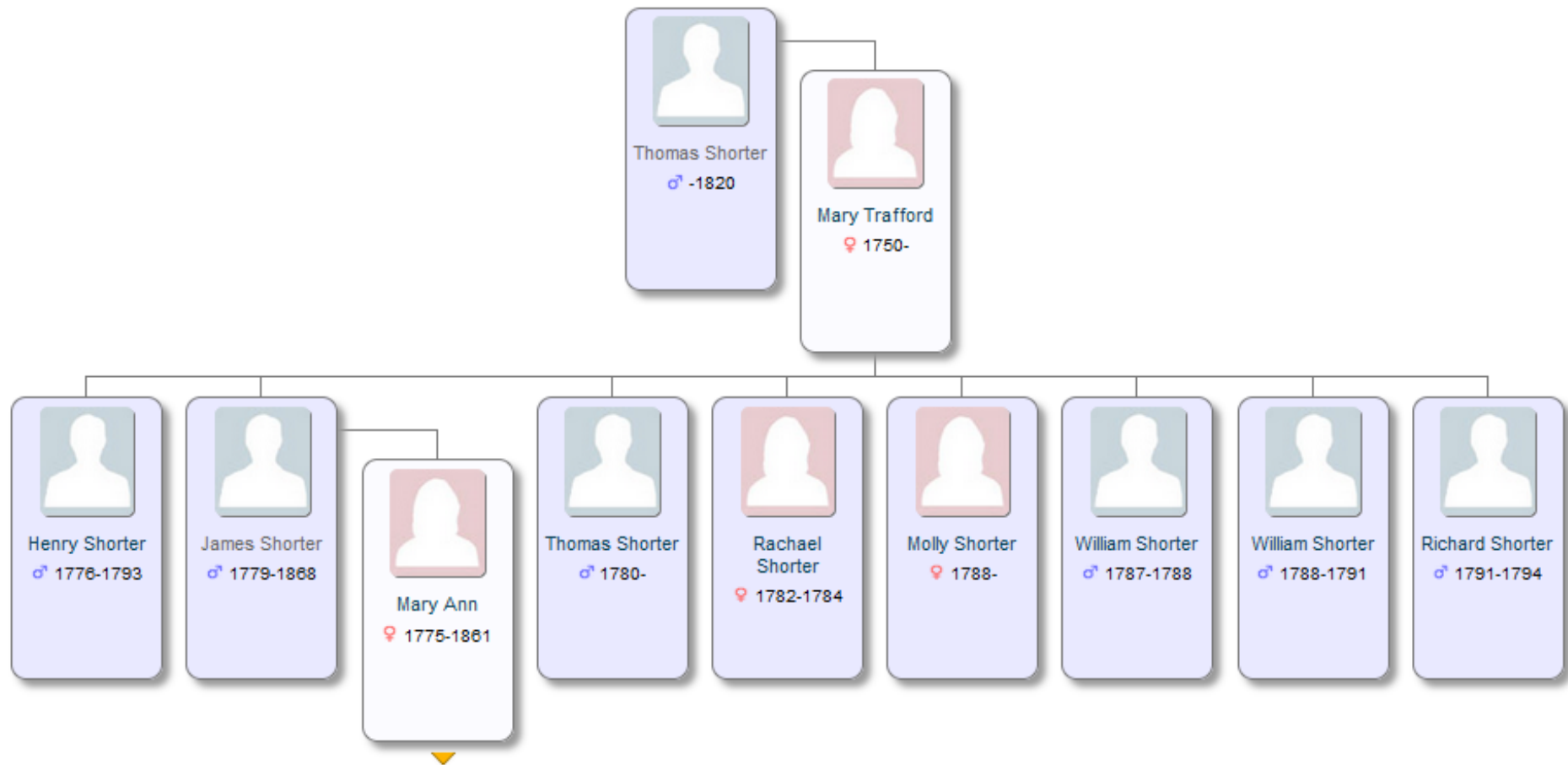


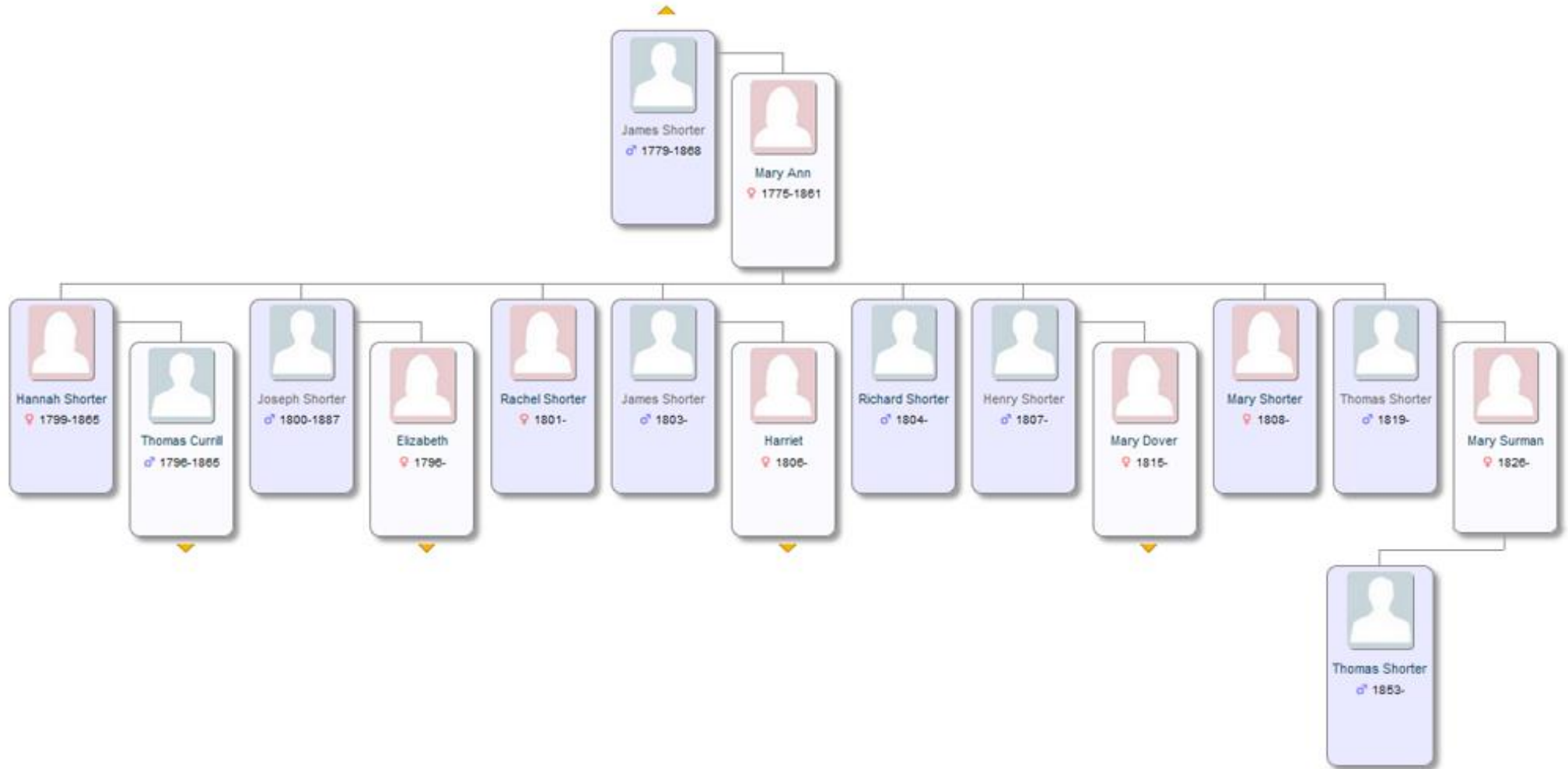
Shorter family

The main Shorter family tree starts with Thomas Shorter, birth date unknown but who died in 1820. There are 107 direct descendants from this Thomas Shorter. These are shown in the next 15 family trees.

Family Tree 1



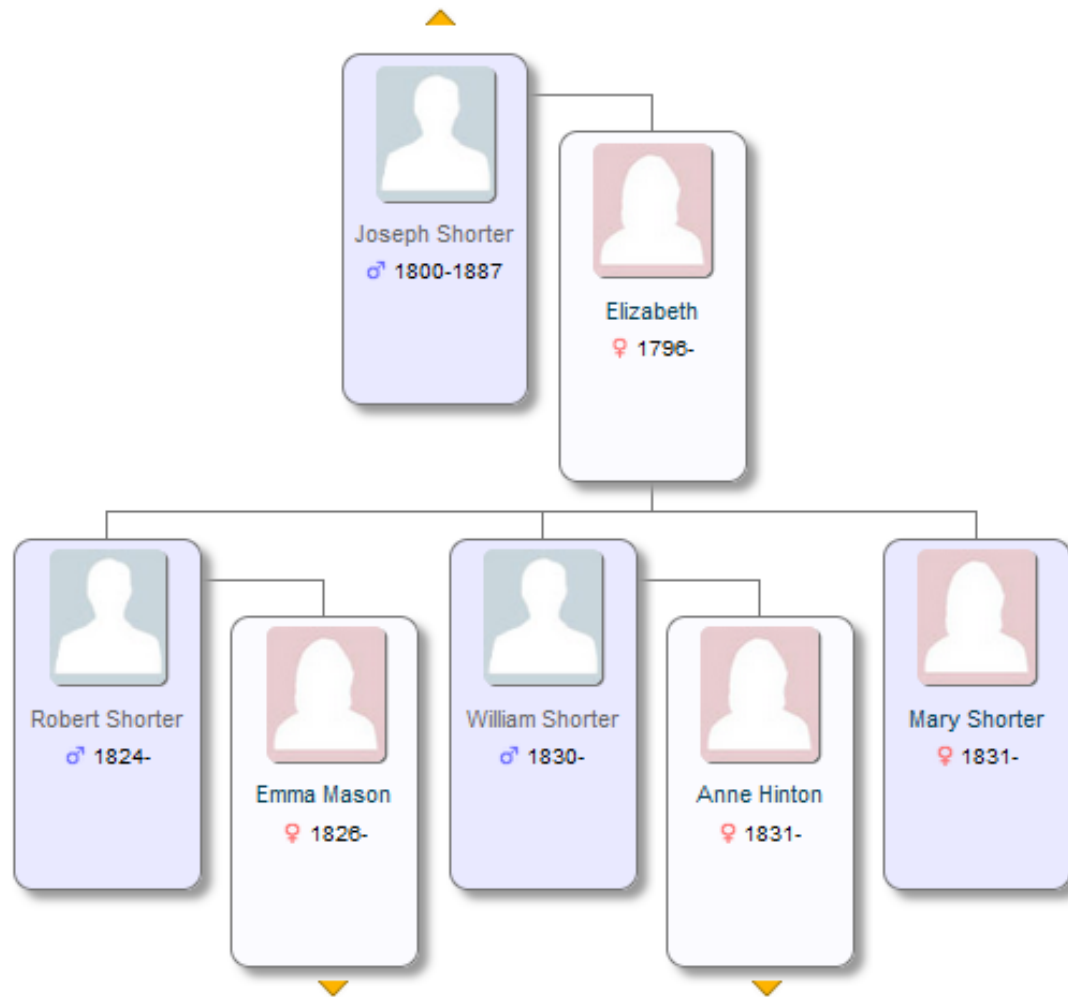
Descendants from James Shorter 1779-1868
Family Tree 2



Joseph Shorter's descendants continue on Family Tree 3
For James's descendants, go to Family Tree 10
For Henry's descendants, go to Family Tree 13

Descendants from Joseph Shorter, 1800-1887

Family Tree 3

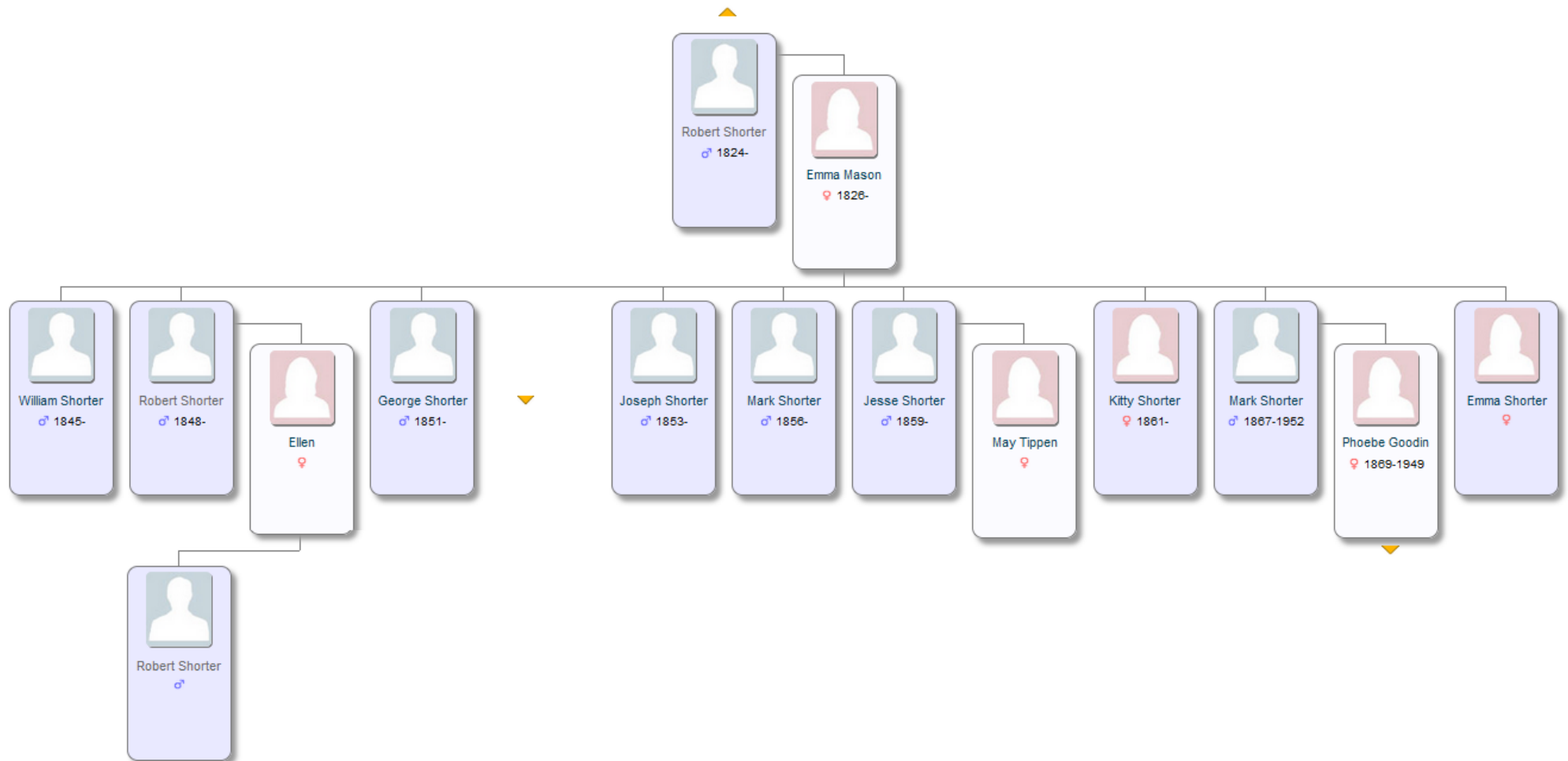


Joseph Shorter, aged 60, was shown in the 1861 census as an agricultural labourer (born in Horspath)

For Robert's descendants, go to Family Tree 4

For William's descendants, go to Family Tree 9

Descendants from Robert Shorter, born 1824
Family Tree 4



The arrow beside George Shorter shows that a daughter Bertha Shorter was born, but via an unknown partner.

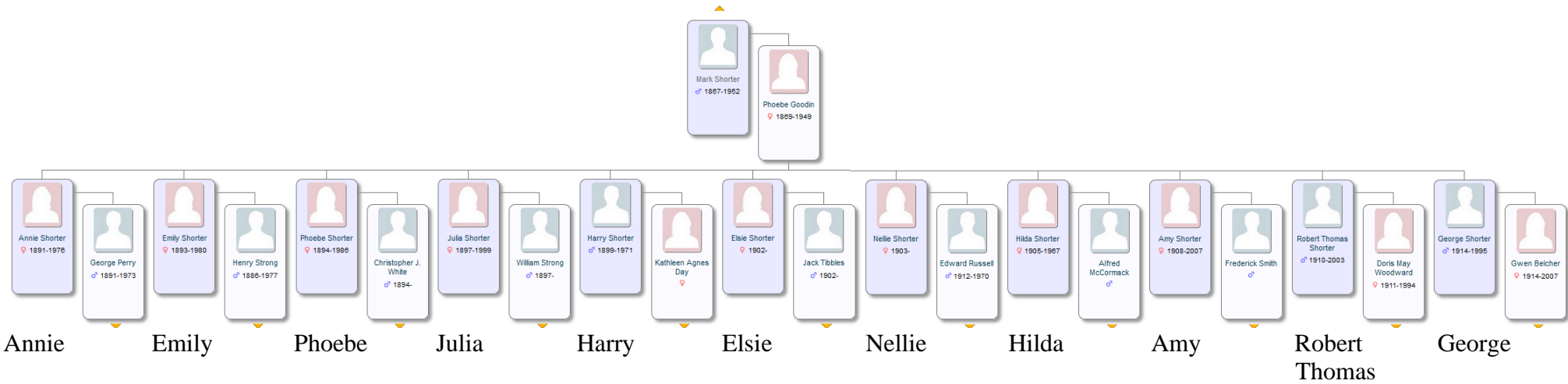
Mark Shorter was a ganger on the railway, one of 124 people employed there. For Mark's descendants, go to Family Tree 5

Wheatley Brass band outside the Red Lion in 1910.

Left to right: Mr Sturges, Joe Shorter, ?, John Sturges, Joe Smith, Mr Putt, Mr Clements, Mr Putt, Mr Shorter, Mr Putt, Jim Sturges, 'Edgar' Munt (kneeling).



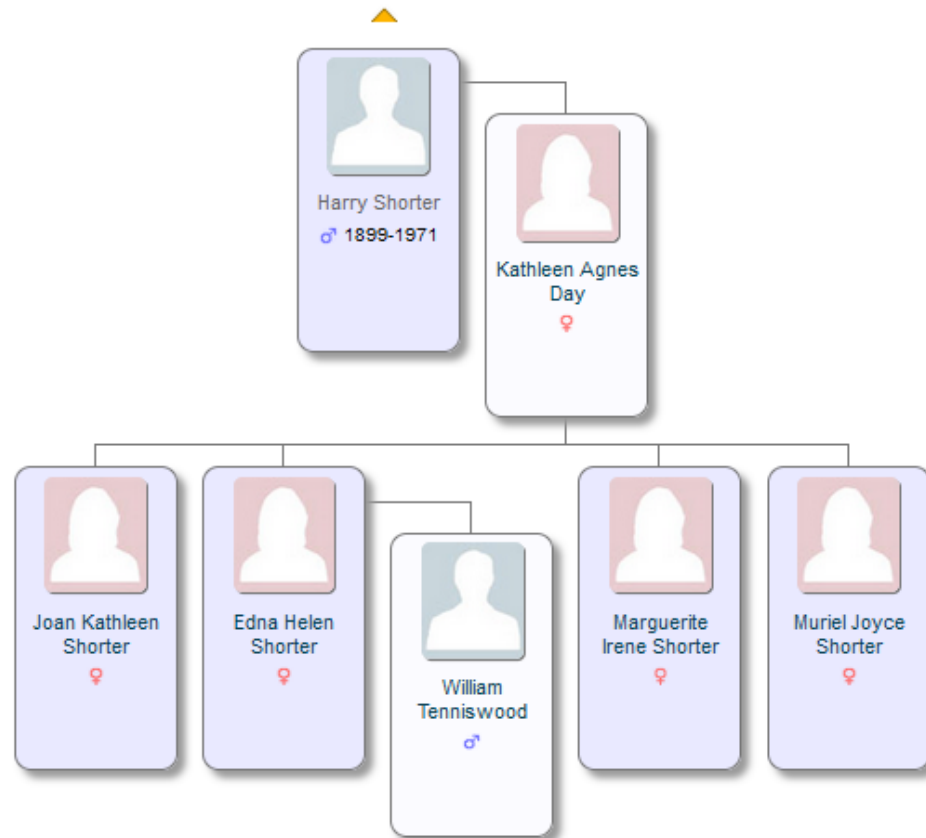
Descendants from Mark Shorter born 1867
Family Tree 5



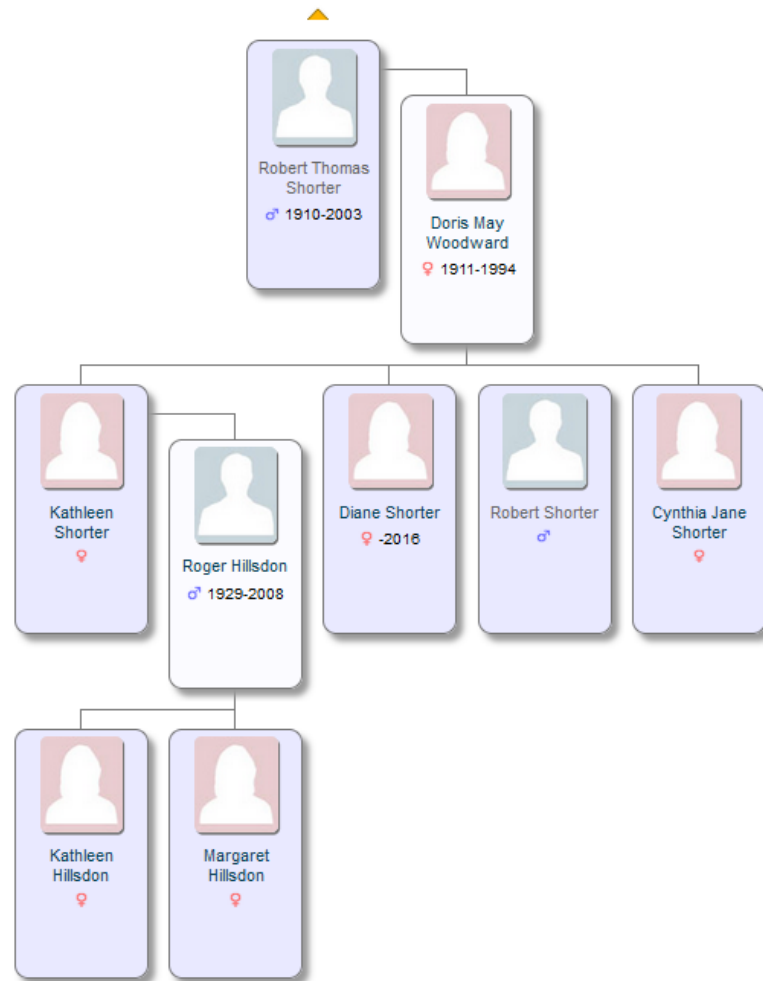
Descendants from Harry born 1899, are shown in Family Tree 6; from Robert Thomas in Family Tree 7; and from George in Family Tree 8

Descendants from Harry Shorter, born 1899

Family Tree 6

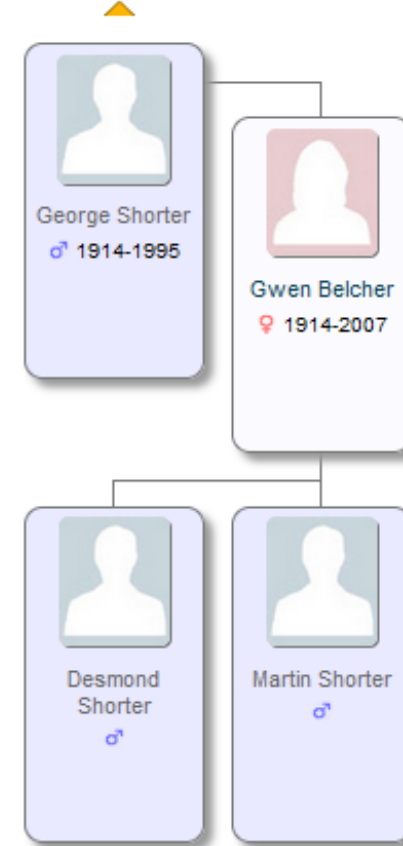


Descendants from Robert Thomas Shorter, born 1910,
Family Tree 7



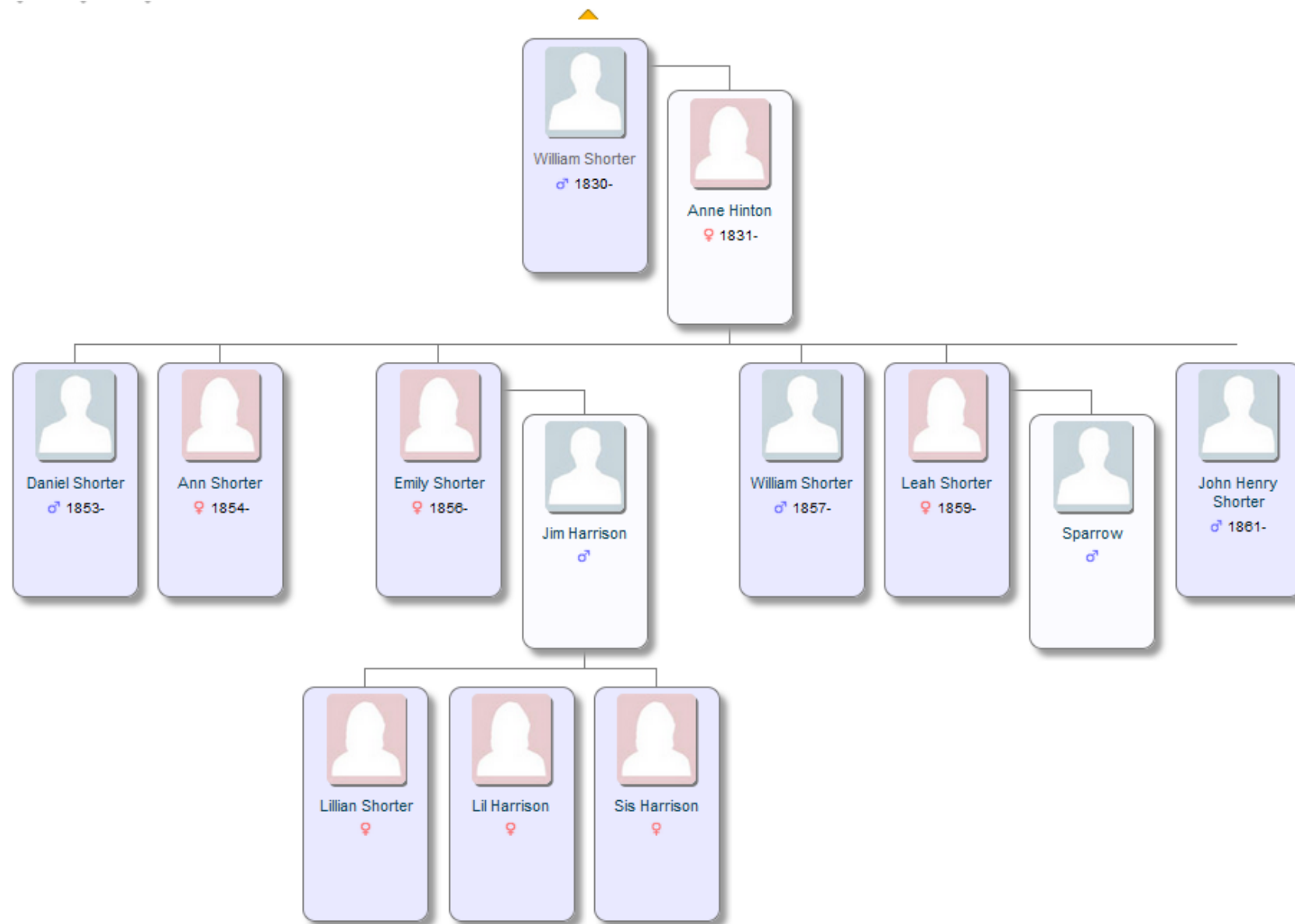
Descendants from George Shorter born 1914

Family Tree 8

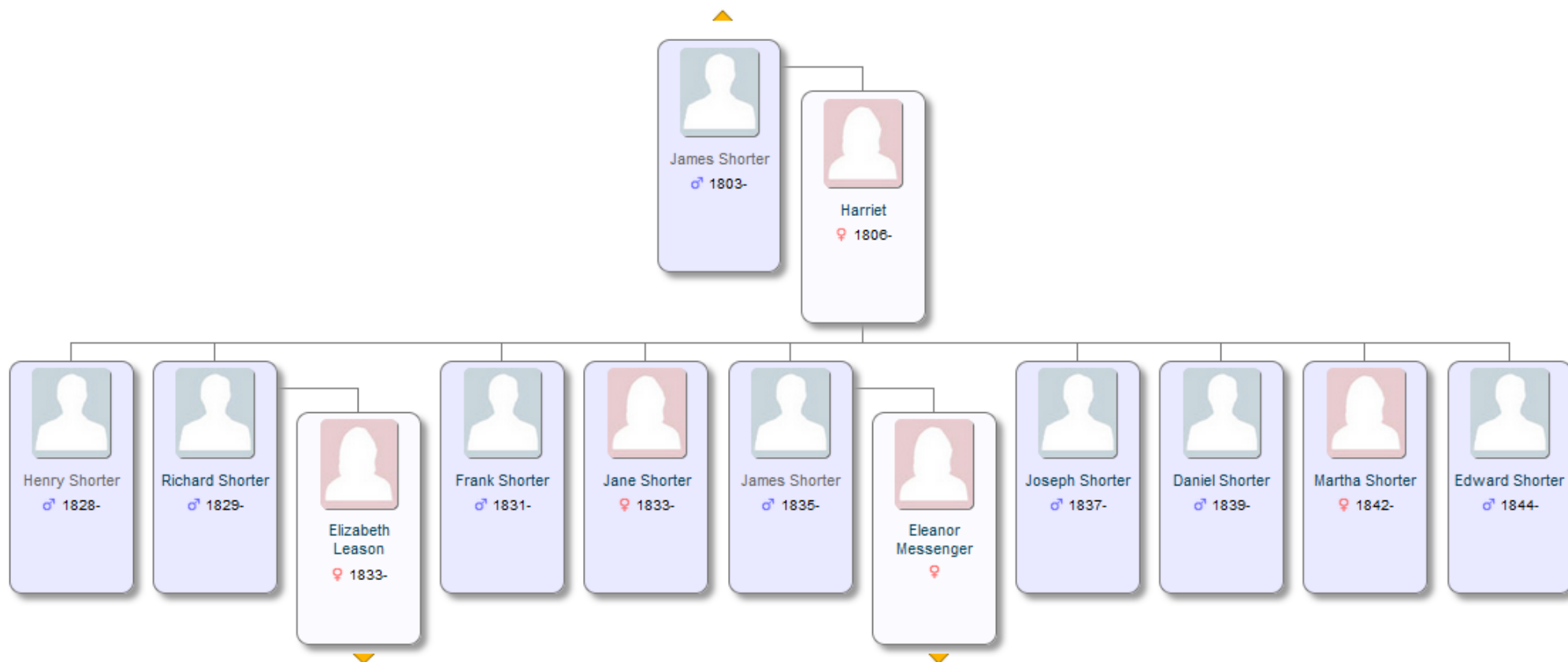


Robert Thomas Shorter (Bob) was born at 3 Shotover View, Littleworth, in 1910. He joined the Territorial Army in 1939. He and his wife, Doris, were both ardent supporters (and Standard Bearers) for the Royal British Legion.

Referring back to Family Tree 3, the next family tree shows descendants from William Shorter, born 1830
Family Tree 9



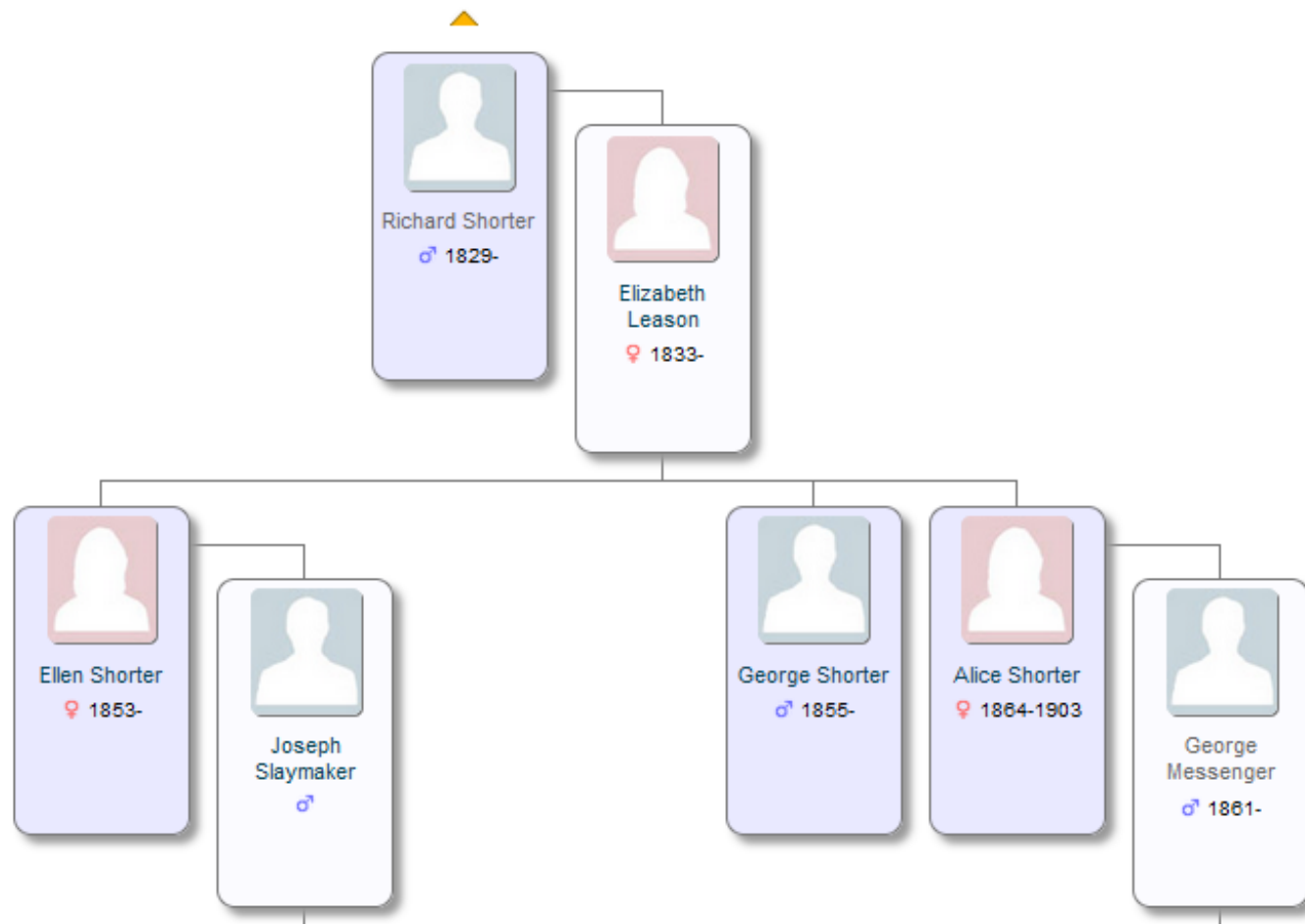
Referring back to Family Tree 2, descendants from James Shorter, born 1803, are shown in the next family tree
Family Tree 10



There is some confusion in the genealogical archive about Martha Shorter with two entries for her, one of which has her having married George Munt and having 17 children with him!

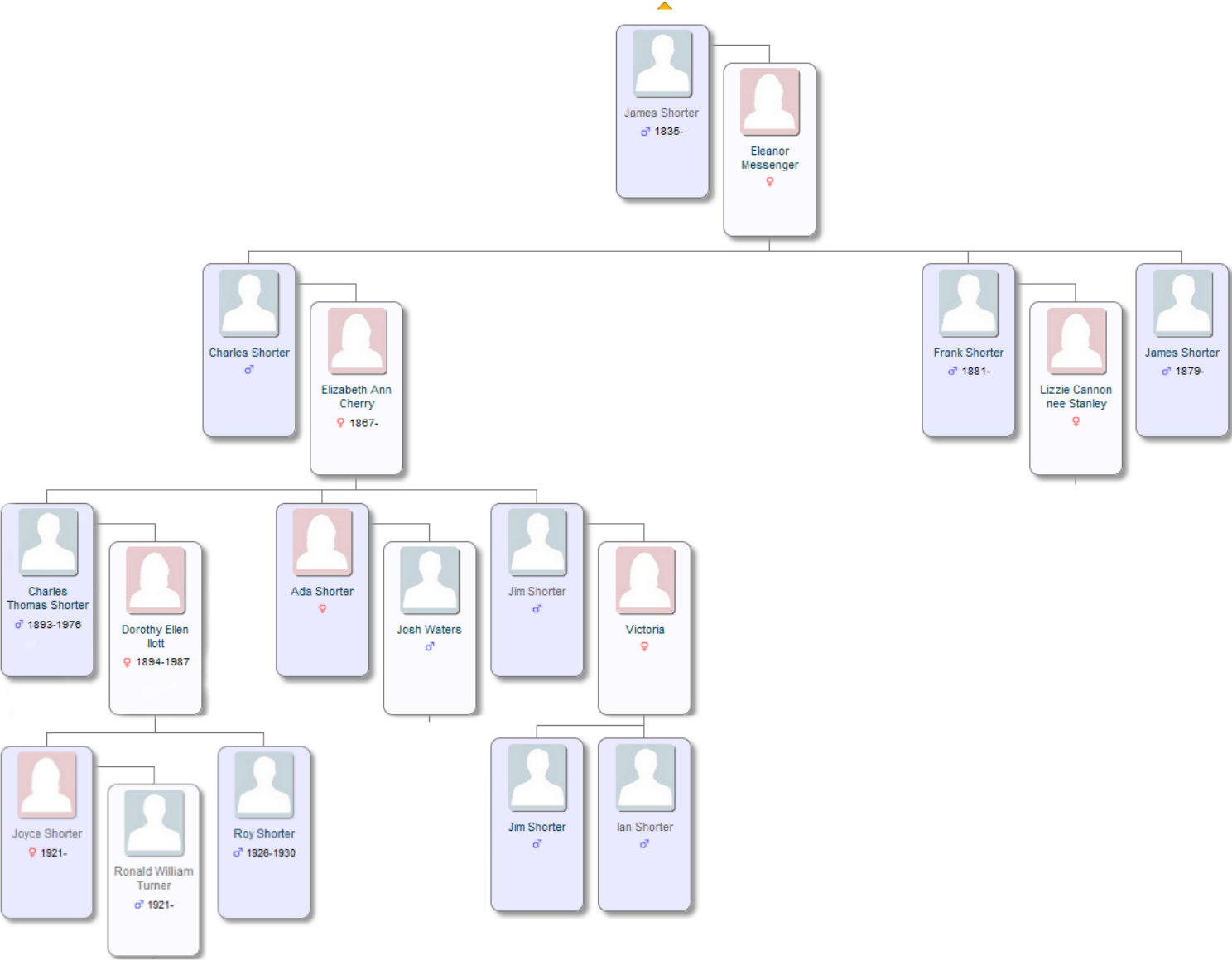
For Richard Shorter, born 1829, see Family Tree 11; For James Shorter, born 1835, see Family Tree 12

Descendants from Richard Shorter, born 1829
Family Tree 11



The links from the female lines to Slaymaker and Messenger are not shown

Descendants from James Shorter, born 1835
Family Tree 12



The female links are, again, omitted

Charles Shorter, who married Elizabeth Ann Cherry, despatched the local pigs and when he was going to do a job word travelled fast and many turned up to watch. “We would be thrown the hot trotters and we would have a chew at them, but there was very little to chew at and you could never get fat on them. The pig's bladder would be blown up, knotted and used as a football.” Elizabeth Ann made famous smocks (which she took over Shotover to sell in Oxford) as well as marvellous hog puddings.



They were one of the tenants of the Manor House. They were offered a half-acre site in London Road by Mrs Milne, the Manor house owner, when she purchased the house in 1925 as she wanted vacant possession. Charles built a house called Sunnyside, London Road, which has subsequently been demolished, but still gives its name to the cul-de-sac of houses built on the site. Later, he worked at the Pressed Steel factory in Cowley and, in his semi-retirement he worked for Samuels, the butchers in the village. They had three children, Charles Thomas, Ada and Jim.

Other plots were available for purchase here and Charles's son, Charles Thomas Shorter and his wife bought a half-acre plot adjacent to their parents' plot to the west, and it was used for growing produce, pig-sties, chicken-runs etc. Later, there was a wooden butcher's shop run by Charles Shorter, junior, who was a also butcher and slaughterman. Much later, this was in-filled and 'The Triangle' was developed.¹



Charles (junior) married Dorothy Ellen Ilott. and they had two children, Joyce and Roy, both born at Sunnyside. The latter, who was a haemophiliac, only lived until he was four years. In due course the whole property was owned by Joyce, who married Ronald William Turner.

There are many other photographs in the archive.²

¹ Acc 1563.

² Acc 1569 and 1977.

Charles Thomas Shorter, wife Dorothy, and Joyce c. 1920

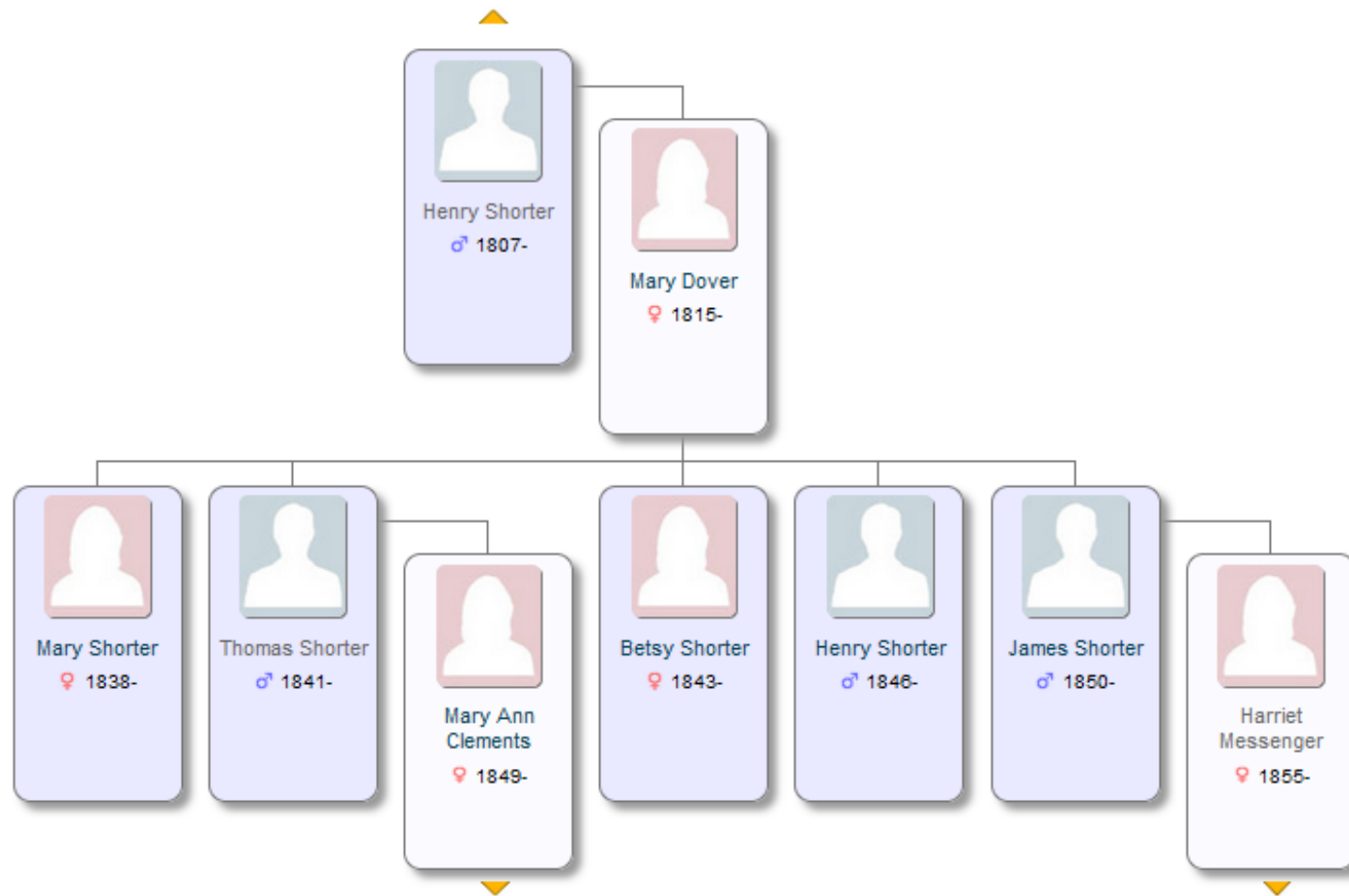


Charles Thomas Shorter, circa 1912, who worked for Ernest Alden, butchers of Oxford



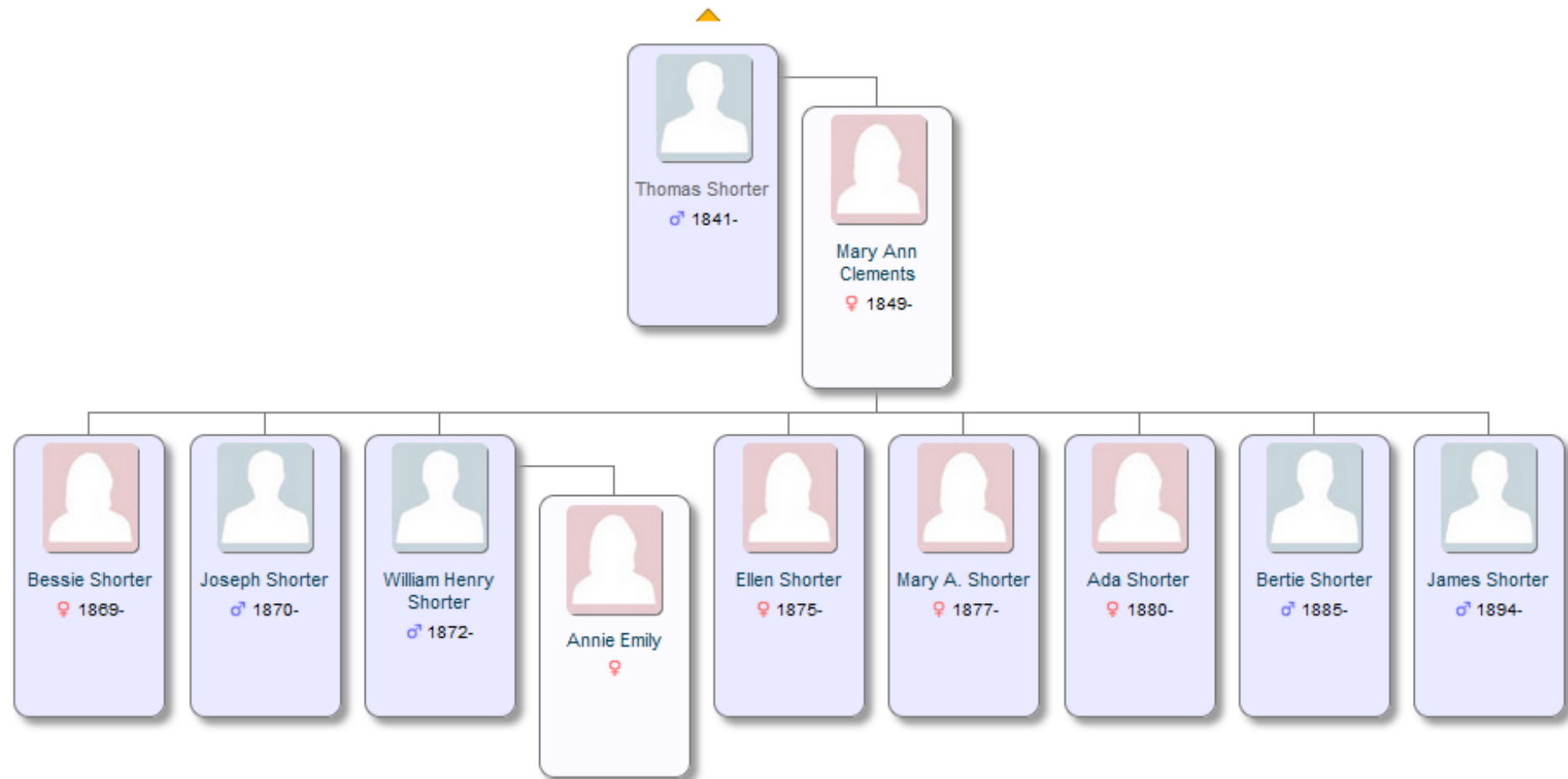
Referring back to Family Tree 2, descendants from Henry Shorter, born 1807, are shown.

Family Tree 13

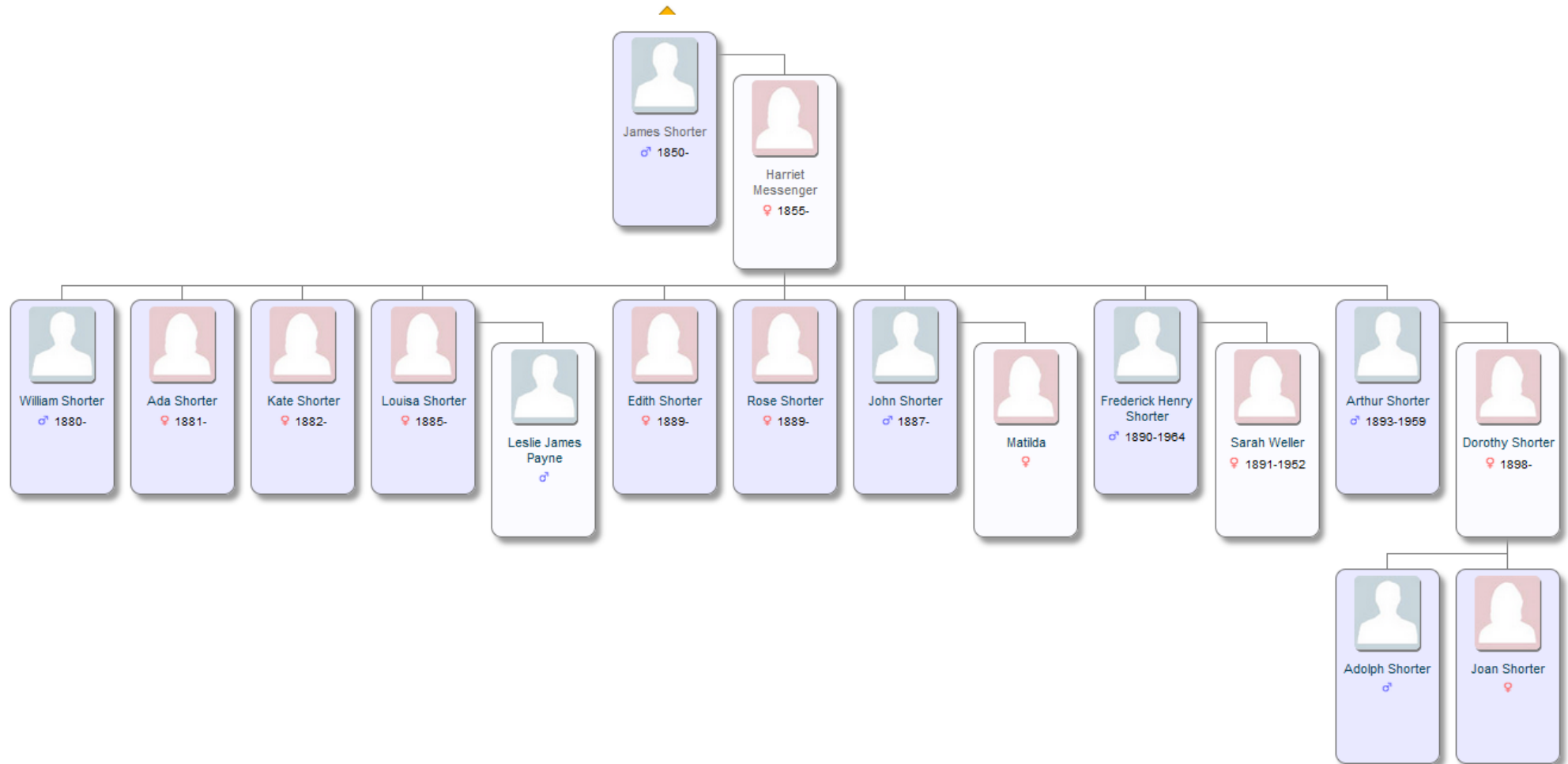


Descendants from Thomas Shorter, born 1841, are shown in Family Tree 14; and from James Shorter, born 1850, in Family Tree 15

Descendants from Thomas Shorter, born 1841
Family Tree 14



Descendants from James Shorter born 1850
Family Tree 15



The Shorters in The Great War

The text for these has been adapted from 'They Were a Wall'.

Arthur Shorter (Family Tree 15).

Baptised at Wheatley Church on 3 September 1893, son of Wheatley-born James Shorter, cowman on farm in 1901 and general labourer in 1911, and Harriet Messenger born in Garsington but said to be of Littleworth. They lived at Rock Cottage, Wheatley. In his younger days, Arthur was a houseboy (domestic). The Silver War Badge Roll Transcription has him serving as a private in the Leicester Yeomanry from 27 October 1914 until 15 March 1918. His Regimental No. was 255412 and he served overseas. He married a cousin, Dorothy, in 1920 and died in Chatham, Kent in 1959.

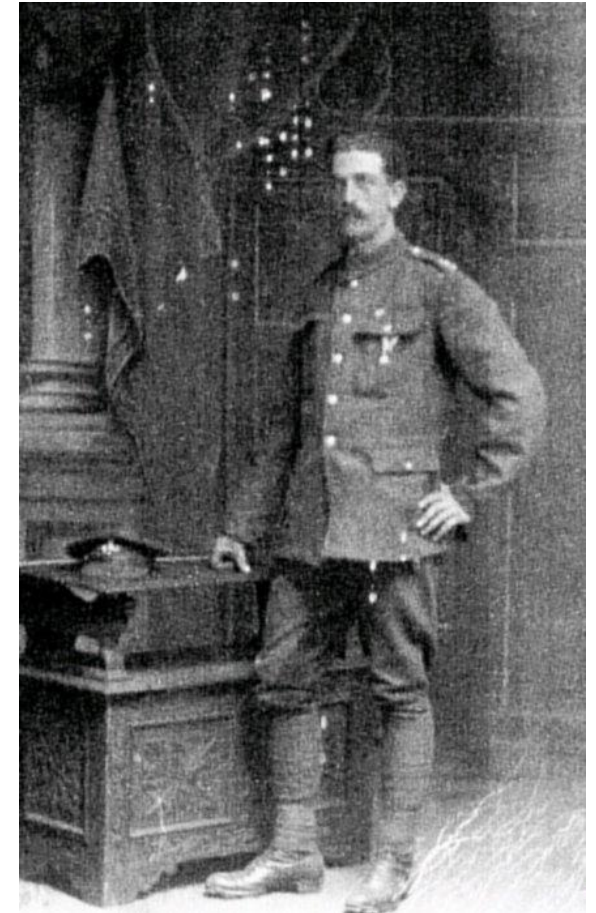
Bertie Shorter (Family Tree 14)

Born in Wheatley 1885 and baptised on 29 May 1887, son of Littleworth-born Thomas Shorter, labourer, and Mary Ann Clements. In the 1891 Census Thomas was described as having a form of paralysis. No service history recorded.

Charles Thomas Shorter (Family Tree 12)

Baptised Charles Thomas Shorter on 5 November 1893 at St Mary's Church. Eldest child of Wheatley-born Charles Shorter (senior), general labourer, and Elizabeth Ann nee Cherry, born in Deddington, Oxon. They lived in Blenheim, Wheatley in 1901. He was a butcher's errand boy for Ernest Alden in 1911, as shown earlier. The Soldiers of Oxfordshire website attributes the Regimental No. 45223 to him as Private Charles T. Shorter. He had enlisted on 10 October 1914, embarking for France on 8 September 1915. He appears to have been gassed, consequently being admitted to the General Hospital in Rouen with gas poisoning, bronchitis and neurasthenia. Charles married Dorothy Ilott in December 1919, the marriage being registered in Headington. His parents were living in the Manor House, Wheatley in 1921. He died in December 1976.

Other photographs of him were shown earlier.



Frank Shorter (Family Tree 12)

Baptised on 4 September 1881, son of James Shorter, agricultural labourer, and Eleanor Messenger, both born in Wheatley. In 1891 they lived on Bell Lane, later on Church Road. Described as a saw mill labourer in 1911, living in Blenheim, Wheatley, with Jim as then head of household. He appears to have joined the Royal Garrison Artillery as a Gunner several years before the War, being posted to Singapore for three years and Ceylon for two and being discharged in 1909. Having signed up again, his name appeared on the Roll of Honour carried by the Oxford Times on 26 September 1914. He had married a widow, Lizzie Cannon, on 13 January 1913 at St. Mary's Church.

Fred Shorter (Family Tree 15)

It is difficult to determine which of three contemporaneous Fred Shorters this was, all, like their fathers born in Wheatley. It seems most likely to be the one baptised on 2 November 1890 as Frederick Henry Shorter. He was listed in the 1901 Census as born in 1891, son of James Shorter, cowman on farm in 1901 and Harriet living on Bell Alley in 1891 and at Rock Cottage in 1911. He was buried in Wheatley Church in 1964, his wife Sarah having predeceased him in 1952. Records show that a Frederick Shorter served with the Royal Garrison Artillery with the Service nos. 848 and 292552.

James Shorter

There are two James Shorters on the Wheatley list of those serving. One may have the one born in 1879 (Family Tree 12) who served as a Sapper with the Royal Engineers in 1918, the other the one, born 1894, shown in Family Tree 14.

John Shorter (Family Tree 15)

Born in 1887 in Forest Hill, son of James and Harriet Shorter. Listed as a telegraph boy in 1901; and in 1911 as a labourer in Wellingborough, Northamptonshire..

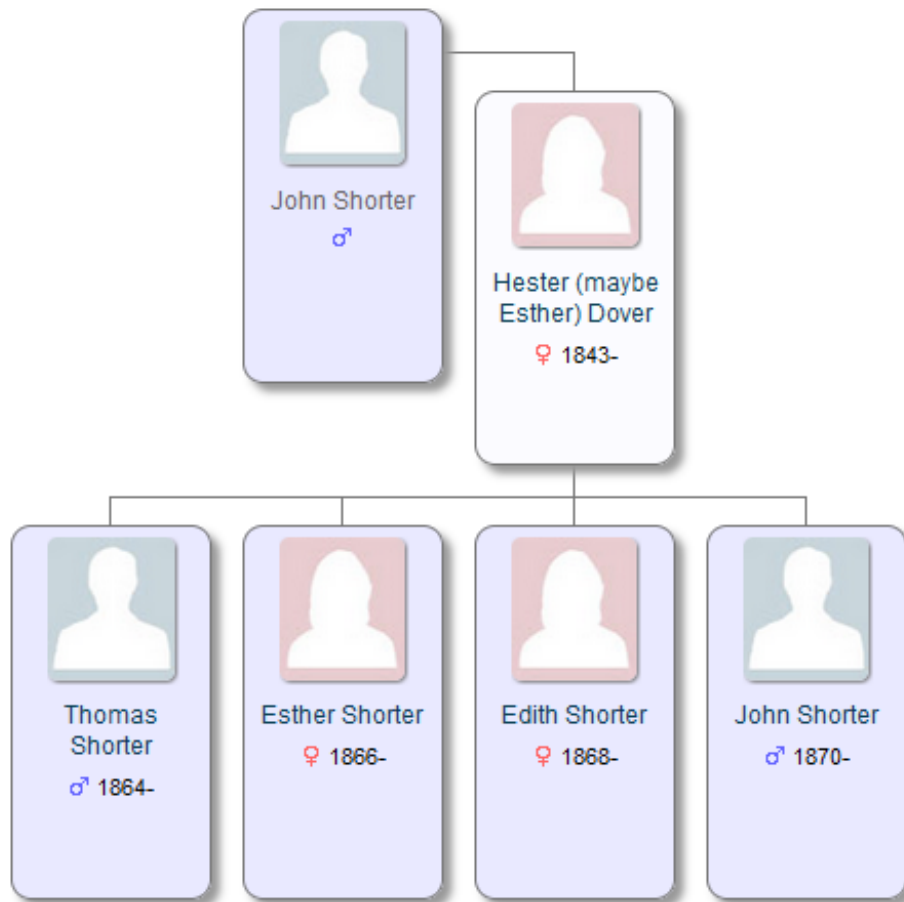
William Shorter

It is difficult to determine which of four contemporaneous William Shorters this was.

William Henry Shorter (Family Tree 14)

Probably William Henry Shorter, builder's foreman born in 1873/4 in Wheatley. In 1901 he was living at 43 Oxford Gardens, Chiswick, London with his wife Annie Emily. There is a record of service in the Grenadier Guards by a William Henry Shorter as a Private in 1917, aged 44.

There are a few other Shorters in the genealogical archive including the following small family tree, apparently unrelated to any of the above
Family Tree 16



In addition, there is a Sarah Shorter, born 1850, who married Edwards Tombs with whom she bore seven children; and an Elizabeth Shorter, birth date unknown, daughter of Thomas Shorter, dates also unknown, who married Michael Meloney who had five children with him.