

Section 1b: The Carrier & The Clerk

The information and photographs in this Masters and Bennett family history have been kindly shared by Clive and Liz Croot.



Mention is made throughout this series of booklets of Joseph Masters. Born in Wilstead on 10th July 1848 to Joseph (4th June 1824 – 1st September 1885) and Susan Masters, Joseph held various jobs including coachman and domestic gardener before establishing himself in the business of carrier.

Joseph married Lucy Whitmore in 1872 in Fulborn, Cambridgeshire. Joseph and Lucy were living in Amptill Road, Wilstead (now called Luton Road) by 1881, and later their home became the house pictured above which still stands at the top of Church Road today. The above photograph was taken around 1915 and Joseph is standing next to his carrier's horse and cart. Outside the doorway are his daughter Emily May Bennett (known as May) with his granddaughter Doris.