Francis DIX (1814-)

Francis DIX, son of Robert DIX (c. 1776-c. 1842) and Elizabeth SHIPLEY (c. 1772-), was born on 20 Apr 1814 in Dickleburgh, Norfolk. On 20 Apr 1814 a non-conformist record registered he was born to Robert and Elizabeth on 20.04.1814, registered at the Wymondham and Tivetshall guarterly Quaker meeting. Francis appeared in the census in 1841 at The Moor in Dickleburgh - 25, farmer, living with Hannah (30, independent, his wife?), Elizabeth KING (65), and servants John TILLET (40), James ADAMS (20), Mary BROWN (20) and Kezia THROWER (25). In 1845 the Electoral Register showed him living at in Dickleburgh - a £50 occupier of property by The Moor. Francis appeared in the census in 1851 at The Moor in Dickleburgh - 36, farmer of 304 acres employing 12 labourers, living with farm pupil William I MUSKETT (27), and servants James MILLS (23, farm servant), Esau VYSE (20, farm servant), Ann RUTH (23, dairy maid) and Caroline HAMMOND (17, house servant). In 1855 the Electoral Register showed him living at in Dickleburgh - a £50 occupier of property on The Moor. Francis appeared in the census in 1861 at The Moor in Dickleburgh - widower, 48, farmer of 249 acres employing 9 labourers and 3 boys, living with housekeeper Mary HAGGITT (56), and servants Jane CASHMORE (23) and Robert HUGGANS (16). In 1865 the Electoral Register showed him living at in Dickleburgh - a £50 occupier of property on The Moor. Francis appeared in the census in 1871 at The Moor in Dickleburgh - 56, farmer of 255 acres employing 9men and 2 boys, also a landowner, living with housekeeper Eliza ELSEY (32) and servants Harriett POTTER (23), Esther HURRY (16) and Richard GARROD (59). In the 1873 England and Wales Return of Owners of Land he owned land in Norfolk - he was living in Dickleburgh and owned A.28 R.0 P.28 of land, rentable value £56 5s. In 1875 the Electoral Register showed him living at in Dickleburgh - a £50 occupier of property on The Moor. Francis appeared in the census in 1881 at Dickleboro House Essex Street in Heigham Norwich, Norfolk - widower, 66, retired farmer, living with visitor Elizabeth DIX (53, income derived from houses), and Martha SAUNDERS (38, general domestic servant). In 1885 the Electoral Register showed him living at Essex Street in Heigham, Norwich - owning a freehold house and land at The Moor (Dickleburgh with Langmere). Francis appeared in the census in 1891 at 1 Essex Street in Heigham Norwich - widower, 76, living on own means, living with cousin Elizabeth Ladd DIX (63, living on own means), and Ellen MILLS (30, general domestic servant). In 1895 the Electoral Register showed him living at Essex Street in Heigham - owning a freehold house and land at The Moor (Dickleburgh with Langmere). In 1901 the Electoral Register showed him living at Essex Street in Heigham - owning a freehold house and land at The Moor (Dickleburgh with Langmere). Francis appeared in the census in 1901 at 1 Essex Street in Heigham Norwich - widower, 86, living on own means, living with cousin Elizabeth Ladd DIX (73, living on own means), and servants Rosamond HUBBARD (34, cook) and Gertrude ROSE (13, housemaid). On 22 Jul 1902 a non-conformist record registered his death on 22.07.1902, aged 88, in Norwich (Quaker). Francis had his estate probated on 2 Oct 1902 in London - "DIX Francis of 1 Essex-street Heigham Norwich died 22 July 1902 Probate London 2 October [1902] to Alfred Muskett retired bank-manager and Elizabeth Ladd Dix spinster. Effects £5166 6s. 9d. Resworn May 1903 £4973-11-7.".

The 1841 and 1851 Census returns shows Francis as married but by 1861 was listed as widowed. No marriage can be found.