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BRACHER

BRACHER - A “Mr Bracher” of Sedgehill is mentioned in 1815 and a “Farmer Bracher” in 1816, presumably the same identity. The latter was a tenant to Thomas GROVE. The surname is again mentioned in connection to the Sedeghill / Semley area in 1834.

In 1835 Mrs Du BOULAY, with a Mrs Bracher, called on Charlotte to say they would not be coming to dinner.

In 1836, Charlotte reports that Charlotte SHEPHERD is living with “Mrs Bracher of Fovant”. Charlotte Shepherd, the eldest child and daughter of labourer Lot Shepherd and his wife Elizabeth (nee READ) was born Ebbesbourne in 1816. Although baptised at Martin, her six younger siblings were all baptised in Berwick St John. To mark her good behaviour after one year in service with Mrs Bracher, Charlotte Grove gave Charlotte a gown (1st June, 1836).

The Brachers were mainly farming families, living in the various Wiltshire villages between Salisbury and Shaftesbury, including Tisbury, Sutton Mandeville, Great Wishford, Chicks Grove, and East Knoyle.

Other surnames connected to BRACHER include, among others:

FUTCHER, HIBBERD, ALFORD, COMBES, WILKINS, MARTIN, TURNER, HALE, ALDRIDGE, SMITH and FOLLIOTT.

