

The Shire is a land of diverse families and social structures. The histories written here are a combination of as much information as could be gleaned from Professor Tolkien's writings and the natural development of roleplay over several years of Elendor. As a result, you may find some facts that seem questionable, such as Fredegar Bolger's term as Mayor of Michel Delving.

Underhill - The Underhills are a less than wealthy family who have taken up residence in southern Buckland after emigrating from the Breelands. They make their home in a rather shabby smial in Haysend, which they recently founded after finding life too busy in Michel Delving. The Underhills have historically been a quiet family who have worked hard and have kept to themselves, but lately they have gained notoriety and have offended other families due to several dubious practices. Traditionally most Underhills have worked in some aspect of food service as either bakers, brewers, or potato farmers, but recently several Underhills have entered the lines of political employment. As a family, the Underhills have worked towards improving their social standings in the Shire, much to the chagrin of the upper crust.

Bilbo Baggins,
Bag End,
Underhill,
Hobbiton,
Westfarthing of the Shire

Bag End is one of numerous earth cave houses of the Hobbits in the Shire. They traditionally live in such earth houses called smial. Originally all Hobbits lived in such caves, but the number of suitable hills is limited and in some parts of the country it's absolutely impossible to build such caves. And as craftsmen like smiths and millers used houses for a very long time, the Hobbits are able to build houses. Still they prefer caves and their houses look similar to their smials.