

Mortimer (Family 2)

No memorial

There are records of ten Mortimer (or Mortimore) burials in the graveyard. Some of these are for unnamed children and of the rest it is only possible to identify five through other records. There seems to be at least two Mortimer families represented and there is no evidence that they were related. There are additional burials, some of which are unnamed children, who cannot be linked to these families or other records.

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There are possibly three burials recorded for this family. Joseph aged 19 months, son of John and Dorothy Mortimore, father a brushmaker in 1836.¹ Dorothy, the wife of John Mortimer, aged 42 of the All Hallows Parish, in 1843.² Edward, son of John Mortimore, aged 14 of the Parish of St Pauls was buried on 8th September 1853.³

John Mortimer 1800-1871 was a brush maker and sometimes a clog maker. He seems to have been born in Exeter in 1800 to William Mortimer and his wife Elizabeth (Webb), and, if so, he was baptised in St Davids Exeter.⁴ His wife was born Dorothy Wall in Newark on Trent in Nottinghamshire⁵ and they married in Mansfield in Northamptonshire in 1823⁶. It is unclear what John was doing in Mansfield although Mansfield has a strong history of shoe making.

Their first two sons Thomas⁷ and John⁸ were born in Mansfield and then the family moved back to Exeter where further children were born, two of whom died as babies. These children included Joseph⁹ and Edward¹⁰ who were buried in the Dissenters' graveyard.

In a 1839 electoral register John Mortimer was recorded as a brushmaker living in Goldsmith Street¹¹ and the 1841 Census shows the family living in Exeter.¹² The 1844 Piggots Directory describes him as a brush maker and clog maker "now living in Paul Street".¹³ In the 1851 Census he was a brush maker employing 3 men¹⁴ and had remarried, after Dorothy's death, in 1843, to Melony Ellard. The family were still living in Paul Street¹⁵, Thomas and John had left home and there had been an addition of Charles, a son born in 1845 to John and Melony¹⁶ and a Maria Ellard aged 28 who was a waistcoat maker and tailor and was possibly Melony's daughter. In the 1841 Census Melony and Maria were

¹ England and Wales Non Conformist and Non Parochial Records 1567-1936

² England and Wales Non Conformist and Non Parochial Records 1567-1936

³ England and Wales Non Conformist and Non Parochial Records 1567-1936

⁴ England Select Births and Christenings 1538-1975

⁵ England Select Births and Christenings 1538-1975

⁶ England and Wales Select Marriages 1538-1973

⁷ England Select Births and Christenings 1538-1975

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⁹ England and Wales Non Conformist and Non Parochial Records 1567-1936

¹⁰ 1851 Census lists Edward aged 12 as part of the Mortimer family

¹¹ Electoral Register 1839

¹² 1841 Census

¹³ Piggots Directory 1844

¹⁴ 1851 Census

¹⁵ England and Wales Civil Registration Marriage Index 1837-1915

¹⁶ Charles Mortimer is listed in as son of John and Melony in 1851 Census aged 6.

living with Edward Ellard, Melody's father.¹⁷ By 1861 most of the family have left home leaving John, Melony, Elizabeth (a dressmaker) and Charles in Paul Street.¹⁸

In the 1871 Census John, Melony and his daughter Elizabeth were living in Northernhay St, he was aged 70 and was still listed as a brush maker.¹⁹ He died shortly after the 1871 Census.²⁰

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¹⁷ 1841 Census

¹⁸ 1861 Census

¹⁹ 1871 Census

²⁰ England and Wales Civil Registration Death Index 1837-1915