
Edward Weeks Spencer BASDEN (c. 1823-1901)

1. **Edward Weeks Spencer BASDEN**, son of William Benge BASDEN (c. 1785-c. 1872) and Sophia Binstead SHORT (c. 1786-c. 1866), was born c. 1823 in Stonehouse, Devonshire. He was baptised on 13 Apr 1823 in Stoke Damerel, Devonshire - father William Benge, pursor in the Navy, mother Sophia. He appeared in the census in 1851 at 8 Kent Terrace in Depford, London - 28, clerk at Victualling Yard (Depford), living with parents William B (65, paymaster and purser (R.N. active service) and Sophia B (64), his wife Mary H (25). He married **Mary Hanson BOORNE** c. 1851 - reg: Reading Berkshire. He appeared in the census in 1861 at 8 Tyrwitt Terrace in Greenwich, London - widower, 38, clerk at H.M. Victualling Yard (Depford), living with parents William B (76, retired R.N. Paymaster) and Sophy B (75), his son Duncan T (5), and house servants Ella HOLIDAY (21) and Sarah CRESSMAN (25). In 1862 the Electoral Register showed him living at - current address 8 Tyrwhitt Terrace, New Cross, near London, freehold land owned in Denton, land occupied by Rev. F. S. Basden. Edward married **Mary STEVENS** c. 1863 - reg: St. Neots, Huntingdonshire. In 1867 the Electoral Register showed him living at - current address 6 Groom's Hill, Greenwich, S.E., freehold land owned in Denton, land occupied by Rev. F. S. Basden. Edward appeared in the census in 1871 at The Street in Rickingham Superior, Suffolk - 48, auditor of accounts Civil Service, living with wife Mary (43), children Duncan F (15, scholar), Alfred J (14, scholar), Ada M S (12, scholar) and Harrald S (5, scholar), and servants Rose E ALCOCK (22, cook) and Maria KEMP (15, housemaid). In the 1873 England and Wales Return of Owners of Land he owned land in Norfolk - area: A.3 (1.21404 hectares); rentable value: £6. In 1875 the Electoral Register showed him living at - currently living in Botesdale, Suffolk, freehold land owned in Denton, land occupied by Rev. F. S. Basden. Edward appeared in the census in 1881 at Fox Yard, End Way in Rivenhall, Essex - 58, civil service admiralty clerk Royal Victoria Yard retired, living with wife Mary (53) children Ada S (22) and Harold S (15, scholar), and servants Jesse CHEVERTON (18, cook) and Ellen TOKELEY (16, housemaid). In 1885 the Electoral Register showed him living at - currently living in Rivenhall, Essex, freehold land owned in Denton, land occupied by Rev. F. S. Basden. In the London Gazette on 5 Jun 1888 the following notice appeared:

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Partnership formerly subsisting between us the undersigned, Arthur Charles Wilkin, Edward Weeks Spencer Basden, and Basil Arnold Smith, carrying on business at Tiptree, Essex, as the Britannia Fruit Preserving Company, was dissolved, by effluxion of time, on the 17th day of April, 1888. All debts due to and owing by the said late firm will be received and paid by the said Arthur Charles Wilkin, who resides at Tiptree Heath aforesaid. - Dated this 26th day of May, 1888.

A. C. Wilkin
E. W. S. Basden
B. A. Smith

[Notes: effluxion is the end of an agreed length of time; the Britannia Fruit Preserving Company is still in existence but now known as Wilkin and Sons Ltd, Tiptree Essex England.]

Edward appeared in the census in 1891 at 21 Weighton Road in Penge, Surrey - widower, 67, civil service senior clerk Royal Victoria Yard (retired), living with daughter Ada M S (32), son and daughter-in-law Duncan F (35, chartered accountant) and Margaret H (29), their children Margaret M (5), Estelle H (3) and Edward P (2), and servants Jane E CHARLES (28, cook), Sarah A CHAMBERLAIN (23, general servant), Martha FISK (21, housemaid) and Ellen L RICHARD (20, nurse maid). He appeared in

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the census in 1901 at The Street in Dedham, Essex - widower, 78, retired civil servant clerk, living with his son and daughter-in-law Alfred J (44, Congregational Minister) and Mary S (38), their son Alfred F S (2), daughter Ada M S (42), Alfred's aunt Sophia J E (widow, 85), and servants Lily SEGGETT (17, nurse domestic) and Rose GRIMWOOD (16, general servant). He died on 14 Dec 1901 in Walsham le Willows, Suffolk - at the house of his brother. On 20 Dec 1901 there was a newspaper report in the Diss Express:

DEATHS

BASDEN. - December 14th, at then house of his brother, Walsham-le-Willows, Edward Weeks Spencer Basden, aged 78 years.

Mary Hanson BOORNE was born c. 1825. She died c. 1859. She and Edward Weeks Spencer BASDEN had the following children:

- +2 Charles Edward Boorne BASDEN (c. 1852-c. 1870)
- +3 William Ernest BASDEN (c. 1853-c. 1854)
- +4 Duncan Fred BASDEN (c. 1855-c. 1944)
- +5 Alfred James BASDEN (c. 1857-c. 1945)
- +6 Ada Mary Sophia BASDEN (c. 1859-c. 1903)

Mary STEVENS was born c. 1827. She died c. 1884. She and Edward Weeks Spencer BASDEN had the following children:

- +7 Spencer Stevens BASDEN (c. 1864-c. 1864)
- +8 Harold Stevens BASDEN (c. 1866-c. 1942)
- +9 Estelle Fanny BASDEN (c. 1869-c. 1870)

Second Generation

2. **Charles Edward Boorne BASDEN**, son of Edward Weeks Spencer BASDEN and Mary Hanson BOORNE, was born c. 1852. He died c. 1870.
3. **William Ernest BASDEN**, son of Edward Weeks Spencer BASDEN and Mary Hanson BOORNE, was born c. 1853. He died c. 1854.
4. **Duncan Fred BASDEN**, son of Edward Weeks Spencer BASDEN and Mary Hanson BOORNE, was born c. 1855 in New Cross, London. He died c. 1944.
5. **Alfred James BASDEN**, son of Edward Weeks Spencer BASDEN and Mary Hanson BOORNE, was born c. 1857 in New Cross. He died c. 1945.
6. **Ada Mary Sophia BASDEN**, daughter of Edward Weeks Spencer BASDEN and Mary Hanson BOORNE, was born c. 1859 in New Cross. She died c. 1903.
7. **Spencer Stevens BASDEN**, son of Edward Weeks Spencer BASDEN and Mary STEVENS, was born c. 1864. He died c. 1864.

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8. **Harold Stevens BASDEN**, son of Edward Weeks Spencer BASDEN and Mary STEVENS, was born c. 1866 in New Cross. He died c. 1942.
9. **Estelle Fanny BASDEN**, daughter of Edward Weeks Spencer BASDEN and Mary STEVENS, was born c. 1869. She died c. 1870.