Thomas was born in 1750 to Richard and Ann Mattingly in Wootton St. Thomas, where the family have lived for many years. He was the second son of their four children. He moves to the larger Market town of Whitchurch, which is 10 miles away by 1778, whilst the rest of his family remain in the village. Here he marries Sarah Alford before 1778, as this was the year his first child William was born. He goes on to father at least six more children. He may have been a Gardener for the Earl of Portsmouth whose huge Hurstbourne House Estate bordered the Town.

There are a number of records for the family in the Parish Register for All Hallows Church where they would have worshipped. When Thomas died in 1832 at Whitchurch, he was shown as having lived for 86 years, a good age for those times. Through studying the Census and Tithe Maps I have found out the path taken by one of Thomas`s daughters - Sarah who was born in 1791 who married Christopher Rampton of Monk Sheborne in 1818. They made their home in this village a short distance from Wootton St. Lawrence and were to have six children there. It has been possible to locate their small cottage precisely. It formed part of a group owned by other members of the Rampton family.

Whitchurch contains a number of historic buildings in its centre including the Town Hall built at the end of the 18th century. Local industry included flour milling, silk manufacture and the production of woollen cloth. All Hallows Church, where the Mattingly`s would have worshipped dates back to Norman times.



Whitchurch.



All Hallows Church. Whitchurch.



Hurstbourne House, Whitchurch – Seat of the Earl of Portsmouth .



Hurstbourne Park can be seen on the left of this engraving of Whitchurch dated 1793



Hurstbourne House, Whitchurch – Seat of the Earl of Portsmouth .

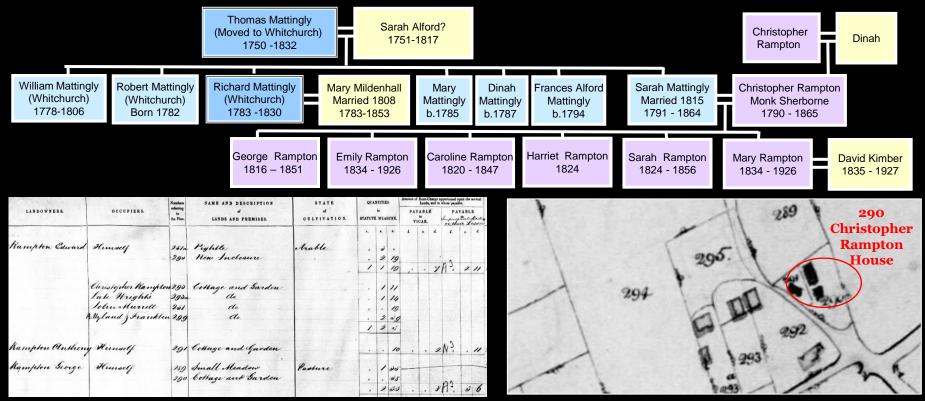




Hurstbourne Park House in 1911.

Hurstbourne Park House today.

Sarah Rampton (1791–1864) – Daughter of Thomas Mattingly (1750-1832)



The 1843 Tithe Map and entry for Christopher and Sarah Rampton on plot 290 in Monk Sherborne

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The 1851 Census record for Christopher and Sarah Rampton



All Saints Church. Monk Shernorne near Wootton St. Lawrence



White Hart Inn, Whitchurch.



Town Hall, Whitchurch.



All Hallows Church, Whitchurch.



All Hallows Church interior.