

APPENDIX 5a. ELIZA ANN JONES (nee Ruston) 1837 – 1927,
News article in the North Bucks. Times (1927).

OLD BLETCHLEY.

A LINK WITH NELSON.

By the death of Mrs. Jones, at the age of 89, which took place at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Garner, at the "Well House," Old Bletchley, a link with the distant past has been removed. Mrs. Jones was cleaner at St. Mary's Church forty years ago, when her husband, Mr. John Jones, who died thirty years ago, was parish clerk, village fiddler, postman and clockmender. Mrs. Jones was born in 1837 while William IV. was still alive. She was brought up by her grandfather, Roger Ruston, who was a barber and wigmaker at Portsmouth. Lord Nelson used to frequent the shop to be shaved, and was there on the day that he sailed before the Battle of Trafalgar. Roger Ruston lived in Spring St., Portsea, and he died in 1848, aged 80 years. Mrs. Jones remembered Lord Palmerston coming to lunch at her grandfather's while electioneering, and for long she treasured a threepenny bit given to her by him. She remembered Lord Palmerston putting his hand on her grandfather's shoulder and saying: "You will vote for me, Roger, won't you." Mrs. Jones' grandfather, on her mother's side fought under Nelson and lived to the age of 88.

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* Note: Roger Ruston died on 14th July
1849
aged 75

APPENDIX 5b Wedding report for Louise Garner and John Eric Thompson
North Bucks Times (1939)

MR. J. THOMPSON—MISS L. GARNER.

Mr. John Eric Thompson, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Thompson, 73, Eaton Avenue, and Miss Louisa Garner, the elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Garner, Well House, Old Bletchley, were married in St. Mary's Church, Old Bletchley, on Monday, the Rev. A. H. Partridge conducting the ceremony.

The bride was given away by her father, and she wore a blue two-piece dress, an eggshell blue hat and a spray of carnations and violets. Her sister, Mrs. J. W. Jones, was matron of honour, and her brother, Mr. W. Garner, was best man.

A party of family guests was entertained at the bridegroom's home, including the bridegroom's aunt and uncle who travelled all the way from Barrow-in-Furness only to be delayed at Wolverton for twenty minutes and miss the wedding ceremony.

The many gifts included one from the Timekeepers in the Vickers Armstrong works, at Barrow, where the bridegroom is employed. Mr. Thompson was a wages clerk at Flettons, Water Eaton, before going to Barrow in July.