

Introduction

My Great Great Great Grandfather Robert Hawkes was according to Freda Charlotte Hawkes my Great Great Aunt, a very stern man with a mop of red chestnut coloured hair.

Until now I puzzled over his attitude to his children, he was very strict with them which in George's case seemed to make him even worse.

Having found some of Robert's past in the form of an appearance at the Assizes which got him put in prison for twelve months and an appearance in court most years up until his death for various offences which was not a very good example to his children.

I think it was more a matter of survival as most but not all of his offences were for poaching so it was a matter of eating or not but Robert still encouraged the local Policeman Henry Isham to catch George for him when he was running away after George's latest misdemeanour but all to no avail his sons still ended up in prison and reformatory.