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MAFFEY

MAFFEY - The surname MAFFEY is first mentioned in 1832. William Gittings Maffey (1803-1852) was the tenant of Higher Bridmore Farm. His parents were Thomas Maffey (1766-1844) and Hannah GITTINGS (1772-1844), who married at Swallowcliffe in 1797. Their five known children were:

1. Eliza (ca 1800-1865) was baptised at Swallowcliffe on 5th June 1800. She did not marry and is described as “Miss Maffey”, living in Shaftesbury, in the diaries. She is mentioned in her father’s will and died in Southsea, Hampshire. Possible twin of Emma, below.
2. Emma (ca 1800-1886) was also baptised at Swallowcliffe on 5th June 1800, so possibly a twin of Eliza, above. In 1839, Emma married James KING at Shaftesbury. On the 1851 census the couple are at “Bridmore” (almost certainly Higher Bridmore). In 1871 and 1881 they are at West End, Fisherton Anger, Salisbury. James is described as a “Retired Traveller” and also a Draper), while Emma is an Annuitant. They do not appear to have had any children. Emma is mentioned in her father Thomas’ will.
3. William Gittings (1803-1852). Farmer at Higher Bridmore in 1841 and at Berwick Farm in 1851. He did not marry.
4. Jane Louisa (1804-1840). Jane married George TRENCHARD (1804-1837) in 1836 and they had a daughter, Eliza Maffey Trenchard in 1837, baptised Shaftesbury. In the later diaries, the latter Miss Trenchard can be found living with her unmarried aunt, Eliza Maffey, in Shaftesbury. Eliza Maffey Trenchard married Thomas BENETT (b. 1838, Ebbesborne) in 1866. In 1871 the couple are living in Frome, Somerset. Thomas’ occupation is that of Banker and there are two children, Sybil (b. 1869) and Margaret (b. 1870).
5. John (1811-1848).