

Fanny Bird 1801 ~ 1887

The alleged Witch of Creeksea, Essex, England

A genealogy and history on Frances Adams who married 1st Thomas Westwood and 2nd
Thomas Bird
19th century Essex, England

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Notes:

I first read about Fanny Bird the alleged Witch of Creeksea, Essex, England in Eric Maple's article "The Witches of Dengie" that was published in the Autumn 1962 issue of the Folklore, Volume 73.

"In the year 1960 I completed an investigation of the witchcraft traditions of the Dengie Hundred of South-East Essex...."

Fanny Bird was born Frances Adams in 1801 and she 1st married Thomas Westwood in 1825 and then 2nd. to Thomas Bird in 1858.

Fanny Bird was born in Southminster, Essex and lived most of her life in Creeksea in the Dengie Hundred of Essex.

It is now the very early morning, 12:51 AM, of July 20, 2019 Saturday

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Frances Adams (1801 - 1887)

The wife of
Thomas Westwood
&
Thomas Bird

1. **FRANCES ADAMS** was born 5 March 1801 in Southminster, Essex and was baptized 6 March 1801 in St. Leonard church in Southminster.

Father: Philip Adams
Mother: Elizabeth Lewsley

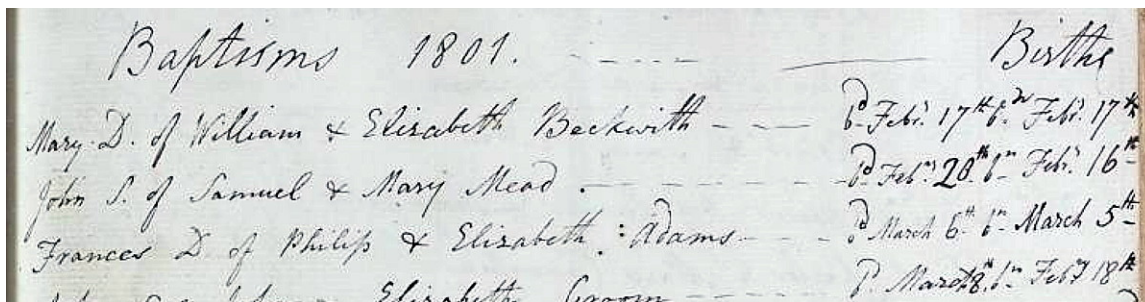
~ **1801**

From the parish register of Southminster:

Baptisms 1801.

Frances D. of Philip & Elisabeth Adams b^d. March 6th. bⁿ. March 5th.

Image of the record in the parish register



~ **More about Frances Adams' family**

Frances Adams' parents, **PHILIP ADAMS** and **ELIZABETH LEWSLEY** (widow Mrs. Crush), were married on 13 February 1778 in St. Mary the Virgin church on Burnham, Essex.

From the parish register of Burnham:

Marriages 1778 - Page [] N^o 32

Philip Adams single man of the Parish of Cricksea, and Elizabeth Crush Widdow of this Parish were Married in the church by Banns this 13th Day of February in the Year One Thousand seven Hundred and seventy eight By me John Patvin Vicar

This Marriage was solemnized between Us

Philip Adams his Mark X

Elizabeth Crush her Mark X

In the Presence of

William Richmond

Sarah Stammers

Elizabeth Lewsley was married earlier to John Crush on 9 January 1775 in All Saints church in Creeksea, Essex.

From the parish register of Creeksea:

Marriages 1775

Banns of Marriage between John Crush of y^e Parish of Burnham Batchelor & Elizth. Lewisly of the parish of Burnham Spinster were married in this Church by Banns this ninth Day of January one Thousand seven Hundred & Seventy five. By me Peter B Scott Minister

This Marriage was solemnized between us this ninth Day of January 1775

John Crush

The mark X of Elizth. Lewisly

In the presence of

Gideon Behag

The mark X of John Johnson

Frances Adams' mother, **ELIZABETH LEWSLEY**, was baptized 13 July 1755 in St. Mary the Virgin church in Burnham, Essex.

From the parish register of Burnham:

Baptisms 1755

Elizabeth, the Daughter of Edw^d Lewsley & Sarah his wife was baptiz'd codem die. (13th of July)

Latin = codem die / English = on the same day, the previous entry is dated 13th of July

Frances Adams' grandparents, **EDWARD LEWSLEY** and **SARAH HUNNUCKS**, were married 29 September 1751 in St. Mary the Virgin church in Burnham, Essex.

From the parish register of Burnham:

Marriages 1751

Edward Lewsley of Crixeth & Sarah Hunnucks of Burnham were married Sept: 29. 1751
by Banns

~ **1825**

Frances Adams married **THOMAS WESTWOOD** on Christmas Day, 25 December
1825, in All Saints church in Creeksea, Essex.

Thomas Westwood was a widower.

From the Marriage Banns book of Creeksea:

Banns -- Page 1

Names. / Residence. / Publication. / When. / By whom.

Thomas Westwood Widower & Frances Adams Spinster / Both of Cricksea /

1 / Dec^r. 4. 1825 / Thomas Pyne Ret

2 / Dec^r. 11. 1825 / Tho^s. Pyne Ret

3 / Dec^r. 16. 1825 / Tho^s Pyne Rect

From the marriage record in the parish register of Creeksea:

Marriages 1825 - Page 5. No. 13.

Thomas Westwood of this Parish Widower and Frances Adams of this Parish Spinster
were married in this Church by banns with Consent of all parties this twenty fifth Day of
Dec^r. in the Year One thousand eight hundred and twenty five By me Thomas Pyne B A
Curate

This Marriage was solemnized between us

Thomas X Westwood Frances X Adams } their marks

In the Presence of

Charles Baker James Taylor

~ **More about Thomas Westwood's family**

Thomas Westwood was born ca. 1788 in Hatfield, Essex base on his age in the 1851
census and his age on his burial or ca. 1796 according to his age in the 1841 census.

There was a Thomas Westwood was baptized 19 January 1794 in St. Andrew church in Hatfield Peverel, Essex.

From the parish register of Hatfield Peverel:

Baptisms 1794.

Westwood / Thomas, Son of John and Susannah Westwood, was baptized Jan^y: 19:

This Thomas Westwood's parents, John Westwood and Susannah Brooks, were married 14 February 1790 in the St. Andrew church in Hatfield Peverel, Essex.

From the parish register of Hatfield Peverel:

Marriages 1790

N^o 223

Banns of Marriage between John Westwood, Widower, and Susannah Brooks, were published Jan^y: 22^d & 29th & Feb: 7: 1790

John Westwood of this Parish Widower and Susannah Brooks of this Parish Spinster were Married in this Church by Banns this fourteenth Day of February in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and ninety by me Sam^l. Bennett, Vicar

This Marriage was solemnized between Us

The mark X of John Westwood

The mark X of Susannah Brooks

In the Presence of

Samuel Bennett jun: John Thompson Samuel Thompson

In 1816, Thomas Westwood married Mary Rook on 15 October 1816 at All Saints church in Creeksea, Essex.

From the parish register of Creeksea:

Marriages 1816 -- Page 2. No. 6.

Thomas Westwood of this Parish of Cricksea, Batchelor and Mary Rook of the same Parish Spinster, were married in this Church by Banns with Consent of all Persons concern'd this fifteenth Day of October in the Year One thousand eight hundred and sixteen By me John Robinson, M.A. Rector

This Marriage was solemnized between us

Thomas Westwood's Mark + Mary Rook

In the Presence of

Francis Pitcher Maria Folker's Mark + James Taylor

In, 1817, Thomas Westwood was one of the two present at the marriage of Benjamin Bobby of Southminster, widower, and Mary Rook of Cricksea, widow at All Saints church in Creeksea, Essex on 11 January 1817 .

Thomas Westwood left his mark.

In 1818, Thomas Westwood's wife, Mary Westwood, died at the age of 18 years at Creeksea, Essex and was buried 9 December 1818 in the churchyard of All Saints in Creeksea.

From the parish register of Creeksea:

Burials 1818 -- Page 4. No. 31.

Name. / Abode./ When Buried. / Age. / By whom the ceremony was performed.

Mary Westwood / Cricksea / December 9th. 1818 / 19 years / John Robinson M. A. Rector.

~ 1841

In 1841, Thomas and Frances Westwood were living in Creeksea, Essex. Thomas was listed as an Agricultural Laborer.

From the 1841 census of Creeksea:

Name / Age & Sex / Profession / Whether Born in same County

Cottage

Thos Westwood / 45 M / Ag Lab / y

Francies do / 35 F / ----- / y

Elizabeth do / 12 F / ----- / y

Eliza do / 6 F / ----- / y

Hannah do / 3 F / ----- / y

Image from the 1841 census

Cottage	1	Thos Westwood	45	M	Ag Lab	y
		Francis	35	F		y
		Elizabeth	12	F		y
		Eliza	6	F		y
		Hannah	3	F		y

~ **1851**

In 1851, Thomas and Frances Westwood were living in Danyon Cottage in Creeksea, Essex. Thomas was listed as an Agricultural Laborer.

From the 1851 census of Creeksea:

Name / Relationship / Marital status / Age & Sex / Profession / Birthplace

Danyon Cottage

Thomas Westwood / Head / Mar / 63 M / Agricultural Laborer / Essex Hatfield

Frances Do / Wife / Mar / 59 F / ----- / Do Southminster

Hannah Do / Daur / ---- / 9 F / Scholar / Do Creeksea

~ **1855**

Thomas Westwood died at the age of 67 years and was buried 9 January 1855 in the churchyard of All Saints in Creeksea, Essex.

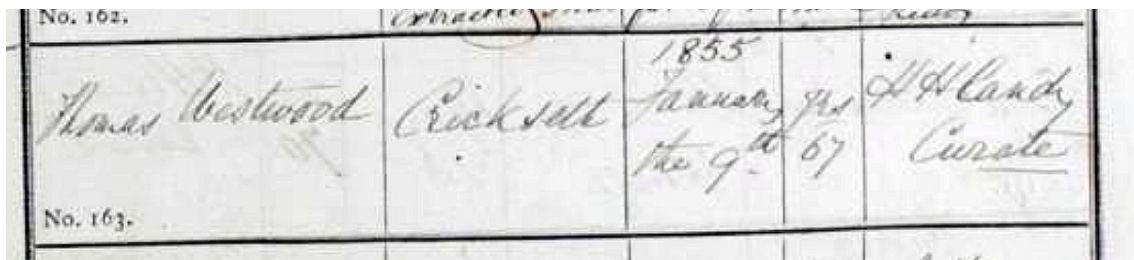
From the parish register of Creeksea:

Burials 1855 - Page 21. No. 163.

Name. / Abode. / When Buried. / Age. / By whom the ceremony was performed.

Thomas Westwood / Crickseth / 1855 January the 9th / yrs 67 / H H Candy Curate

Image of the record in the parish register



~ **1858**

Frances Westwood married **THOMAS BIRD** on 14 January 1858 in the Independent Chapel in Southminster, Essex.

From the marriage certificate:

Registration District Maldon

1858. Marriage solemnized in the Independent Chapel, Southminster in the District of Maldon in the County of Essex

No. 77

When Married. Fourteenth January 1858

Name. / Age. / Condition. / Profession. / Residence at the time of Marriage. / Father's Name. / Father's Profession. /

Thomas Bird / 46 years / Bachelor / Labourer / Crixea / Thomas Bird Deceased / Labourer /

Frances Westwood / 30 years / Widow / ----- / Crixea / Philip Adams Deceased / Labourer /

Married in the Independent Chapel according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Congregationalists by me, Charles Winter Minister

This Marriage was solemnized between us,

X The Mark of Thomas Bird X The Mark of Frances Westwood

In the Presence of us,

X The Mark of James Mays X The Mark of Sarah Barker

Notice the age of Frances Westwood, it says she was age 30 but Frances was actually 57 at the time she got married.

Frances was about 13 years older than her husband.

~ more about Thomas Bird's family

Thomas Bird was born 29 September 1814 in Steeple, Essex and was baptized 2 July 1815 in St. Lawrence church in Steeple. He was a son of Thomas and Mary Bird.

From the parish register of Steeple:

Baptisms 1815 - Page 7. No. 49.

(When Born written in margin) / When Baptized. / Child's Name. / Parents Names. / Surname. / Abode. / Profession. / By whom the Ceremony was performed.

Born 29th. September 1814. / 1815. July 2nd. / Thomas Son of / Thomas Mary / Bird. / Steple / Laborer. / W. W. Bowshill. Officiating Minister.

Thomas Bird's parents, Thomas Bird and Mary Hill, were married on 20 May 1802 in St. Lawrence church in Steeple, Essex.

From the parish register of Steeple:

Marriages 1802

Banns of Marriage between Thomas Bird & Mary Hill were publish'd, Sundays, May 2^d., 9th. & 16th. By Jn^o. Meadsworth

The said Thomas Bird of this Parish Bachelor, and Mary Hill of the same Parish Spinster, were Married in this Church by Banns this twentieth Day of May in the Year One Thousand eight Hundred and two by me Wilfrid Clark, Minister

This Marriage was solemnized between Us

Tho^s Bird

Mary Hill X her mark

In the Presence of

Mary Brewer X her mark

John Andrews

~ 1861

In 1861, Thomas and Frances Bird were living in Creeksea, Essex. Thomas was listed as an Agricultural Laborer.

From the 1861 census of Creeksea:

Name / Relationship / Marital status / Age & Sex / Profession / Birthplace

Thomas Bird / Head / Mar / 36 M / Ag Lab / Steeple Essex

Frances D^o / Wife / Mar / 60 F / ----- / Southminster Essex

~ 1871

In 1871, Thomas and Frances Bird were living in Creeksea, Essex. Thomas was listed as an Agricultural Laborer.

From the 1871 census of Creeksea:

Name / Relationship / Marital status / Age & Sex / Profession / Birthplace

Thomas Bird / Head / Mar / 54 M / Ag Lab / Steeple Essex

Francis do / Wife / Mar / 70 F / ----- / Burnham do

~ 1881

In 1881, Thomas and Frances Bird were living in Creeksea, Essex. Thomas was listed as a Road Laborer man.

From the 1881 census of Creeksea:

Name / Relationship / Marital status / Age & Sex / Profession / Birthplace

[Osl] End

Thomas Bird / Head / Mar / 67 M / Road Lab^r. man / Essex Steeple

Frances / Wife / ---- / 78 F / ----- / Essex Burnham

The "Osl End" is most likely meant to be "Ost End" but the census enumerator was too lazy to "dash the t".

There is a place in Creeksea parish called Ostend.

~ 1887

Frances Bird died at the age of 86 years and was buried 19 Feb 1887 in the churchyard of All Saints in Creeksea.

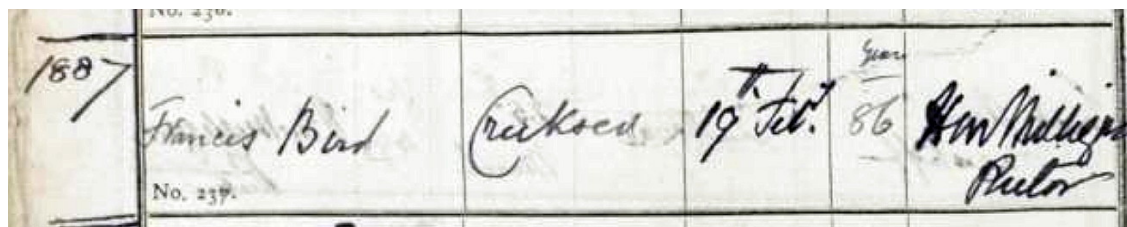
From the parish register of Creeksea:

Burials 1887 -- Page 30. No. 237.

Name. / Abode. / When Buried. / Age. / By whom the ceremony was performed.

1887 / Francis Bird / Cricksea / 19th Feb^y. / years 86 / H M Milligan Rector

Image of the record in the parish register



~ 1891

In 1891, Thomas Bird, age 76 and a widower, was living on Maldon Road in Creeksea, Essex. Thomas was listed as an employed Agricultural Laborer.

From the 1891 census of Creeksea:

Name / Relationship / Marital status / Age & Sex / Profession / Birthplace

Maldon Road 2 - Number of rooms occupied if less than five

Thomas Bird / Head / Wid^r / 76 M / Agricultural Labourer - Employed / Essex Steeple

~ 1897

Thomas Bird died at the age of 83 years at the Maldon Union Workhouse, Essex and was buried 29 Dec 1897 in the churchyard of All Saints in Creeksea, Essex.

From the parish register of Creeksea:

Burials 1897 - Page 33. No. 259.

Name. - Abode. - When Buried. - Age. - By whom the ceremony was performed.

1897 / Thomas Bird / Maldon Union / 29th Dec^r / years 83 / H. M. Milligan Rector

Image of record in the parish register



~ 1960 and 1962

Eric Maple published his article "The Witches of Dengie" that appeared in the Autumn 1962 issue of the Folklore, Volume 73.

In 1960, he was interviewing several old people about the Witches in the area of the Dengie Hundred. And he heard from them about the Witch Fanny Bird.

From the article "The Witches of Dengie", by Eric Maple:

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"In the year 1960 I completed an investigation of the witchcraft traditions of the Dengie Hundred of South-East Essex, a district lying to the north of the river Crouch and bordered on the east by the North Sea...."

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"One witch named Fanny Bird, who lived at Tinkers Hole, a devil-haunted wood near Ostend, was said to have bewitched a farmer's steam threshing machine causing it to break down. The labourers in revenge smashed all the windows of her cottage and she narrowly escaped personal violence.

It is said that she had trafficked with the Devil and during one of these rituals a sheet of lightning had come down, setting her arm on fire. This was the local explanation for her withered arm and incidentally for her husband's club foot.

It is said that on her deathbed Fanny Bird attempted to pass on her powers by handing over her imps to her daughter, but she, 'though the living image of her mother, was a good woman and refused to take them.'

The 1880 above census shows that Fanny Bird was living in Ostend area.

From a website online, I find the following on a page about Essex witchcraft, but it didn't mention the original source of the information.

I wonder if it was from one of Eric Maples books that he published later ?

"Fanny Bird was Creeksea's witch who was used to get her way from people scared of her magical spells. One day a man refused to move out of her way. She said to the man " You look out. I'll see you get home wetter than you started off today" . The man laughed and continued his way but a few minutes later he fell into a dyke and nearly drowned."

Children of Thomas and Frances (Adams) Westwood

2. + **ELIZABETH WESTWOOD** was born ca. 1828 and was baptized 30 November 1828 in All Saints church in Creeksea, Essex.

From the parish register of Creeksea:

Baptisms 1828 - Page 13. No. 101.

When Baptized. / Child's Name. / Parents Names. / Surname. / Abode. / Profession. / By whom the ceremony was performed.

Nov^r. 30 / Elizabeth / Frances & Thomas / Westwood / Cricksea / Labourer / Tho^s. Pyne Curate

In 1841, Elizabeth Westwood, age 12, was living with her parents in Creeksea, Essex (see above under the parents for census details).

Elizabeth married 1st. William Green then married 2nd. Francis Barnham.

She had children with both husband.

3. **JOHN WESTWOOD** was born 28 June 1832 and baptized 28 October 1832 in All Saints church in Creeksea, Essex.

From the parish register of Creeksea:

Baptisms 1832 - Page 15. No. 118.

When Baptized. / Child's Name. / Parents Names. / Surname. / Abode. / Profession. / By whom the ceremony was performed.

Oct: 28 Born June 28th. / John Son of / Thomas and Frances / Westwood / Crixeth / Labourer / Ja^s: Bruce Rector

John Westwood died at the age of 1 year and was buried 29 August 1833 in the churchyard of All Saints in Creeksea, Essex.

From the parish register of Creeksea:

Burials 1833 - Page 12. No. 94.

Name. / Abode. / When Buried. / Age. / By whom the ceremony was performed.

John Westwood / Crixeth / August the 29th / Years 1 / Ja^S: Bruce Rector

4. **ELIZA WESTWOOD** was born ca. 1835 and was baptized 4 April 1841 in All Saints church in Creeksea, Essex.

From the parish register of Creeksea:

Baptisms 1841 - Page 21. No. 168.

When Baptized. / Child's Name. / Parents Names. / Surname. / Abode. / Profession. / By whom the ceremony was performed.

April 4th / Eliza daughter of / Thomas & Frances / Westwood / Crixeth / Labourer / Ja^S: Bruce Rector

In 1841, Eliza Westwood, age 6, was living with her parents in Creeksea, Essex (see above under the parents for census details).

Eliza married William Bowtle.

5. + **HANNAH WESTWOOD** was born ca. 1838 in Creeksea, Essex and was baptized 4 April 1841 in All Saints church in Creeksea.

From the parish register of Creeksea:

Baptisms 1841 - Page 21. No. 167.

When Baptized. / Child's Name. / Parents Names. / Surname. / Abode. / Profession. / By whom the ceremony was performed.

April 4th: / Hannah daugh^F of / Thomas & Frances / Westwood / Crixeth / Labourer / Ja^S: Bruce Rector

In 1841, Hannah Westwood, age 3, was living with her parents in Creeksea, Essex (see above under the parents for census details).

In 1851, Hannah Westwood, age 9, was living with her parents in Danyon Cottage in Creeksea, Essex (see above under the parents for census details).

Hannah married 1st. George William Hemstead and then 2nd. William Barber.
She had children with George W. Hemstead.

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