

John Henry Murrell (1837-1893)

John Henry was born in Wivenhoe on 14th February 1837 to William and Eliza. At the age of 4 in the 1841 census he is living with his parents on West Street, Wivenhoe and in the 1851 census aged 14 is living in Hartlepool as a servant / errand boy for a Richard Leonard, hosier, on Southgate Street. He married Elizabeth Bainbridge in 1859 and on the 1861 census he is recorded as a Clothier and they are living on the northeast side of Southgate Street. By the 1871 census they had moved to 49 High Street with John still shown as a Clothier. The 1881 census again shows the family still at 49 High Street with the occupation as a Woolen Draper. By 1890 the family were living at Highfield House, Wellington Road with John having established offices for J H Murrell & Co, a shipping company, at 73 Church Street. John was also a partner in the firm of J.H. Murrell & Sons of Cardiff, which was managed by his son Cecil.

John and Elizabeth had 6 children; Lois Emily (1860-1944), Cecil Henry Frederick (1861-1899), Edith Marion (1864-1944), Augusta Adelaide (1869-1931), John William Percy (1874-1943) and Edna Lisa (1878-1968).

John died in West Hartlepool on the 8th January 1893 aged 55, Elizabeth died in North Finchley, London on 18th November 1924 aged 86.