

## The Goldsmiths 1788 to 1901

**On 18<sup>th</sup> May 1788 Robert Goldsmith** was baptised in **Lawshall Suffolk**. He was the illegitimate son of a Mary Goldsmith. The father was given as William Bryant who had married a Rachel Cole in 1775. Robert 'Goldsmith' married **Elizabeth Smith** on 11 September 1818 in **Rede**. The couple had six surviving children Robert, William, Thomas, James, Mary Ann and Samuel. He died 15 May 1855 aged 67, Elizabeth died 15 September 1848 at Rede aged 56. This couple were **Charles Leonard's** grandparents.

If Robert had taken his father's name we would not have been Goldsmiths at all !



*Lawshall Parish Church*

**William 1818** born either just before or after their marriage, **Charles 1820, George 1823, Robert 1825, Thomas 1826, James 1827, Samuel 1832 and Mary Ann 1835**. **Another Charles has been traced born 1828**. The first Charles and James may have died as there is no trace.

**William Goldsmith** Charles Leonard's father was baptised in 1818 at Glemsford. He was an Agricultural Labourer. He married on 14 December 1844 at the age of 26 in Rede to **Ann Evered** who was born in 1821 at Stansfield. It is alleged she was 100 years old when she died.



*The Font at Glemsford*

### **1861 Census**

William Goldsmith was living with his wife Ann and his five children **George, Charles, William, Susan and Mary Ann** 'near the church' in **Rede**

### **1871 Census**

**William** and **Ann** were shown living in **Rede Green** with William and Mary Ann. Their two eldest boys **George** and **Charles** had left for London to seek their fortunes. No trace of Susan

### **1881 Census**

The couple were living alone in Rede but at Bowels Cottages. Their son **William** was now a brick maker and had married **Emma Dickinson** a general servant from Lancashire and was living with his in laws in Openshaw with their three small children **James Henry, William Charles and George Albert**

Daughter **Mary Ann** had moved to London and was working as a Housemaid in Paddington. Still no trace of Susan.

**William Goldsmith** died in Rede on 24 September 1888



*A typical pew at Rede church*

### **1871 Census**

**George** born 1823 was shown as a Farm Labourer lodging at Chapman's Alley in Brentwood Essex. His wife Ellen from Essex and their six children **John William, Mary C, Thomas S, Robert, Lucy and Abraham** were living in Westley a village in Suffolk near Rede.



**1881 Census**

**George** and family were living at Westley Hall Cottages and had their 1 yr old granddaughter Edith with them

**1891 Census**

The family were still living in the same cottages with Edith their 11 yr old granddaughter.

**1901 Census**

George 78 yrs was living with his wife and 36 yr old son Robert still at Westley

**Charles Goldsmith** b 1828 at Rede was a Smith and living in Norwich.

**1871 Census** he was living with his wife **Mary Ann** and their son **Charles** aged 20 yrs also a Smith at a factory

**1881 Census** He was living at the 'Rose Tavern' in Rose Lane Norwich and described as a Whitesmith and Licensed Victualler

**1872 Charles** was the Publican at the Rose Tavern and on 27.12.1877 he was convicted of allowing consumption after hours fined 2/6d plus 17/6d costs

This appears to be the only evidence that there were Pubs in the family



*Rose Tavern*

**1891 aged 64 yrs Charles** was still the Publican. He died in March 1894 aged 66 and his wife **Mary Ann** continued running the pub until October of that year.

**Robert Goldsmith** b Rede 1825 an Agricultural Labourer was shown on the **1871 Census** as being in the **Thingoe Union Workhouse** as an inmate. He died there as a pauper



### 1871 Census

**Samuel Goldsmith** b 1832 in Rede was a Groom at the Rectory. He was living in Rede Green with his wife **Mira** born in Fornham and his daughter **Emma** aged 14yrs

### 1881 Census

The couple were living at The Green Cottage still with Emma, this was next door to The Drift Cottage where the **Clarkes** lived. Samuel was 49 and still a Groom



*The Rectory Rede Green*

### 1891 Census

Samuel was 59 and had moved to Bradfield St George as a Coachman. He was still with his wife Mira . Emma who by now had married James Walters

**Thomas Goldsmith** b in Rede 1826 had moved down to London by 1865 with his wife **Martha** children **Flora and Charles** also born in Rede. Three other daughters **Martha Susana & Jane** were born in Brixton. His two eldest daughters **Betsy** age 16 yrs and **Charlotte** age 13 yrs both born in Rede were working as domestic servants in the Lambeth area. The couple had also had a baby **Robert** in 1860 who died at 2 days old and was buried in Rede. **Thomas** was a milkman in Brixton



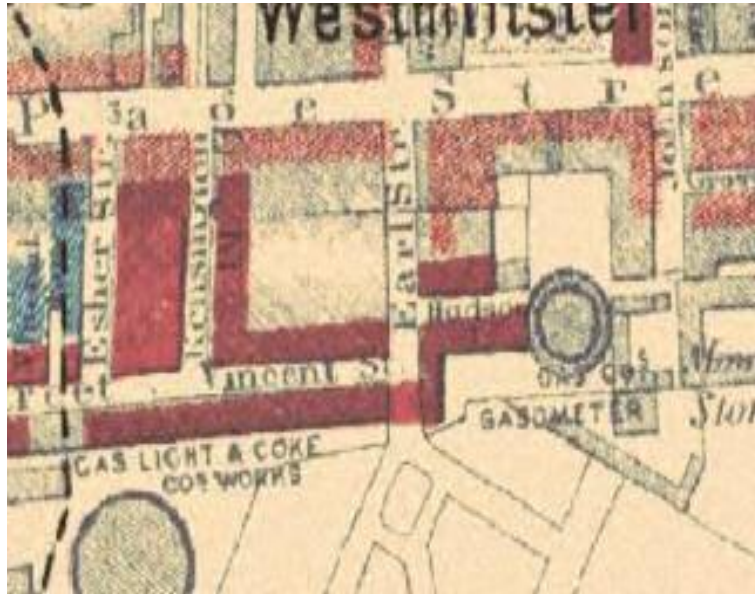
*Milkman Brixton 1880's*



### **1871 Census**

**Charles Leonard Goldsmith** age 25 yrs an Agricultural Labourer from **Rede in Suffolk** is shown lodging in a house in 10 Hudson's Terrace Westminster. He is with his brother **George** age 26 yrs. They were with their friend **Charles Clarke** age 25 also from Rede his wife Ann born in Norfolk and their baby son Charles. All three men were described as labourers.

The two brothers may have come to London around the same time as their Uncle **Thomas** and their cousins. Their sister **Mary Ann** was also in London working as a housemaid. The **Clarke** family were living next door to another uncle **Samuel** who was a Groom at the Rectory in **Rede**



*Hudson's Terrace Westminster*

**1871 27<sup>th</sup> May Charles 25 yrs** married **Elizabeth Quick** born 1841 in Barnstable Devon. They married in St Mary at Lambeth Church and gave their residence as Park Street.

**George Goldsmith** Charles' brother was one of the witnesses, he resided in Lambeth



*St Mary's today*