

Object(s): Hoof Pick

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What is a hoof pick?

Hoof picks are instruments used for picking out stones from the hooves of cows and horses, to ensure that they keep free from hoof rot and other infections.

Edward Charles Chisnall

This hoof pick was owned and used by Edward Charles Chisnall born 16th August 1878 in Wrabness, Essex. His parents were Edwin and Louisa Chisnall. Edward came from a large family as the census record for 1881 shows (**Figure 1**). The family were living at a property on Hough Road, Wrabness with Father Edwin working as a Farm Bailiff and Edward Charles aged only 2 years and with three other siblings. As a Farm Bailiff, Edwin would have been involved in overseeing the tenant farmers on the estate, making sure that rents were paid and that the farms were run well.

60	Do	1	Edwin Chisnall	Head	Male	29	Farm Bailiff	Do	Do
			Louisa Do	Wife	Female	25		Do	Clacton
			Ann Do	Daughter	Female	4		Do	Wrabness
			May Do	Daughter	Female	3		Do	Do
			Edward C. Do	Son	Male	2		Do	Do
			Maud Do	Daughter	Female	1		Do	Do

Figure 1. 1881 Census for England and Wales¹

Ten years later in 1891, the Census shows the family are now even larger. They are living at Shipp's Farm where Edward's father Edwin appears to be the Farmer. Edward is now 12 years of age and is at school. There is now a total of nine children with seven being of school age.²

¹ Ancestry.com

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15	Dr. Lipp's Farm	1	Edwin Chinnall	Head	M	40	Farmer	Employ	Emma Unalness	Do	Clacton
			Louisa	Wife	F	45			Do	Do	
			Amey	Daughter	S	24	Domestic help		Do	Do	
			Mary	Do	S	23	Domestic help		Do	Do	
			Edward C.	Son	S	22	Farmer son	Worker	Do	Do	
			Maudie	Daughter	S	21	Governess (family)		Do	Unalness	
			Herbert	Son	S	15	Farmer son	Worker	Do	Do	
			Helena M.	Daughter	S	12			Do	Do	
			Clarence	Son	S	9			Do	Do	
			Patrick	Son	S	7			Do	Alresford	
			Leonard	Son	S	7			Do	Do	
			Robert	Son	S	7			Do	Do	
			Family M.	Son	S	4			Do	Do	

Figure 2. 1891 Census for England and Wales³

In 1901, the Census shows (**Figure 3**) Edward Charles and family are living at Health Farm where Edwin is a Farmer. There are now eleven children with Edward Charles being listed as a Farmer's son aged 22 years, so he is obviously assisting his father with farm duties.⁴

62	Health Farm	1	Edwin Chinnall	Head	M	50	Farmer	Employ	Emma Unalness	Do	Clacton
			Louisa	Wife	F	45			Do	Do	
			Amey	Daughter	S	24	Domestic help		Do	Do	
			Mary	Do	S	23	Domestic help		Do	Do	
			Edward C.	Son	S	22	Farmer son	Worker	Do	Do	
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			Leonard	Son	S	7			Do	Do	
			Robert	Son	S	7			Do	Do	
			Family M.	Son	S	4			Do	Do	

Figure 3. 1901 Census for England and Wales⁵

On the 1911 census (**Figure 4**) we see that Beatrice Freda Barton (Edward Charles's future wife) is living with her 68-year-old widowed mother Martha Barton who is recorded as being a Farmer. Beatrice is aged 33 years, is single and working as what appears to be an Assistant to her mother on the family farm.⁶ Prior to this, the 1891 census shows a much different story, Freda is living with both her parents and six siblings.⁷ Matthew Barton, Beatrice's

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father is recorded as being the Farmer of 314 acres and employing 12 men and 3 boys in 1881.⁸

	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.
1	Martha Barton	Head	68	Widow	32	9	7	2		Farmer	100	Employer
2	Beatrice Freda Barton	Daughter	32	single						Farmer's daughter	100	
3												

Figure 4. 1911 Census for England and Wales⁹

Edward Charles Chisnall married Beatrice Freda Barton born 25th August 1878 at St Peter, Alresford, Essex on 14th February 1912. Edward and Beatrice lived at Ivy Tree Farm, Shelley, Hadleigh and the 1939 Register records them having a son Edward Gerald Chisnall who was single (**Figure 5**). In 1939, the register shows Edward Charles as working as a Farmer, Beatrice as doing unpaid domestic duties and Edward Gerald being a tractor driver and general farm worker (**Figure 5**).¹⁰

Ivy Tree Farm	173	1	Chisnall Edward C.	M	16 Aug -78	M	Farmer
Shelley, Hadleigh	"	2	" Beatrice F	F	25 Aug -78	M	unpaid domestic duties
"	"	3	" Edward G.	M	1 June -12	S	Tractor Driver, general farm worker

Figure 5. 1939 Register for England and Wales¹¹

Edward Charles sadly died aged 95 years on 3rd October 1973 in Layham, Suffolk (**Figure 6**).

**CHISNALL, Edward Charles of Ivy Tree Farm Layham Suffolk
died 3 October 1973 Probate Ipswich 7 February £11281
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Figure 6. Probate for Mr Edward Charles Chisnall¹²

Essex Yeomanry-Farrier's Assistant

Mr Edward Charles Chisnall served as a Farrier's Assistant with the Essex Yeomanry and was issued with this hoof pick in 1902 during the Boer War. He also used it at Ivy Tree Farm where he lived.

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The Essex Yeomanry was a Reserve unit of the British Army which contributed to the war effort during the Second Boer War and the latter two World Wars.¹³ Horses were an essential component of the military force for British forces during the Boer War. They enabled greater mobilisation of the troops, however due to the nature of battle, many horses sadly lost their lives. To maintain the serving horses, a secondary army of Farriers were required. The Essex Yeomanry suffered 135 casualties and almost all their horses were killed during the First World War.¹⁴

¹³ Wikipedia. Essex Yeomanry [Internet]. Wikipedia (2020). Available from: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Essex_Yeomanry

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