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E D I T O R I A L

Greetings - for the last time in 1992 - to our readers everywhere. Since writing the last editorial I have been busy with various investigations, some without conclusive results. As I expect you all know, this is nothing unusual for family history research.

However, visits to the Public Record Office in Chancery Lane, London, have enabled me to see documents (mostly records of Law Suits) which have gone some way towards untangling the relationships between the Barnstaple and East London families in the seventeenth century. I had hoped to trace this family down to nearer our own century, but have not yet succeeded in this.

There is much more to be done, but I feel that enough reliable evidence has been found to present a research report. The search is complicated as there are so many contemporaries in North Devon with the same name. You may feel that some of the conclusions are open to question. This we acknowledge, and would welcome any additional information.

Our Membership Secretary, John, has been tireless in his efforts to search out bearers of the Witheridge name and make contact with them. He has an extraordinary story to tell which begins in his article in this edition, and which we hope will unfold in later magazines.

I would like to make a plea for contributions to the magazine - items of interest, articles, letters, particularly from members overseas. Have you ever thought of writing a 'profile' of yourself, or someone in your family, past or present? You may think that this would be humdrum, but all Witheridges and their lives are of interest to us.

Best wishes to everyone for a happy, prosperous, and peaceful year in 1993.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joyce", with a horizontal line underneath it.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

It gives me great pleasure to send my warmest greetings to our members in America, Australia, Britain, Canada and New Zealand, and I give my thanks to all those whose work has made these contacts possible.

Although the Witheridge Society was formed to promote interest in the Witheridge name, I feel that the following search appeal, in a wider context, will be of interest to our members. As a member of the Nelson Society I have been approached to publicise an appeal for information on any men who served in Admiral Lord Nelson's Navy.

"SEARCH FOR NELSON'S MEN"

"The Nelson Society requests information on any local men who served with Nelson.

"If you know anything about the lives of these men, where they lived, naval service, church memorials, and most importantly, where they now rest, then please reply.

"This is a national appeal, the results of which are being used by the Society to help promote interest in Nelson and the men who served with him.

"There were 17,000 sailors of all nationalities in the British Fleet alone at Trafalgar. Where are their final berths now?"

If you think you have any information or details please write to me, Graham Browne, at:-

5 GREENHILL AVENUE
LUTON
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I may add, that some years ago, I did pursue the story that there was a Witheridge who served aboard HMS Victory, but I could find no evidence of this.

I would like to wish you all a happy and peaceful New Year, and I hope that 1993 will be as productive and interesting as this year has been.



FAMILY NEWS

We are sorry to hear that Ralph Wetheridge, of Bridgend, Wales, has been seriously ill, but understand that he has made a good recovery. We send best wishes for his better health to continue.

The 24th October, 1992, was a happy day for Kim and Roy Cook, who with friends and relations, witnessed the marriage of their son, Jason, to Miss Zoe Mitchell. The wedding was at the Church of All Saints, Warlingham, Surrey, and the bride and groom spent their honeymoon in southern Spain. We wish Zoe and Jason long life and happiness!

FAMILY NEWS EXTRA! from John Witheridge

Just recently I have made contact with a Mrs. Ellen Witheridge, and her daughter Mrs. Phyllis Cocking, who is our most recent member.

Ellen will be 104 years old on 24th February, 1993!

Don't you think it would be a pity to let her birthday pass without paying some form of acknowledgment to our oldest known Witheridge? I think it would be a fitting tribute for Ellen to receive birthday cards from all over the world. How lovely it would be if she could receive one from every member family of our Society.

In order not to spoil the surprise, it is suggested that we send our cards to Phyllis's home so that they can be collected and given to Ellen on the day itself. Here is Phyllis's address:-

MRS. ELLEN WITHERIDGE,
C/O 4A/1041 PITTWATER ROAD,
COLLARROY,
NEW SOUTH WALES, 2097
AUSTRALIA

Remember, if you are posting surface mail, to allow extra time for the cards to arrive.

So come on, members, let's show Ellen what a real world wide Witheridge Welcome is like!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ELLEN!

THE WITHERIDGE WIDOW FIGHTS BACK

For months I've been writing my poems,
To show you and broadcast my plight.
He still has not started my own tree,
And you know, he promised. He might.

He works even harder than ever,
Shut away upstairs in his den.
He's now your Membership Secretary,
With even more letters than then.

Of course he is doing my work
As well as that of his own,
He seems to enjoy every minute
And wearing his fingers to bone.

I'm beginning to redress the situation,
With a little of what they call 'Guile',
For I hang on to his incoming letters,
(Don't worry - it's just for a while).

Instead I hand him my own file,
With my ancestors' names on the top,
In place of the letters that you write,
This reduces his momentum to stop.

This gives me the pressure I've needed,
And allows us to work closer yet.
I'm happy, my overture he has heeded.
I'll still hold my trump - you can bet!

I'll tell you now, just what is my secret.
But promise you'll not spill the beans,
I'll refuse to sign secretarial letters,
If his resolve ever waxes and wanes.

I hope you've realised that I'm joking,
And these poems are merely for fun.
I'm not as bad as I have painted,
And John's not so bad - "as they come".

We do have a laugh at these poems,
And ripple with mirth, most of the time
To imagine your faces as you read them.
As you wonder, "Is there truth in this rhyme?"

By Mayda Witheridge

".....FOR THOSE IN PERIL ON THE SEA"

Research Report by Joyce Browne

High on the list of Witheridges I wish I'd met are John Witheridge, Ship Maister, and John Witheridge, Mariner and Captain. Yes, two of them, contemporaries, possibly cousins, who led dangerous and exciting lives.

The first, whom I shall call John(1), makes a dramatic, if sad, appearance in an entry in the parish register of St. Botolph's, London, in 1617.

"25th January, 1617 - Collection for one John Witheridge and Nicholas Paige, Ship-maisters, whose shipp and goods were taken by Turkes pirates and fiftie men of their Companie sould for slaves into Barberie.....one and twentie shillings and five pence."

Who was this man, where did he come from and where was he going when his ship was seized?

The IGI records for St. Botolph's and East London show no John Witheridge baptised in the relevant period. (Incidentally there are four London parishes of St. Botolph - the one with which we are concerned is St. Botolph's Without Aldgate) The IGI does list a marriage of a John Witheridge to an Elizabeth Bryne at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, in 1602. St. Bride's and St. Botolph's are not adjacent parishes, but St. Bride's has a river Thames boundary, and St. Botolph's abuts on to the Tower of London, hard by the river, and one would have been easily accessible to the other.

A John Wetheryg, son of Richard Wetheryg, was baptised in Barnstaple in 1551. He could be the John who was married in 1602, and also the John(1) who lost his ship to the pirates. Perhaps you think it too great a leap from Barnstaple to St. Bride's and St. Botolph's? I would agree but for the fact that other sources (which will be referred to later) reveal definite links between the London and the North Devon and Barnstaple families.

Only two children appear to have been born to John W and Elizabeth Bryne, John - baptised in 1604 at St. Bride's, Fleet Street and Mary, baptised in 1605.

If this conjecture is correct then John(1) would have been about 51 when he married Elizabeth and 65 when he lost his ship - not a good age to become impoverished. It is difficult to estimate the value of the collection taken for

the two men, as the rate of inflation is not constant, the value of goods has changed, and one cannot compare like with like, but in 1605 a casual labourer's wage was about 8d. or 9d. a day. John Witheridge and Nicholas Paige were not going to be able to fit out another ship for that amount.

Where was the ship when it was attacked? The Barbary or Barbary Coast was the North West corner of Africa, which is now Morocco, and pirate ships from there, Algiers and Tunisia, as well as Turkey infested the Mediterranean, the North West coast of Africa, and came up into Atlantic waters at least as far north as Bordeaux. (Where the French pirates took over!)

These ships were the terror of merchantmen. They were heavily armed, and although built for sail were equipped to be rowed as galleys. The oarsmen were slaves, often European seamen. The double facility of oars and sail enabled them to glide up to their victim silently under cover of fog, or calm dark night. If repulsed they could make a quick getaway into a friendly port. One might say that all the ports of North Africa were friendly. The rulers of Tunisia and Algiers particularly encouraged the raiders as they derived a large part of their revenues from this source. There was also the added sting of Moslems defeating and enslaving Christians.

In 1624 a ship called the Jacob set sail from Monhegen in New England with a cargo of dried fish. She was intercepted by a "Turkes Man-of-War" 30 leagues off Bordeaux. The pirates carried the ship off to the "barr of Sally" (Salli was a seaport of Morocco), but the ship was of such draught that she would not go over the bar, so the pirates unloaded and made off with the cargo. In this instance they appear to have left the ship and crew intact. The writer of this story, in 1973, estimated the value of the cargo at \$10,000.

We do not know what cargo John(1) and his partner were carrying, but it is certain that he lost a great deal of money, and in order to save himself it is probable that he had to pay a ransom. The collection of ransom money or "taxes" was a feature of the corsairs and their supporters' way of life.

I think it likely that John(1) was not actually sailing into the Mediterranean, but going to America. In our age of power, we tend to forget that in the 17th century, ships sailed by courtesy of the prevailing wind, the 'Trade Winds'. From Britain, they usually did not sail directly across the Atlantic, but had to go south down the west

coasts of France and Spain to the islands of Cape Verde, then turn west to the Caribbean or Florida and make their way up the coast to Virginia. Coming home, the westerly wind made a more direct route possible.

In addition to the normal perils of the sea, ship masters had only primitive charts, and few navigational instruments. In the 17th century they were able to calculate latitude, but not longitude. This was not possible until the invention of the chronometer in 1765.

If John(1) had reached America he would not have been in lesser peril. Pirates infested the Caribbean and American waters. Long John Silver was not a figment of the imagination of Robert Louis Stevenson, novelist. He was the embodiment of dozens of buccaneers who originally emanated from the island of Hispaniola, whence they had been driven as outcasts by cruelty and repression in the Spanish Colonies. Had he reached New England, he would have had to contend with the inhospitable climate, lack of food supplies, and the native Indians, not all of whom were friendly.

John Witheridge(2) did reach New England. In the book "Pioneers on Maine Rivers" by Wilbur D. Spencer, compiled from original sources, John Witheridge is recorded as being the master of a Barnstaple ship off the coast of Maine in 1622. He is noted as being there again in 1623, at Pemaquid in the Eagle from Barnstaple, owned by Melchard Bennett, and again in 1624 and 1625.

John Witheridge (2) is thought to be the son of John Witheridge born Barnstaple circa 1540, who married Elizabeth Stephens (Loder) in 1564. John was their sixth child born in 1572. He married Agnes Cockhill of Fremington in 1603. We do not know when he died, but we do know that he had an eventful life.

He must have been an experienced captain before he was noted as being off the coast of Maine in 1622. Life there was hard. As late as 1675 there were noted only seven or eight substantial dwellings at Pemaquid, and it would appear that the place was mainly used as a trading post, and the settlement and others like it were deserted during the winter.

John Witheridge(2) was fishing and trading. The masters of the English vessels were all trading in addition to fishing. They stored goods they had brought from England at the

settlement, and traded these, and fish, for tobacco brought up from Virginia in the south.

The risks were many. In April, 1624, a great storm arose, and ships broke away from their moorings and foundered on the rocks, three men being lost and the fish catches reduced. Ten years later, during another storm, it was reported that John Witheridge of Barnstaple, and other ships from Dartmouth had been forced to cut their masts in order to save their ships.

Pirates were still a menace, even in those harsh seas. In 1632 the Pemaquid settlement was pillaged, and the pirate, one "Dixie Bull", hi-jacked a vessel and demanded to be taken south to Virginia, but his intentions were thwarted when the captain refused to make the voyage on the grounds that he was unfamiliar with the seas south of Maine.

In 1631 an investigation into the disappearance of a ship revealed that the crew of five had been murdered by Indians. The boat sent to investigate sank, and two more men were drowned.

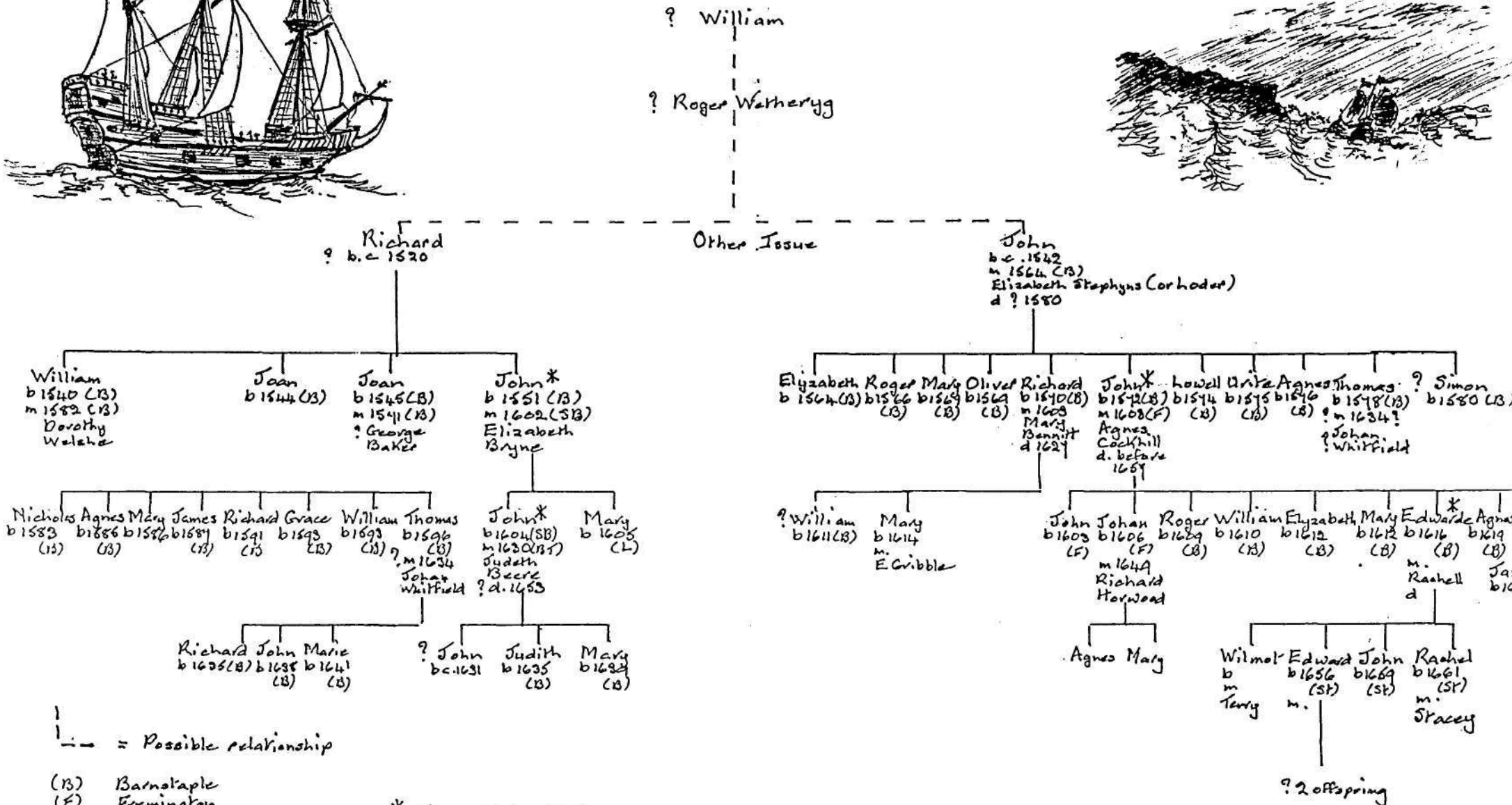
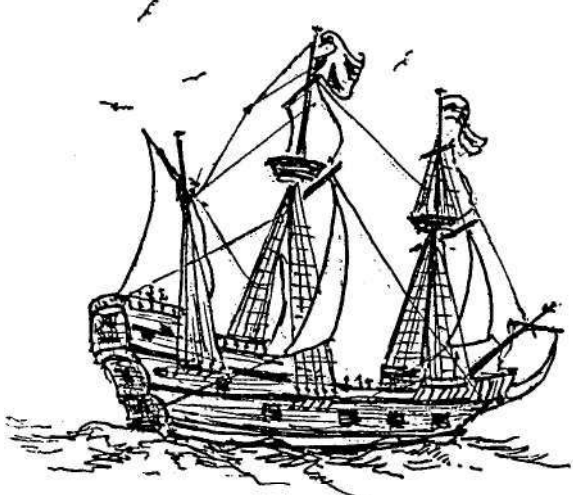
John(2) seems to have had his own solution to any Indian problem. "Pioneers on Maine Rivers" reports that in 1624 John(2) was so popular with the Indians that they reserved their furs for him, and travelled long distances to do business with him - by passing other traders whose goods appeared to be equally attractive. This brought John(2) into conflict with the authorities, because he had not been licensed to trade, only to fish, but he seems to have overcome this difficulty, as in 1625 his name was suggested as surety for other traders.

He must have made several crossings of the Atlantic, but by 1632 he was back in England, temporarily at least, and in 1636, he was sending goods out from England by other captains.

In 1631 his name appears as defendant in a case being heard in the Chancery Court, the complainant being a John ?Hawke, Master of the William and John. The dispute was about what proportion of the tobacco cargo of the William and John was assigned to John(2) and what to the complainant. The documents reveal that John(2) was not only Master of the Eagle, but was engaged in the fitting out and supply of other ships, the Mary, the John and the Prudence, sailing from the ports of Barnstaple and Appledore, a considerable business venture.

The witnesses were asked to state where the tobacco was

BARNSTAPLE AND EAST LONDON FAMILY



--- = Possible relationship

(B) Barnstaple
(F) Fremington
(L) London - St. Mary at Hill
(SB) St. Bride's, Fleet St., London
(SB) Stepney, London

* Known to be Mariners

landed, whether at Plymouth, Falmouth, or the Port of London. They were then asked whether the defendant was discontented and angry that his tobacco was landed at the Port of London, when that of other men was landed at Plymouth or Falmouth. "Was not tobacco better than gold in Devon and Cornwall than at the Port of London?" Other issues, such as the occupation by the complainant of a house in Appledore were brought in, but unfortunately I could not find the judgment in this case, and so could not determine whether John(2) was a poorer or richer man as a result of all this.

Where is the link between John(1) and John(2)? I found it when searching records in Chancery Lane, working backwards and looking for something else! I had previously established connections between Witheridges in Lymehouse and Devonshire. and then I discovered that in 1653 a Judith Witheridge of Lymehouse, London, was granted power to administer the estate, goods and chattels of her late husband John Witheridge, a Mariner, who "died in parts beyond the seas" - time and place not stated. We can call him John(3).

Judith is not a common Witheridge name, and the only Witheridge I can find who married a Judith is John who married Judith Beare in Bishop's Tawton in 1630. This John could be the right age to be the John born in 1604 (see family tree), son of John(1), and a Mariner like his father. It would be natural for this family to return to Devon at times, if John(1) was sailing out of Barnstaple as well as the Port of London.

The second link between John(1) and John(2) is, I think, stronger. It is in the Will of Agnes Witheridge, Widow, of Instow, Devon, whose Will was proved in 1658. She was the widow of John(2), but her Will does not give a date or place of his death. Agnes was obviously a woman of substance. She made numerous bequests, naming her sons (not in order of birth) as Edward Witheridge, Roger and John Witheridge, her daughters as Joan Horwood, Agnes Lake, Jane Witheridge and Elizabeth Witheridge.

She also made bequests to "my cosen John Witheridge, the son of John Witheridge", "my cosen Agnes Horwood and my cosen Mary Horwood". We know that in the 17th century, the term "cousin" was not used as we use it today, but meant a relative. I think that the words "my cosen John Witheridge, the son of John Witheridge" indicate that there was another John, related, but not her own son John, or an offspring of his.

In another paragraph she says "I give unto my cosen Jude Witheridge five pounds and unto my cosen Mary Witheridge, five pounds and a silver gilded goblet" I think that these must be the children of John Witheridge and Judith Beare, grandchildren of John(1).

Agnes made special mention of her son Edward with regard to a house which she wished to be occupied by her daughter Jane, but which had been left to Edward in his father's Will. Jane was to have the key "... if Edward doo not come and dwell here. If he doo he must have it by his father's Will, then Jane to live in it after Edward Witheridge". This is the very stuff from which lawyers make their livelihood, and could have kept a Chancery Suit going for years. (Maybe it did).

Edward Witheridge was a Mariner like his father, and lived in Lymehouse and Stepney, and was in America in 1643/44. Later in life he was no stranger to lawsuits, but that is his story, and the John Witheridges haven't finished with me yet.

RESEARCH NOTE by John Witheridge

Whilst carrying out research in the Gillingham Library, I came across the following entry:-

"Baptism 3rd January, 1782 - Thomas, son of Elizabeth Atkins, John Watherig the reputed father".

Does this sound like one of ours? No! Nnnnnn- yes! Especially as we did have a John Witheridge who married in Gillingham in 1768.

Second thought - I would like it to be known that I did not move into the area until 1959!

COINCIDENCE OR DESIGN?

By John Witheridge

Never let it be said that we as a family or group of families do not work together. When it comes to extracting facts, or uncovering history from the unknown, our organisation works like a Swiss watch.

I am thinking of a set of coincidences which occurred recently, and co-operation by members which has brought another family into our spotlight.

In Western Australia a Mrs. Hazel Witheridge gave a donation to the Salvation Army and received a copy of "The War Cry", dated 14th March, 1992 (this just happened to be my birthday). She was very surprised by what she read, and sent the magazine to her nephew, Percy Alfred Witheridge and his wife Alice, who are members of our Society. By coincidence they had just been reading The Witheridge Times, and my article on the Bristol Witheridges and their connection with the Salvation Army, so they sent the details on to me.

What was it in "The War Cry" which so surprised Hazel Witheridge? It was the picture on the front cover of a lady, 103 years old, and named as Mrs. Ellen Witheridge, living in New South Wales, over three thousand miles away from Hazel, Percy and Alice.

Another of our members, Mrs. Dorothy Witheridge, lives in New South Wales, and I have written to tell her of our discovery, as I believe that she is unaware of Mrs. Ellen Witheridge, and I think she will find that they are related.

Ellen is the widow of Philemon Thomas Witheridge, born 1890 in Helston, Cornwall. They were married in Swansea in 1917, and had one daughter, Phyllis, who subsequently became Mrs. Cocking.

After Ellen was married, she and her husband lived in Swansea, and Philemon worked in a flour mill, but on Doctor's orders to find a warmer climate, they emigrated to Australia. She and Philemon and their daughter Phyllis arrived in Australia on the 1st June, 1935. Ellen found employment as a tailoress, sewing men's suits.

Philemon's father was John (Jack) Witheridge, born 1848 in the registration district of Williton, Somerset, and he died in Penzance, Cornwall, in 1917.

John was the son of Thomas Witheridge, boatman and coastguard, and Jane Thomas. He was one of eight children, and one can see how much the family moved around by looking at the places of birth of the brothers and sisters:- Lymington, Hants, - Walsingham, Norfolk, - Williton, Somerset, - Barnstaple, Devon - and Helston, Cornwall.

John's brother, Philemon (Ellen's husband's uncle) went to Australia and had at least two children, Thomas and Robert.

Thomas was killed in action in the Great War, 1917, and Robert came to England with the Australian Forces, and in September, 1918, whilst a serving soldier, married an English girl, Jean Byles. His aunt Charlotte Witheridge and his cousin Mary Craven Witheridge were witnesses at the wedding. Mary Craven Witheridge was the mother of our member Joan Payne of Cheltenham, yet another connection with our organisation. It is Robert's daughter-in-law, Dorothy, who is our New South Wales member.

Another of John's brothers, Jacob Thomas, went to Newcastle and founded a family line there (Combemartin and Berry Harbor tree, Tynemouth extension).

John (Jack) himself married Esther Jennings and had ten children (possibly more). There were seven girls and three boys (including Ellen's Philemon). The other boys were John, born 1873, and Samuel born 1881. The three boys and their father were fishermen at Porthleven in Cornwall, but later they moved to Penzance where there was more work for the girls.

Philemon's brother John, born 1873, remained in Penzance and married, and his line has continued in that area. The brother Samuel, born 1881, married in Penzance and had a son, also Samuel, who was born and died in 1911. So far nothing further has been traced of Samuel and his wife.

Our new contact, Mrs. Ellen Witheridge, will find that she is related to families in this country, New Zealand and America, as well as those in Australia. We hope that this will be a happy birthday present for her.

PPR WILLS AND ADMONS

- 1971 Witheridge, Sidney Philip, dob 30.5.1898. Homage Cottage, High Street, Wheaton, Aston, Staffs. Died 8th January, 1971. Admons Oxford 24th March 1971.
- 1972 Witheridge, Lorna Eileen, dob 6.2.1914. 60, Edward VIIth Avenue, Newport, Mon. Died 30th March, 1972 Admons Llandaff 2nd June, 1972.
- 1973 Witheridge, Reginald George, dob - 4.1908. 4, Alverdiscott Road East, The Water, Bideford. Died 2nd August, 1973. Admons Bristol 21st September, 1973.

- 1973 Witheridge, Edmund George, dob 26.12.1899, 51 Chelsfield Road, St.Mary Cray, Orpington, Kent. Died 25th October, 1972. Probate London 8th March, 1973.
- 1974 Witheridge, Edmund Alick, dob 11.3.1916. 1, Calverton road, Stony Stratford, Bucks. Died 29th December, 1973. Probate Oxford 15th May, 1974.
- 1975 No Wetheridge or Witheridge entries
- 1976 Witheridge, Charles William, dob ? 3, Trinity Road, Stamford, Lincs. Died 1st January, 1976. Admons Winchester 28th October, 1976.
- Witheridge, Norman Albert, dob 11.12.1915. 216, Hubert Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham. Died 19th April, 1976. Probate Birmingham 10th September, 1976.
- 1977 Witheridge, Nora Kathleen, dob 20.11.1893. St. Lawrence's Hospital, Bodmin. Died 17th March, 1977. Probate Bristol 14th June, 1977.
- 1978 Witheridge, Emily Alice, dob 3.4.1887. 18, King's Park Road, Bournemouth. Died 9th September, 1978. Probate Winchester 6th November, 1978.
- Witheridge, George, dob ? Cooksyeat, Kilgetty, Dyffed. Died 7th February, 1978. Probate Llandaff 30th June, 1978.
- Witheridge, Kate Prudence, dob 20.6.1894. Flat 1, 7 Foxley Hill Road, Purley, Surrey. Died 4th March, 1978. Probate Brighton 18th July, 1978.
- Witheridge, Marjorie, dob 8.4.1905 3, The Causeway, Woodlands, Ivybridge, Devon. Died 24th February, 1978. Admons Bristol 31st July, 1978.
- 1979 Witheridge, Alice Maud, dob 8.3.1907. 5 Charlemont Road, Walsall. Died 14th January, 1979. Probate Birmingham 12 March, 1979.
- 1980 Witheridge, Charles James, dob 23.2.1890. 41 Beverley Drive, Edgeware, Middlesex. Died 6th October, 1980. Probate Oxford 10th October, 1980.

1980 Witheridge, Dennis, dob 1.7.1922. 11, Keyse Road,
Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands. Died 31st
December, 1979. Admons Birmingham 30th April,
1980.

Witheridge, Violet May, dob 26.5.1896, 109. Loxley
Road, Stratford upon Avon. Died 17th January,
1980. Probate Birmingham 16th March, 1980.

1981 Witheridge, Henry, dob 29.7.1905. 20 Blackberry
Hill, Stapleton, Bristol. Died 11 January, 1981.
Admons Bristol 16th January, 1981.

GRO CERTIFICATES HELD FOR WITHERIDGE SOCIETY -
SEPTEMBER, 1992

DEATHS

WITHERIDGE

| <u>Christian Names(s)</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Via</u> |
|---------------------------|-------------|--------------------|------------|
| Ada** | 21.07.1946 | Toronto Canada | 060 |
| Ada Florence | 17.02.1945 | Birmingham | 005 |
| Alice | 15.01.1842 | Kingsbridge | 001 |
| Alice Eliza | 18.01.1884 | Christchurch | 006 |
| Andrew (Wetheridge) | 31.12.1840 | Kingsbridge | 001 |
| Ann** | 20.12.1884 | Darlington, Canada | 060 |
| Ann Light | 31.03.1877 | Poole | 006 |
| Arthur | 06.09.1855 | Plymouth | 006 |
| Arthur* | 13.03.1950 | Birmingham | 005 |
| Arthur Thomas | 01.01.1860 | Plymouth | 006 |
| Betsy | 28.01.1838 | Birmingham | 001 |
| Charles Roberts | 01.11.1974 | Ashington | 001 |
| Charlotte Caroline | 07.09.1936 | Isleworth | 001 |
| Christopher** | 04.03.1935 | Toronto, Canada | 060 |
| Dennis* | 31.12.1979 | Birmingham | 005 |
| Edward | 11.01.1860 | Barnstaple | 001 |
| Edwin | 11.03.1881 | Barton Regis | 001 |
| Eileen* | 19.02.1967 | Birmingham | 005 |
| Elizabeth | 30.11.1837 | Aston | 001 |
| Elizabeth | 22.04.1859 | Plymouth | 006 |
| Emma | 25.12.1859 | Plympton St. Mary | 006 |
| Emma | 14.05.1908 | Christchurch | 006 |
| Fanny Elizabeth | 14.07.1879 | Bideford | 001 |
| George** | 18.04.1884 | Darlington, Canada | 060 |
| George | 17.09.1901 | Pancras | 001 |
| George | 04.06.1913 | Devonport | 001 |

| <u>Christian Names(s)</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Via</u> |
|---------------------------|-------------|--------------------|------------|
| George** | 11.02.1916 | Toronto, Canada | 060 |
| George | 08.02.1929 | Camberwell | 001 |
| George Coursey | 21.08.1931 | Pancras | 001 |
| George Verner** | 02.02.1941 | Toronto, Canada | 060 |
| Henry | 10.02.1858 | Plympton St. Mary | 006 |
| Henry Light | 11.01.1895 | Poole | 006 |
| Jane | 11.10.1849 | Plymouth | 001 |
| Jessie Mabel | 29.01.1981 | Bournemouth | 006 |
| Joan | 11.09.1844 | Barnstaple | 001 |
| John | 25.05.1859 | Bideford | 001 |
| John** | 17.11.1915 | Toronto, Canada | 060 |
| Joseph | 07.01.1872 | Plymouth | 001 |
| Joseph William | 02.04.1854 | Plymouth | 001 |
| Leslie Arthur | 08.05.1984 | Birmingham | 005 |
| Martha | 24.12.1895 | Plymouth | 006 |
| Mary | 02.09.1868 | Plympton St. Mary | 006 |
| Mary | 15.08.1874 | Barnstaple | 001 |
| Mary** | 18.04.1902 | Toronto, Canada | 060 |
| Mary Ann | 16.01.1840 | Bristol | 001 |
| Mary Ann | 13.06.1900 | Fulham | 001 |
| Mary Elizabeth** | 27.02.1985 | Toronto, Canada | 060 |
| Matilda** | 17.04.1913 | Toronto, Canada | 060 |
| Norman Albert | 19.04.1976 | Birmingham | 005 |
| Philemon* | 24.07.1844 | Walsingham | 006 |
| Philip Henry | 14.01.1930 | Plymouth | 021 |
| Rhoda Adelaide | 11.12.1950 | Plympton St. Mary | 021 |
| Richard | 18.11.1961 | Worth Valley | 006 |
| Robert | 13.07.1851 | Plymouth | 006 |
| Robert* | 04.11.1897 | Christchurch | 006 |
| Sarah Jane | 09.07.1936 | Luton | 006 |
| Sidney Philip | 08.01.1971 | Cheltenham | 008 |
| Susan** | 22.08.1934 | Toronto, Canada | 060 |
| Susie A** | 19.02.1909 | Toronto, Canada | 060 |
| Thomas | 08.09.1857 | Plymouth | 001 |
| William | | | |
| (Wetheridge) | 12.07.1838 | Tavistock | 001 |
| William | 28.12.1860 | Barnstaple | 065 |
| William | 13.12.1870 | Bideford | 006 |
| William Bowden | 07.11.1861 | Plymouth | 006 |
| William Harry* | 08.12.1989 | Birmingham | 005 |
| William John | 16.03.1938 | Camelford | 001 |
| William T** | 01.05.1909 | Palmerston, Canada | 060 |
| Winifred Emily | | | |
| Frederica | 28.07.1982 | South Staffs. | 008 |

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SURNAMES OTHER THAN WITHERIDGE

Births

| <u>Surname</u> | <u>Christian Name(s)</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Via</u> |
|----------------|------------------------------|-------------|----------------------|------------|
| AUSTIN | Arthur* | 24.07.1876 | Market Drayton | 060 |
| AUSTIN | Arthur Charles | 21.10.1910 | North Shropshire | 060 |
| AUSTIN | Doris May | 13.05.1902 | Stroud | 060 |
| AUSTIN | Ronald | 02.09.1907 | North Shropshire | 060 |
| BEECH** | Mary Elizabeth | 15.10.1914 | Ontario Canada | 060 |
| COWELL | Emma Louise | 19.07.1862 | Plymouth | 017 |
| CROCKER | Elizabeth Ann | 07.08.1865 | Poole | 006 |
| JACKMAN | Mary Ann Collier | 08.10.1907 | Plympton St. Mary | 021 |
| LAPWORTH | Benjamin Richard | 21.12.1879 | Birmingham | 006 |
| MUMFORD* | Rhoda Adelaide | 09.09.1876 | Plympton St. Mary | 021 |
| PAINTER | Mabel Kate | 18.03.1882 | Stroud | 060 |
| SMITH* | Alice Emily | 21.10.1925 | St.Pancras | 023 |
| TAYLOR | Stephen | 31.01.1887 | St.Pancras | 023 |
| WELCH | Ada Florence | 18.07.1869 | Birmingham | 005 |
| WELLS | Ellen | 26.06.1908 | Tynemouth | 001 |
| | (Short cert.) | | | |
| WHITMEY | William Robert Witheridge | 27.10.1879 | Islington | 006 |
| WOOTTON | Jennifer Helen | 03.07.1946 | Smethwick | |

Marriages

| | | | | |
|----------|--------|------------|-----------------------|-----|
| AUSTIN | Arthur | 03.03.1902 | Hunslet | 060 |
| CURTIS** | Mabel | 17.12.1907 | Bowmanville Canada | 060 |

Deaths

| | | | | |
|---------|---------------|------------|-------------------|-----|
| BEECH** | Arthur John | 27.05.1957 | Toronto Canada | 060 |
| OFFER | Elbertina | 30.06.1903 | Bristol | 006 |
| SMITH* | Alice Emily | 30.10.1925 | St.Pancras | 023 |
| SMITH | Ellen Frances | 06.05.1972 | Hampstead | 023 |
| SMITH | Henry George | 23.05.1976 | Hampstead | 023 |

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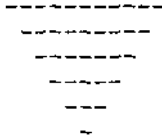
Seen in the Daily Telegraph among the reports of murders, muggings, frauds and fatal car accidents was this:-

"Dog gives PC a long stretch"

"A 12 stone Newfoundland hound who spotted an open police car door in Portswood, Southampton, stretched himself across the driver's seat and the lap of PC Alan Peacock in the passenger seat, and refused to move.

After a 15 minute struggle, PC Peacock and PC Derek Scott squeezed up against the dog, called Toby, and drove back to the Police Station at 5 mph, where a tow rope failed to move him. Eventually a chocolate bar enticed him out."

This has nothing to do with family history, but I imagined you would enjoy the thought of two Policemen saying "Now come along quietly" to a large Newfoundland dog. I'll bet the Southampton 'Nick' hasn't stopped laughing yet!



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