

Edwin Berridge and Mary Ann Farmer

Edwin Berridge and Mary Ann Farmer were married in St Andrew's on the 1st May 1854. Edwin was the son of William and Sarah Berridge; he was born in 1823 and baptised in St Andrew's on the 14th December 1823. William Berridge was a master carpenter.

Mary Ann was born in 1828, the daughter of William Farmer, a shepherd.

At the time of the 1861 census Edwin is the head of the household, he is 37 years old. Mary Ann is 33 years old and they have four children: Alfred aged 6, Letitia aged 4, Edwin aged 2 and Henry just 7 months old. They then went on to have three more children Caroline, Eliza and Mary Ann all listed in their 1871 census return. They lived and had their carpenter's workshop at Woodpecker Lodge which would have looked quite different in the 1860s.



Woodpecker Lodge as it looks today

Edwin and his family helped to maintain the Church bells carrying out significant repairs over many years to the headstocks and frame; they were also staunch bell ringers; this is evidenced in the PCC minutes of the time.





Edwin and his wife Mary Ann are at rest in St Andrew's churchyard, Edwin died on the 19th September 1874 aged 51 and Mary Ann on the 3rd July 1902 aged 74.