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## Rachel BECKETT (1821-1896)

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1. **Rachel BECKETT**, daughter of James BECKETT (c. 1773-1849) and Mary BARNARD (c. 1781-1845), was born on 2 Jul 1821 in Tharston. She was baptised on 8 Jul 1821 in Tharston. She appeared in the census in 1841 in Tharston - 15, living in the household of Elizabeth RIX (60). She appeared in the census in 1851 in Tharston - 27, living with brother James (37, farmer of 48 acres employing 3 labourers). She appeared in the census in 1861 at The Street in Needham, Norfolk - 30, housekeeper, living in the household of Samuel TAYLOR (67, farmer of 33 acres employing 1 man). She appeared in the census in 1871 at By the Common in Wacton, Norfolk - 44, farmer of 200 acres, living with visitor Ann J HARRISON (34) and servants Caroline GIRLING (25, general servant), Louisa LIGHTNING (17, general servant) and William NICHOLS (15, farm servant). In the 1873 England and Wales Return of Owners of Land she owned land in Norfolk - she was living in Tharston and owned land area A.3 P.1 R.6 (1.33 Hectares), rentable value £11. She appeared in the census in 1881 in Tharston - 54, farmer of 45 acres employing 2 men, living with servant Sarah SMITH (14, general servant). She appeared in the census in 1891 at The Street in Tharston - 65, farmer, living with servant Amelia ROBERTS (15, domestic servant). She died on 21 Jan 1896 in Tharston. She was buried on 27 Jan 1896 in Tharston. She is commemorated in St. Mary's Churchyard Tharston- "IN MEMORY OF • RACHEL BECKETT • WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE • JAN. 21ST 1896 • AGED 74 YEARS • THE LORD GAVE AND THE LORD HATH TAKEN AWAY. BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD". She had her estate probated on 1 Jan 1897 in London - "BECKETT Rachel of Tharston Norfolk spinster died 21 January 1896 Probate London 1 January to Alfred John Browne Kett and John Barnard farmers. Effects £596 0s. 11d."

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## Second Generation

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2. **James BECKETT**, son of James BECKETT and Elizabeth WATSON, was born c. 1773 in Tharston. He was baptised on 23 May 1773 in Tharston. He and Mary BARNARD had marriage banns published on 9 Sep 1804 in Tharston - other dates were 16.09.1804 and 23.09.1804. He married her on 8 Oct 1804 in Bunwell - witnesses were Elizabeth BARNARD and Thomas OAKLEY. He appeared in the census in 1841 in Tharston - 65, farmer, living with wife Mary (60), children Sarah (25, female servant) and James (25, male servant), and John BECKETT (60, agricultural labourer). He died on 21 Mar 1849 in Tharston. He was buried on 28 Mar 1849 in Tharston. He is commemorated in St. Mary's Churchyard Tharston- "IN MEMORY OF MARY THE WIFE OF JAMES BECKETT WHO DIED FEB 1ST 1845 AGED 65 YEARS [THREE LINES ILLEGIBLE] ALSO OF JAMES BECKETT HER AFFECTIONATE HUSBAND WHO DIED MARCH 21ST 1849 AGED 75 YEARS [FIVE LINES ILLEGIBLE]".
3. **Mary BARNARD** was born c. 1781. She appeared in the census in 1841 in Tharston - 609, living with husband James (65, farmer), children Sarah (25, female servant) and James (25, male servant), and John BECKETT (60, agricultural labourer). She died on 1 Feb 1845 in Tharston. She was buried on 6 Feb 1845 in Tharston. She is commemorated in St. Mary's Churchyard Tharston- "IN MEMORY OF MARY THE WIFE OF JAMES BECKETT WHO DIED FEB 1ST 1845 AGED 65 YEARS [THREE LINES ILLEGIBLE] ALSO OF JAMES BECKETT HER AFFECTIONATE HUSBAND WHO DIED MARCH 21ST 1849 AGED 75 YEARS [FIVE LINES ILLEGIBLE]". She and James BECKETT had the following children:

*Sarah BECKETT (-1891). Sarah appeared in the census in 1841 in Tharston - 25, female servant, living with parents James (65, farmer) and Mary (60), brother James (25, male servant), and John BECKETT (60, agricultural labourer). She died on 23 Aug 1891 in Metfield, Suffolk. She was buried on 2 Sep 1891 in Tharston - living in Metfield, Suffolk at the time of her death. She is commemorated in St. Mary's Churchyard Tharston- "IN AFFECTIONATE REMEMBRANCE OF • SARAH BECKETT • DAUGHTER OF THE LATE • JAMES & MARY BECKETT • BORN FEB. 7TH 1870 [?] • DIED AUG. 23RD 1891".*

*James BECKETT (1813-1870). James was born on 13 Jul 1813 in Tharston. He was baptised on 8 Aug 1813 in Tharston. He appeared in the census in 1841 in Tharston - 25, male servant, living with parents James (65, farmer) and Mary (60), sister Sarah (25, female servant), and John BECKETT (60, agricultural labourer). He appeared in the census in 1851 in Tharston - 37, farmer of 48 acres employing 3 labourers, living with sister Rachel (27). He married Sarah STANLEY on 28 Sep 1852 in Pulham St. Mary Magdalen - witnesses were Rachel BECKETT and George EVERETT. He appeared in the census in 1861 at Wacton Hall Farm, Moulton in Moulton - 47, farmer of 233 acres employing 6 men, living with wife Sarah (47) and servants Harriet GIRLING (18, dairy maid), Ann MEARS (16, housemaid), William MEARS (22, carter), Walter LONG (15, cowboy) and George DADE (14, cowboy). He died on 27 Dec 1870 in Tharston. He was buried on 4 Jan 1871 in Tharston. He is commemorated in St. Mary's Churchyard Tharston- "JAMES BECKETT FORMERLY OF THIS PARISH LATE OF WACTON HALL WHO DIED ON THE 27TH DAY OF DECEMBER 1870 IN THE 51ST [thought it should have read in his 57th year] YEAR OF HIS AGE SARAH / THE WIFE OF JAMES BECKETT OF WACTON HALL WHO DIED ON THE 17TH DAY OF AUGUST 1861 IN THE 49TH YEAR OF HER*

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Sophia BECKETT (1815-1847). *Sophia was born on 24 Jul 1815 in Tharston. She was baptised on 20 Aug 1815 in Tharston. She died on 30 Oct 1847 in Tharston. She was buried on 6 Nov 1847 in Tharston. She is commemorated in St. Mary's Churchyard Tharston- "IN MEMORY OF • SOPHIA • the Daughter of • JAMES & MARY BECKETT • who died October 30TH • 1847 • Aged 32 Years • He need not come you know my dear • He is in heaven and he is here • And this is what he wants to do • To put his spirit into you • He came to earth came down from heaven • He died that we might be forgiven • And this is what you must believe • Those who repent he will receive • BE REALLY SORROW AND RELY ON JESUS CHRIST WHO CAME TO DIE AND [.....] TO HAVE YOUR SINS FORGIVEN AND [.....] WILL TAKE YOU ON TO HEAVEN".*

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## Third Generation

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4. **James BECKETT** married Elizabeth WATSON on 30 Sep 1772 in Tharston - married by licence, witnesses were John BROWNE and Timothy COLEMAN.

5. **Elizabeth WATSON** has few details recorded about her. She and James BECKETT had the following children:

2 James BECKETT (c. 1773-1849)

John BECKETT (c. 1775- ). *John was born c. 1775 in Tharston. He was baptised on 5 Feb 1775 in Tharston.*

Elizabeth BECKETT (c. 1777- ). *Elizabeth was born c. 1777 in Tharston. She was baptised on 16 Nov 1777 in Tharston.*

Ann BECKETT (c. 1779- ). *Ann was born c. 1779 in Tharston. She was baptised on 6 Oct 1779 in Tharston. She and Charles SEWELL had marriage banns published on 6 Sep 1801 in Tharston - other dates were 13.09.1801 and 20.09.1801. She married him on 21 Nov 1801 in Tharston - witnesses were George COLEMAN and Elizabeth RIX.*

Dorothy BECKETT (c. 1781-c. 1797). *Dorothy was born c. 1781 in Tharston. She was baptised on 28 Oct 1781 in Tharston. She died c. 1797 in Tharston. She was buried on 11 May 1797 in Tharston.*

Samuel BECKETT (1783- ). *Samuel was born on 9 Mar 1783 in Tharston. He was baptised on 17 Mar 1783 in Tharston.*

William BECKETT (1784-c. 1785). *William was born on 4 Nov 1784 in Tharston. He was baptised on 7 Nov 1784 in Tharston. He died c. 1785 in Tharston. He was buried on 24 Feb 1785 in Tharston - an infant.*

Walter BECKETT (1786-c. 1853). *Walter was born on 31 Mar 1786 in Tharston. He was baptised on 9 Apr 1786 in Tharston. He appeared in the census in 1841 in Tharston - 50, living in the household of William SMITH (30, carpenter). He appeared in the census in 1851 in Tharston - 63, agricultural labourer, living in the household of Ann SEAMAN (53, farmer of 6 acres employing 1 labourer [Walter BECKETT?] and 1 boy). He died c. 1853 in Tharston. He was buried on 26 May 1853 in Tharston.*