

## Thomas SPEARING

Born	c1781	
Married		Elizabeth
Died	24 Nov 1839 Stonehouse aged 58 years	

<i>Children</i>			
Elizabeth	b 1797 Tetbury	m 1815 Daniel BAXTER	bu 19 Feb 1870 Avening aged 74yrs
George	b 1799 Tetbury	m 1822 Anne GARDINER	d 10 Nov 1868 Stonehouse, Gloucestershire

*Gloucester Journal 27 Oct 1794 White-Hart-Inn, Tetbury*

Thomas Spearing, having taken and entered upon the above Inn, begs leave to inform the Nobility, Gentry, and others, travelling to and through Tetbury, that he has completely fitted up the same; and that he can at all times insure those, who will honour him with their company, neat and clean Post-Chaises, good Horses, and careful Drivers, and also well aired Beds, and every other accommodation equal in comfort to the first House in the Kingdom. He also laid in a large Stock of Old Port and other Wines and Liquors – and for the accommodation of Travellers, he intends having a good ordinary every day at two o'clock. Having done thus much, and being determined no attention on his part should be wanting to please his customers, and to make the most moderate charges which the times will admit of, he presumes to solicit their favours.

*Gloucester Journal 23 Feb 1801 Tetbury, Gloucestershire*

Wanted a person to contract to provide for the Maintenance and Clothing of the Poor in the Workhouse, for one year, from the 28<sup>th</sup> day of April next. And also a person who understands Parish Business to act as perpetual Overseer and Vestry Clerk – Any person well recommended for such Office, will be allowed a handsome Salary. It being the Wish of the Paymasters and Inhabitants to promote Industry among their Poor, they do agree to farm their Work for a set Term, having a House of Industry, supposed to contain 200 Spinners – any Person, who will contract to employ them, and Persons who would wish to engage for the above Offices are desired to certify their Intentions to the Churchwardens and Overseers, and attend a Vestry Meeting in the Church on Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 1801 at three o'clock in the Afternoon. Timothy Shewing and Thomas Spearing – Churchwardens; James Hill, John Bish and William Holliday – Overseers.

*Gloucester Journal 06 Mar 1815 Meeting of the Woollen Trade*

A meeting of the manufacturers and others interested in the Woollen Trade of the County of Gloucester, is requested to be held at Fleece Inn, at Rodborough, on Wednesday next, the eighth of March instant, at Twelve o'clock in the Forenoon, to consider of what Measures should be taken to oppose the Resolutions submitted to Parliament (so oppressive to the Manufacturing Interest) for an alteration in the Corn Laws, and for imposing taxes exclusively applying to Trade. George Austin and Co., Edw. Sheppard, Harris Stephens and Co., Edw. Jackson, Thomas Tippetts and Co., Edw. Wallington, Charles and George Vizard and Co., Samuel and Henry Dyer, Cooper and Owen, Samuel Yeats, D. and N. Lloyd, Henry Hicks, J. P. Hicks, H. P. Hicks, Davies Beard and Davies, Dimock and Hitch, John Brown and Co., Paul Beard, Jos. Partridge and Co., George Miles, James Lewis, William Workman and Son, H. and J. Cooke, Thornbury and Tayloe, Richard Smith, P. Smith and Co., Thomas Carruthers and Co., Stephen Clissold and Son, John Heskins and Co., S. Blackwell and Son, S. Stather, George Adey and Co., Paul Wathen and Co. of Woodchester, Joseph Wathen of Stonehouse, Thomas Sykes and Co. of Woodchester, Marling and Stephens, J. B. and P. Foxwell, S. Blackwell and Son, John Cooper, J. and G. Thomas, Henry Trollip, **Thomas Spearing**, John Heskins and Co., Thomas Overbury and Co., Job Brown, Jos. Lock, Samuel Wathen, William Stanton and Son, Thomas Howell Jnr., William Winn, John Driver, William Sevin, William Gardiner, Joel Chew, James Innell, Nathaniel Wathen, John Lewis, William Lewis, Charles Innell, John Cox, John Packer, John Baylis, William Wood, Samuel Wood, Benjamin Wood, Charles Gyde, Charles Horlick, Richard Gyde, Henry Cliff, Jacob Chamberlain, Benjamin Cliff, William Baylis, Thomas Gyde, William Cox Jnr., Robert Wight, Thomas Wood, Thomas Stephens, Jos. Wight, William King.

*Marriage Register Bisley, Gloucestershire*

No.408 George Spearing of the parish of Stonehouse in the county of Gloucester, bachelor and Anne Gardiner of this parish, spinster, were married in this Church by Licence 03 Jan 1822 by John Gathorne, Curate in the presence of Jasper Gardiner and Elizabeth Gardiner.

*Gloucestershire Chronicle 17 Oct 1835 Cainscross, Borough of Stroud – Intended Church*

The Village of Cainscross is situated at a spot where the extreme points of Three Parishes meet, namely, Stonehouse, Stroud, and Randwick, the united Population whereof exceeds 12,000. The three Churches of these Parishes are at considerable distances from that Village, and after accommodation for less than 2,800, and of which a very small proportion indeed is open to the Poor. The Inhabitants of the neighbourhood of Cainscross are consequently deprived of the blessing of attending Divine Workshop, unless it is at great inconvenience, both as regards distance and accommodation. The Population of the Village and of the surrounding neighbourhood amounts to upwards of 1,500, and is chiefly composed of the working classes in the clothing factories. A few of the Inhabitants, anxious to ensure for themselves, and their poorer brethren, the means of Public Worship, have entered into resolutions, opened subscriptions, and formed a Committee for the furtherance of this object, by the erection of a Church. It is intended immediately to endow the Church with the Seat Rents of the Private Pews; and an adequate endowment for the purpose of a district Church is secured. It is also intended to pray the Lord Bishop of the Diocese to assign to the Church a convenient district. It is a positive instruction to the Building Committee, to provide an adequate number of free sittings for the use of the poorer part of the population. The expense of the Building and fitting up, (exclusive of endowment,) is estimated to exceed the sum of £2,100 but the subscriptions amount a present to only the sum of £1,150, and the inhabitants of the Village are unable to raise the whole sum required. The Committee having received so large an amount of subscriptions, have already commenced the Building, feeling confident that the work will not be impeded by the want of means in a case of which the necessity must be apparent; they therefore beg leave to lay this statement before the Public, and to pray their aid in this very desirable work. Subscriptions will be thankfully received by the Rev Henry Cripps, of Preston, near Cirencester, the Vicar of Stonehouse; the Rev Washington Hallen, Curate of Stonehouse; the Rev W. F. Powell, Perpetual Curate of Stroud; or the Rev John Elliott, Perpetual Curate of Randwick; at the Bank of Messrs Watts, Wyatt and Co. Stroud; by Charles Cripps, Esq., at the County and City Bank, Gloucester; by Messrs Croome and Son, of Cainscross, the Treasurers; or in London, at the Banks of Messrs Jones, Loyd and Co., and Messrs Ladbroke, Kingscote and Co.

Present Subscription List:

Mr Drew, Ebley – land for the Site; Mr Cooke, Farmhill – land to increase the Ground, and for a Road to the Church; Mr Batham, Ebley – Digging the Foundations and making the Roads; Major Snow Paul, Hill House – 300 Loads of Stone; Mr S. Clutterbuck, Chalford – Cloth for Pulpit, Desk and Altar; Mr Skipp, Stonehouse – Six Timber Trees; Miss C. Daubeney, Bath – Communion Plate; Mrs Hester Butt, Bath – A Prayer Book and Bible; Mr T. Harper, Dudbridge; Mr J. Hobbs, Rodborough; Mr J. Phipps, Ruscomb – Six Days' Halling; Mr E. Sharp, Stonehouse; Mr J. Stephens, Ebley; Mr S. Lawrence, Westrip – Halling; Mr Dimock, Ebley – Timber to the value of fifty pounds  
Mrs Waldo £25; Rev J. Lilly £1 1s, Anonymous £1 1s; Anonymous 10s; Anonymous 5s; Anonymous £1 1s; Anonymous 2s  
Collected at laying first stone £42 6s

Bath: Colonel Daubeney £5, Mr Lynch £5; Miss C. Daubeney £5; Miss F. Daubeney £2; Mrs Fountayne £5; Mrs Tyers £1

Birches: Mr Hartnell £2 2s      Bisley: Mr W. Whiting 10s      Bridgend: Mr Wood £1; Mrs Wood £1      Brownhill House: Mr Caruthers £5

Cainscross: Mr Cosham £100; Mr Phipps £50; Mr Croome £150; Miss Clutterbuck £25; Mr Mason and Family £10; Mr T. C. Croome, £100; Mr Copner £60; Mr Mosley Jnr £20; Mr Trigg £1; Mr Curtis Snr £5; Miss Lewis £1; Mr Hoskins £1; Mr Mealing £1; Mr Whitham £1; Mr Carpenter £5; Mr Gardner £2; Mr Chandler £1; Mr Jeens £5; William Curtis £5; Mr S. Phipps £1 1s

Cheltenham: Rev J. W. Hayes £5 5s, Joseph Cripps £20; Miss Beard £1; Mrs Lockey £5      Cirencester: Mr R. B. Croome £10  
Clifton: Mr Sheppard £5      Collins's: Mr Wallop £1      Dudbridge: Mr Clutterbuck £50; Mrs Hawkins £5      Dunkirk House: Mr Dalton £5  
Eastington Lodge: Mr Loversage £3; Mrs Loversage £2      Ebley: Mr Beach £10; Mr Thomas Dickenson £5      Elm Green: Rev I. P. Jones £5  
Far Hill: Mr Grazebrook £10      Field Place: Miss S. Clissold £1 1s; Mr Clissold £50      Haywards End: Mr Stephens £20  
Humphrys End: Robert Martin £5      Leonard Stanley: Mr Miles £2      London: Mr C. Jacomb, Jnr £1; Mr Warder £1 1s      Lypiatt Park: Mr Lewis £5  
Martin Hussingtre near Worcester: Mr J. Williams £5      Newhouse: Mr Bamford £5      Painswick: Mr Baylis £5; Mr T. Clutterbuck £1  
Perry Hall: Mr Gough £25      Randwick: Rev J. Elliott £5      Road: Rev G. R. Orchard £2 2s  
Rodborough: Rev T. Glascott £5, Messrs Tanner and Baylis £10      Standish: Rev R. Halifax £5      Stinchcombe: Rev Sir George Prevost £25

Stonehouse: Mr Hayward £1, Miss Dimock £10; Rev W. Hallen £5; **Mr G. Spearing £1**; Mr Elliott £1; Mr Thornton £1; Mrs Eycott £3; Mr Eycott £2; Mr R. S. Davies £3; Mr R. Gardiner £1

Stratford Cottage: Mr W. H. Stanton £5      Stratford House: Mr Watts £20      Stratfords: Dr Darke £1 1s

Stroud: Rev W. F. Powell, £5; Mr Fisher £1, Mr Bedwell £1; Stroud Old Bank £20; Mr Uthwatt £1 1s; Mr Smith £5 5s; William Hopson £1; George Humphrys £1 1s; Mr I. P. Brisley 10s; Mr Fryer £2 2s; Thomas Davis £1 1s; Mr Lee £1; George Edwards £1; James Butt £5

The Field: Mr Thomas Marling £5      The Green: Mrs Ellis £5; Mr Hughes £2      The Grove: Mr Capel £5      The Thrupp: Mr Stanton £10  
Upfield Lodge: Charles Stanton £5      Uppingham: Rev I. G. Dimock £5      Walbridge: Mr George Hawker £1; Mr S. Adams 10s  
Whitminster House: Mr Cambridge £20      Winchester: Rev Holden £1      Woodchester: Mr O. P. Wathen £1; Mr Haycock £2  
Woodlands: Mr N. S. Marling 10s      Worcester: Mrs Willes £5

*Gloucestershire Chronicle 24 Oct 1835 Death*

On the 7<sup>th</sup> inst., aged 3 years, George Ralph, only son of Mr George Spearing, of Stonehouse.

*Gloucester Journal 19 Jan 1839 Corn Laws – Stroud*


A Public Meeting will be held at the Stroud Subscription Rooms on Wednesday next, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, to take into consideration the existing Laws regarding Importation of Corn, and the propriety of petitioning Parliament for their Repeal. The chair will be taken precisely at one o'clock. J. and D. Apperley, Robert Bamford, Edw. Barnard & Son, Oliver Bird, Birt and Clarke, William Bishop, M. D. Bowerbank, B. Brewer, E. G. Bucknall, Henry Clarke, Edw. Cockrell, C. Cooper, Daniel Cox, John Ferrabee, A. R. Fewster, Francis and Flint, John George, L. Hawkins, H. Haycraft, C. Hodges, C. Hooper and Co., William Hunt, N. and I. Jones, I. F. Lewis, Henry Lewis, E. Manning, William Marling, N. S. Marling, T. and S. S. Marling, J. F. Marling, Thomas Miles, J. Moody, Moses Morton, Thomas Overbury, Joseph Partridge, Nathaniel Partridge, D. Pincott, W. Smart, Smith and Gyde, **George Spearing**, William Stanton, John Stanton, Stanton and Sons, Charles Stephens, Charles Tye, John L. Vick, Joseph Watts, John Webb, J. Withey and Sons.

*Gloucester Journal 30 Nov 1839 Death*

Nov 24 at Stonehouse, aged 58, Mr Thomas Spearing.

*Gloucestershire Archives – Consistory Court of Gloucester – Probate Documents No.93 Ref 65232 dated 05 May 1840 Thomas Spearing of Stonehouse*

This is the last Will and Testament of Thomas Spearing of Stonehouse in the County of Gloucester. I give and devise all my Messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments whatsoever in reversion and expenctancy with their appurtenances together will all rents revenues and profits arising therefrom to **my wife Elizabeth Spearing** for her sole use and benefit during the term of her natural life. I also give and bequeath all my household goods plate linen china glass books prints wines and other liquors which shall be in my dwellinghouse and which shall belong to me at the time of my decease to my said wife for her absolute use and benefit and I further give and bequeath unto my said wife all monies now due to me or that may become due to my estate after my decease together with all other my effects of what kind soever to me belonging for her sole use and benefit. And I further ordain that at the decease of my said wife all the lands tenements and hereditaments herein devised and bequeathed together with all the goods chattles plate linen china glass books prints and all other effects of what kind soever then remaining shall be either sold or properly valued and equal division made share and share alike between **my son George Spearing and my daughter Elizabeth Baxter** or their heirs or assigns as they themselves shall hereafter determine and agree. And I do hereby appoint my son George Spearing jointly with Edwin Jeens both of Stonehouse in the said county of Gloucester to be the executors of this my last will and testament in which I revoke and disannul all former wills by me made declaring this to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty seventh day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine. Signed sealed published and declared by the said Thomas Spearing the Testator as his last will and testament in the presence of us who in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses – Richard Gardiner, Elizabeth Gardner.



The 5<sup>th</sup> May 1840 Appeared personally George Spearing of Stonehouse in the County of Gloucester Grocer and Edwin Jeens of the same place Gentleman and alledged upon oath that the foregoing paper writing contains the last will and testament of Thomas Spearing late of Stonehouse aforesaid deceased who died on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of November 1839 leaving goods chattels and credits wholly within the Diocese of Gloucester and Bristol under the value of four hundred and fifty pounds. That they are the joint executors therein named. That they will well and faithfully perform the same and render an inventory and accounts &c.

<i>1841 Census Stonehouse, Gloucestershire</i>			
George SPEARING	40yrs	Grocer	born in the county
Ann SPEARING	40yrs		born in the county
Ann SPEARING	15yrs		born in the county
Harriet SPEARING	5yrs		born in the county
Edward BAXTER	15yrs	Ap	born in the county
Mary Ann LONG	25yrs	Female Servant	born in the county
John FRANKLIN	45yrs	Male Servant	born in the county

*Gloucester Journal 22 Mar 1845 Marriage*  
 March 20 at Stonehouse Church by the Rev W. L. Mills, Mr G. Damsell of Lydbrook, to Ann Elizabeth, second daughter of Mr G. Spearing.

<i>1851 Census Stonehouse, Gloucestershire</i>				
George SPEARING	Head	53yrs	Grocer, Draper & Tallow Chandler	b Tetbury, Gloucestershire
Ann SPEARING	Wife	53yrs		b Bisley, Gloucestershire
Emma SPEARING	Dau	21yrs	Unmarried	b Stonehouse, Gloucestershire
Harriet SPEARING	Dau	15yrs	Unmarried	b Stonehouse, Gloucestershire
Albert S. EVANS		14yrs	Grocer's Apprentice	b Rhode, Somerset

*Cheltenham Chronicle 08 Mar 1849 Marriage*  
 March 1 at the Congregational Chapel Stonehouse, by the Rev T. Maund, Mr William Cole of Cirencester to Sarah Selina, third daughter of Mr George Spearing of the former place.

*Gloucestershire Chronicle 20 Mar 1852 Marriage*  
 March 18, at Stonehouse, by the Rev W. L. Mills, Mr John Yeo, of Swimbridge, Devon to Emma Matilda, fourth daughter of Mr G. Spearing.

*Gloucestershire Chronicle 01 Jan 1853 Marriage*  
 Dec 25 at Stonehouse Congregational Chapel by the Rev T. Maund, Mr Gurnsey Cook Neale, of Bristol, to Mary Jemima, eldest daughter of Mr George Spearing, draper and grocer.

*Gloucester Journal 18 Jul 1857 Marriage*  
 June 16, at Stonehouse Congregational Chapel, by the Rev T. Maund, Mr James Ward, of Braceland near Coleford, to Harriet Augusta, youngest daughter of Mr George Spearing of Stonehouse, in this county.

<i>1861 Census High Street, Stonehouse</i>				
John YEO	Head	36yrs	Draper and Grocer	b Swymbridge, Devon
Emma YEO	Wife	31yrs		b Stonehouse, Gloucestershire
George YEO	Son	8yrs	Scholar	b Bristol, Gloucestershire
Elizabeth A. YEO	Dau	4yrs		b Cirencester, Gloucestershire
Florence T. YEO	Dau	2yrs		b Cirencester, Gloucestershire
John S. YEO	Son	5 months		b Stonehouse, Gloucestershire
George SPEARING	Father-in-law	63yrs	Retired Draper and Grocer	b Tetbury, Gloucestershire
Ann SPEARING	Mother-in-law	63yrs		b Chalford, Gloucestershire
Harriett JENKINS	Servt	26yrs	House servant [unmarried]	b Berkeley, Gloucestershire
Emily THOMAS	Servt	16yrs	Nurse maid [unmarried]	b Ashton Keynes, Wiltshire

*Gloucester Journal 17 Feb 1866 Copy of Return*  
Pursuant to 7 and 8 Vic. & 32. Name of Firm – The Gloucestershire Banking Company. Persons of whom the Company or Partnership consists.  
... George Spearing, Stonehouse, gentleman...

*Gloucester Journal 14 Nov 1868 Death*  
Nov 10 at Stonehouse, Mr George Spearing, aged 71.

*National Probate Calendar 1869*  
17 February. The Will of George Spearing late of Stonehouse in the County of Gloucester Gentleman deceased who died 10 November 1868 at Stonehouse aforesaid was proved at Gloucester by the oaths of William Cole of Cirencester in the County aforesaid Butcher and Charles Cains Grimes of Stonehouse aforesaid Woollen Cloth Manufacturer two of the Executors. Effects under £300.

*Gloucester Journal 24 Sep 1870 Death*  
Sept 18 at Stonehouse, in this county, Anne, relict of the late Mr George Spearing, aged 72; deeply lamented.