

This is, probably, the best known member of the Bowler family.

She was born in 1837 as Sarah Mayhew, married Charles Bowler in 1856, and died in 1929, aged 92.

In 1927, Sarah wrote to the Lipton Tea company, saying that she thought tea was what had enabled her to reach the age of 90 and still be ‘active, hale and hearty. She was, at this time, curator of Moot Hall, which was probably then only being used for storage.

In response to Sarah’s letter, Sir Thomas Lipton visited Elstow and, outside Moot Hall, presented her with a box of tea. They were photographed and the pictures ere used by Liptons for publicity purposes.

The box she is pictured with here looks somewhat bigger than the one she was given at Moot Hall, so may be a display one – or perhaps they gave her a second box as thanks for letting the company use her image and story?

There are photographs of her and Sir Thomas stored on the Elstow picture archive - on this page; <https://elstow.weebly.com/old-elstow.html>

Also, on the [1920s page](https://elstow.weebly.com/1920s.html) of the May festival albums, there are photos of Sarah at the 1926 and 1927 events.

To see Sarah’s position in the Bowler – Berwick – Roberts family tree, go to page 2 of this document.

Minnie

Theodora May

1891

Arthur Charles

1890

Jeremiah Bowler = M = Mary Knight

B1773 d1830

**The Elstow Bowler – Berwick – Roberts Family**

John William

1894

Mary

1832

Arthur

Charles

1923-36

Constance

1916

Rita

Marjorie

1909

Frederick

Theodora

1906

Bertha = M 1938 = Albert Curtis

Ada

1915-62

Freda = M1939 = George Roberts

Elizabeth

1930

Arthur John Berwick = M1906 = Annie

1886-1972 1886-1966

Susan B1798

Mary B1800

Lizzie 1803-4

Pheobe 1805

Richard = m1831 = Sarah Whittamore

1810 -1888 b1812

Pheobe 1863

William

1858-9

Ellen

1856

Emma

1848

Sarah

1847

Richard

1844

Thomas

1843

Maria

1840

?

John

1838

James

1836

 ?

1831

Caroline

Susanna

1834-34

Charles === M 1856 === Sarah Mayhew

1835-1918 1837-1929

John

1856

Elizabeth

1859

Arthur = M? = Emily Cole = M = Minnie Golding 1861-

Martha

1867

Jane = M 1894 = Charles Cirket

1859

Sarah Anne

1872

Christopher E

1877

Bertha M

1884-1974?