

## *Families and Personalities*



Southcombe Family taken 1898 at Brocks Mount, Stoke sub Hamdon

*Left to right. Top row:* 1. Ralph Southcombe 2. Samuel Southcombe 3. Leah A. Colquhoun (nee Southcombe) 4. Robert S. Colquhoun 5. Mary P. Southcombe (nee Phillpott) 6. Richard N. Southcombe *2nd row:* 1. Sydney L. Southcombe 2. Doris W. Southcombe 3. Jane A. Southcombe (nee Hebditch) 4. Mary Southcombe 5. Herbert W. Southcombe 6. Howard Southcombe.



The Waterman Family taken around 1899.

**Rows left to right. Top row:** 1. Francis (Frank) Waterman 2. Clara Waterman (nee Drew) 3. Sydney Waterman 4. John W. Waterman 5. Henry Chant 6. Minnie Waterman (nee Hoar) 7. William Roland Waterman  
**2nd row:** 1. Bessie Waterman (nee Lock) 2. William Joseph Waterman 3. Emma Waterman (nee Palmer) 4. Alice Chant (nee Waterman) Child - William A. Rex Waterman.



Four generations of the Terrell family taken at Annie Terrell's 90th birthday party.

**Her nine children are as follows. Back row:** 8. Will Terrell 9. Tommy Terrell 11. Edward Terrell 13. Edith Wills 15. Ruth Pippard 16. Sam Terrell. **Front row:** 2. Marie Osborne 6. Daisy Douglas 8. Rhoda Turner.



The Warry Family c1900. George snr. and Eliel were village blacksmiths, the forge being at the back of 56 High Street, before this the forge was at 3 High Street, later Central Garage, now Forge Cottage.

**Rows left to right. Top row:** 1. William Warry 2. Nell Warry 3. Bess Warry 4. Herbert Warry 5. Susan Warry  
**2nd row:** 1. Eliel Warry 2. George Warry snr. 3. Mary Warry (nee Fane) 4. Lucy Warry 5. Henry Warry  
**3rd row:** 1. George Warry jnr. 2. Imbert Warry.



The Comer Family, Silver Wedding Anniversary 1925.

**Rows left to right. Top row:** 1. Dorothy Comer 2. Fred Comer 3. Olive Comer  
**2nd row:** 1. Annie May Comer (nee Fane) 2. Charles Daniel Comer became Landlord of the Masons Arms, Ham Hill, 1905 until 1937. Olive was a village dressmaker, Fred a piano tuner and Dorothy a box maker.





The Brooks Family taken around 1908.

**Rows left to right. Top row:** 1. Lily Brooks 2. Dora Brooks 3. Myrtle Brooks 4. Oliver Hensleigh Brooks 5. Horace Brooks **Sitting:** 1. William Brooks 2. Olive Brooks 3. Rose Brooks (nee Rowswell).



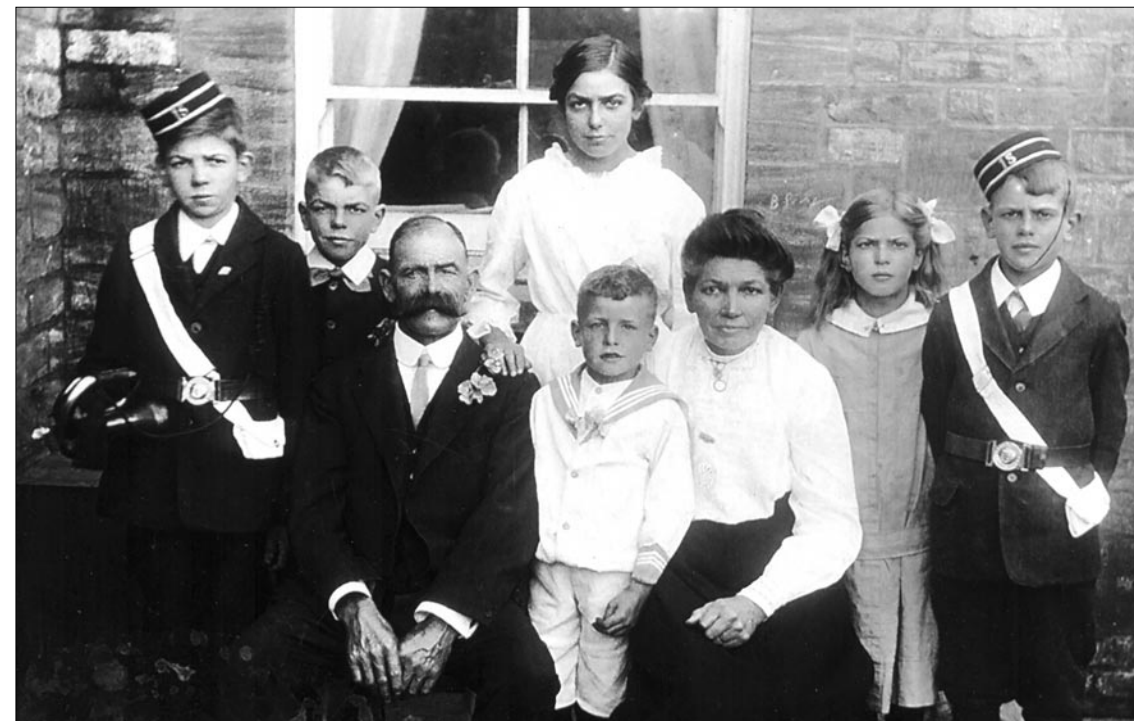
The Chant Family taken 23rd October 1902 at The Half Moon Inn.

**Rows left to right. Top row:** 1. Albert E. Chant 2. Hannah Chant (nee Strong) 3. Christopher Gaylard (groom) 4. .... 5. Eva Comer (nee Chant - bride) 6. Herbert A. Chant 7. Mr Harris 8. Elizabeth Chant (nee Stanton) 9. William E. Chant 10. Mrs Harris 11. Gilbert J. Chant **2nd row:** 1. .... (child) 2. Minnie Dunford 3. Violet Comer 4. Charles S. Chant 5. Caroline A. Jackson (nee Chant & Fane) 6. Frederick E. Chant 7. Eva Chant 8. Bessie Chant 9. Julia Chant (nee Gaylard).



The Hebditch Family taken at Castle Farm c1900.

**Left to right. Top row:** 1. Bernard S. Hebditch jnr. 2. Winifred Hebditch 3. Helen Hebditch 4. Mary Hebditch 5. Margarita Hebditch **2nd row:** 1. Bernard S. Hebditch snr. 2. Norah Hebditch 3. Gertrude Hebditch 4. Irene Hebditch 5. Laura Hebditch (nee Lock) 6. Edward Hebditch (on lap) 7. Harold B. Hebditch.



The Gold Family c1918.

**Rows left to right. Top row:** 1. Arthur Gold 2. Lionel Gold 3. Bessie Gold 4. Daisy Gold 5. Leonard Gold **2nd row:** 1. William Gold 2. Ralph Gold 3. Annie E. Gold (nee Abbott).



The Nelms Family c1895.

**Rows left to right. Top row:** 1. Fred Nelms 2. Arnold Nelms **2nd row:** 1. Dora Nelms 2. Charlie Nelms 3. Edwin (Teddy) Nelms 4. Emma Nelms 5. Mary A. Nelms (nee Daniels) 6. Mabel Nelms.



The Tucker Family c1934.

**Rows left to right. Top row:** 1. William Tucker 2. Gertie Tucker 3. Edward (Ted) Tucker 4. Wilfred Tucker **2nd row:** 1. Edith Tucker 2. John (Jack) Tucker 3. Fred Tucker 4. Elizabeth Tucker (nee Sparks) 5. Dolly Tucker 6. Alice Tucker (in front).



The Hawkins/Dunford Family, marriage April 3rd 1899.

**Rows left to right. No names known until the 3rd row:** 1. Wallace Dunford 2. Annie Comer (nee Fane) 3. Minnie Dunford 4. Albert Chant 5. .... 6. .... 7. Alice Dunford 8. .... **4th row:** 1. William Hawkins 2. Elizabeth Hawkins 3. John Hawkins (groom) 4. Leah Dunford (bride) 5. Charles Dunford 6. Georgina Dunford (nee Fane) **5th row:** 1. .... 2. .... 3. .... 4. Rowley Dunford 5. Howard Dunford 6. Albert Dunford.



The Jones Family c1908.

**Rows left to right. Top row:** 1. Horace Jones 2. May Jones 3. Daisy Jones 4. Albert Jones 5. Reginald Jones **Sitting:** 1. Ellen Jones (nee Wilson) 2. George Jones 3. Ivy Jones 4. Rose Jones 5. William Jones.





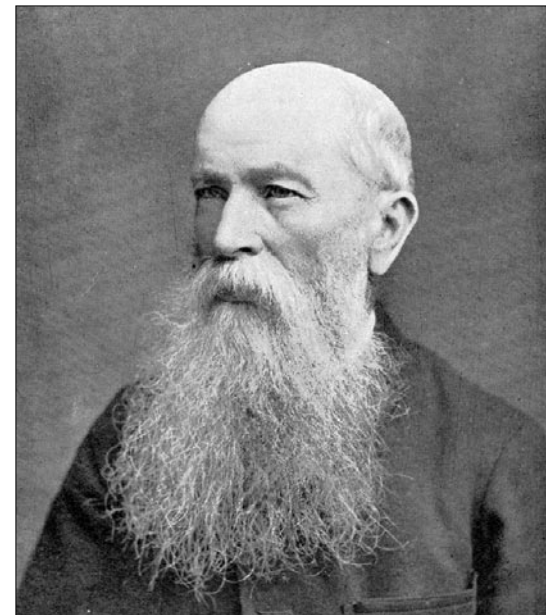
The Fane Family, four generations of village builders and carpenters c1910.

**Rows left to right. Top row:** 1. Mary A. Fane (nee Pitman) 2. Sarah Fane (nee Wilsdon) 3. Frederick Fane jnr.  
**2nd row:** 1. George Fane 2. Doris Fane (on knee) 3. Susan Fane (nee Willis) 4. Percy Fane 5. Frederick Fane snr. (5's champion), see page 97.

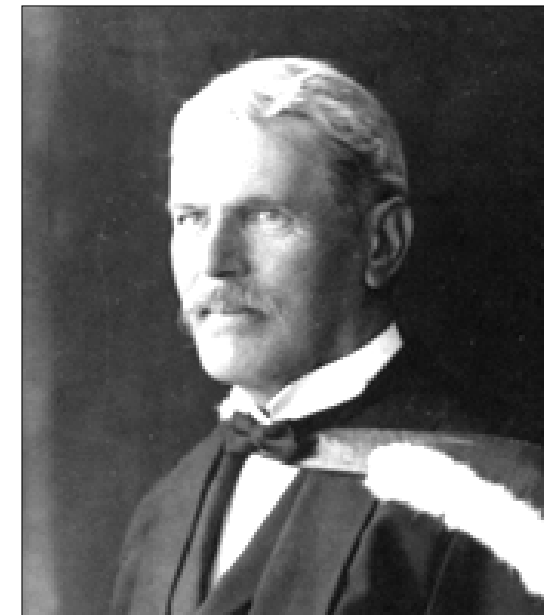


The Palmer Family c1920.

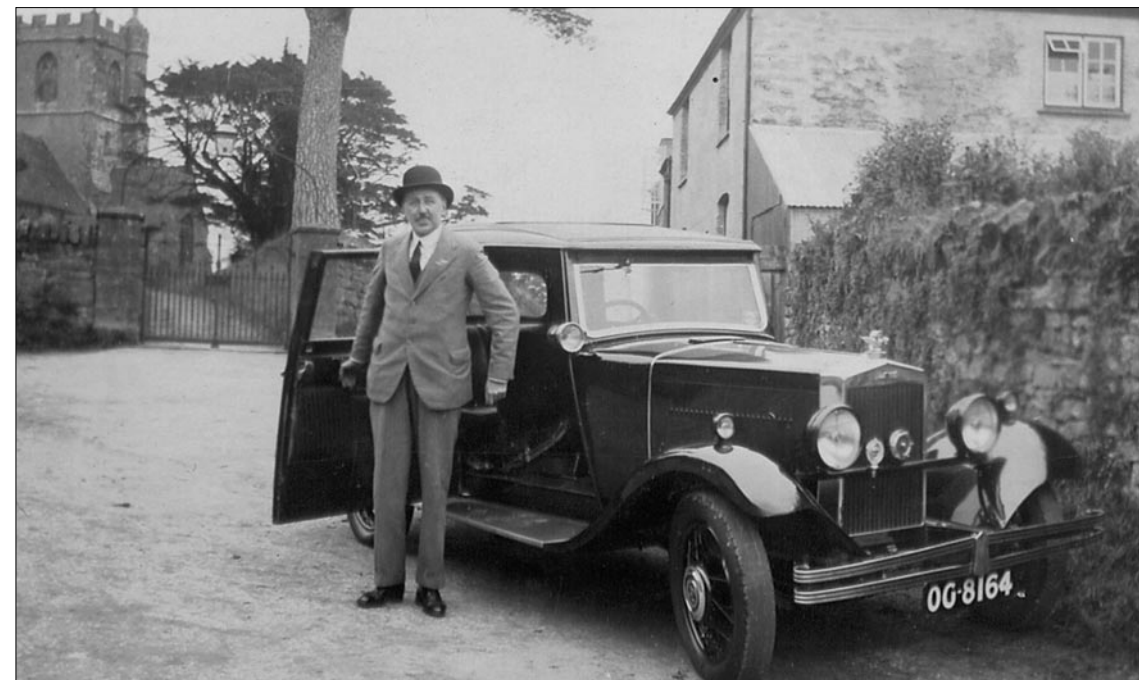
**Rows left to right. Top row:** 1. Seymour Palmer 2. Hilda Palmer 3. Irene Palmer 4. Ivy Palmer 5. Leah Palmer 6. Maggie Palmer  
**2nd row:** 1. Robert (Jack) Palmer 2. Rowland Palmer 3. Bessie Palmer (nee Palmer) 4. Donald Palmer.



Dr. Walter Winter Walter 1824-1904. Doctor, Antiquarian, Church Warden and Councillor, he lived at The Gables and may be considered the founder of Stoke Medical Practices. Excavated the castle site in 1889 and discovered the site of St. Nicholas chapel. *By kind permission of Somerset Archeological & Natural History Society.*



Dr. Richard Hensleigh Walter 1862-1924. Son of Dr. Walter W. Walter, joined his father's practice in 1897, his surgery stood where "Oaktree House" now stands, hence the name of "Doctor's Corner". He was a keen antiquarian discovering the Roman Villa at Batemore in 1906. Also the first registered motorist in Somerset. Licence Number Y1.



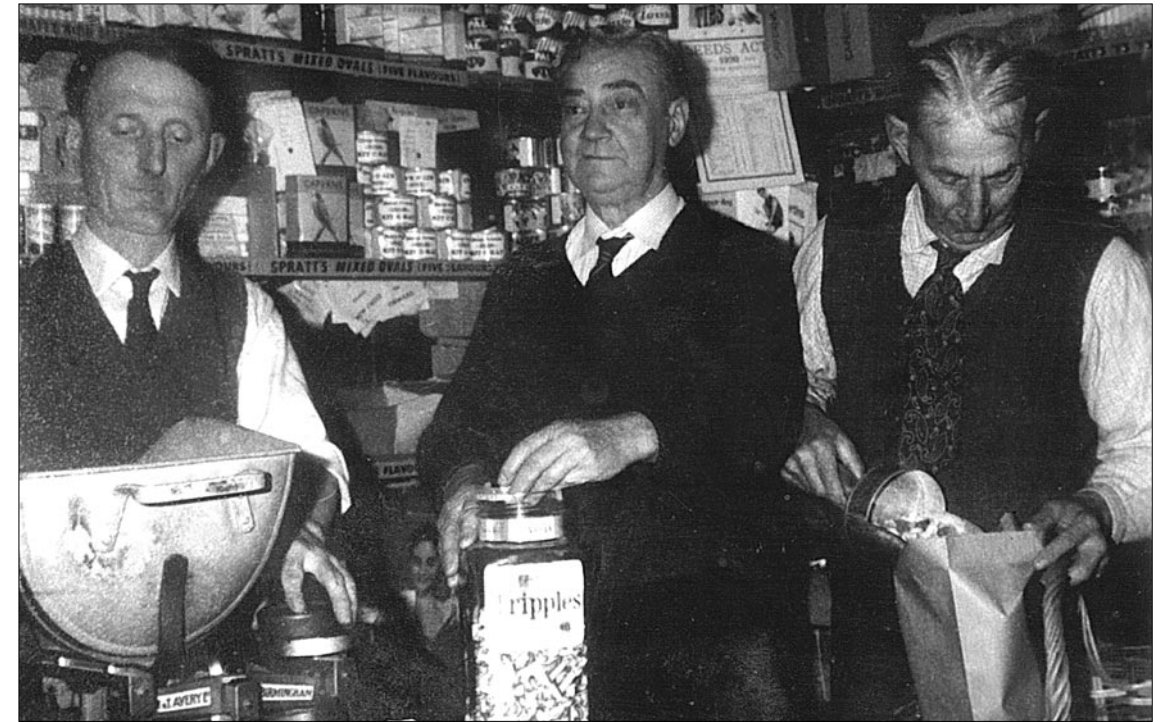
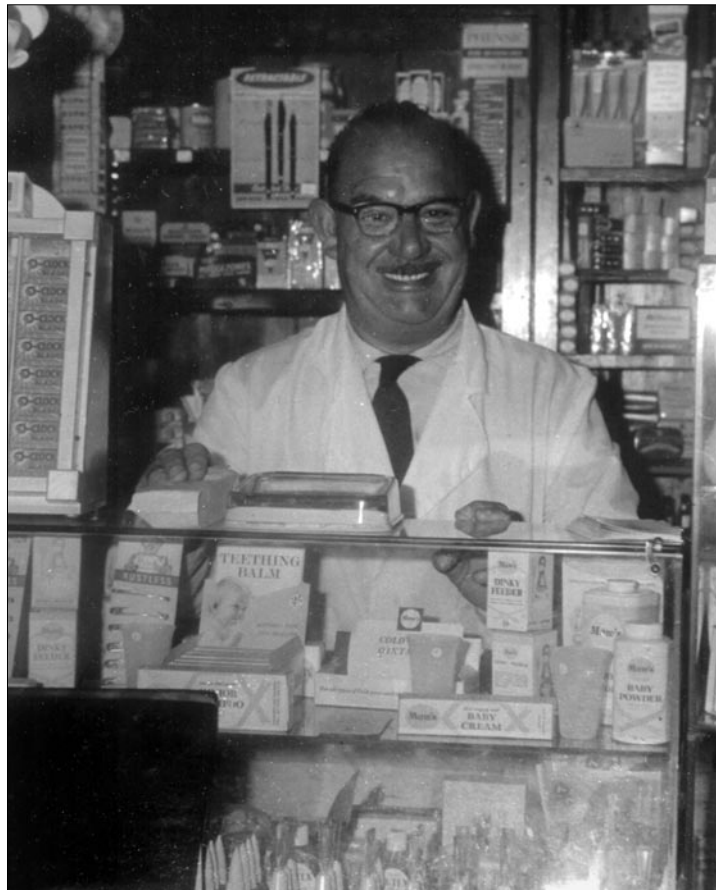
Dr Stanley L. Brimblecombe M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. 1882-1964.

A Devonshire man who served with the R.A.M.C. in WW1 and was Somerset Schools Medical Officer in 1919. Came to Stoke in 1922 to join Dr R.H. Walter and from then on lived at "Pranketts". He bought the practice in 1924 and managed it single handed until 1948. Often know as "Dr Brim", he had given the best portion of his life to Stoke and district. Was also very interested in archaeology, retired in 1958, died 1964.

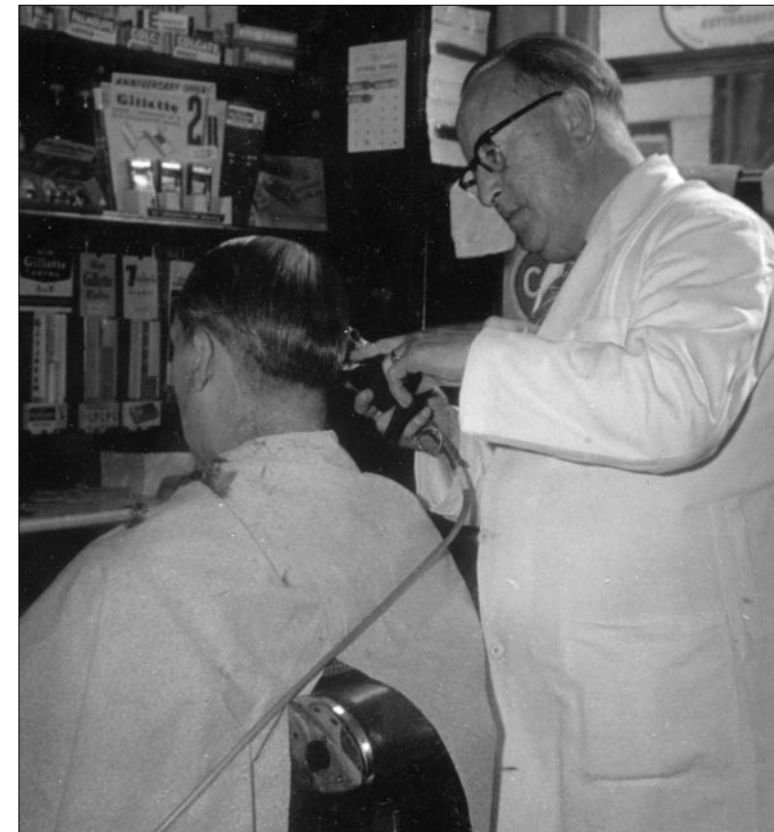


Vernon R. Richards 1890-1973. Took over as the village blacksmith in 1935 after Billy Dunford retired. Pictured here at his own smithy at Stoke Cross. He also ran a bicycle shop at Stoke Cross plus a petrol pump, the smithy was at the rear.

Cecil Webb at his own Pharmacy in North Street (mid 1930s to 1970s). He was a Chairman of the Parish Council and for over 25 years a Chairman of Castle School Governors.



Hawkes Corn and Seed Store, also selling groceries, confectionery, hardware and ironmongery etc. **Left to right:** Charlie Redward (assistant), Harold Hawkes and Sydney Hawkes, who together made a whimsical trio.



Norman Hallett, local barber. Affectionately known as "Stumpy", organiser of the "barbers outings" held in September from the 1930s to the 1960s. In the picture he is seen cutting the Rev. Jim Pulman's hair, Vicar of Stoke 1954-59.



Richard Rolph commonly known as "Dickie", a zealous character and former Telegraph Air Gunner in the Fleet Air Arm. Parish Councillor and tree warden, planted a new Holy Tree for continuity.

Eric Burgess, when entering Stoke few people fail to miss Eric leaning over his garden wall. A man of character and known mainly for his interest in gardening. In his younger days he was a keen member and worker for the Boys Brigade, also takes a keen interest in village affairs.

