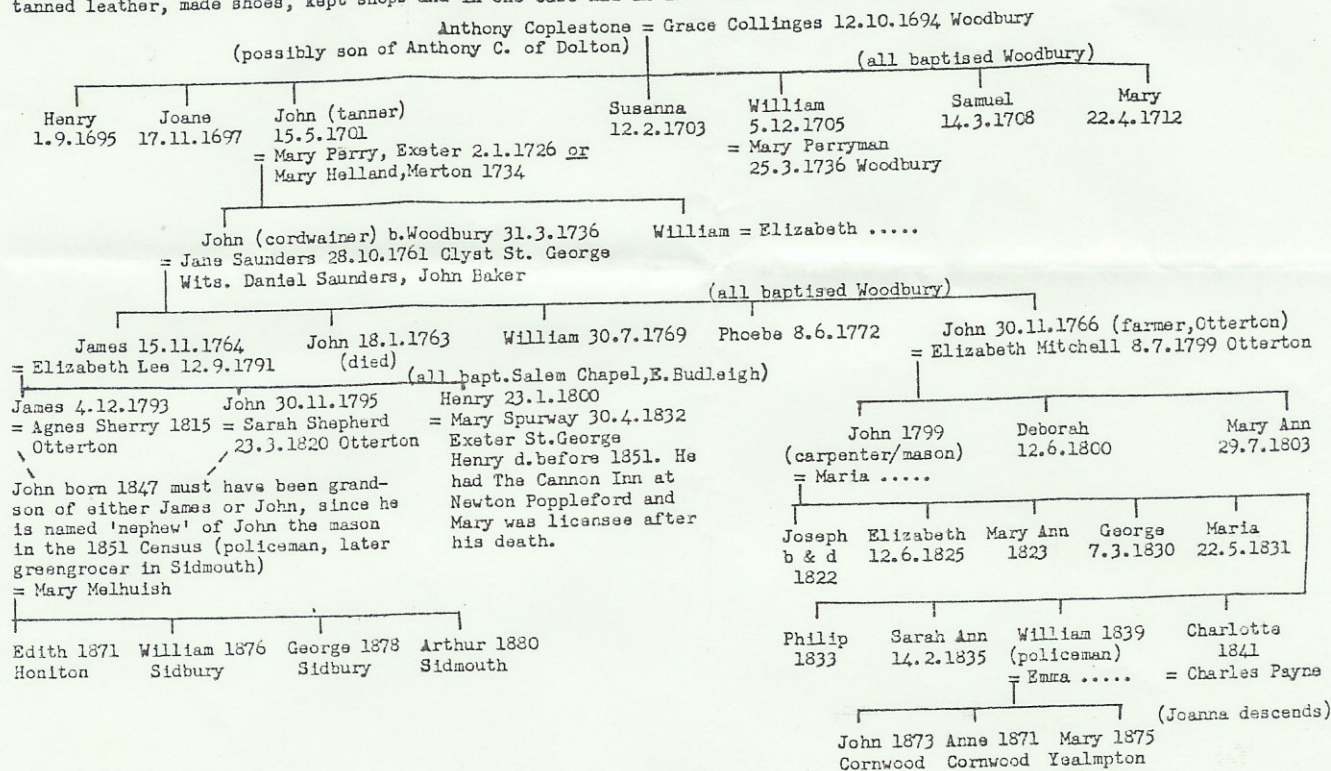


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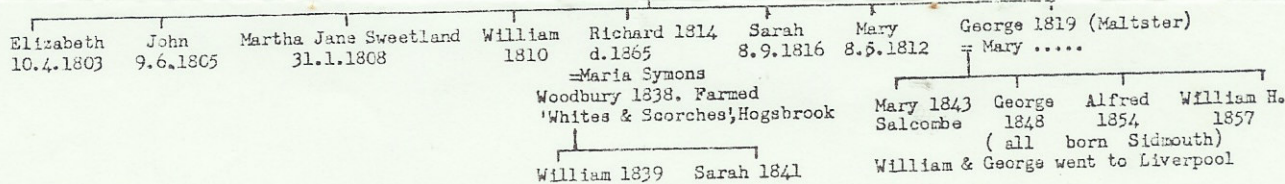
Saturday, May 24th: Otterton - East Budleigh - Woodbury - Newton Poppleford - Sidmouth  
 Sunday, May 25th: Nash Farm, Marshwood, Dorset - Whitchurch Canonicorum - Shute  
 Monday, May 26th: Offwell - the Bishop's Tower - Church - Village

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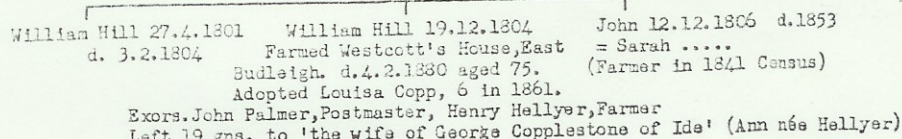
Saturday: Previously, apart from Shobrooke and Thorverton, the places visited have been connected with the affluent landed gentry of the family, in the main. Today we see the home ground of some of the more humble members who farmed, policed, tanned leather, made shoes, kept shops and in one case had an inn. These are the families concerned:



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 Richard Coplestone (d.1838) = Jane Pile 1802 Salcombe Regis (all bapt. Salcombe Regis)



(d. 29.9.1809) William Coplestone = Grace Hurford 5.9.1769 Lympstone  
 (b.26.12.1775 Lympstone) William Hurford = Sarah Hill 1801 East Budleigh; Wits John Coplestone, Jas. Bastin  
 = James Bastin marr. Ann Coplestone 1809 Shobrooke



Sunday: John, son of Nicholas Copleston of Shepton Gorges, married Margerie, daughter and co-heir of John Gaunte of Nash and acquired this property. His grandson, another John, married Grace, daughter of Anthony Coplestone of Pynes and purchased the Upton Pyne property from his father-in-law. Their son, John, was knighted by Oliver Cromwell. A number of Copleston(s) lived in Marshwood and in Thorncombe and Hawkchurch nearby and were probably related to the Nash Cops, but as yet have not been 'placed'. One John Copleston lived at Lamberts Castle, close to Nash, but is so far a mystery. A number of notable families have been connected with Nash and the present owners have kindly allowed us to visit - we will be met by Miss Anne Robertson.

Monday: The present owners of the Tower at Offwell have also kindly said that we might visit. The Bishop of Llandaff and Dean of St. Pauls, Edward Copleston, built the Tower and workers' cottages in the Village as a philanthropic gesture and those who refer to the Tower as a 'folly' haven't checked their facts! The Bishop was ahead of his time in recognising that people should not be allowed to suffer as they did in his day. As you know, the Church at Offwell had 170 years of Copleston Rectors and there are many monumental inscriptions to be seen both in and outside the Church. There is also the replica of the Copelanstan (Coplestone Cross) to be seen and no doubt photographed!

Although most of us visited Offwell two years ago we did not have enough time to really 'take in' all the details of Church and Village and this return will enable us to savour all the connections with this most distinguished branch of our family.

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