

## Timeline for Henry Portsmouth

1843 Born Shalford, parents Benjamin and Mary Ann Portsmouth

1851 Living with family in Shalford

1861 Living with family in Shalford, recorded as a Carpenter

1863 Carpenter living in Guildford. Married Jane Champion

1864 Carpenter living in Castle St, Guildford. Son **William** born

1866 - 1870 Carpenter living in Stoke area of Guildford.  
Children **Emily Florence** (b. 1866), **Alfred** (b. 1868), **Alice Jane** (b. 1870) born

1871 Janitor living at Joseph's Lane, Stoke.  
**Appointed as Relieving Officer (and Vaccination Officer) of Woking** – salary £80 12s 6d  
Vaccination Officer duties were considered part of the Relieving Officer's duties

1872 Relieving Officer, living in Woking. Daughter **Millicent Mary** born

1873 **Inspector of Nuisance duties** added (+ £5 p.a.)

1874 HP ill  
**HP appointed Relieving Officer (and Vaccination Officer) of Guildford**

1875 Relieving Officer living in Stoke, Guildford. Daughter **Edith Kate** born

1877 Relieving Officer living in Stoke, Guildford. Daughter **Charlotte Maud** born  
Applies for post as Relieving Officer of Cookham Union  
**Temporarily performs School Enquiry Officer** duties before resigning (due to interference with Inspector of Nuisance duties)

1878 Several complaints against HP (Relieving Officer) by **Dr Taylor (Medical Officer)**

1879 **School Attendance Officer duties added** to Relieving Officer duties (additional salary £30 + £10 for enquiry officer duties – reported in 1881)

1880 Performing some relieving officer duties for the Shere and Albury district (in addition to his own). Temporary £30 salary uplift, giving a salary of £160

1881 Relieving Officer living at Stoke Rd, Guildford  
Relieving Officer appointed to Shere and Albury district, but Merrow transferred to Guildford district (with an increase in salary of £8)  
**Inspector of Nuisances duties removed from relieving officers.**  
**HP temporarily took on Nuisances duties** later this year after death of incumbent.

1883 HP on jury of a coroner's inquest into a railway accidental death  
HP dug up pavement outside his house to prevent water ingress

1884 Performed vaccination officer duties for Godalming district for 11 weeks (paid £22 incl. expenses)  
**Resigned as School Attendance Officer** (insufficient remuneration) (but continued as Schools Inquiry Officer)

1885 Temporarily took on Relieving Officer duties for Woking district (paid £33)

1887 Applied to be Registrar of Births & Deaths for Woking. Unsuccessful.  
Offered role of Relieving Officer of Vagrants. Turned down saying it would interfere with his other duties (but more likely the offered remuneration was insufficient)

1888 HP's wife Jane died, buried in Stoke Cemetery  
Henry appointed collector (of poor rates) for the Rural Sanitary Authority at 5% commission~1878  
More complaints against HP (Relieving Officer) by [Dr Taylor \(Medical Officer\)](#)

1889 HP salary recorded as being increased from £133 to £150 p.a., plus he was paid £20 p.a. vaccination fees, and £10 as a (schools) inquiry officer.

1890 Master of workhouse

1891 Relieving Officer living at Fawcett Villas, 43 Stoke Rd, Guildford. Widower  
Further complaints against HP (Relieving Officer) by [Dr Taylor \(Medical Officer\)](#)

1892Appealed residential rates  
Role as Inquiry Officer ceased (due to 1891 Education Act removing school fees).  
Complaint by HP (Relieving Officer) against [Dr Taylor \(Medical Officer\)](#)

1895 Died following influenza. Buried in Stoke Cemetery