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Brett, Ada Harriet

née Garrett, Ada Harriett



Ada was born on 3rd January 1868, Ryde, Isle of Wight, the daughter of John Garrett and Sarah Garrett (née Attrill). The attached documents her life, mostly in British Columbia (B.C.), Canada as an early emigrant raising four children, of whom three survived, on a homestead and in remote frontier communities. The contents are based on archival research including government records, newspapers, property records and B.C. City Directories, phone books, surviving photos and family stories. I have taken the liberty of making choices and assumptions when weaving this history.

I am passing her "Life Story" on to your society for what ever purpose and use you see fit. I have worked with and researched in four small community archives here in BC who have requested Ada's Life Story. Five family photo albums and hundreds of negatives have survived which have been shared with community archives.



It is a living document with the possibility of finding more details of her life in the future when more newspapers are digitized and made available to the public. The photo of a young Ada could have been taken prior to 1886 when I believe she left for Canada or taken after her arrival in Vancouver, B.C. Canada. Possibly around the time of her marriage in 1888. The photo of a more mature Ada would have been taken in Nelson, B.C. circa 1915.

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Morris Wadds, her Grandson, British Columbia, Canada
2019

Burden family

Angela Newbury (née Burden) provided photographs of many of the BURDEN family headstones in St Helen's Churchyard, which can be viewed on our Legacy website Monumental Inscriptions pages (locate the Search Page and enter ‘Burden’ and ‘St Helen's Church’)

This page provides some further information about the family, particularly those who emigrated to Canada and Australia.



McGONNELL Beatrice Maud, (née Burden) 1904 - 1959

Buried at Arreton Parish Council Gore Cemetery

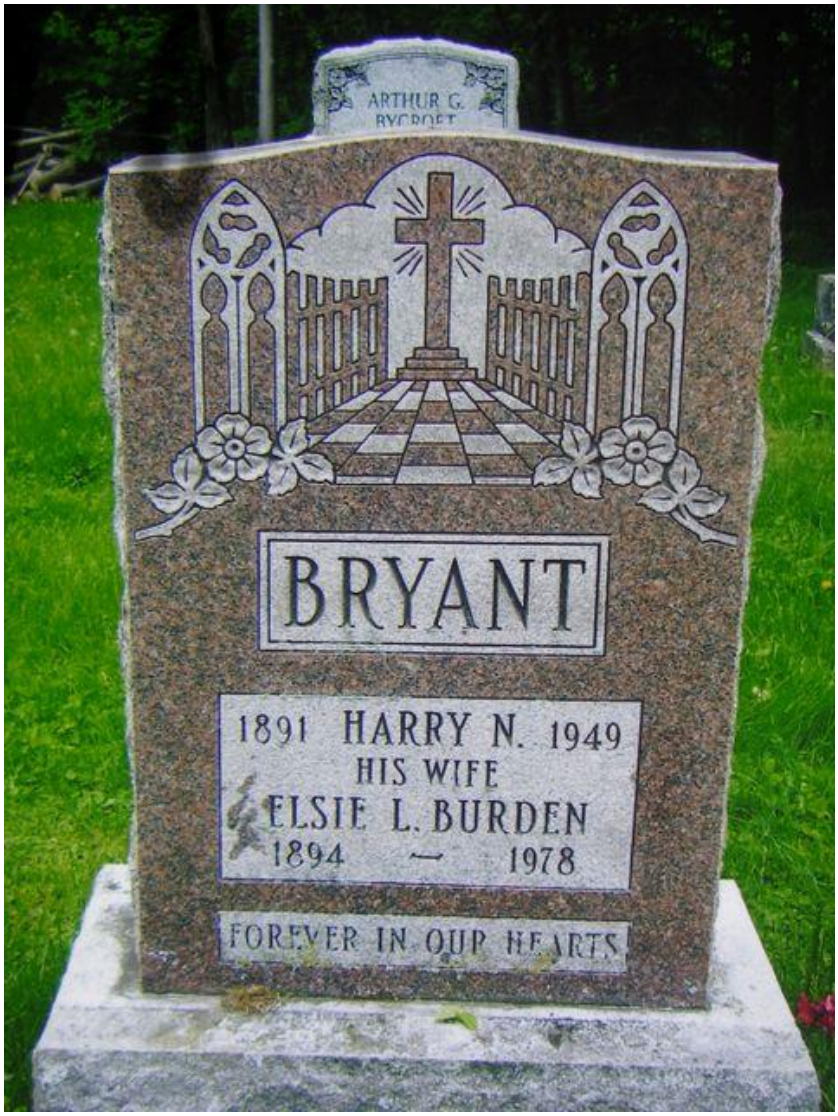


BURDEN George Walter - 1911 - 2000 and PEACOCK Lilian Ada - 1910 - 1989

George Walter Burden was the son of Samuel George and Alice Jane Burden (nee Joyner). Samuel George (1884 - 1964) was the second son of Walter and Esther Burden. Samuel left the Isle of Wight around 1906, came to the London area and eventually, in 1909, joined the Metropolitan Police. His son George married Lilian Peacock in 1937 and they had two daughters, Angela Jane born 1943 and Nina Mary born 1946. The family lived in Brentford, Middlesex. George retired from Local Government in 1970 and he and Lilian moved to New Milton, Hampshire where they resided until their deaths. They are buried at the churchyard of St Mary Magdalene, New Milton, Hampshire.

PEACOCK Arthur George - 1874 - 1936 and COLLINS Ada Harriet - 1875 - 1954

These are the parents of Lilian Ada Peacock who married George Walter Burden



BRYANT Elsie - 1894 - 1978 and HAMILTON Edith - 1889 - 1958

Elsie and Edith emigrated to Canada in 1913 with their parents Walter Samuel and Esther Maria Burden (née Reed), plus other family members. When Walter and Esther returned to England and the Isle of Wight in 1919, Elsie and Edith remained in Canada and settled there, Elsie in Kingston, Ontario, and Edith in Shediac Cape, New Brunswick. Their descendants continue to live there. Elsie is buried in Cataraqui Cemetery, Kingston, Ontario and Edith is buried in the graveyard of St. Martin's-in-the-Woods church, Shediac Cape, New Brunswick.





BURDEN John Frederick - 1919 - 2011

John Frederick Burden was the youngest son of Samuel and Alice Burden. He emigrated to Australia in 1958 with his wife Constance (nee Alden), who died circa 1978. John married Mavis Thomson in 1985. He lived in Bray Park, near Brisbane for much of his time in Australia. The Memorial plaques are at Lawnton Columbarium, Brisbane.

Burland, Charles Isherwood

A brief profile of the Rev Charles Isherwood Burland (1830 - 1898) and some of his descendants, by his great-grandson, Arthur Burland

1. My great grandfather, Rev Charles Isherwood Burland MA, 1830 - 1898, was curate at Arreton & later the first vicar of St Saviour's at Shanklin. He married Mary Halson, 1830 - 1908, of "Stickworth Hall," at Arreton on 18/5/1859. Both are buried in the Isle of Wight. My mother always said the Burlands from Yorkshire were nice people, the Halsons from London, were not! But she was a woman of firm opinion. By all accounts he was from a simple background, scholarly, and much loved. I have a photo of him - he looks charming and kindly, as does his father.



The Rev Charles Isherwood Burland curate of St George's Church Arreton and later vicar of St Saviour's Church,

2. Charles Isherwood Burland's sister, Elizabeth, 1832 - 1874, was married to Frederick Jacob at Arreton in 1861; I think by her brother. As she seems to have been thirty at the time, it was probably about time. These two Burlands were born in Yorkshire (ER), the children of William & Marianne Burland. But I don't know what became of Elizabeth.

3. The children of the above in para 1. were:

a. Dr Charles Burland MD, 1861 - 1924, who, amongst other things, edited the "Ship Captain's Medical Guide" (it was on board the Titanic, the guide that is, but said nothing about ice bergs alas.) The guide was still in use in World War I. Charles was a ship's doctor and spent most of his time in Liverpool and was, I believe, the Chief Medical Officer for the Board of Trade. He had two children, one of whom had a little shop in Cowes called Mary Ann Isherwood.

b. Rev William Burland MA, 1862 - 1937, was a rather reluctant parson on the mainland. Married, no children, he died at Washingborough near Lincoln. I was told by his niece that his sermons made little sense, and by my mother that he would have the church bells rung to let the Bishop of Lincoln think he was having a service whilst he was off hunting. In the church there, he had installed a stained-glass picture of a Zeppelin. Apparently, a German, who had spent some time in the area before World War 1, decided to return, no doubt in a fit of awful pique, and dropped a bomb. Who or what he was aiming at is not known. If it was Lincoln he missed. Perhaps he had heard one of Uncle Willy's sermons and thought he would let him know what he thought. The bomb homed in on Washingborough. Happily, I don't think anyone was hurt.

c. Arthur Burland, 1863 - 1933 or '34 was rather delicate, had a tutor instead of going to school, and was sent at 18 years old to farm a piece of stony land in Canada, sold to him by one of the 'not so nice' Halsons. He, Arthur, was a man of immense charm, loved by the ladies & remained an English gentleman in the land of the then, uncouth. He was my grandfather, and I am named after him. He sired three Canadian sons in Canada, two of whom came back to fight in World War1, like so many Canadians.



Gordon H Burland and Rob Liddle at Chingford, Essex, a few days before Liddle was killed.

4. My father (Gordon H. Burland) was one of them. No doubt their father had told them many tales of growing up in the Isle of Wight. They were all very loyal and pro Empire, which seems to be a little out of fashion now. Anyway, my father joined the Royal Naval Air Service and whilst in training watched a fellow student burn to death. A few days later his Canadian childhood friend was killed in a crash. (This was T Robson Liddle, who died on 30 April 1916 and who is buried in Grimsby (St Andrew's) Anglican Cemetery). They had joined together. Two days later my father crashed badly himself; so badly that they sent out a vehicle just to pick up the pieces. He was alive, recovered, but had a nervous breakdown and stopped flying. I understand he used to sit on a tombstone at Washingborough, where he went to recuperate, and would ask people to leave him alone as he was dead. They didn't have such things as PTSD in those days. Very soon he was posted to sea duties on minesweepers. Actually, it was an armed trawler - one of the most dangerous and uncomfortable of tasks. He finished up on fast patrol boats and left in 1919. He loved the Sea and England, although he found the English stand offish at 18 years of age. He said in his diary that the only people in London who would talk to him were policeman and 'ladies of the night' - plentiful in number. I find that rather sad. And his eldest son was to hurry to England in 1942, at seventeen, to join the Fleet Air Arm. Before he left, his father handed him a flask of brandy and said, "If you get torpedoed, drink this, go off the high side and swim like hell."



Arthur Burland with 2 Iban tribesmen, 3rd Division, Sarawak, 1962 during the

5. So Burlands were not long in the Isle of Wight, but the island still has a pull for us.

Plaques to the Rev, Charles Isherwood Burland, and Dr Charles Burland, are to be found in St George's Church, Arreton.

Butt, John and Annie

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Butt, Sidney and Dorothy

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Compton, Violet Halling

From the Isle of Wight to Broadway

From the Isle of Wight to Broadway! by Angela Sherry



Betty and Jimmy dancing (between 1936-1941)

It wasn't until very recently that I decided to research a different branch of my mother's family, having concentrated on one particular branch for the last 20 years or so. You can imagine my surprise when I discovered that a former Broadway star and I shared the same ancestor! James Meader, a builder, was very well known in Oakfield, Ryde, on the Isle of Wight, during the period 1800-1857, and he and his wife Mary had a total of eleven children. I am a descendant of one of their daughters, Sarah Meader, and a lady by the name of Violet Halling Compton was a descendant of their son, John Meader. John Meader himself was quite a prominent and well-known figure on the Isle of Wight, having submitted a successful tender for the building of Ryde Cemetery Lodge.

Violet Halling Compton (later known as Betty Compton) was born at 109 High Street, Sandown, Isle of Wight on 13 May 1904, the only child of Frederick William Compton and Florence Susannah Halling. In 1910, the Compton family moved from the Isle of Wight to the remote north-western part of the Province of Saskatchewan, Canada, to join other members of the Halling clan who had gone before them to homestead Canadian land. From Saskatchewan, the family moved to Marquette, Manitoba, finally settling in Toronto where Betty started her theatrical career at the Royal Alexandria Theatre, subsequently moving to the Uptown Theatre where her roles included parts in "*Pomander Walk*," "*Scandal*," and *"Cinderella"* which was described as a Canadian offshoot of the venerable British institution of pantomime.



Betty and Jimmy's wedding, Cannes, France 19th April 1933

Apparently, Betty's parents did not approve of their daughter's choice of career and wanted her to become a nurse, causing Betty to take her father's car and drive to Montreal with a friend. Her father subsequently forgave her misdemeanour and allowed Betty to remain in Montreal where she secured employment at the Venetian Gardens, the equivalent of a night club. At some point, the lure of the bright lights necessitated a move to New York where the aspiring actress ultimately found stardom on Broadway

after appearing as a member of the Ziegfeld Follies in a number of high-class vaudeville roles, culminating in a prominent role in the original stage production of *Funny Face* (1927) alongside Fred and Adele Astaire, as well as *Oh, Kay!* in 1926. She also had a leading role in *Fifty Million Frenchmen* which was a musical comedy with music and lyrics written by Cole Porter. This production opened on 27 November 1929 at the Lyric Theatre, New York City.

The Isle of Wight's leading lady was married a total of four times. Her first marriage was to a man 11 years her senior, Toronto-based barrister Charles Stanley Rees Riches. They were married in Toronto on 19 October 1922 when Betty was just 18 years old. Charles Riches later cited desertion by Betty as grounds for divorce. Her second marriage was to Paramount Studios movie director Edward Duryea Dowling in February of 1931. This marriage ended in divorce the following month after Betty obtained a "quickie" divorce in Mexico on the grounds of cruelty. This marriage took place whilst Betty was in the throes of an affair with the man who was Mayor of New York at the time, James John Walker; although the world press always referred to Betty and Jimmy as "friends" when in fact they were a lot more than that. They were going through a rough patch when Betty decided to marry Edward Dowling. Mayor Walker was married to Janet Allen Walker at the time, and had been since 1911, but rumours were rife as to his numerous affairs and a penchant for showgirls, in particular.



Fred Astaire and Betty Compton in Funny Face

Things really came to a head when an investigative committee led by Judge Samuel Seabury forced the mayor to testify and answer to charges of corruption within his administration. On 1 September 1932, Mayor James (Jimmy) Walker was forced to resign office when Governor Franklin Delano Roosevelt pressured him into doing so. Eight days later he set sail onboard the Italian ship Conte Grande for Europe. Betty was waiting for him in Paris.

From her home in Miami, Florida, Janet Allen Walker finally sued for divorce, claiming that Jimmy had deserted her on 15 October 1928. Enough was enough. The granting of a divorce then left the way clear for Jimmy and Betty to wed. They were married on 19 April 1933 in Cannes, France. Their European exile lasted until 1935 when they returned to New York City, once they considered the danger of criminal prosecution appeared remote. Neither would, however, return to public life. Jimmy was President of Majestic Records for a while, as well as being employed as impartial chairman of the garment industry. Betty opened a flower shop on Madison Avenue. They adopted two children: one boy and one girl. Unfortunately, this marriage was not to be "third time lucky" for Betty. She filed for divorce in February of 1941, charging extreme cruelty against the former mayor.

Betty's final marriage was to civil engineer and West Point graduate, Theodore T. Knappen whom she met in South America. They married in May of 1942 and became the proud parents of a baby boy in early 1944. Sadly, Betty's happiness was to be short lived. She died of breast cancer in

Doctor's Hospital, Manhattan in July of 1944, aged just 40. More than 350 people attended her funeral service in New York which was led by an official of the Church of Christ Scientist.

Former Mayor James John Walker died in November of 1946 aged 65 after suffering a clot on the brain. New York's 100th mayor was buried in the Gate of Heaven Cemetery, New York. Betty's father, Frederick Compton, returned to the Isle of Wight in the 1920s. He died on the Island in 1943 and is buried in Ventnor Cemetery. Florence Halling Compton died in Miami in 1959 and was cremated.

In 1957, the actor Bob Hope starred in a movie entitled "*Beau James*" which was based on the book of the same name published in 1949 by the author Gene Fowler. The part of Betty Compton was played by the actress Vera Miles. Gene Fowler's book chronicled the life and times of Jimmy Walker, and his tenure as mayor. It tells the story of how Walker first set eyes on Betty when she was appearing in a musical show *Oh, Kay!* at the Imperial Theatre in 1926.

Angela Sherry, Michigan, USA

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Cullin, Harry Barton and Mary



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Graham Cullin of Dorset writes:

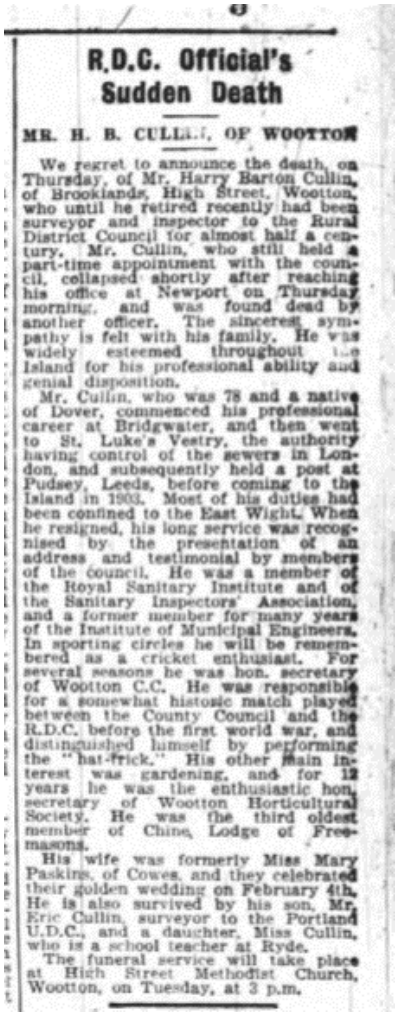
My grandparents were Harry Barton and Mary CULLIN, who died in 1951 and 1953 respectively, and are buried at St Edmund's Church, Wootton. The baby is my father Eric Barton Cullin. Dad was born on the 6th of December 1910, and this helps to date the photograph of my grandmother only to about the very end of 1910 or early 1911. I can only guess that the other photo is earlier as my father is not in it.

By way of background information, my grandparents were married on the 4th of February 1901 at Cowes Baptist Church. They lived most of their married life at 89 High Street, Wootton, and my grandmother's maiden name was PASKINS.

Editor's note:

The 1901 Census finds Harry and Mary Cullin boarding with a widow, Mrs Alice Moore, at 8, Glebe Street, Pudsey, Yorkshire (West Riding), where his occupation is given as a Civil Engineer.

The 1911 Census shows Harry Barton Cullin, and his wife and son, with one servant, at Brooklands, Wootton Bridge. He is a Surveyor and Sanitary Engineer working for the District Council.



R.D.C. Official's Sudden Death

MR. H. B. CULLIN, OF WOOTTON

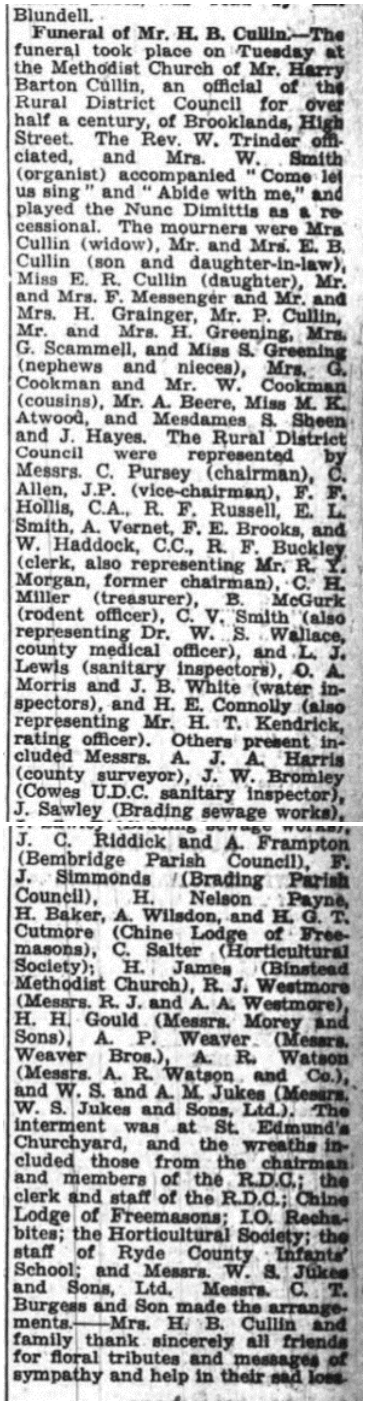
We regret to announce the death, on Thursday, of Mr. Harry Barton Cullin, of Brooklands, High Street, Wootton, who until he retired recently had been surveyor and inspector to the Rural District Council for almost half a century. Mr. Cullin, who still held a part-time appointment with the council, collapsed shortly after reaching his office at Newport on Thursday morning, and was found dead by another officer. The sincerest sympathy is felt with his family. He was widely esteemed throughout the Island for his professional ability and genial disposition.

Mr. Cullin, who was 78 and a native of Dover, commenced his professional career at Bridgwater, and then went to St. Luke's Vestry, the authority having control of the sewers in London, and subsequently held a post at Pudsey, Leeds, before coming to the Island in 1903. Most of his duties had been confined to the East Wight. When he resigned, his long service was recognised by the presentation of an address and testimonial by members of the council. He was a member of the Royal Sanitary Institute and of the Sanitary Inspectors' Association, and a former member for many years of the Institute of Municipal Engineers. In sporting circles he will be remembered as a cricket enthusiast. For several seasons he was hon. secretary of Wootton C.C. He was responsible for a somewhat historic match played between the County Council and the R.D.C. before the first world war, and distinguished himself by performing the "hat-trick." His other main interest was gardening, and for 12 years he was the enthusiastic hon. secretary of Wootton Horticultural Society. He was the third oldest member of Chine Lodge of Freemasons.

His wife was formerly Miss Mary Paskins, of Cowes, and they celebrated their golden wedding on February 4th. He is also survived by his son, Mr. Eric Cullin, surveyor to the Portland U.D.C., and a daughter, Miss Cullin, who is a school teacher at Ryde.

The funeral service will take place at High Street Methodist Church, Wootton, on Tuesday, at 3 p.m.

Isle of Wight County Press,
24 March 1951



Blundell.

Funeral of Mr. H. B. Cullin.—The funeral took place on Tuesday at the Methodist Church of Mr. Harry Barton Cullin, an official of the Rural District Council for over half a century, of Brooklands, High Street. The Rev. W. Trinder officiated, and Mrs. W. Smith (organist) accompanied "Come let us sing" and "Abide with me," and played the Nunc Dimittis as a recessional. The mourners were Mrs Cullin (widow), Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Cullin (son and daughter-in-law), Miss E. R. Cullin (daughter), Mr. and Mrs. F. Messenger and Mr. and Mrs. H. Grainger, Mr. P. Cullin, Mr. and Mrs. H. Greening, Mrs. G. Scammell, and Miss S. Greening (nephews and nieces), Mrs. G. Cookman and Mr. W. Cookman (cousins), Mr. A. Beere, Miss M. K. Atwood, and Mesdames S. Sheen and J. Hayes. The Rural District Council were represented by Messrs. C. Pursey (chairman), C. Allen, J.P. (vice-chairman), F. F. Hollis, C.A., R. F. Russell, E. L. Smith, A. Vernet, F. E. Brooks, and W. Haddock, C.C., R. F. Buckley (clerk, also representing Mr. R. Y. Morgan, former chairman), C. H. Miller (treasurer), B. McGurk (rodent officer), C. V. Smith (also representing Dr. W. S. Wallace, county medical officer), and L. J. Lewis (sanitary inspectors), O. A. Morris and J. B. White (water inspectors), and H. E. Connolly (also representing Mr. H. T. Kendrick, rating officer). Others present included Messrs. A. J. A. Harris (county surveyor), J. W. Bromley (Cowes U.D.C. sanitary inspector), J. Sawley (Brading sewage works), J. C. Riddick and A. Frampton (Bembridge Parish Council), F. J. Simmonds (Brading Parish Council), H. Nelson Payne, H. Baker, A. Wilsdon, and H. G. T. Cutmore (Chine Lodge of Freemasons), C. Salter (Horticultural Society); H. James (Binstead Methodist Church), R. J. Westmore (Messrs. R. J. and A. A. Westmore), H. H. Gould (Messrs. Morey and Sons), A. P. Weaver (Messrs. Weaver Bros.), A. R. Watson (Messrs. A. R. Watson and Co.), and W. S. and A. M. Jukes (Messrs. W. S. Jukes and Sons, Ltd.). The interment was at St. Edmund's Churchyard, and the wreaths included those from the chairman and members of the R.D.C.; the clerk and staff of the R.D.C.; Chine Lodge of Freemasons; I.O. Rechabites; the Horticultural Society; the staff of Ryde County Infants' School; and Messrs. W. S. Jukes and Sons, Ltd. Messrs. C. T. Burgess and Son made the arrangements.—Mrs. H. B. Cullin and family thank sincerely all friends for floral tributes and messages of sympathy and help in their sad loss.

Isle of Wight County Press,
31 March 1951



friends.

The Late Mrs. M. Cullin. — The death of Mrs. Mary Cullin, of 89 High Street, occurred suddenly in the Royal I.W. County Hospital on Friday week, following an eye operation from which she had recovered to the stage of convalescence. She was the widow of Mr. Harry Barton Cullin (I.W. Rural Council surveyor), who died in 1951. Mrs. Cullin, aged 81, the last surviving child of the late Mr. Tom Paskins, of Cowes, had patiently borne much suffering for many years. In her younger days she was a teacher at Cowes (York Street) School, and later at Wimbledon, and at Maidenhead as head mistress. She came to Wootton from Pudsey in 1902, and became an active worker in the Station Road Methodist Church until ill-health prevented, but although she was unable to take part in village life, she took a deep interest in local affairs. Following a service on Tuesday at High Street Methodist Church, conducted by the Rev. W. Trinder, with Mrs. W. Smith (organist), interment took place at Wootton Cemetery. The mourners were Miss E. R. Cullin (daughter), Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Cullin (son and daughter-in-law), Mr., Mrs., and Miss H. Greening, Mr. and Mrs. F. Messenger, Mrs. G. Scammell, Mrs. H. Grainger, Miss N. Pearce, Mrs. C. Cookman, Mr. W. Cookman (cousins), Mr. Atwood, Mr. A. Beere, Mr. R. Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. S. Sheen, and Mrs. Warne. Mr. P. Cullin (nephew) and Mrs. E. Midlane were prevented from attending. There were many beautiful floral tributes including those from Caversham House School, Ryde, and the Parents-Teachers' Association. Messrs. C. T. Burgess and Son made the arrangements.

Isle of Wight County Press,
11 July 1953

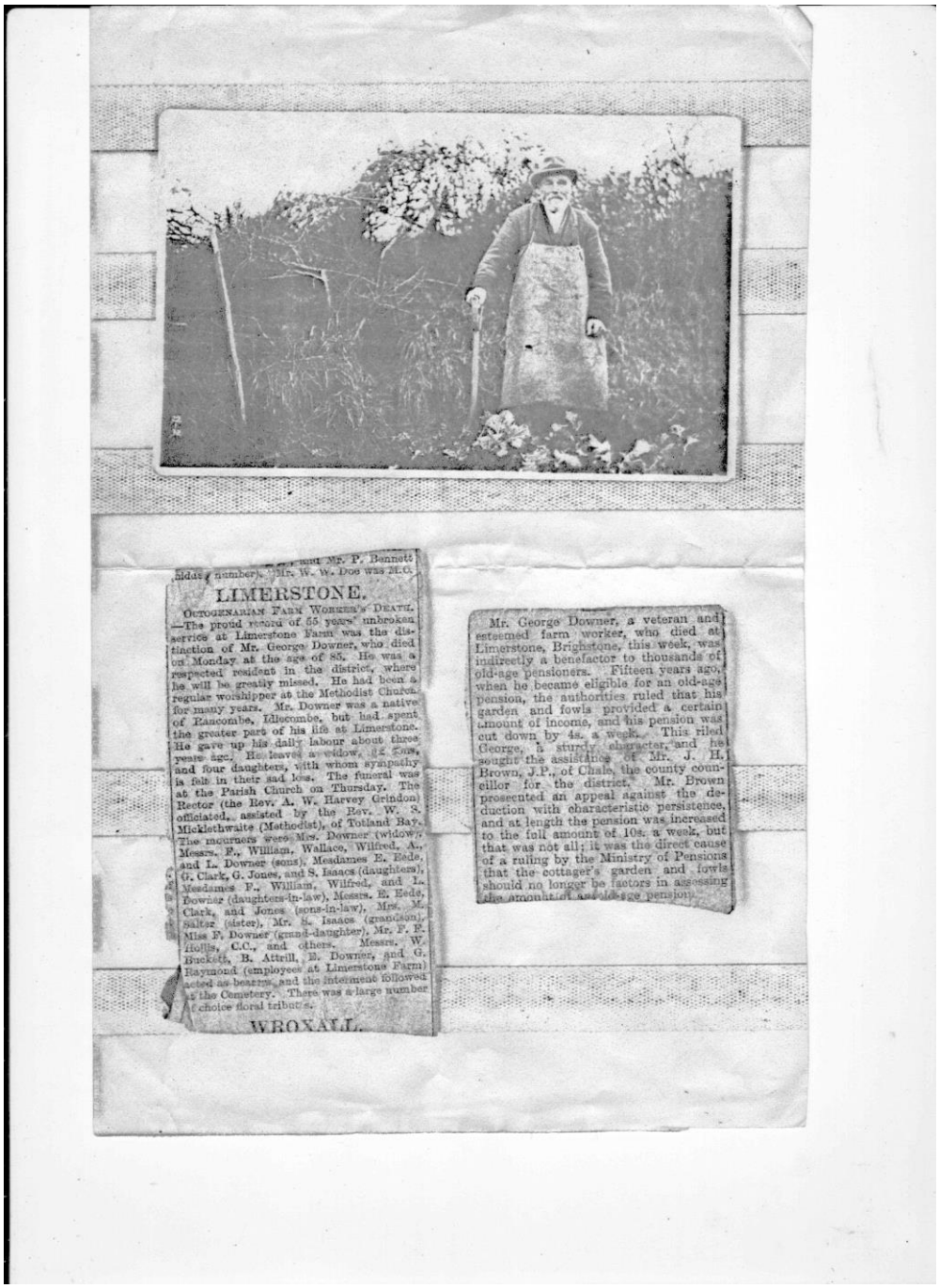
Downer, George and family

Family History, by Paul Snow



Introduction

I recently had the opportunity to go through with my father some old documents he has saved and thought these would be of interest to put on the web site. **George Downer** was the father of a Great Auntie but he, having been the father of 10 I'm sure he must be in many Isle of Wight based trees so it seems it could be an interesting subject for lots of other members.



LIMERSTONE.

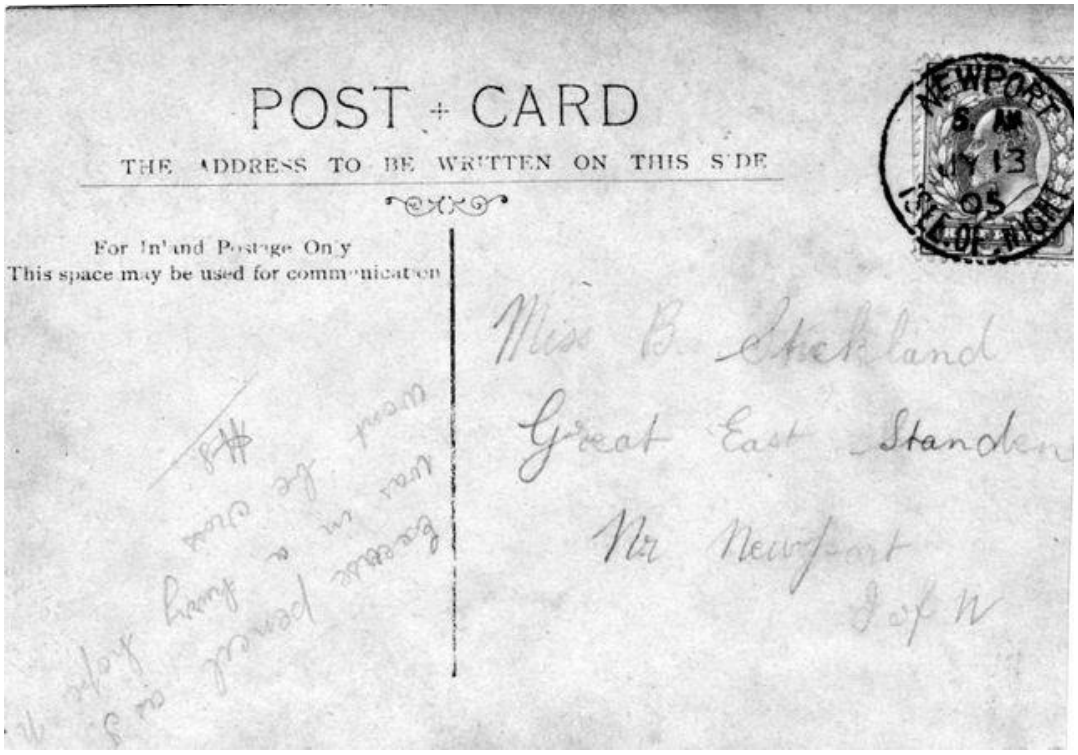
OCTOGENARIAN FARM WORKER'S DEATH.—The proud record of 55 years' unbroken service at Limerstone Farm was the distinction of Mr. George Downer, who died on Monday at the age of 85. He was a respected resident in the district, where he will be greatly missed. He had been a regular worshipper at the Methodist Church for many years. Mr. Downer was a native of Rancombe, Idlecombe, but had spent the greater part of his life at Limerstone. He gave up his daily labour about three years ago. He leaves a widow, 2 sons, and four daughters, with whom sympathy is felt in their sad loss. The funeral was at the Parish Church on Thursday. The Rector (the Rev. A. W. Harvey Grindon) officiated, assisted by the Rev. W. S. Micklethwaite (Methodist), of Totland Bay. The mourners were Mrs. Downer (widow), Messrs. F., William, Wallace, Wilfred, A., and L. Downer (sons), Mesdames E. Bede, G. Clark, G. Jones, and S. Isaacs (daughters), Mesdames F., William, Wilfred, and L. Downer (daughters-in-law), Messrs. E. Bede, Clark, and Jones (sons-in-law), Mrs. M. Salter (sister), Mr. S. Isaacs (grandson), Miss F. Downer (grand-daughter), Mr. F. P. Hollis, C.C., and others. Messrs. W. Buckett, B. Attrill, E. Downer, and G. Raymond (employees at Limerstone Farm) acted as bearers, and the interment followed in the Cemetery. There was a large number of choice floral tributes.

WROXALL.

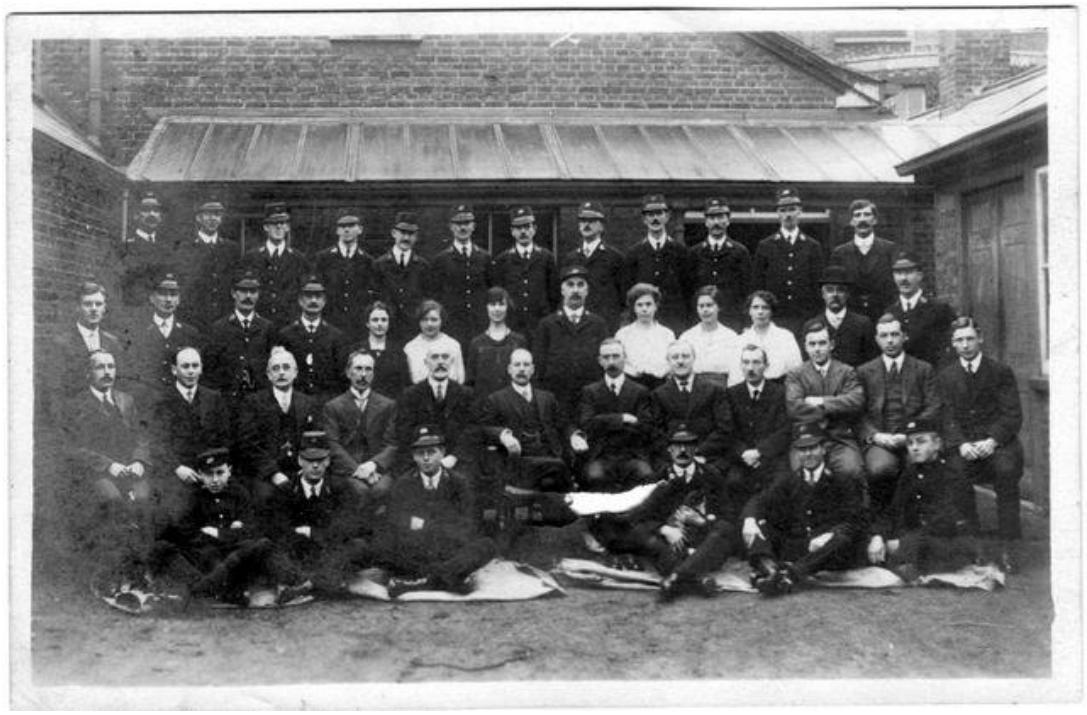
Mr. George Downer, a veteran and esteemed farm worker, who died at Limerstone, Brighstone, this week, was indirectly a benefactor to thousands of old-age pensioners. Fifteen years ago, when he became eligible for an old-age pension, the authorities ruled that his garden and fowls provided a certain amount of income, and his pension was cut down by 4s. a week. This riled George, a sturdy character, and he sought the assistance of Mr. J. H. Brown, J.P., of Chale, the county councillor for the district. Mr. Brown prosecuted an appeal against the deduction with characteristic persistence, and at length the pension was increased to the full amount of 10s. a week, but that was not all; it was the direct cause of a ruling by the Ministry of Pensions that the cottager's garden and fowls should no longer be factors in assessing the amount of an old-age pension.



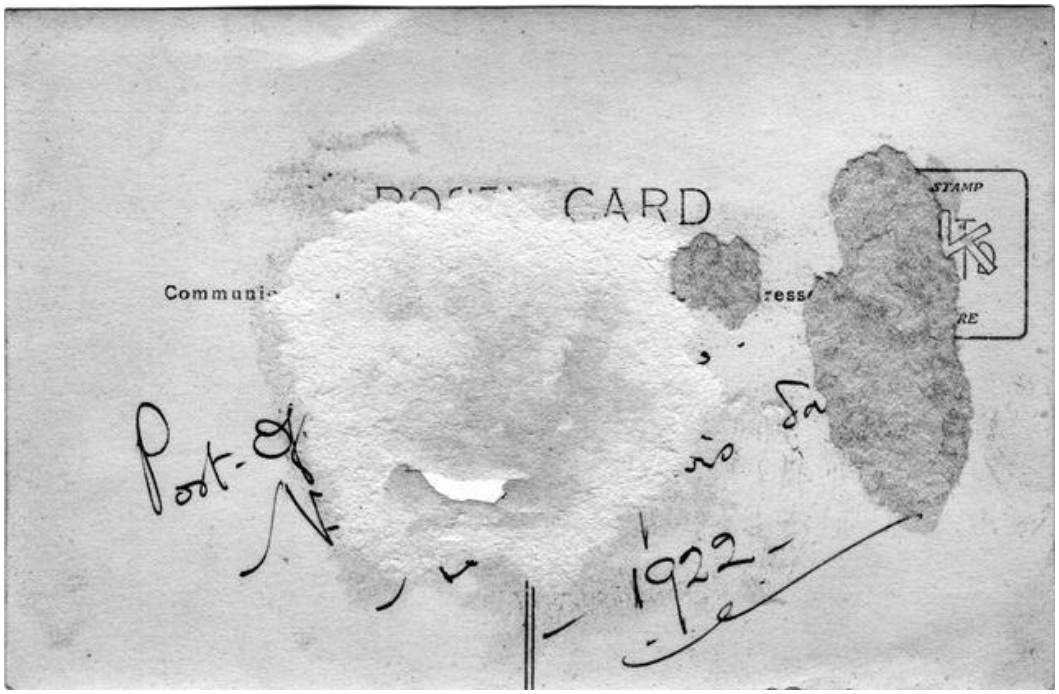
(card 1 front) Newport Post Office staff in about 1905



(card 1 back) Sent to Miss B Strickland, of Great East Standen, nr Newport I of W. Postmarked Newport 13 July 1905.
The inscription reads:
'Excuse pencil as I was in a hurry hope N won't be cross HS'.
It is addressed to Miss Bessie Strickland (born 1890) daughter of Henry and Ellen Stickland, who farmed at Great East Standen.



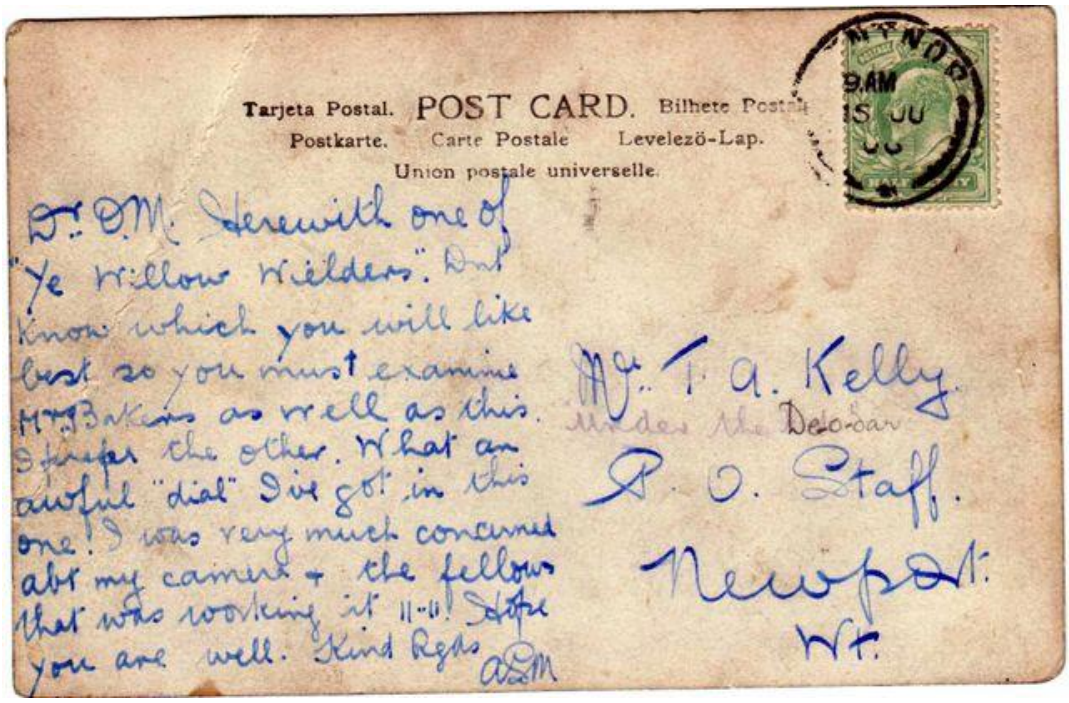
(card 2 front) Newport Post Office staff in about 1922



(card 2 back) The inscription has been partially damaged



(card 3 front) Cricket Club outing



(card 3 back) It is addressed to Mr T.A. Kelly *under the Delo-dar* P.O. Staff Newport Wt. Postmarked Ventnor 15 June 1906.

The inscription reads:

'Dr. OM, Herewith one of " Ye Willow Wielders". Don't know which you will like best so you must examine Mr Baker's as well as this. I prefer the other. What an awful "dial" I've got in this one. I was very much concerned abt my camera + the fellow that was working it. ||-|| Hope you are well. Kind rgds ASM.



The White Lion, Arreton, with the 'Tally-Ho' stage coach.



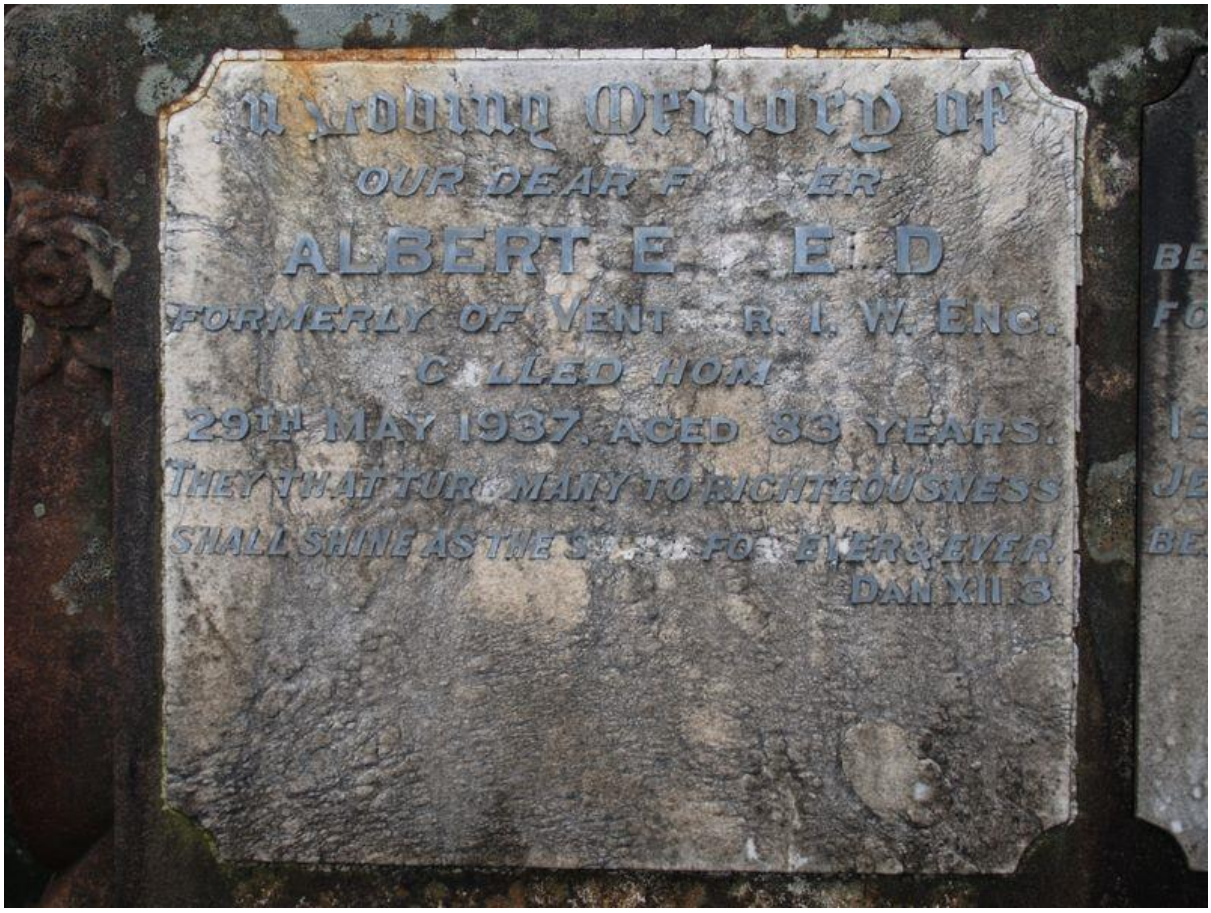
The White Lion, Arreton, with a large group of cyclists.

Field, Albert Ebenezer and Rebecca

Peter Levarre-Walters writes:

These photos show the memorial stones in Rookwood cemetery in Sydney, Australia in the independent section. His full name is Albert Ebenezar FIELD and he was born in 1854 (Jun Q 1854 IW 2b 479), but they were married in Melksham in 1877 (Sep Q 1877 5a 179), her name being Rebecca CHIVERS born 1853 (Melksham Dec Q 1853 5a 54).




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1886 - 1978
SON-IN-LAW OF ABOVE

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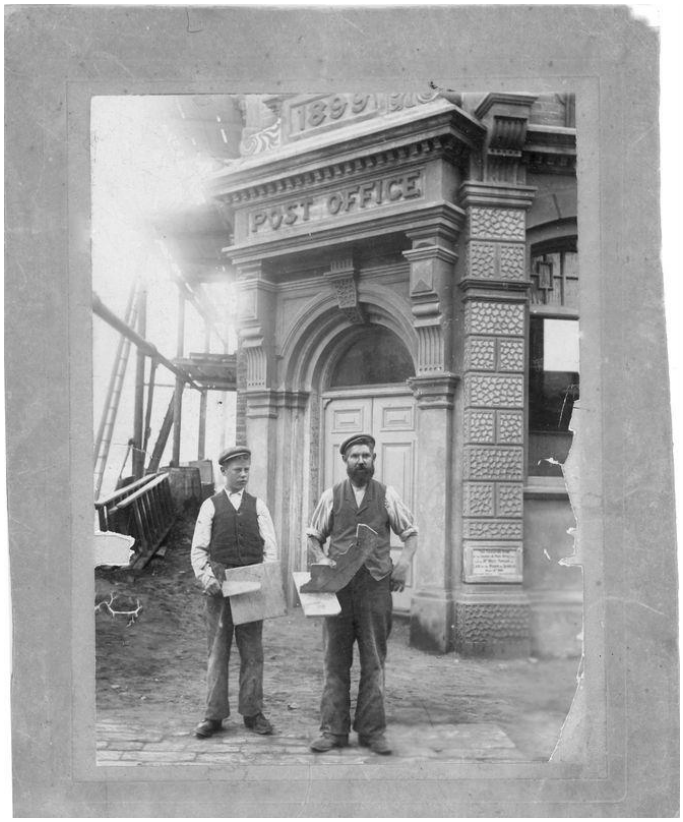
1861 : Albert Ebenezer Field (aged 6) is with his family at Spring Hill in Ventnor. His father George Field is shown as a Draper employing 2 adult male assistants, 1 female assistant and 3 apprentices.
1871 : Albert E Field (aged 16) is with his family at Spring Hill in Ventnor. His occupation is Stationer and Bookseller's apprentice. His father George Field is shown as a Draper.
1881 : Albert E Field (aged 26) is at Newport Road Ventnor, with his wife Rebecca, and children Herbert (aged 2) and Alice (aged 1). Albert Field's occupation is given as Printer and Letter press Writer.

The family do not appear in the 1891 or subsequent English Censuses; they emigrated to Australia in 1883 aboard the "Pericles"

Gray, Eli Frank and family

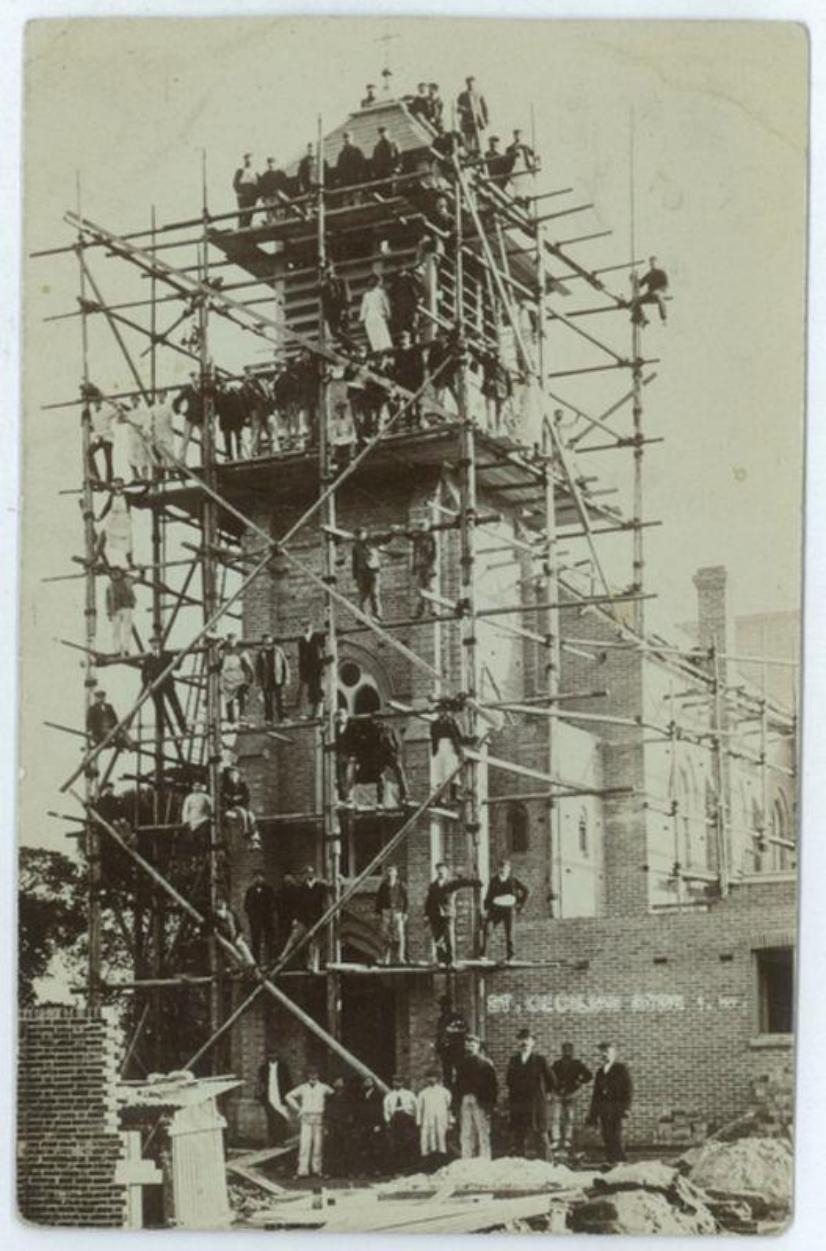
Carolyn Gray writes in 2016:

The first photograph shows my grandfather, Oscar Frank Gray, and his father, Eli Frank Gray, standing in front of the Shanklin Post Office, which was then under construction. The second contemporary photograph shows St. Cecilia's Church in Ryde under construction. Both Grandpa Gray and his father worked on its construction.





Shanklin's former Post Office as at June 2015 (Google)



Editor's note:

The plaster moulding tool held by Eli Gray looks to be something only a skilled plasterer would be able to use. The foundation stone of the Post Office can be seen behind them. It was laid by Mrs White Popham on March 16th, 1899. The building is now a local convenience store.

The 1901 Census shows Eli and Mary Gray, with their 6 children, at Stag Road, Lake. Eli's occupation is a Plasterer Journeyman; Oscar is a Plasterer's Apprentice.

The 1911 Census shows Eli and Mary Gray still at Stag Road, Lake.

Green, Harry Frederick

1897 – 1960

Many of us will have, tucked away in an old photo album, a postcard of a soldier or seaman of the Great War period. This article looks at one of these photographs, of Harry Frederick Green, and highlights some of the ways you can find out more about your relative. The photographs for this article were provided by John Green (IW FHS Member number 2394) and relate to his father.

Harry Frederick Green was born 26 January 1897 at Melrose, Newport Road, Cowes, Isle of Wight, the second child and eldest son of Harry and Julia Green (nee Dent). In the 1911 Census the family were living at Bembridge View, Furzyhurst, Northwood, and Harry Green described himself as an Engineer's Turner – metal, while the 14-year-old Harry Frederick Green was an Apprentice Engineer's Turner. They worked in the ship building industry, at J S White's.

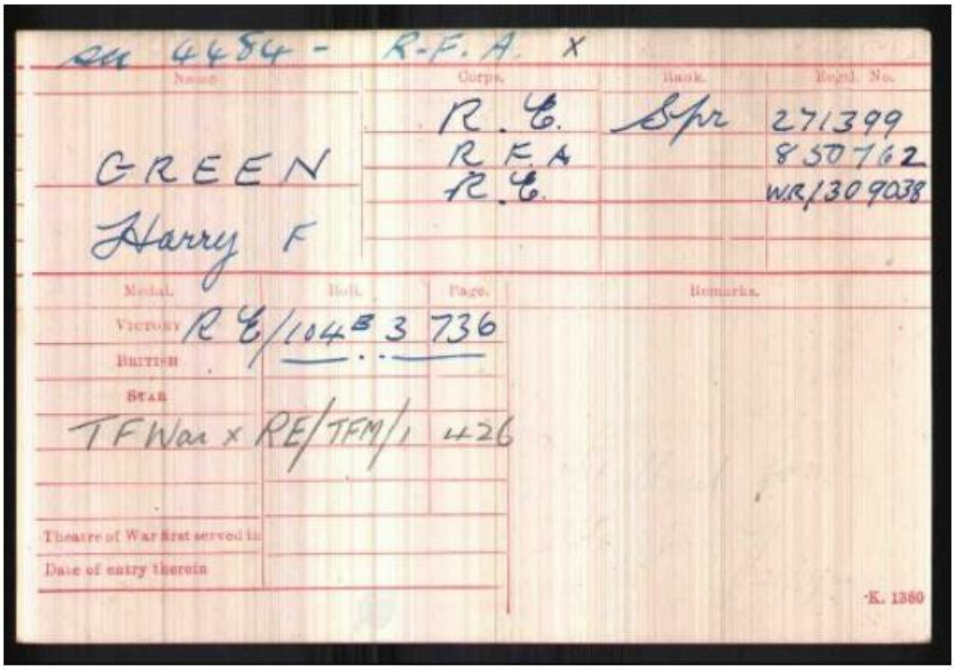


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2	Julia Green	Wife		39	Married								Southampton
3	Ada Carrie Green	Daughter		16	Single					At home			Cowes I.O.W.
4	Harry Frederick Green	Son		14						Engineering Turner Apprentice	" "	" "	" "
5	Beatrice Mary Green	Daughter		11						School			" "
6	Kathleen Gertrude Green	Daughter		10						School			" "
7	George William Green	Son		6						School			" "
8	Rita Florence Green	Daughter		2									Northwood, Newport I.W.

Army records (Service Papers, Pension Records, and Medal Index Cards) have been made available through Ancestry.co.uk, but since many of the Service Papers and Pensions records were destroyed in the London Blitz in 1940, it is not surprising that no record exists of Harry F Green's war service. He served with both the Royal Engineers, as a Sapper, presumably building on his engineering experience, and the Royal Field Artillery as a Driver, which is how he is pictured in the postcard. The cigarette hanging carelessly from his mouth contrasts sharply with the highly polished riding boots! At the time he would have been driving a team of horses pulling gun carriages or other rigs carrying ammunition and supplies. He served in Baghdad, in what was then Mesopotamia (modern day Iraq) fighting the forces of the Turkish Ottoman empire.



Having survived the war, he was awarded the standard medals – the British War Medal and Victory Medal, as well as the Territorial Forces Medal, which would indicate that he had volunteered for service overseas with the Royal Engineers, as normally Territorials were not expected to serve abroad.

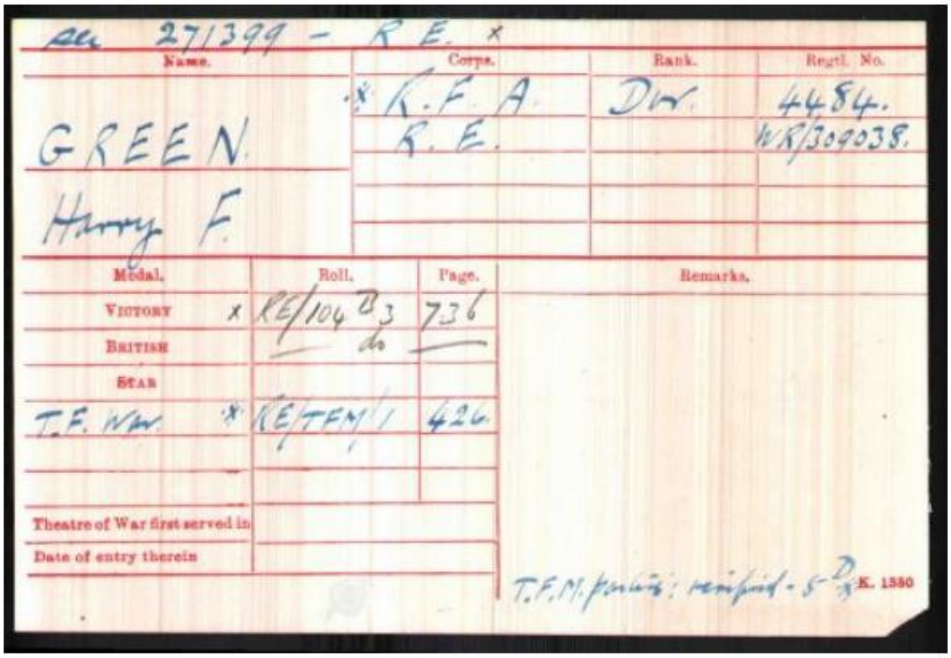


GREEN
Harry F

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Harry F.

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Unusually, he has two Medal Index Cards, cross referenced by Corps, and he has also managed to acquire three army service numbers. A search for his Service Papers would need to be made against all three numbers to make sure that the papers had not been missed. Harry Frederick Green married Annie May Richards in 1921. They had a family of nine children.



The 1939 Register gives the family at 2 Bembridge View, Oxford Road, Cowes.

During the Second World War he worked at Saunders Roe manufacturing parts for Sunderland flying boats.

Harry Frederick Green died at home on 8th April 1960 aged 63 and is buried in Northwood Cemetery. (Plot 34 Grave 11046)

His medals have been passed down to his son John.



Sources: IoW FHS BMD Indexes
Findmypast / 1911 Census
Ancestry.co.uk Medal Index Cards

Originally written in 2009, augmented in 2021 with the 1939 Register information

Groves Family – one name study

David Groves (member no 2016) has compiled several sets of data relating to Groves families on the Isle of Wight. David is responsible for the IW One Name Study for this Surname.

These have been converted to PDF files as listed and linked to below:

Maiden Names (marriages pre 1901) (199 kb, opens in new window)

Burial Records (593kb, opens in new window)

Harvey, Alfred James

Lesley Anne Harvey writes:

I am a member researching the Carisbrooke branch of the HARVEY family.
I have attached two photos which may be of interest to other members.
My g-grandfather Alfred James HARVEY left the IOW around 1870-ish. His son William Edwin HARVEY perished on HMS Invincible in the Battle of Jutland.



Alfred James Harvey, born 1854 in Carisbrooke, married Charlotte Ellen Fielder 1880, Alverstoke

In 1901 he was a Hand Driller at Portsmouth Dockyard, living at 49 Village Road, Alverstoke (Gosport), but his wife's name is given as Amelia … ??? why



William Edwin Harvey, born 5 August 1884, Alverstoke, Hampshire

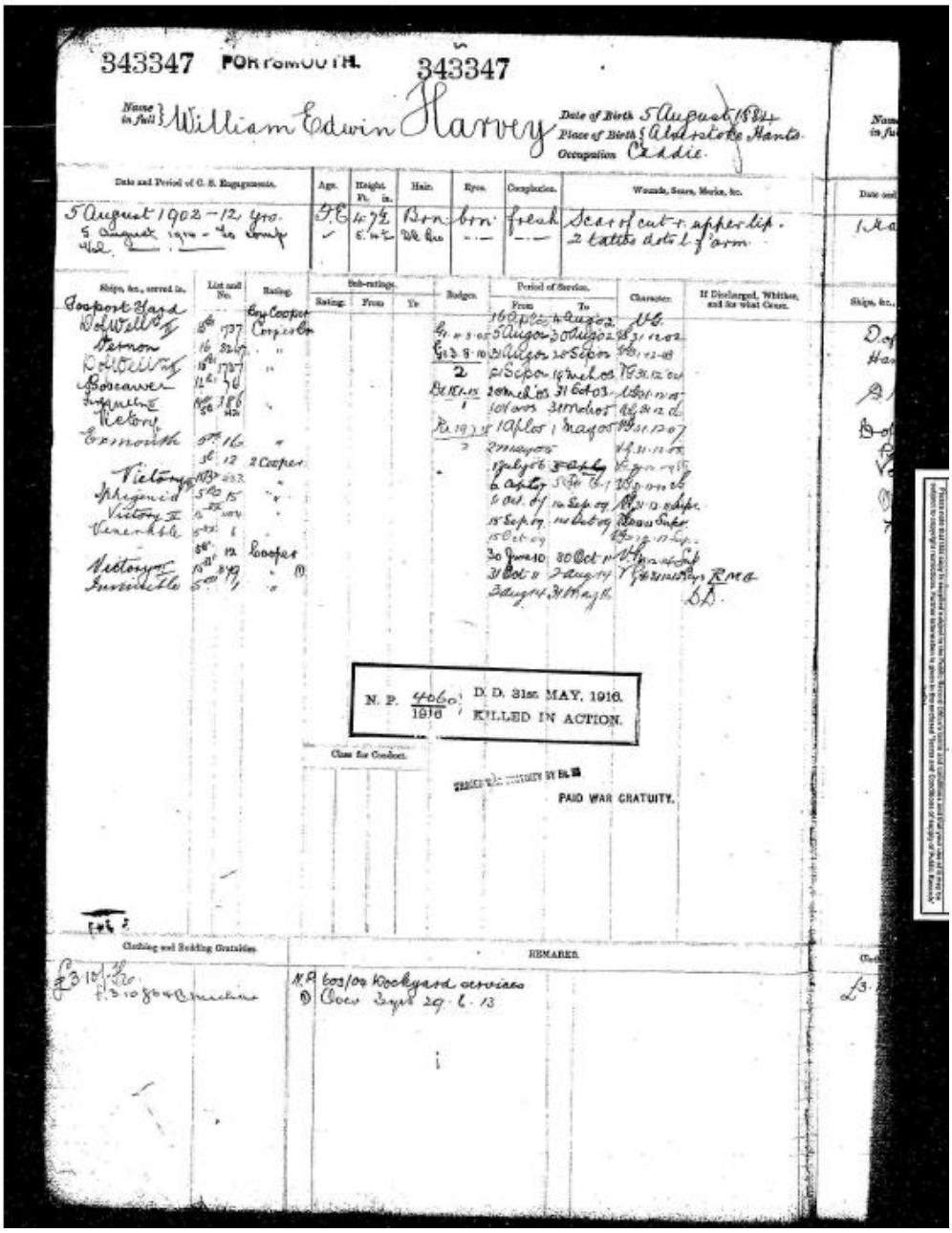
Enlisted in Royal Navy 1902 for a period of 12 years

Married Emily Jane Taylor, Alverstoke, 1908

In 1911 he was serving on H.M.S. Venerable in the Mediterranean
Re-enlisted 1914 for the duration of the war
His Naval trade was as a Cooper

Died while serving on H.MS. Invincible
31 May 1916

The National Archives' reference ADM 188/519/343347



William Edwin Harvey's Naval Record © TNA reference ADM 188/519/343347

Leahy, John

Linda Evans, in New Zealand, sent us the following information

Captain John Leahy

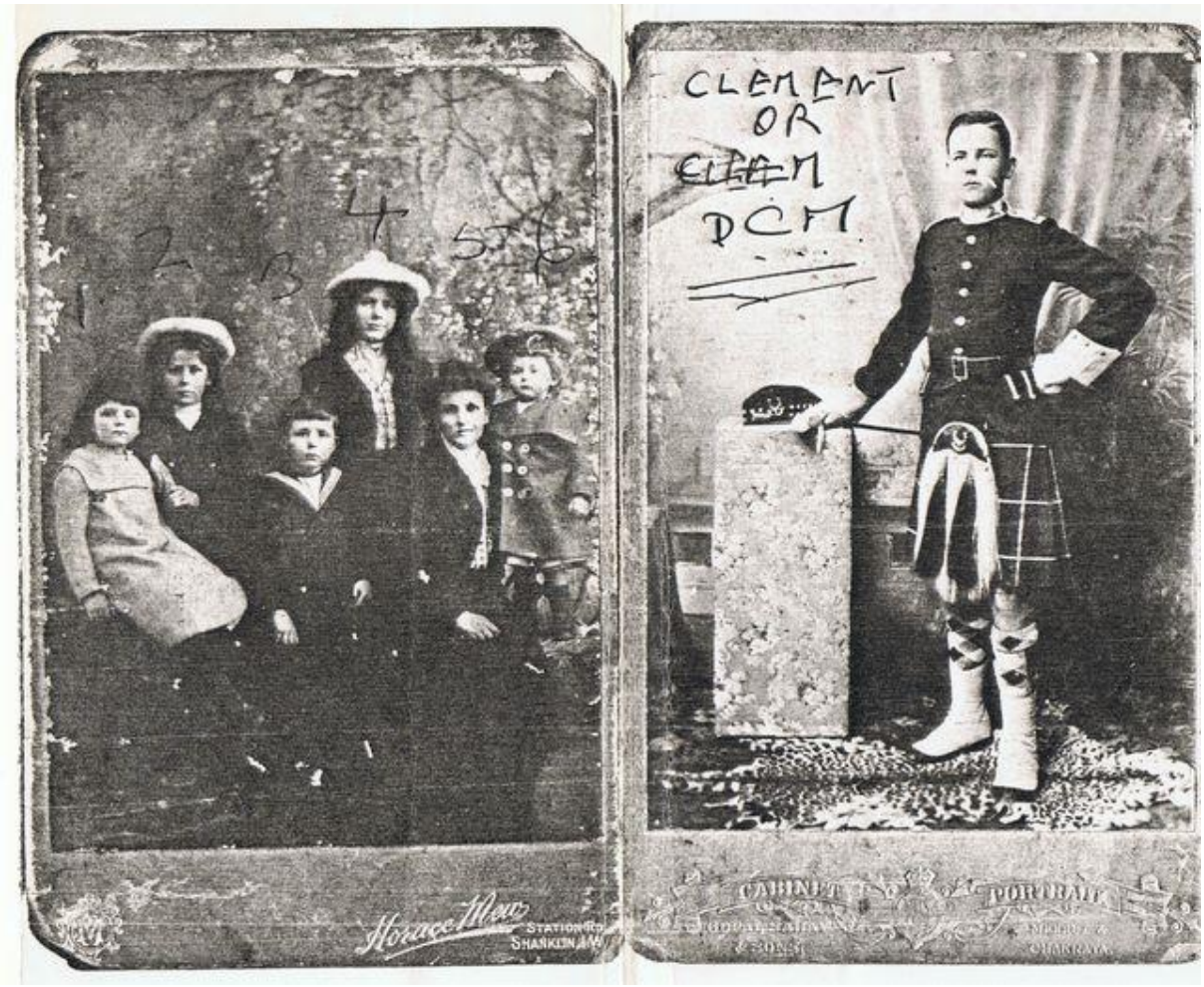
Captain John Leahy retired from the army in India in about 1899 and took up residence with his family in the Isle of Wight in 1901.

John Leahy was born in Port Talbot in the early 1850s after his parents emigrated there from Fermoy in Ireland. He had enlisted in the Royal Artillery at Cardiff in February 1871 and sailed to India on the *Serapis* in October.

In 1875, at Ferozapore, he married Annie Bourke. They had 13 children: Catherine, Louise, Maude, Ellen, Gertrude, Clement, Mona, Edmund, Sidney, Reginald, Dennis, Nora, and the youngest, John, who was born in 1901 in the Isle of Wight.

The family lived in Shanklin, first in Sandown Road, then at 1 Sydney Villas, Atherley Road. John named the house in Atherley Road, Penrhys. One of his granddaughters mentions, in her memoirs, that she visited her late grandfather's house in Atherley Road in the 1930s and it was stilled called Penrhys at that time.

Captain John Leahy sadly died of cancer on 28th October 1906, aged 56 years. He is buried in Shanklin Cemetery. After his death the family returned to India. In later years, Maude, Mona, Gertrude, and Edmund returned to England. Edmund's family and descendants lived in Hampshire, while branches of Sidney's family emigrated to Australia, New Zealand, and England.



The above image (LH side) (a photocopy unfortunately) was taken by Horace Mew, Station Road, Shanklin. The numbers were apparently written on the photo by my grandfather, Sidney Leahy. I - Mona, 2- Gertrude, 3 - Clement, 4 - Ellen, 5 - Annie, 6 - John.

The other photo is of son Clem in his Seaforth Highlanders uniform, taken in India. He was killed in World War I on 7 November 1914 aged 18. He was awarded the D.C.M. and is commemorated on the Le Touret Memorial in France.

Commonwealth War Graves Commission entry: Private 1203 Clement V Leahy, 1st Bn, Seaforth Highlanders.

https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/856118/CLEMENT%20V%20LEAHY/

Maude Leahy



This photo of Maude Leahy was sent to me by a recently discovered distant cousin, Maude's granddaughter. Apparently, Maude worked as a governess in Switzerland not long after this photo was taken. It is also from the studio of Horace Mew.

Matthews Family

Peter Matthews provided us with information and photographs of his branch of the Matthews clan, mainly in Seaview.

The pages in the Legacy website need to be converted and are shown here as facsimiles

Mew / Meux family

Andy Wood has provided much information on the Mew / Meux families up to the start of General Registration in 1837.

There are many variations of the spelling of the surname.

Although not a One Name Study as such for this surname, it should provide much information to researchers. No sources are given - I have presumed that the information comes from Parish Registers and earlier documents.

The lists are in chronological order; once opened, the information may be searched using your browser Find command (usually Ctrl + F).

The original spreadsheets have been converted to PDF files as listed; the link will open a new tab or window in your browser :

Births / Christenings / Baptisms 1100 - 1599 (30 kb)

Births / Christenings / Baptisms 1600 - 1699 (414 kb)

Births / Christenings / Baptisms 1700 - 1799 (565 kb)

Births / Christenings / Baptisms 1800 - 1837 (369 kb)

Marriages 1324 - 1599 (49 kb)

Marriages 1600 - 1699 (169 kb)

Marriages 1700 - 1799 (234 kb)

Marriages 1800 - 1837 (49 kb)

Deaths / Burials 1447 - 1837 (177 kb)

Miller, Charles



Charles and Emma Miller, with Phyllis, Lilian and Isabel

Elizabeth Scott writes:

Charles Miller was born on December 10th, 1874, in Newport, IOW. His parents George and Harriett (nee Millmore) of Alverstone and Calbourne would have a total of 12 children. Charles was the 2nd oldest boy. When he was 26, he secured a position as a Groom/Gardener in West Burton, Sussex. There he met Emma Burton of Costessey, Norfolk when he would visit the home where she worked in Beckenham W. Kent. Two years later they married in Costessey *[registered June qtr 1902, Forehoe 4b 343]* and moved back to London for a short time as he only had a week off work.

But the Isle called Charles back, and he eventually brought his Bride and their first young daughter Phyllis Harriet *[Birth registered June qtr 1903 Southwark 1d 164]* back to Newport where he worked as a gardener for a local family and for a time sold insurance. Soon a second daughter Lilian Ruth

would be born *[Birth registered Dec qtr 1904 I. Wight 2b 568]* and they would move for a short time to the Godshill area where my Gramma Isabel Emma was born *[Birth registered Dec qtr 1908 I. Wight 2b 589]*. Charles had a great interest in gardening and all his life kept a beautiful garden of some sort at his residences.

According to family stories "They lived somewhere close to Queen Victoria's summer cottage and Emma watched the Titanic sail by" - clearly a reference to Osborne House and perhaps the Swiss Cottage there; the Titanic's maiden voyage was on 10th April 1912 (*)

He met a family who had relatives in Toronto, Ontario and would be interested in hiring someone with Charles's knowledge at their store Miller & Sons's Florists. The opportunity was too good to pass up and Charles headed to Southampton and took a ship to Canada. He was able to walk right into the position and within the month called for Emma and the three girls to join him. *[They left Southampton bound for Quebec on 11 Sep 1913].* He retired in 1953 and never once forgot about his homeland. I have numerous stories from my Grandmother Isabel and her sisters of wonderful stories that the girls grew up on about his enchanting Isle of Wight.



In later life: Charles and Emma Miller, with Phyllis, Lilian and Isabel

(*) Editor's note: the family are shown on the 1911 Census at 4 Victoria Buildings, North St, Ventnor where Charles is shown as a Domestic Gardener. The Titanic sailed from Southampton to Cherbourg and would have been visible from Ventnor. The Census return shows that Emma had had 4 children, one of whom had died; this was Alec Charles, born 1906, died 1910.

Newman, Matthew

Brenda Todd writes:

[Matthew Newman was Brenda's great great grandfather on her father's side.]

Matthew NEWMAN was born in New Windsor, Berkshire in about 1829. His parents were Edmund and Charlotte. In 1841 they were living in New Windsor with Matthew's 3 sisters and 1 brother. At that time Edmund was an auctioneer.

In 1851 Matthew was in Ryde on the Isle of Wight. He was an Ironmonger shopman and lodging at 22 Heath Cottage, Melville Street. Matthew married Mary Ann BLYTH in 1853 on the Isle of Wight. Mary Ann was born in Ryde. Her father died and her mother re-married Charles ELKINS who in 1851 was the innkeeper for the Star Inn, Ryde.

Matthew and Mary ran the Eagle Hotel in Ryde and in the 1861 census had 3 sons, Charles, Joseph, and Matthew and 2 daughters, Mary and Susie. In 1865 the IOW directory lists Matthew Newman with the Star Hotel, St James St. Newport. A family and commercial hotel and posting house. Another son Edmund Thomas was born in 1866 (named after his grandfather). Mary Ann died in mid-1866, aged 31.

Matthew married Elizabeth Jane JAY from Blandford on 24th January 1867. They were married in the parish church of Newchurch on the Isle of Wight. He was 37 and she was 27 and they were both hotelkeepers in Ryde. Elizabeth's brother, Thomas, was one of the witnesses. She was pregnant with their first child Elizabeth Agnes whose birth was registered in the June Quarter of 1867. Their son, Harry, was born in Brighton in 1868 and they were living at 22 Grenville Place (demolished in the 1960's to make way for the Churchill Square complex). Matthew was now an ironmonger's assistant. By the 1871 census the family had moved to 23 Church Road, Hove. Matthew was still an Ironmonger's Assistant. Matthew, Susie and Edmund Thomas were living with them together with Elizabeth Agnes and Harry. Soon after that they moved to Ipswich where they lived in St. George's Street and Elizabeth died in East Suffolk Hospital in 1873, aged 33.

Matthew went on to marry for a third time. On 12th July 1875 in St. Matthews he married a widow, Eliza SHELDRAKE (maiden name PAYNE). Matthew stated he was an ironmonger. He adopted Eliza's daughter Minnie Gertrude (born 1873) and Matthew and Eliza had their own son, Alfred in 1876. Matthew died in Ipswich in 1878, aged 50. In 1881 Eliza was the Beer House Keeper for the Shannon Inn, 23 St. George's Street. Her first husband, William, was recorded as the publican in 1874 and he died at the end of that year. We can only assume that Matthew ran the pub with Eliza until he too died.

Rolf, Minnie Jane

Peter Spencer writes:

My grandmother Minnie Jane ROLF was born on 6th November 1879 at The Terrace, Rookley. She was the second child of Frederick ROLF (1856-1921) of Northwood and Jane née WHITEWOOD (1850-1919) of Newbridge. My grandmother was baptised on 6th November 1879 in Newport; regrettably I do not know the venue. My grandmother had an elder sister Rose Anne (1878-1938), a younger sister Amy Ruth (1882-1959), a younger brother James Edward (1886-1962), a younger brother William George (1889-1936) and a younger sister Ada May (1894-1968).

The 1881 census lists the ROLF family living in The Terrace, Rookley; Frederick (head) occupation general labourer, Jane (wife), Rose Anne (daughter) and Minnie Jane (daughter).

The 1891 census lists the ROLF family in Bunkers Lane, Rookley; Frederick (head), Jane (wife), Annie (daughter), Minnie (daughter), Amy (daughter), James (son) and William (son).

In the 1901 census my grandmother is listed as living as a servant at Bradley Lodge, Newport the home of the VIBERT family. Bradley Lodge used to stand to the south of Church Litten Cemetery, now a park. Litten comes from a Saxon word meaning cemetery. Bradley Lodge was originally called St Nicholas Villa named after the parish of St Nicholas in which it was situated. From the 1861 census the building was renamed Bradley Lodge. The VIBERT family are listed as occupants in the 1881 and 1891 censuses as well as the 1901 census. By the time the 1906-07 Ordnance Survey maps were produced the building had reverted to the name of St Nicholas Villa. During World War II the building was badly affected by the bombing of the Gould, Hibberd and Randall lemonade factory on the east side of Church Litten Lane (Did the factory serve another purpose during the war?) and was demolished after the war.

In 1906 at St Paul's Church, Barton my grandmother married Lawrence Samuel PARDEY (1882-1953) of Newport the ninth of ten children of George PARDEY (1843-1912) of Lymington, Hampshire, and Emily née DORE (1846-1940) of Yarmouth.

A year earlier my grandmother's sister Rose Anne had married my grandfather's elder brother Frederick Walter ROLF (1875-1946) of Yarmouth.

In 1907 in Newport my grandmother gave birth to her first of ten children Edward Lawrence (1907-1983). Her second child was born two years later, Arthur Douglas (1909-1975).

According to the 1911 census the family was living at 78 Caesar's Road, Newport where my grandmother remained for the rest of her life. Her eldest daughter was born in 1911 Elsie Minnie (1911-1994) she was called "Sis" by her siblings and to me she was "Aunty Sis." A second daughter was born Minnie Ruth (1915-1915) sadly she only lived for four days. Her third and youngest daughter was born in 1916 Doris May (1916-1987), my mother, followed by her twin brother Stanley Roy (1916-2000) was born. A standard comment made years later by my Uncle Roy was that my

mother was twenty minutes older than him and that she never let him forget it. Three years later her fourth son was born Sidney Edgar (1919-1991) followed two years later by her fifth son Albert Gordon (1921-1978) and lastly her youngest son Cecil Donald (1924-2002).

My grandmother made sure that all her sons took apprenticeships. My Uncle Ted went to work for a company called "Farmer's Trading" in Newport which years later became part of the SCATS Group (Southern Counties Agricultural Trading Services). My Uncle Arthur became a driver for the Shotter's Bus Company which later became part of Southern Vectis. My Uncle Roy became a master builder and went to work in the Gold Coast now Ghana. My Uncle Sid also became a builder. My Uncle Bert went to work at Saunders Roe in East Cowes and My Uncle Cecil went to work at Morey's the timber merchants in Newport.

My Aunt Elsie 'Sis' as far as I know just helped my grandmother around the house until she was married in 1939 at St Mary's Church, Carisbrooke to William Robert John 'Jack' HAYTER (1909-1994) of Brook. In 1933 at the age of 17 my mother (Doris May) was sent to live with her godmother in the Parkstone area of Poole, Dorset where she was to stay until 1940 when she joined the Women's Auxiliary Air Force (WAAF). According to stories my mother later told me there used to be a tunnel which leads from her godmother's house to the coast that was used by smugglers.

During World War II all my uncles served in the army except my Uncle Cecil who served in the Royal Navy he was a coxswain on one of the D-Day landing craft.

In 1949 I moved to the Island with my parents. Did someone say, "And the Island has never been the same since"? we lodged for a few months with my Aunt Sis and Uncle Jack in Cowes Road, Newport until we moved to Caesar's Road and then later to Whitepit Lane, Newport. One vivid memory I have of my grandfather is when I was about four years old, we were on a walk in the extensive grounds surrounding Carisbrooke Castle. I was walking very close to some undergrowth where an adder was resting, and I would probably have been bitten had my grandfather not clobbered the adder with his walking stick. For the benefit of any overseas readers the adder is the only poisonous snake in Great Britain and its bite is not usually fatal unless the victim has some other medical condition.

My grandmother had fifteen grandchildren, fourteen of which lived to be adults some producing children of their own.

As she lived until I was twelve years old, I have many happy memories of my grandmother whom if memory serves I saw at least once every week if not more frequently. My grandmother died on 17th April 1958 at her home in 78 Caesar's Road, Newport she was buried in the cemetery off Fairlee Road, Newport.

Sirkett family

Cynthia Sirkett provided some images of Seaview, and writes:



I think the 3 young boys in the foreground might be left to right Philip, Frank and Gerald SIRKETT.

According to a typescript book given to Mabel SIRKETT by Arthur MATHEWS which was written in about 1887 by his father William Edsall MATHEWS (1813-1894), the Seaview Hotel was originally built as the home of William CAWS and his wife Harriott CHESSEL.

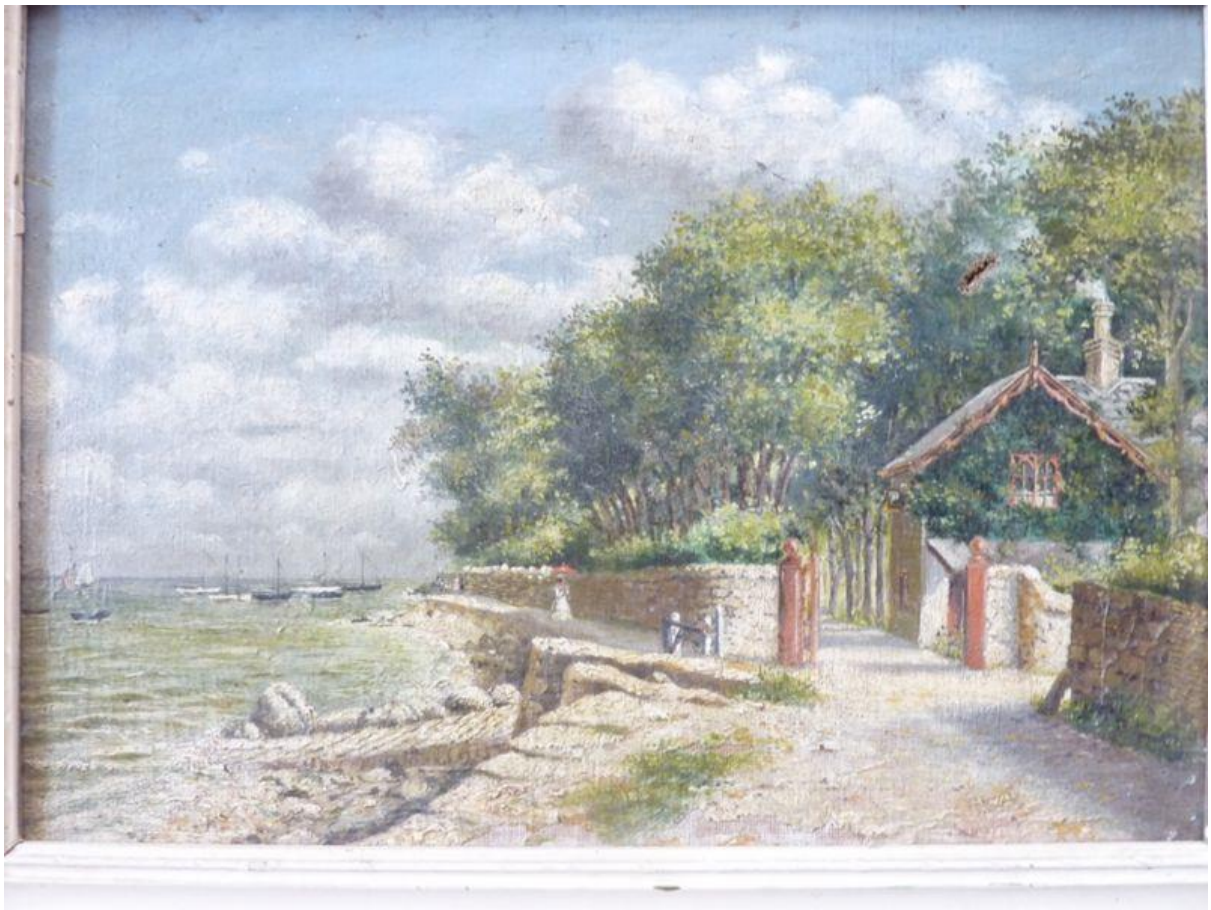
Walter William SIRKETT (1878 St Pancras, London – 1955 Isle of Wight) and his wife Mabel Louise Glover SWAN (1880 Bristol – 1952 Isle of Wight) ran the Seaview Hotel from a short time after their marriage in 1902 having taken over from Mabel's mother Louisa Caroline Swan who later died in 1927 at Radnor, Fairy Road, Seaview. Walter's father Henry SIRKETT ran the Esplanade Hotel in Ryde, so he and Mabel had some experience of the hospitality industry. After handing over the Seaview Hotel to Tom LOVE, they ran another hotel at Old Salterns Gate, Seaview where they advertised that hot running water was provided in all rooms.

Gerald Frederick Swan Sirkett born 1903 at the Seaview Hotel died 2001, Newport, IW, named after his mother Mabel's brother Gerald Frederick Swan, who died, along with his friend Robert Ernest WENBORN, in a boating accident at Seaview shortly before the marriage of Walter and Mabel. Gerald Sirkett went to Christ's Hospital School, Horsham. After working at Lloyds Bank in Biarritz before WWII and London thereafter, he and his wife Joy retired in the early 1960s to Seaview.

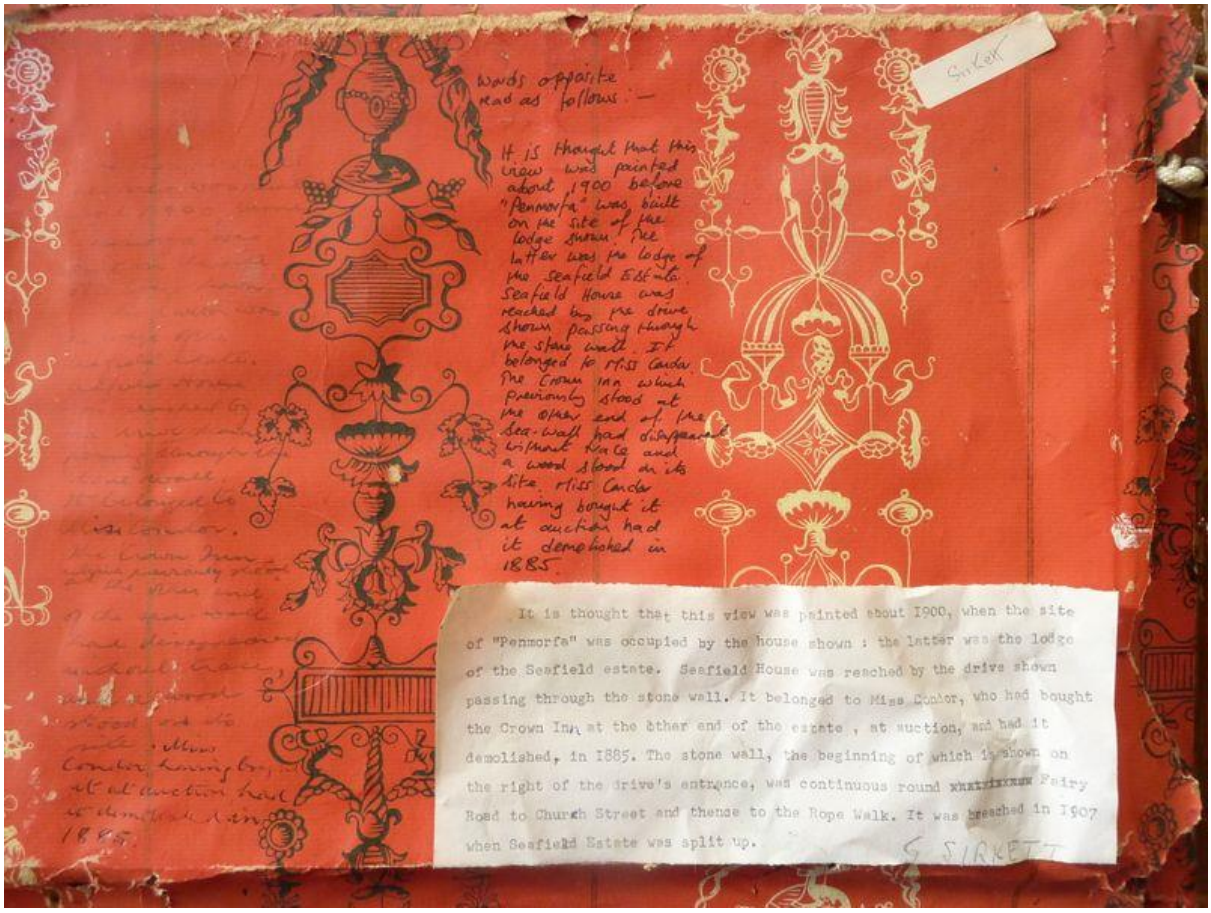
Walter Philip Sirkett born 1906 Seaview, IW – died 1933 Lambeth, London went to Colston's School, Stapleton, Bristol.

Frank Henry Sirkett born 1908 Seaview, IW – died 1992 Bembridge, IW. Known as Paddy he went to the Modern School in Ryde and Churchers College, Petersfield, Hampshire. During WWII he was captured at Dunkirk and held as a prisoner of war at Eichstatt. After the war he travelled widely working with the P & O shipping line and on a tsetse fly eradication programme in Kano, Nigeria in the early 1950s. After returning to the Island, he farmed at Durton Farm, Long Lane near Newport, and Fowlsdown Farm at Whiteley Bank. Paddy also retired to Seaview.

The sign on the right of the picture is believed to name Frank Henry DAWSON House Agent who was aged 70, resident at Regent House, High Street, Seaview at the time of the 1911 census with his stepdaughter A M SPAIN aged 54. He was born in St Helens.



Shown is a somewhat damaged painting of a lodge which used to stand at the eastern end of the Duver at the corner of Salterns Road, Seaview. The site is now occupied by a house called "Penmorfa". Also shown (below) is some of the writing on the back of the painting, transcribed by G SIRKETT. The site of the Crown Hotel mentioned is now occupied by "Crown Slip" which was built by Nash Builders (I think it was W B Nash) for Walter Sirkett.

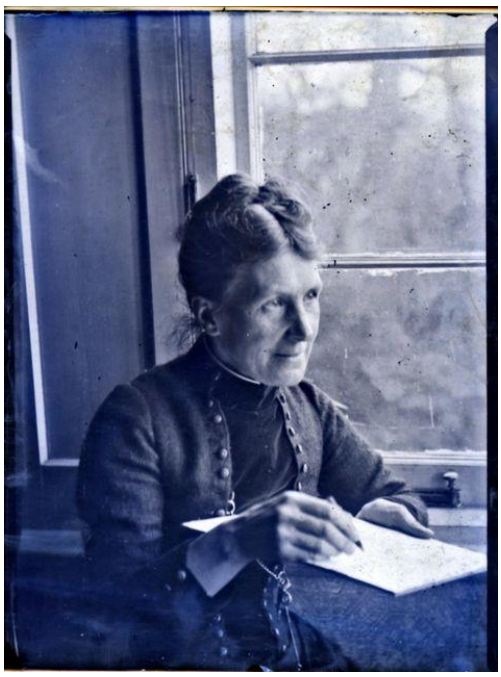


Reverse of the painting with script and typescript explanations.

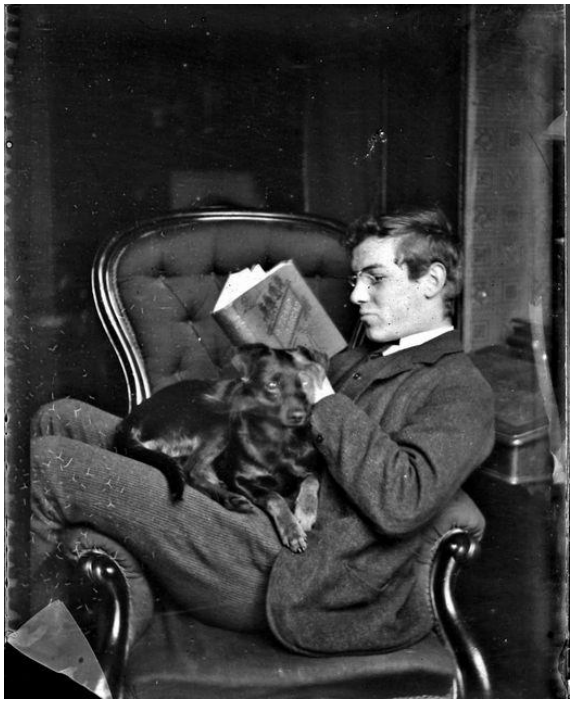
Thwaites and Inglis family

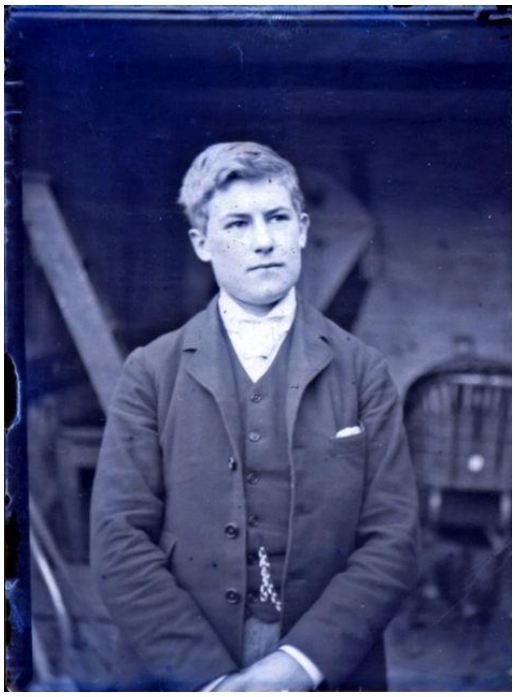
Julia Flutter writes in December 2012:

I recently bought a collection of glass negatives on the Isle of Wight and have identified some of the people in the photographs. I thought these might be of interest to any of your members who are interested in the Inglis family (who lived at The Shrubbery, Newport in the 1890s) and the Thwaites family (of St John's Parsonage, Watergate Road, Carisbrooke) and a man called Doctor Train.

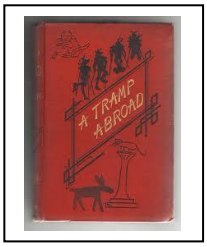


Mrs. Thwaites was Clara Jane Thwaites (née Hepworth), the wife of the Rev. Henry G. Thwaites, the Vicar of St John's Carisbrooke. The family lived at St John's Parsonage and are recorded there in the 1891 Census. Although their daughter Cara was born in Newport in 1880, they are not recorded on the 1881 Census in Newport. By 1901 the family had moved to Paddington.





Ernest Hepworth Thwaites was born in 1869 in Birmingham.



Ernest Hepworth Thwaites is seen at leisure reading what appears to be a First English Edition of "A Tramp Abroad" by Mark Twain, published in England in 1880. This photo is dated 1893.



Basil Champion Thwaites was born in 1876 in Birmingham. Guy Thwaites was born in 1877 in Nuneaton. Here they are in fancy dress, seemingly as Red Indians.



The Inglis family had 10 children, eight of whom survived. By 1891 Mrs Jessie Anne Inglis was a widow and is listed on the 1901 Census as a Visitor at The Shrubbery, Newport, the household of the Pinnock family. It is not known which of her children are shown in this photo, dated 1893.



Mrs Inglis had been born in Mussourie, India, and several of her children were born in Calcutta. The 1891 Census lists some of her eight surviving children: Ethel, aged 20 (born in Forfarshire); Charles aged 12, Emily aged 11, and Arthur aged 9 (the last three born in Calcutta); in 1891 the family were at The Homestead, Alleyn Park, Camberwell. By 1911 Mrs Inglis was living at Bul Bul, Dormans Park, Lingfield Surrey. She died in 1937.
Daughter Hilda is shown seated in this photo.



I have not been able to find out who Dr Train was. He is not listed in any of the Medical Registers of the latter part of the 19th century, so he may have been either a Doctor of Divinity or held some other academic Doctorate.

M Shaw writes in Nov 2018:

I suspect that this is the Reverend John Gilkison Train (1847-1920). There's a picture of him as an older man here: http://lafayette.org.uk/tra3006.html

Train was the father of Mary Train, who married John McClelland Henderson in 1899. John M Henderson's younger sister Daisy married Colin Inglis, who was one of Jessie Inglis's sons (see above). (I imagine that Colin is the smaller boy in your picture of four Inglis children - he was born in 1883). 1893 is earlier than I had thought there to be a link between the families, however the Hendersons and Inglis families had something of a globetrotting history and may well have known each other in India and/or South Africa, given the tendency of Europeans in such areas in those days to stick together. What they were all doing on the Isle of Wight in 1893, I have no idea!