

Fanny Reeve and her daughter Elizabeth. More information can be found in Untold Tales from the Suffolk Sandlings by Valerie Fenwick and Vic Harrup.

her father, now aged 77 years. Fanny described herself as a charwoman between 1871 and 1891, and it seems likely she did household work for the Large family and told William when he was a boy about her adventure in Ipswich.

Regarding her children's surnames, the story is a little more complex than that told by Mr Large.

Fanny told the enumerator in 1881 her name was Fanny Crosby and the three children living with her were all named Crosby! Her father had died and she was 'unmarried'. By 1891 she was 'a widow' and Fanny Reeve was again, along with her two children, living at home. Finally she was alone in 1901, still a widow but clearly uncertain of her age which she gave as 66 instead of 72.