
William Rudland ANNESS (1817-1889)

William Rudland ANNESS, son of Lillystone ANNESS (c. 1782-c. 1865) and Ann RUDLAND (c. 1799-c. 1852), was born on 6 Apr 1817 in Shelfanger, Norfolk.¹ He was baptised on 20 Aug 1817 in Shelfanger.¹ He appeared in the census in 1841 in Shelfanger - 20, living with parents Lillystone (55, farmer) and Anne (40), siblings Mary Ann (18), Richard (15) and Selinah (7), and Elizabeth EVERETT (19).² He appeared in the census in 1851 at The Common in Shelfanger - 31, farmers son, living with parents Lillystone (68, farmer) and Ann (52), sister Selinah (17), servant Emma BROWN (14, house servant), and Leonard BURCH (19, shepherd).³ He married **Elizabeth EVERETT** on 22 Apr 1852 in Shelfanger. The marriage was witnessed by William PAGE and Hannah EVERETT.^{4,5} In 1856 the Electoral Register showed him living at Shelfanger - freehold house and land near Stocks Hill. On 1 Aug 1860 there was a newspaper report:

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George Reeve, (34,) labourer, who had pleaded guilty to burglariously entering the dwelling-house of William Rudland Anness, and stealing therefrom two shillings worth of copper coins, and who had pleaded guilty to a previous conviction, was sentenced to six years' penal servitude.

William appeared in the census in 1861 at The Street in Shelfanger - 44, grocer, living with wife Elizabeth (37).⁶ In 1865 the Electoral Register showed him living at Shelfanger - freehold house and land near Stocks Hill. In 1869 the Electoral Register showed him living at Shelfanger - freehold house and land near Stocks Hill. William appeared in the census in 1871 in Shelfanger - 53, grocer and farmer of 116 acres employing 4 men and 1 boy, living with wife Elizabeth (47).⁷ In 1873 the Electoral Register showed him living at Shelfanger - freehold house and land near Stocks Hill. In 1873 William was living in Shelfanger area A32 R2 P39, rentable value £63. In 1876 the Electoral Register showed him living at Shelfanger - freehold house and land near Stocks Hill. In 1879 the Electoral Register showed him living at Shelfanger - freehold house and land near Stocks Hill. William appeared in the census in 1881 at The Street in Shelfanger - 63, farmer of 116 acres employing 4 men and 1 boy, living with wife Elizabeth (57) and niece Selina Everett (24, grocers assistant).⁸ He died on 24 Jun 1889 in Shelfanger.^{9,10} He was buried on 29 Jun 1889 in Shelfanger - age 72 years.¹¹ He had his estate probated on 12 Aug 1889 in Norwich, Norfolk - "ANNES William Rudland. 12 August [1889]. The Will of William Rudland Anness late of Shelfanger in the County of Norfolk Farmer who died 24 June 1889 at Shelfanger was proved at Norwich by Elizabeth Anness Widow the Relict and Edward Baker Farmer both of Shelfanger and John Turner of Tibenham in the said County Farmer the Executors. Personal Estate £1,858 10s. 9d.".⁹

Elizabeth EVERETT was born c. 1824. She died c. 1915.

Sources

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