

JOHN ORBELL 1831 – 1871

John Firmin Orbell - son of Sarah Firmin (of Goldingham Hall) and John Orbell - was born in Foxearth.

In 1860 he married Mary Ann (Marianne) Lucy Catt and settled in Bulmer, farming rented land at Goldingham Hall.

April 3rd 1860 Bury Free Press

Married at Spitafields, London---Mr J.F.Orbell of Goldingham Hall, Bulmer, Essex, to Marianne Lucy the eldest daughter of Mr J.Catt of Manor House Witnesham.

Early in the 1860s they had a son, John, then three daughters Edith, Mary and Emma. At the end of 1867, Philip was born.

But Philip died aged 15 months in February 1869. His death was followed by the birth of another daughter, Janet.

By 1871, John, Mary and their five children were living in Goldingham Hall with Mary's sister, a governess and two servants.

That year John died, aged 40, outlived by his father. But Mary was pregnant and in September gave birth to another son. She named him Philip after the son who had died.

April 22nd 1871 Bury Free Press

Died on the 18th inst of consumption, John Firmin Orbell of Goldingham Hall, Bulmer, Essex

In the summer of 1878 Mary too died. Her youngest child was just 7

By the census in the summer of 1881 son John, aged 19, was head of the household. At that time Goldingham Hall was 450 acres and employed 14 men and 3 boys.

But in the autumn the property and its contents were auctioned

September 17th 1881

Goldingham Hall, Bulmer. To be sold by auction by George Coote and Son and Henry Meekings jointly on Wednesday

September 27th 1881 Haverhill Echo

**Live and Dead Farming stock to be sold by auction at Goldingham Hall, Bulmer by George Coote and Henry Meekings, auctioneers.
29 horses including foals and a dun pony - 21 head of stock - 40 fat sheep - 100 lambs - 20 swine and implements for 500 acres.**

John junior moved to Hundon where he managed a farm.
He died in 1931