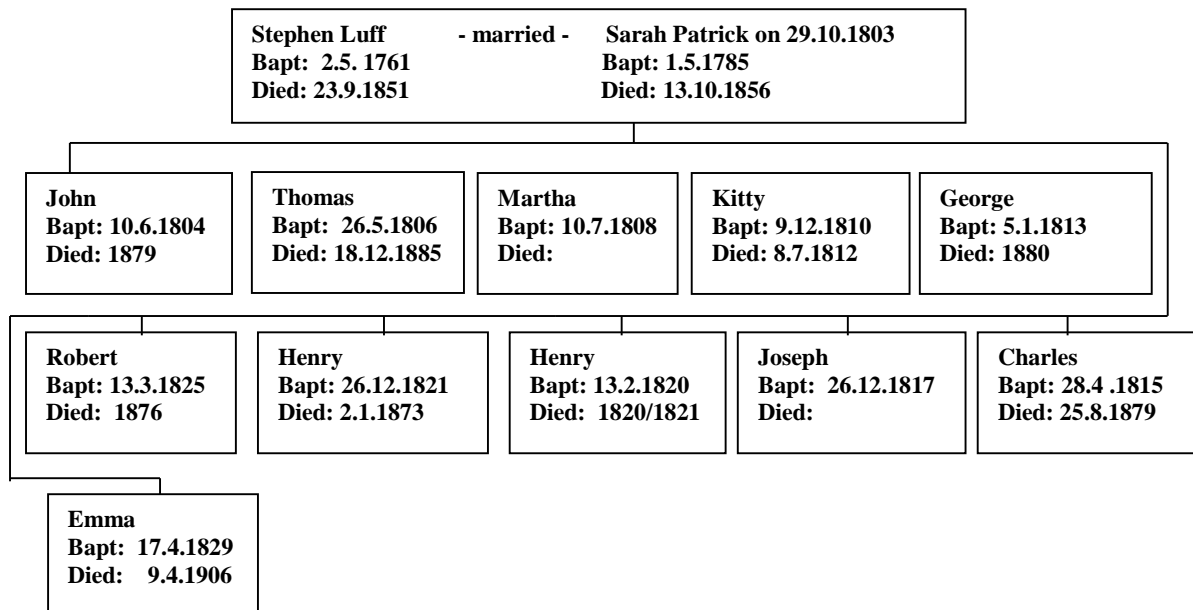
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Stephen then remarried. His new wife was Sarah Patrick who was born circa 1785 in Elstead, Surrey.

Extract from Farnham Parish Church of the wedding of Stephen Luff to Sarah Patrick on 29<sup>th</sup> October 1803. Witnesses to the marriage were Joseph Patrick and William Bard (possibly). Joseph Patrick was probably Sarah's cousin.



The marriage produced the following recorded children



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In the 1841 Census Stephen, now aged 80, was living in Ash, which was part of Aldershott, along with his second wife Sarah, and the two youngest children Robert and Emma. Stephen is recorded as being employed as an agricultural labourer

Extract from the 1841 Census for Aldershott, taken on 6<sup>th</sup> June, 1841.

1 <sup>st</sup>	Stephen Luff	80	Labourer		
	Sarah Luff	74			
	Robert do	27		✓	
	Emma do	23			✓

The 1851 Census shows Stephen still employed as an agricultural labourer in his 90th year. Sarah was employed as an agricultural labourer. Living in the home was Robert their son, single aged 27, and also employed as an agricultural labourer, also their daughter Emma, single, aged 23.

On the Census Stephen confirms that he was born in Farnham.

Extract from the 1851 Census taken on the night of 30<sup>th</sup> March 1851, for Aldershott, Hampshire.

Parish or Township of		Ecclesiastical District of		City or Borough of		Town of		Village of	
Aldershott								Aldershott	
Name and Surname of each Person who abode in the Institution on the Night of the 30th March, 1851	Position in the Institution	Condition	Age of	Rank, Profession or Occupation		Where Born		Whether Blind, or Deaf-and-Dumb	
			Male	Female					
Sarah do	Wife	M	74		Labourer		Hants Aldershott		
Frederick do	Son	M	12		do		do do		
Maria do	Wife	M	28		do		do do		
57 James Nichols	Head	M	61		Ag Lab		do do		
Elizabeth do	Wife	M	61		do		do do		
Henry Steward	Son	M	31		Tilemaker		Hants Aldershott		
Agnes do	Wife	M	31		do		do do		
James do	Son	M	7		do		do do		
John do	Son	M	5		do		do do		
George do	Son	M	3		do		do do		
58 Jane do	Wife	M	4		do		do do		
John Shaw	Head	M	67		Farm 5 1/2 acres		Staffordshire Burslem		
Mary do	Wife	M	68		do		Hants Aldershott		
Mary Hughes	Wife	M	88		do		do do		
John do	Wife	M	57		Ag Lab		do do		
59 Stephen Luff	Head	M	89		Ag Lab		Surrey Farnham		
Sarah do	Wife	M	74		Ag Lab		do Elstead		
Robert do	Son	M	27		do		Surrey Farnham		
Emma do	Daughter	M	23		do		do do		
60 James Steward	Head	M	55		Brickmaker		Middlesex Wimbeldon		
			Total of Persons...		119				

Name	Position in House	Condition	Age/Sex	Profession	Birth Place
<b>Stephen Luff</b>	<b>Head</b>	<b>Married</b>	<b>89 Male</b>	<b>Agricultural Labourer</b>	<b>Farnham, Surrey</b>
Sarah Luff	Wife	Married	67 F/male	Agricultural Labourer	Elstead, Surrey
Robert Luff	Son	Single	27 Male	Agricultural Labourer	Farnham, Surrey
Emma Luff	Daughter	Single	23 F/male		Farnham, Surrey

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Stephen died on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1851. He died in Aldershot of natural decay (old age). His youngest daughter Emma was present at his death. Stephen was 90 years old when he died. (Source: Official Death Certificate)

Stephen was buried at St Michael's Church, Aldershot on 27<sup>th</sup> September, 1851. Extract from Parish Register below.

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BURIALS in the Parish of <u>Aldershot</u> in the County of <u>Southampton</u> in the Year 1851				
Name	Abode	When buried	Age	By whom the Ceremony was performed
William Young No. 441.	Aldershot	Sept 8 <sup>th</sup>	20	Henry Lang P. Curate
James Williams No. 442.	Aldershot	May 17 <sup>th</sup>	68	Henry Lang
William Gosden No. 443.	Aldershot	May 19 <sup>th</sup>	68	Henry Lang
Martha Howald No. 444.	Weybourne	May 26 <sup>th</sup>	65	Henry Lang
James Atfield No. 445.	Aldershot	July 15	76	W. R. Ogle Off. Min.
George Callaghan No. 446.	Aldershot	Sept 12 <sup>th</sup>	10	Henry Lang P. Curate
Stephen Leff No. 447.	Aldershot	Sept 27 <sup>th</sup>	90	Henry Lang P. Curate
Mary Searle No. 448.	Aldershot	Oct 18 <sup>th</sup>	73	Henry Lang



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Stephen's wife Sarah died on 13<sup>th</sup> October, 1856. She died as the result of diarrhoea which she had had for 3 weeks. Present at her death was her youngest daughter Emma Luff. (Source: Official Death certificate)

Sarah Luff was living in Hungry Hill, Hale when she died, but was buried at Michael's Church, Aldershot on 18<sup>th</sup> October, 1856. She was 71 years old. It could be that she wanted to be buried at the same place as her late husband, Stephen, who was buried in Aldershot.

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BURIALS in the Parish of Aldershot  
in the County of Southampton in the Year 1856

Name	Abode	When buried	Age	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
Theresa Thomas Hawkins No. 609.	Aldershot	Oct. 11	near 9	James Dennett
Sarah Luff No. 610.	Hale	18	71	James Dennett
Henry Ireland Broadhart No. 611.	Aldershot	20	near 8	James Dennett
George Hindle No. 612.	Do	23	near 5	James Dennett
Mary Wheeler No. 613.	Do	24	67	James Dennett
Jane Boim No. 614.	Do	Nov. 6	65	James Dennett
James Simmidge No. 615.	Do	7	near 52	James Dennett
William Pharo No. 616.	Do	8	77	James Dennett

