

## MARY ORBELL 1833-1878

Born Mary Ann (Marianne) Lucy Catt, Mary married John Orbell

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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 Witesham.

Early in the 1860s they had a son, John. He was followed by three daughters Edith, Mary and Emma. Then, 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 of consumption, aged 40. But Mary was pregnant and in September gave birth to another son. She called him Philip after the son who had died.

Mary continued to live and farm at Goldingham Hall

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Bulmer. One of the most destructive fires in the neighbourhood took place at Goldingham Hall, Bulmer last Saturday, the farm is a large one in the occupation of Mrs Orbell, widow, who had just finished harvest and the stackyard was nearly full of all the produce of the farm in the stackyard adjoining the farm premises, these it appears occupied a central position, the dwelling house is occupied by Mrs Orbell being on one side of them, the stackyard on the other, the barn, fortunately is covered with tiles is adjacent to one side of the stackyard and on one end is a low stone wall separating it from the road or carriageway. In one corner of the yard is a small shed in which was kept a number of agricultural implements such as a seed drill, tumbrels etc while just outside the wall above mentioned were two wagons, one nearly new, laden with stover also a small stack of clover seed, near these on the opposite of the roadway was a small shed and a hen house, the stackyard it's self contained 11 large stacks of corn comprising of about 68 acres of wheat, 50 acres of barley, 25 acres of peas, 70 tons of clover stover and hay, 45 acres of barley, tare and oat straw, the whole were totally destroyed, as was the sheds and wagons and all the agricultural implements, even large wooden beams under different stacks were also consumed by the fire and the barn walls and doors were greatly scorched. The corn etc which was destroyed is estimated to be worth £2,000--£3,000 and the farm implements at about £200, fortunately all was insured by the Suffolk Alliance Office, it is supposed the fire was caused by children playing with matches.

Perhaps she was only just coping. In less than a decade she had lost a son, her husband, then crops and tools worth over £2000. In the summer of 1878 Mary too died. She was 45 years old.