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**Descendants of  
Joseph Cummins**

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## First Generation

### 1. **Joseph Cummins** was buried on 27 Feb 1777 in Frome, Somerset, England.

Joseph married **Jane** [MRIN: 2322]. Jane was buried on 2 May 1745 in Frome, Somerset, England.

Marriage Notes: There is a marriage of a Joseph Cummins to Jane Obourn in 1744 in Witham Friary. The groom's parish was Heitsbury in the County of Wilts.

Since Witham Friary is in the Frome area, this seems to be possible to be Joseph's 1st marriage. It would also explain why no Cummins appear in Frome before the burial of Jane in 1745 - he originally came from Wiltshire.

Joseph next married **Mary Blunt** [MRIN: 2349] on 28 Jan 1750 in Frome, Somerset, England. Mary was buried on 18 Jun 1799 in Frome, Somerset, England. Other names for Mary were Betty and Elizabet.

General Notes: The christening records list her as Betty/Elizabeth.  
The burial entry is also for Betty Cummins.

I have checked for a marriage of a Joseph Cummins (including soundex) to a Betty around this timeframe, anywhere in Somerset, and was unable to find one.

The only baptism I have been able to find for a Mary Blunt in Somerset from 1710 to 1730 was Mary Blunt, baptised 22 Sep 1717 at St Mary the Virgin Pr, Witham Priary - Father John Blunt, Abode Nunney (filenumber 28800) The only other Mary Blunts were one baptised in 1702 in Witham Priary and the other in 1648 - both too old

I then tried for an Elizabeth Blunt - there was one in 1696 and then one in 1663 - too early for ours, and another in 1722

Elizabeth Blunt baptised 9 Dec 1722 at All Saints Pr Nunney, father Tho. Blunt filenumber 29170  
There were no entries for a Betty Blunt.

Children from this marriage were:

- 2 F i. **Mary Cummins** was christened on 17 May 1750 in Frome, Somerset, England.  
Mary married **William Brookman** [MRIN: 2364] on 25 Nov 1773 in Frome, Somerset, England.
- 3 F ii. **Jane Cummins** was christened on 21 Dec 1751 in Frome, Somerset, England.
- 4 F iii. **Ann Cummins** was christened on 27 May 1758 in Frome, Somerset, England.  
Ann married **Thomas Wallis** [MRIN: 2367] on 20 Apr 1778 in Frome, Somerset, England.
- + 5 M iv. **James Cummins** was christened on 9 Feb 1760 in Frome, Somerset, England and was buried on 29 Oct 1820 in St John Baptist Parish, Frome, Somerset, England.
- 6 F v. **Betty Cummins** was christened on 19 Sep 1761 in Frome, Somerset, England.  
Betty married **James Bud** [MRIN: 2372] on 20 Dec 1784 in Frome, Somerset, England.
- 7 M vi. **Joseph Cummins** was buried on 8 Dec 1765 in Frome, Somerset, England.
- 8 F vii. **Hannah Cummins** was christened on 7 Nov 1767 in Frome, Somerset, England and was buried on 19 Jun 1768 in Frome, Somerset, England.

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## Second Generation (Children)

5. **James Cummins** (*Joseph*<sup>1</sup>) was christened on 9 Feb 1760 in Frome, Somerset, England and was buried on 29 Oct 1820 in St John Baptist Parish, Frome, Somerset, England.

General Notes: Although he was listed as Thomas Commons on the marriage entry, other entries on the Parish registers indicate his name was James Cummins.

There are the christenings of two children, in 1804 and 1809, to James and Rebecca Cummins.

There is a burial of a Rebecca Cummins in Dec 1844, age 81.

There is a burial of a James Cummins in 1820, age 52.

There is no burial for a Thomas Commons/Cummins in Frome.- there is only a burial of a Thomas Canning in Frome in 1845 (age 70),

James married **Rebekah Dredge** [MRIN: 1924], daughter of **William Dredge** and **Susanna**, on 24 Oct 1805 in Frome, Somerset, England.<sup>1</sup> Rebekah was born before 21 Sep 1760, was christened on 21 Sep 1760 in Frome, Somerset, England,<sup>2</sup> died before 22 Dec 1844 in Frome, Somerset, England,<sup>3</sup> and was buried on 22 Dec 1844 in Frome, Somerset, England.<sup>2</sup>

Marriage Notes: Witnesses Joseph Croom and John Deacon

General Notes: The only entry on the 1841 census for Reb\* C\*mm\*ns was

Last name	First name	Sex	Age	Birth county	Place	Township	City	Parish
Cummins	Rebecca F	50	Devon	Paradise Borough	Crediton	Crediton	Devon	

residing with Mary Rowe age 65 - they wer-e both weaver ?

The marriage entries show Rebecca Wimpey married Thomas Commons in 1805. There is no other marriage of a Commons/Cummins in Frome between 1759 and 1812.

The baptism entries show two children to James Cummins and Rebecca

03 Apr 1809	Elizabeth	CUMMINS		James	Rebecca aged 10 yrs, school children
07 Jul 1804	James	CUMMINS	M	James	Rebecca

James appears to have married Ann Flower in 1828

481 23 Jun 1828	James	COMMINGS	X	Bch	otp	William HACKETT
Banns	Ann	FLOWER	X	Sp	otp	H CRUSE

They then had a son James in 1835.

2014	06 Jun 1835	James	James & Ann	CUMMINS	Spring Gardens	Labourer
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A Mary Ann Cummins was the informant at the time of Rebekah's son William's wife Elizabeth's death in 1860.

The 1861 Census shows a Mary Ann Cummins living at Frome, the wife of James Cummins.

1861 England Census about Mary Anne Commins

Name: Mary Anne Commins

Age: 23

Estimated Birth Year: abt 1838

Relation: Wife

Spouse's Name: James Cummins

Gender: Female

Where born: Rodden Lane Frome

Civil parish: Frome

Ecclesiastical parish: St John

Town: Frome

County/Island: Somerset

Country: England

Street Address:

Occupation:

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Condition as to marriage:

[View image](#)

Registration district: Frome

Sub-registration district: Frome

ED, institution, or vessel: 8

Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household schedule number: 52

Piece: 1654

Folio: 33

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Household Members:

Name Age

James Commins 25 head mar worker at the woolen dyehouse Spring Gardens Somerset

Mary Anne Commins 23 wife mar woolen spinner Rodden Lane Frome

Emily Jane Commins 1 Months dau un Frome Somerset

Source Citation: Class: RG 9; Piece: 1654; Folio: 33; Page: 11; GSU roll: 542846.

In the next household

James Commins head mar 55 cloth worker Frome do

Anne do wife mar 60 do binder Frome do

Joseph do son un 32 labourer 'general' Frome do

Mary Ann do niece 5 scholar Frome do

The Frome Baptisms shows :

1802	29 May 1859	Rosa Jane	James & Mary Ann	CUMMINGS	Blue Boar Yard
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At the time of Elizabeth Whimpey nee Clement's baptism in 1853, her place of abode was the Blue Boar Yard.

Children from this marriage were:

- 9 F i. **Elizabeth Cummins** was born in 1799 and was christened on 3 Apr 1809 in St John Baptist Parish, Frome, Somerset, England.
- + 10 M ii. **James Cummins** was christened on 7 Jul 1804 in St John Baptist Parish, Frome, Somerset, England and was buried on 9 Jul 1888 in Holy Trinity Parish, Frome, Somerset, England.

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## Third Generation (Grandchildren)

**10. James Cummins** (*James*<sup>2</sup>, *Joseph*<sup>1</sup>) was christened on 7 Jul 1804 in St John Baptist Parish, Frome, Somerset, England and was buried on 9 Jul 1888 in Holy Trinity Parish, Frome, Somerset, England.

General Notes: 1841 Census

Piece: HO107/942/0 Place: Frome -Somerset Enumeration District: 10  
Civil Parish: Frome Ecclesiastical Parish: Frome  
Folio: 16 Page: 24  
Address: Bridge St

Surname	First name(s)	Sex	Age	Occupation	Where Born
COMMINS	James	M	30	Woollen Trade	Somerset
COMMINS	Ann	F	30	Woollen Trade	Somerset
COMMINS	James (Jnr)	M	6		Somerset
COMMINS	Josh	M	2		Somerset

Noted events in his life were:

- He appeared on the census in 1861 in Frome, Somerset, England.<sup>4</sup>
- He appeared on the census in 1881 in 17 The Mint, Frome, Somerset, England.<sup>5</sup>

James married **Ann Flower** [MRIN: 2319] in 1828. Ann was born in 1803 and was buried on 22 Jan 1878 in Frome, Somerset, England.

Children from this marriage were:

- + 11 M i. **James Cummins** was born in 1835 and was christened on 6 Jun 1835 in Frome, Somerset, England.
- 12 M ii. **Joseph Cummins** was christened on 6 Oct 1838 in Frome, Somerset, England and was buried on 6 May 1885 in Frome, Somerset, England.

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## Fourth Generation (Great-Grandchildren)

**11. James Cummins** (*James<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, Joseph<sup>1</sup>*) was born in 1835 and was christened on 6 Jun 1835 in Frome, Somerset, England.

James married **Mary Ann Dunning** [MRIN: 2320] on 8 Jul 1855 in Frome, Somerset, England. Mary was born in 1836 and was buried on 20 May 1897 in Frome, Somerset, England.

Children from this marriage were:

- 13 F i. **Mary Ann Cummins** was born in 1855 in Frome, Somerset, England and was christened on 6 Oct 1855 in Frome, Somerset, England.

General Notes: FindMyPast

COMMONS MARY ANN — — 1880 England & Wales marriages 1837-2008  
England

FreeReg

Surname	First name(s)	District	Vol	Page
Marriages Sep 1880 (>99%)				
Commons	Mary Ann	Frome	5c	754

Other entries for that page

GARDINER	Alfred	Frome	5c	754	Scan available - click to view
Gardner	Charles	Frome	5c	754	Scan available - click to view
Jenkins	Mary Ann	Frome	5c	754	Scan available - click to view

The 1881 England Census indicates she married Alfred Gardiner

Mary Ann Gardner in the 1881 England Census

Name: Mary Ann Gardner

Age: 24

Estimated Birth Year: abt 1857

Relationship to Head: Wife

Spouse: Alfred Gardner

Gender: Female

Where born: Frome, Somerset, England

Civil Parish: Frome

County/Island: Somerset

Country: England

Street address: Broad St

Marital Status: Married

Occupation: Masons Lab Wife

Registration district: Frome

Sub registration district: Frome

ED, institution, or vessel: 2

Class: RG11; Piece: 2401; Folio: 32; Page: 18; GSU roll: 1341578

- 14 F ii. **Emily Cummins** was christened on 9 Sep 1857 in Frome, Somerset, England and was buried on 28 Sep 1857 in Frome, Somerset, England.
- 15 F iii. **Rosa Jane Cummins** was christened on 29 May 1859 in Frome, Somerset, England and was buried on 19 Sep 1859 in Frome, Somerset, England.
- 16 F iv. **Emily Jane Cummins** was christened on 7 Mar 1861 in Frome, Somerset, England.  
Emily married **Henry James** [MRIN: 2375] on 14 Apr 1884 in Frome, Somerset, England.
- 17 F v. **Ellen Cummins** was christened on 25 Jan 1863 in Frome, Somerset, England.  
Ellen married **Tom Happerfield** [MRIN: 2374] on 25 Mar 1883 in Frome, Somerset, England.
- 18 M vi. **William Harry Cummins** was christened on 26 Nov 1865 in Frome, Somerset, England and was buried on 9 Jul 1868 in Frome, Somerset, England.

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- + 19 M vii. **William James Cummins** was christened on 26 Jul 1868 in Frome, Somerset, England.
- 20 F viii. **Sarah Eliza Cummins** was christened on 25 Sep 1870 in Frome, Somerset, England and was buried on 19 Aug 1873 in Frome, Somerset, England.
- 21 F ix. **Alice Louisa Cummins** was christened on 21 Dec 1872 in Frome, Somerset, England.  
Alice married **Herbert Henry Grainger** [MRIN: 2378] on 21 Jul 1901 in Frome, Somerset, England.
- 22 F x. **Eliza Cummins** was christened on 19 Sep 1874 in Frome, Somerset, England.  
Eliza married **Albert Hillier** [MRIN: 2376] on 25 Apr 1896 in Frome, Somerset, England.
- 23 M xi. **Walter George Cummins** was christened on 6 Sep 1876 in Frome, Somerset, England and was buried on 21 Dec 1876 in Frome, Somerset, England.
- 24 F xii. **Georgina Cummins** was christened on 14 Aug 1877 in Frome, Somerset, England and was buried on 20 Aug 1877 in Frome, Somerset, England.
- 25 M xiii. **Herbert Cummins** was christened on 21 Sep 1878 in Frome, Somerset, England.
- 26 F xiv. **Georgina Cummins** was christened on 20 Aug 1881 in Frome, Somerset, England.



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## Fifth Generation (Great Great-Grandchildren)

**19. William James Cummins** (*James<sup>4</sup>, James<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, Joseph<sup>1</sup>*) was christened on 26 Jul 1868 in Frome, Somerset, England.

General Notes: The 1901 England Census shows William J. Commons age 32 was in the household of William Biss. He was listed as son-in-law. Also in the household was Carrie Commons 37, Florence M Pearce 12, William A Pearce 11 and Daiby A Pearce 10

1911 England Census has an entry for William James Commons, age 42 at 1 Sunnyvale, Culverhill, Frome. Also in the household were Carrie Commons age 49 wife, Daisy Ada Pearce 20 stepdaughter, Winnifred Dora Commons 9 and Harold Stanley Commons 7.

William married **Caroline Biss** [MRIN: 2379], daughter of **William Biss** and **Unknown**, in 1898 in Frome, Somerset, England.

General Notes: The 1891 England Census shows Caroline Pearce, age 28, was in the household of Arthur Pearce. She was his wife. Also in the household were Florence E M B Pearce 3, William Arthur Pearce 1 and Daisy Ada Annie Pearce 2/12.

The 1901 England Census shows William J. Commons age 32 was in the household of William Biss. He was listed as son-in-law. Also in the household was Carrie Commons 37, Florence M Pearce 12, William A Pearce 11 and Daiby A Pearce 10

1911 England Census has an entry for William James Commons, age 42 at 1 Sunnyvale, Culverhill, Frome. Also in the household were Carrie Commons age 49 wife, Daisy Ada Pearce 20 stepdaughter, Winnifred Dora Commons 9 and Harold Stanley Commons 7.

Children from this marriage were:

- 27 M i. **Harold Stanley Cummins** was christened on 15 Apr 1905 in Frome, Somerset, England.
- 28 F ii. **Winifred Dora Cummins** was christened on 15 Apr 1905 in Frome, Somerset, England.

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## **(No surname)**

Jane, 1  
Susanna, 2

## **BISS**

Caroline, 7  
William, 7

## **BLUNT**

Mary, 1

## **BROOKMAN**

William, 1

## **BUD**

James, 1

## **CUMMINS**

Alice Louisa, 6  
Ann, 1  
Betty, 1  
Eliza, 6  
Elizabeth, 3  
Ellen, 5  
Emily, 5  
Emily Jane, 5  
Georgina, 6  
Hannah, 1  
Harold Stanley, 7  
Herbert, 6  
James, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5  
Jane, 1  
Joseph, 1, 4  
Mary, 1  
Mary Ann, 5  
Rosa Jane, 5  
Sarah Eliza, 6  
Walter George, 6  
William Harry, 5  
William James, 6, 7  
Winifred Dora, 7

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## **FLOWER**

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## **GRAINGER**

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## **WALLIS**

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