

Ann Rowsell

It is believed that Ann was born in 1824 probably in Thurlbear, Somerset, England to Samuel and Elizabeth Cummins Rowsell. This has not been conclusively verified but census and parish records indicate this is correct. Her name usually appears as Ann but in one instance she is named as Elizabeth., which is probably a mistake by the census taker.

Ann was christened on 25 April 1824 in Thurlbear, Somerset, England as recorded in the Thurlbear Parish Records as shown in LDS film # 1526747.

Ann's family is found living in Winterwell, Somerset, England in 6 June 1841 as recorded on page 3 of the census records on LDS film # 474597. The family includes Samuel 60, Elizabeth 45, Jane 15, Ann 15 and Eliza 10.

On 7 April 1851 Ann is living in her sister's household along with her mother and what may be her daughter. They are living at Winterwell Cottage, in Thurlbear, Somerset, England. The house includes: George Channing, 28, a lime burner, Jane 30, wife, Isaac, 7, Eli 5, George 2, Elizabeth Rowsell, mother-in-law, 60 widow, washerwoman, Ann Rowsell, 27, unmarried, washerwoman, and Hannah, daughter, 8, scholar. It is assumed that Hannah may be Ann's daughter as her name seems to be Rowsell.



On 30 Mar 1851 there is an Eliza Rowsell, age 18, born in Thurlbear, working as a servant to Anne Stimpson in Staple Fitzpaine, Somerset, England, as recorded on the census records on LDS film # 221078. This could be Ann's sister Eliza.

A daughter was born to Ann on 21 December 1851 in Thurlbear, Somerset, England. She was named Eunice.

A second daughter, Lois, was born in 1854 in Thurlbear, Somerset, England.

Elizabeth (Ann) is found in the 1861 census living at Winterwell in Thurlbear, Somerset, England. She is 37 years old, employed as a washerwoman and is listed as unmarried. The date is 11 April 1861 and the LDS film # is 542840. Her two daughters, Eunice 9 and Lois 7, and her mother Elizabeth age 69 are listed as living with her in the household. Her sister Jane Channing is living about 5 houses down the road. It is noted that two houses next to her house are dilapidated. I suspect their living conditions were rather humble. Eliza Rowsell is living in West Monckton; she is 29 and unmarried working as a house maid. Hannah Rowsell unmarried servant age 17 is living in St. Mary Magdalene Parish in 1871. This could be Ann's oldest daughter.

A son Samuel was also born to Ann in 1862. Samuel was christened on 8 August 1862 in Thurlbear, Somerset, England.

It is believed that Ann is still alive at the time of the 2 April 1871 census, LDS film #835102, in Somerset, England. It is probable that she is the Ann Rowsell age 47 with son Samuel age 8 listed in the 1871 census for Thurlbear. She is listed as a washerwoman at Lime Kiln Inn, which was next to Winterwell Cottage in earlier census records. Her neighbor is still Ann Phillips the same as in 1861. Jane Channing is now living in Howley Green in West Hatch, Somerset, England. A boy Samuel Rowsell age 6 listed as a niece is living with Jane, this Samuel may be Eliza's son. Lois is living in Kingston, Somerset, she is a servant to Elizabeth Hewett, 17 years old living in Underwood Cottage. There is a Hannah Rowsell living in Holy Trinity, a pauper's home in Taunton, Somerset, in 1871. She is unmarried but has a daughter Emma 7 and a son Henry 2.

It is possible that Ann died between October and December of 1877 in Taunton at the age of 53, as recorded in Volume 5C page 245.

On 3 April 1881 Samuel Rowsell age 18 is living with Ann Phillips age 66, the neighbor lady. This is adequate proof that Ann has died. It is interesting to note that he is also listed as living with his aunt Jane Channing. He is listed as 16.

Samuel Rowsell, age 19, married Susan Porter, age 20, on 29 Sep 1881. The marriage was witnessed by Lois Rowsell.

In 1891 Samuel Rowsell was living in Stoke St. Mary, married to Susan with children Walter, Ann, George and Lois.