

## 203-207 HIGH STREET (BETWEEN THE WARS)

As we saw in the last article, Emery Elliott was at No 7 Market Cottages (205 High Street) up to 1913<sup>1</sup>, moving to No 8 (207 High Street) in 1914<sup>2</sup>. In 1918<sup>3</sup> his wife, Sarah, joined him on the electoral register, with the lodger recorded in the 1911 census<sup>4</sup> (Henry Daniels) being added to the electoral registers in the autumn of 1919<sup>5</sup> through to 1927<sup>6</sup>. Emery appears to have died in 1938<sup>7</sup> and the following year<sup>8</sup> is the last time that Sarah is listed in the electoral registers too – the 1939 National Register recording that she was born on the 4<sup>th</sup> January 1863 and performing ‘unpaid domestic duties’.

The Elliott family feature prominently in the story of Market Cottages with not just Emery, but also his brothers Frederick and James (and their families) occupying 3 Market Cottages (197 High Street) and 5 Market Cottages (201 High Street) respectively (as we shall see in subsequent articles).

But the Elliott’s were not the only mainstay of Mrs Ogden Smith’s regular revenue – another family, the Dench’s, also feature strong with two sisters and their families living at Nos 7 and 6 Market Cottages.

The Dench family appear to have come to Old Woking via Ripley. The 1901 census<sup>9</sup> finds the family in Shackleford, Old Woking, with James Dench (51) recorded as an agricultural labourer married to Ellen (46) – both born in West Horsley.

The census lists their children as Sarah (23), James (22), Lizzie (18), Kate (14), Annie (10), George (8), Edith (6), Louise (5), and Nellie (2) – the first five all being born in West Horsley, with the other four all born in Ripley.

At the time Kate was working as a ‘printing compositor’ (presumably at Woking Mill) with Lizzie a laundry maid and James an agricultural labourer. The other thing that I should point out is that Lizzie is recorded as being ‘deaf and dumb from childbirth’ –her two youngest sisters also having the same disability.

The ages of James and Ellen would suggest that they were born in 1850 and 1855 respectively, which threw me a little when it came to tracing the family through to the 1911 census<sup>10</sup> – where I found them at 4 New Forest Cottages, Kingfield – another of Mrs Ogden Smith’s properties.

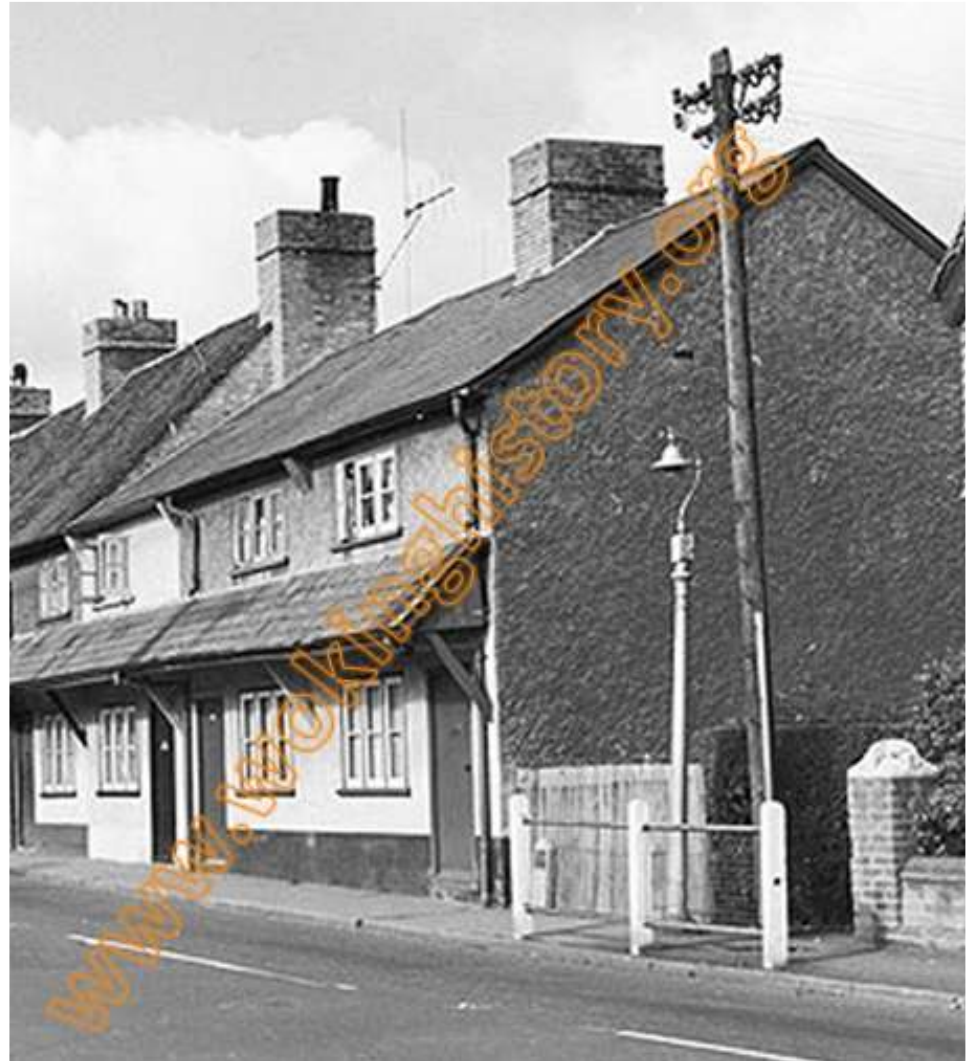
In 1911 James is recorded as being just 54 (meaning he was born in 1857), whilst Ellen was just 52 (making her birth in 1859) – but all the other details add up – their place of birth, his job, and the ages of the children (all ten years older). Just to add to the confusion I discovered in the parish registers of St Peter’s Church<sup>11</sup> that James Dench of 4 New Forest Cottages was buried on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 1922 aged 69 – making his birth year about 1853 (a nice compromise, perhaps, between 1850 and 1857)!

There were a few changes to the family by the time of the 1911 census. Sarah, Lizzie and Kate had all moved on and married – although helpfully whoever had compiled the census form had ignored the instruction to just record those present in the household on census night, and had added them all to the bottom of the form (the enumerator drawing a red line through their entries and adjusting the figures).

There was also the addition of Thomas Dench (28) who had evidently been absent in 1901, and Emily (8), who was obviously not even born when the family last filled out the census. Thomas, like both James senior and James junior was a farm labourer, Annie was now a laundress, with George an ‘under carter’ and Edith an ‘under nurse’.

Sarah, as I mentioned above, married Walter Sale, and by 1911<sup>12</sup> they were living at Sundridge Cottages, Kingfield – Walter being married to Sarah for nine years, with seven children, Frank Colyer Dench (13), Annie Kate Dench (11), Walter John Sale (8), Emily E.K. Sale (6), Alfred William Sale (4), George William Sale (2) and Ivy Edith Sale (5 months).

It is clear from the above that the first two children were born before Walter and Sarah were married - the wedding taking place at St Peter’s Church on Valentine’s Day 1902<sup>13</sup>, with the third child, Walter John, born just a few months after the wedding ceremony.



<sup>1</sup> SHC CC802/24/4

<sup>2</sup> SHC CC802/25/4

<sup>3</sup> SHC CC802/27/4

<sup>4</sup> TNA RG14/3037/156

<sup>5</sup> SHC CC802/29/4

<sup>6</sup> SHC CC802/44/4. Harry died at the age of 74 and was buried at St Peter’s Church on the 17<sup>th</sup> November 1927, his address being given as 207 High Street, Old Woking SHC WOKP/5/2

<sup>7</sup> SHC CC802/55/4

<sup>8</sup> SHC CC802/56/4

<sup>9</sup> TNA RG13/597/17

<sup>10</sup> TNA RG14/3038/42

<sup>11</sup> SHC WOKP/5/2

<sup>12</sup> TNA RG14/3038/33

<sup>13</sup> SHC WOKP/3/6

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Indeed from the record of his baptism<sup>14</sup> on the 29<sup>th</sup> November 1907, we can see that he was born on the 25<sup>th</sup> June 1902, with his sister Emily Elizabeth Sale (born on the 26<sup>th</sup> February 1905) and brother Alfred William Sale (born on the 20<sup>th</sup> April 1907) also being baptised at that time.

In fact there was actually four family baptisms that day as Annie Kate Dench, daughter of Sarah, was also baptised – her birth being recorded as the 29<sup>th</sup> May 1900.

Why they waited until 1907 for the baptisms I have no idea – nor do I know when (or if) Franck Colyer Dench (Sale) was baptised.

At the time of the baptism Walter was recorded as a carter at Hoe Bridge Road, Woking – an occupation he also held at the time of the 1911 census, but by 1914 the family had evidently moved to 7 Market Cottages, where Walter was recorded in the electoral registers in 1914<sup>15</sup> and 1915<sup>16</sup>.

Sadly he did not get to enjoy the property for long as, having signed up for the 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Queen's West Surrey Regiment at the start of the First World War, he died on the 29<sup>th</sup> September 1916 of wounds sustained on the Somme (where he is buried).

Sarah Sale continued to live at the Market Cottages until 1929<sup>17</sup>, with Frank Sale joining his mother on the electoral register in the spring of 1920<sup>18</sup>.

He last appears here in the autumn of 1924<sup>19</sup> – probably then moving to 4 New Forest Cottages, Kingfield, from where he marries Louisa Maud Caffyn

on the 21<sup>st</sup> May 1925<sup>20</sup>. By 1927<sup>21</sup> he had moved to 195 High Street (as we shall see in a later article), with in the meantime his brother Walter John Sale being listed at 205 High Street from the spring of 1924 to the following spring.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> December 1928<sup>22</sup> Emily Elizabeth Sale (23) was married to Albert Ernest Groves (22) a soldier in the 46 Battery, 10<sup>th</sup> Brigade at Deepcut (the marriage register for St Peter's Church noting her father's name as John Sale, a deceased farm labourer)

Ernest Groves appears on the electoral register in 1929<sup>23</sup>, with Emily joining him in 1930<sup>24</sup>, Sarah Sale also last being listed at 205 High Street that year.

In 1929<sup>25</sup> Sarah Smith (born 30/3/1876) appears on the register, along with James Smith (born 24/12/1878), and three of the Sale brothers, Walter John, Alfred William and George William

Walter John leaves in 1933<sup>26</sup>, with George William in 1934<sup>27</sup> (when he married<sup>28</sup> Victoria Angelina Collingham (24) of Cross Lanes Farm, Guildford Road, Woking on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December that year, George being recorded as a 'cowman', aged 26).

William Harold Sale, joins the register from 1935<sup>29</sup> until 1938<sup>30</sup>.

Stanley R Sale 1937 to 1939 (born 15/1/1915) general labourer 1939; Edward Sale 1939 (born 10/1/1911 – why not on census of 1911?) general labourer; Frank Sale (probably Frank Colyer Dench) born 15/8/1897; 1939 James Colgan (born 3/10/1912, general labourer); 1939 Leslie Crouchman born 30/1/1930; Sarah Smith May 1945 – 1955; James Smith May 1945-1962; Frank Sale May 1945 – 1948 and then 1950; Edward E Sale 1946 - 1962



The fields of the Somme – where Walter Sale was injured and died on the 29<sup>th</sup> September 1916.

<sup>14</sup> SHC 7692/1/1

<sup>15</sup> SHC CC802/25/4

<sup>16</sup> SHC CC802/26/4

<sup>17</sup> SHC CC802/46/4

<sup>18</sup> SHC CC802/30/4

<sup>19</sup> SHC CC802/39/4

<sup>20</sup> SHC 7692/1/4

<sup>21</sup> SHC CC802/44/4

<sup>22</sup> SHC 7692/1/1

<sup>23</sup> SHC CC802/46/4

<sup>24</sup> SHC CC802/47/4

<sup>25</sup> SHC CC802/46/4

<sup>26</sup> SHC CC802/50/4

<sup>27</sup> SHC CC802/51/4

<sup>28</sup> SHC 7692/1/1

<sup>29</sup> SHC CC802/52/4

<sup>30</sup> SHC CC802/55/4



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Next door to Sarah Sale (nee Dench), was her sister Lizzie or Elizabeth. She married Thomas David Inwood on the 21<sup>st</sup> November 1908.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> June 1909, their first son, Thomas David, was born and baptised at Horsell Church on the 5<sup>th</sup> September<sup>31</sup> that year – the family living at 1 Priory Cottages, Horsell Moor by the time of the 1911 Census<sup>32</sup> (when Thomas David the elder, was aged 25 and employed as a builder's labourer).

Soon after the census was taken Lizzie gave birth to another son, George (born 11<sup>th</sup> July 1911), with a daughter Rose Elizabeth, being born in August 1913.

When the First World War began it appears that her husband enlisted with the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion the Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment, and joined the front in France where on the 24<sup>th</sup> October 1915 he died at the No 10 Stationary Hospital at Saint Omer, aged just 28. He was buried at the nearby Longuenesse Souvenir Cemetery (and commemorated on both the War Memorial in St Peter's Church and on the War Memorial in Woking).



No 10 Stationary Hospital, in the chapel at St Omer, France, where Thomas David Inwood died in 1915.

A few months after her husband's death, Lizzie gave birth to another son, Mark R Inwood, on the 18<sup>th</sup> May 1916 – he being baptised along with his elder brother George and sister Elizabeth Rose at St Peter's Church on the 8<sup>th</sup> October that year<sup>33</sup>.

The 1918 electoral register<sup>34</sup> lists Lizzie Inwood as the occupier of 203 High Street, Old Woking and in the autumn of 1921<sup>35</sup> and spring of 1922<sup>36</sup> Thomas Dench (Lizzie's brother) appears in the electoral registers here, with a Bert Skinner (possibly a lodger) showing up between the spring of 1924<sup>37</sup> and the spring of 1926<sup>38</sup>.

From 1929<sup>39</sup> onwards the electoral register lists 'Lizzie' as Elizabeth, with her son, Thomas, joining her on the register in 1930<sup>40</sup> until 1933<sup>41</sup>, by which time he had married Lillian Earl (27) of 7 Temple Bar Road, St John's, on the 17<sup>th</sup> September 1932 at St Peter's Church<sup>42</sup> – his sister, Rose Elizabeth, marrying Charles William Gibbs (25) a house decorator of 5 Corrie Road on the 9<sup>th</sup> November 1935<sup>43</sup>.

By the time of that the National Register was drawn up in 1939<sup>44</sup>, there was just Elizabeth (performing unpaid domestic duties) with her sons George Inwood (a lorry driver – heavy worker) and Mark R Inwood (motor fitter, heavy worker) also being listed.

<sup>31</sup> SHC 6923/2

<sup>32</sup> TNA RG14/3036/281

<sup>33</sup> SHC 7692/1/1

<sup>34</sup> SHC CC802/27/4

<sup>35</sup> SHC CC802/33/4

<sup>36</sup> SHC CC802/34/4

<sup>37</sup> SHC CC802/38/4

<sup>38</sup> SHC CC802/42/4

<sup>39</sup> SHC CC802/46/4

<sup>40</sup> SHC CC802/47/4

<sup>41</sup> SHC CC802/50/4

<sup>42</sup> SHC 7692/1/4

<sup>43</sup> *ibid*

<sup>44</sup> TNA RG101/1933E