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The Oxley Extra is an online supplement to The Oxley Farm Diaries (Henry, M. 2024), with pedigrees and additional material researched and compiled by Oxley Team Volunteers. The aim of the project is to offer a deeper insight into the lives of the people named in the diaries, and to find out where they came from. It was not unusual to find that many of the folk were born outside Sussex, and the tracing of the families involved was a fascinating and sometimes unexpected journey for the researchers. The process of starting to build a pedigree began with finding all the incidences of a chosen name in the diaries. From this basic information, searches were carried out using the Sussex Family History Group's extensive resources, including the new Sussex Discovery, will transcriptions, name indexes from wills, monumental inscriptions and the various CD/Downloads available of Settlement, Removal, Bastardy and Parish Poor records. The parish registers and censuses on the commercial websites were used to find further vital records, and to locate families which turned out to be outside of the SFHG net. To give a person context within a large family, and where space allows, known siblings are included on a pedigree. Not all sibling baptisms are shown, either due to lack of space, to avoid over-crowding the pedigree or where there is lack of evidence to prove or disprove a family link. There are incidences where children were not all conveniently baptised in the same parish. There is also the challenge of recognising those who were not baptised at all, or whose baptisms records are missing. Some were baptised as adults. Names and ages given in removal records and wills are extremely useful, especially before civil registration and the censuses. Family wills which contain useful names have often helped to break down a genealogical brick-wall, or have revealed a long standing error or omission in a family tree. To assist with navigation around the pedigrees, numbers in red next to a person's name indicate a note which offers further information. The use of blue text in some pedigrees is used to highlight repetition of data where first cousins married. Names in red indicate a person directly referenced in the diaries. General references for parish registers and BMDs are on one separate slide, and there is a references page at the end of each pedigree. References are also in the notes, where it is important for locating a more unusual record and to assist in further research. If vital records for an individual were in the same location, the parish has been given just once on their pedigree entry.

Please email oxleydiaries@sfhg.uk with any comments. Any suggestions for additions and/or corrections are welcome and will be researched and checked by the Oxley Team. The pedigrees can never be complete, and are intended to provide a basis from which to find something new about your family tree or for general interest. Extended pedigrees with fuller detail are available on the SFHG's 'The Weald of Kent, Surrey and Sussex' website at <https://theweald.org>.