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Diamond Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs, of Reepham

Their many friends in the trade will wish to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gibbs, of the Laurels, Reepham, Norfolk, who celebrated their Diamond Wedding



on October 3. They were married at St. Mary's Church, Hickling, in 1888. Mr. Gibbs is senior partner in Edward Gibbs & Son, ironmongers and seed merchants,

of Reepham. His partner is his son, Mr. E. Gibbs, junior, and his daughter also takes an active part. On October 11 the business will complete its sixtieth year of existence.

Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs have received a telegram from the King and Queen congratulating them on their anniversary, and to mark the occasion Mr. Gibbs has composed the following verses:—

Sixty years ago to-day,
A maiden lady came my way—
And not to leave me in the lurch,
She went with me to Hickling Church.
The parson made us man and wife,
And thus began a happy life.
Of course we've had our ups;
We've also had our downs,
But still we've had more smiles than
frowns,
And this is just as it should be—
To God, give thanks for Jubilee.

To celebrate the diamond jubilee of Edward Gibbs & Son, the firm entertained employees with their wives and their friends to dinner at the Curate House, Norwich, on October 7. The business is believed to have been established over two hundred years ago, and it was acquired by Mr. Edward Gibbs, sen., on October 11, 1888. After the dinner, Mr. Gibbs was presented with a mounted and engraved walking-stick and Mrs. Gibbs with a butterfly-wing brooch. As a souvenir of the occasion each member of the staff received from the firm a miniature copper frypan which had been suitably engraved.

Edward and Emma were married in October 1888. In the same month Edward Gibbs took over the ironmonger's business in Reepham from Stephen Leeds.

Emma was also a Gibbs, and she and Edward were first cousins.

(See Gibbs family tree)