

## **Family History – Arthur Shering**

Our Grandfather and Grandmother were:

Charles Shering and Mary Nicken  
Married 21 January 1892 at Alderholt.

They had 4 Children:

Levi Born 6-11-1893 Died 3-8-1935  
David Born 1-10-1895 Died 22-12-1962  
Francis Born 7-02-1898 Died 17-9-1975  
Jesse Born 9-12-1899 Died 7-03-1952

From Info gathered over the years, a lot from Auntie Hilda (wife of David Shering) in the 1970s this is some of the history of the family.

Charles farmed at Kite's nest in the 1890s where Levi, David and Francis were born and attended Martin School.

1. They moved to North Allenford farm about 1899 where I understand Jesse, my father, was born.
2. David served in the army at Dardinells and in France where he was wounded in the back and gassed. He suffered from this at times until his death in 1962.
3. My father Jesse went to school at Martin and then worked on the farm at North Allenford.
4. He served in the Army (Hampshire Regiment) Infantry from 1917 to 1919. Part of his service was spent in Ireland during the troubled political times in 1918.
5. He came back from the Army to work again at Allenford farm with his father Charles and brother Levi.
6. Levi, David and Jesse were forced to work very hard during their younger years on the farm by their father for little reward and appreciation.
7. After 1914-1918 war, David on his return purchased a few acres at Toyd near Rockbourne and built a Nissan hut to live in and started a Poultry farm. He later got married and built a bungalow. Later on moved to East Martin – Elm View Farm.
8. Charles Shering died of a sudden heart attack aged 62 in 1926. At his death he was a tennant farmer at Allenford farm, but owned cottages at Alderholt, Pear tree farm at Sandleheath, Haskells (5x9 Acre fields) at Blandford road Martin and Elm View Farm at East Martin.
9. Levi Shering carried on the Allenford farm, but he had TB and died in 1932. He was unmarried but had a girlfriend, Miss Beatrice Bell of Wyke near Gillingham in Dorset.

Levi is remembered as a very strong cyclist and runner in his younger days and

was known to cycle to Bournemouth twice in one day on occasions.

10. After Levi's death the farm, cottages and land at Haskells were sold, but Elm

View Farm was purchased by arrangement between Mary Shering and David in

condition that Mary Shering could live in 2 rooms of the bungalow until her death.

11. Jesse Shering married Elsie Shearing of Hawk Hill Farm, Alderholt in 1928 and purchased Drove End Farm in about 1932 having lived for the first few years of married life in one of the families' cottages at Alderholt.

12. Drove End Farm was about 40 acres and consisted of cow-pens for 4 cows, stables for 2 horses with loft above. A granary for storing grain and foodstuffs and a pig sty for about 10 pigs.

13. Jesse and Elsie had 5 children.

Mabel	born	5-1-1929
Leslie	born	1-8-1931
Arthur	born	4-4-1933
Frederick	born	1-9-1937