

Volume 7

Number 4

Winter 1993

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY

Honorary Life President Mrs Kim Cook,  
18, Hawkhurst Way, West Wickham,  
Kent BR4 9PF

Chairman Mr Graham Browne,  
5, Greenhill Avenue, Luton,  
Beds. LU2 7DN

Secretary Mrs Mayda Witheridge,  
6, Nore Close, Darland, Gillingham.  
Kent ME7 3DG  
(For all communication with the Guild of One-Name  
Studies)

Treasurer and Mr Richard Witheridge,  
Research Co-ordinator 2, Apsley Road, Newbridge, Bath,  
Avon BA1 3LP

Membership Secretary Mr John Witheridge,  
6, Nore Close, Darland, Gillingham,  
Kent ME7 3DG  
(To be sent new applications and all renewals of  
Society membership, complete with subscriptions)

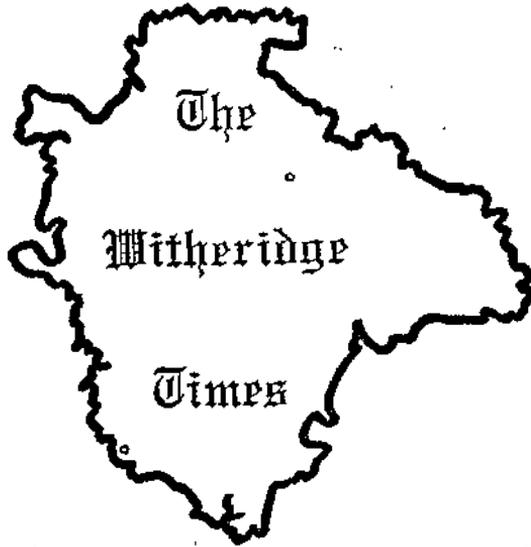
Editor Mrs Joyce Browne,  
5, Greenhill Avenue, Luton,  
Beds. LU2 7DN  
(To be sent all items for publication in the  
Witheridge Times - family news - articles, etc.,  
and all requests for copies of the certificates  
held by the Society)

Representative Mrs. K.M. Witheridge,  
North America 343, Bright St., Sarnia, Ontario,  
Canada N7T 465

Committee Members Miss Annette Witheridge,  
13a, Hillmarton Road, Islington,  
London

Mr Carl Smith, Miss Susan Witheridge,  
7 Queens Cottages, Bickford Rd., 2, Apsley Road, Bath,  
Lapley, Stafford, Staffs. Avon BA1 3LP

Publisher, Distributor Mr Philip Witheridge,  
& Committee Member The Paddocks, Gretton Fields,  
Nr. Winchcombe, Cheltenham,  
Glos. GL54 5HJ



Volume 7 Number 4

Winter 1993

<u>C O N T E N T S</u>	<u>P A G E</u>
Editorial	2
Chairman's Message	2
Financial Report	3 and 4
Family News	5
A Brontë Connection?	5 and 6
Esperanto - What is it?	7 and 8
Research Report	9. 10. 15 and 16
Stoke Gabriel Church	11
Family Tree - Totnes and Newton Abbot	12 and 13
Dittisham-on-the-Dart	14
Found!	17
Found - Yealmpton-Ermington Link	18
Family Tree - Northmore	19
The Kin to John of Strood	20
Birth Certificates	21, 22, 23 and 24

© 1993

The Witheridge Times is the official publication of the Witheridge Society. Articles appearing in this magazine must not be reproduced in any form without the written permission of the Society's committee.

## EDITORIAL

This, the last edition of the magazine for 1993 is perhaps a time for looking back as well as forward to 1994, and I am pleased to say that we have met our target of four editions in 1993.

Contributions from eight different members, not including myself, have appeared in the magazine, and we have published five family trees, and we thank our contributors for their efforts, particularly those from overseas, who have much to engage our interest.

Our researchers, John in particular, have stories in the pipeline, or perhaps I should say "on the disk", and we hope to share these with you in 1994. Meanwhile, our thanks go to them for their unflagging efforts to fit pieces into the jigsaw and uncover new information.

Best wishes to all for a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year in 1994!

*Joyce*

---

### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

A Happy Christmas to everyone and best wishes for 1994!

I must say "Thank you" to all the Officers and members of the Society who have worked on our behalf during the year, especially our North American representative, Kathy Witheridge, and those in Canada, Australia and New Zealand who by their efforts have added to our knowledge.

A particular word of thanks is due to John, our Membership Secretary, who has struggled with our financial difficulties, and without whom I think we would have sunk without trace, and to Philip, who produced a breakdown of our finances and a projected budget. As you will see from the article later in this magazine our future now looks brighter.

Not too far in the future is our Witheridge re-union and Annual General Meeting which is to be held at Alderton, Gloucestershire, on Monday, 2nd May, 1994, and we would welcome any ideas for our entertainment on that day.

*Abraham*

FINANCE REPORT BY JOHN WITHERIDGE - UNCASHED CHEQUES  
YEARS 1989/90/91/92

Some of you will know quite a lot about this situation and to you I would like to express my personal gratitude, and the thanks of all our committee, past and present for helping us out of a hole. To those of you who have not become involved, I will just say that you were the lucky ones amongst our membership to escape this six months' ordeal.

It came to the committee's attention during our Annual General Meeting that there was a large number of un-cashed cheques which had accumulated in the last four years, which left us with only £82.72p in the Society's current account. This was not enough to pay the claims for paper to print the Witheridge Times, or to pay for the postage for letters written to you, or to pay for some of the certificates that are obtained to prove our research. This was a situation which had to be arrested and brought under control.

When pressed, I reluctantly agreed to take up the problem and sort out the situation once and for all. This task I have now completed - thanks to you.

You will remember that I started another separate account for incoming subscriptions in June/July, 1992, and it was this which has kept us afloat, and at least we had a little money to keep our heads above water.

I can now tell you, not without a small amount of pride, that we have £810.12 in my Membership Account. Add to this the £82.72p that we have frozen in the Treasurer's Account, and we have a total of £892.84p. I am still expecting a few extra incoming payments to be made which will take our cash in hand to well over £900.00p. Now I must tell you that there are accounts to settle out of this figure, mainly for last year and this year's running costs, and of course the cost of postage involved in redeeming those out of date cheques.

At this point I really would like to stress to you all what we owe to those who really put themselves out to find the answer to the problems in which they were unwittingly involved. To those who have spent time and money in redeeming their original cheques, for the haste in which they worked, and their dedication to our Society and endeavours to keep it a going concern, I say "Thank you - all of you".

As part of the agreement for co-operation from some members (and I can understand why) I agreed to go through the accounts to ensure that there were no monies unaccounted for or misappropriated. This I did without relish. Apart from the fact that insufficient records had been kept I am glad to say that nothing untoward was found.

Our difficulties arose from the lack of detail recorded on the receipt of cheques from overseas members, and on the origins of other cash received. There was confusion over cheques which had been re-written to replace cheques which had not been presented on time.

Throughout this period we have lost many of our original membership. Some of those who answered my letter to find out the cause of their leaving made reference to the fact that they had posted their subscriptions for one, two, three years, and the cheques were not cashed, so the attitude developed - "Do without it". In some cases we managed to reach a compromise. To these members too, I say "Thank you for giving the Society another chance."

As to some twelve or more members whom we have lost, I am sorry that I could not persuade them to remain members, but we did give them a parting gift of the magazines for four years before it was found that they were no longer members.

I regret the necessity for this report, but I was raised by a lady who could make money last for ever. One lesson I was taught by my mother was that other people's money must be handled with the utmost care, even to the exclusion of one's own money. This is the principle that I have adopted for the last eighteen months when handling your money. I will continue in this mode for as long as you wish me to remain your Membership Secretary.

Your obedient servant,

John Witheridge

## FAMILY NEWS

We are sorry to have to report another bereavement in the family of Kathy and Paul Witheridge of Sarnia, Ontario, Canada. Whilst in England for the funeral of Kathy's mother, Paul was summoned back to Canada because his father, Clifford George, was seriously ill. Clifford died on the 10th August, 1993, but Paul was able to spend a brief time with him before his death.

Clifford George Witheridge was a descendant of the Bradworthy family - a great great grandson of George Witheridge and Mary Saunders who emigrated to Canada in the mid nineteenth century and settled in the Darlington area of Ontario.

Our sincere sympathy goes to Paul and Kathy and to all the other members of the family.

-----

## CAN WE CONNECT THE WITHERIDGE FAMILY WITH THE BRONTË FAMILY?

By Kathy Witheridge

Florence Mabel Witheridge was born on 16th March, 1876, in Darlington Township, Ontario. She was the eighth child of John Witheridge and Miriam (Moore) Witheridge, who were both born in Bradworthy, Devon. On 14th Novemeber, 1906, at Crystal City, Manitoba, Canada, Florence Mabel, aged 30 years, married Thomas BRANWELL Wood, (spelled 'Bramwell' on his birth certificate).

Being a good old 'Yorkshire lassie' when I first saw the name 'Branwell' the Brontë sisters came to mind. The only Branwell I had previously heard of was Branwell Brontë, brother to Maria, Elizabeth, Charlotte, Emily Jane and Ann Brontë, of Haworth, Yorkshire. I had no alternative but to start digging!

I couldn't rest until I commenced my research. I obtained excerpts from the Wood family Bible, and found that Thomas Bramwell Wood was the son of William Wood and Sarah Jane (Heaton) Wood. 'Heaton' was another well known Haworth name, the family home being Ponden Hourse, Haworth. The Heatons were a important family of the area, and in fact, may have been the family upon which the Linton family of "Wuthering Heights" was based.

My appetite was truly whetted when I learned that Sarah Ann Heaton, daughter of John Heaton, mason, was born in Haworth, Yorkshire on 26th June, 1845.

I applied to the Superintendent Registrar at Bradford, Yorkshire, to obtain a birth certificate for Sarah Ann Heaton. I was advised that he had checked with Keighley registry office, as Haworth came under Keighley - and he had been unable to locate a Sarah Ann born on June 26th 1845. At Bradford they located the marriage certificate of William Wood (22) son of John Wood, weaver, to Sarah Ann Heaton (22) daughter of John Heaton, mason, on 9th June 1866, at the Bradford Parish Church. Also at Bradford they located another Sarah with the same father as mentioned on the first marriage certificate, but the date of birth was not 26th June, 1845, and the father's occupation was not the same. I am not sure whether to take a chance and obtain this certificate, since they did not advise me how far out the date was. Would it be worth spending my £5.50 to find out?

This is as far as I have researched at this time of writing. Perhaps I am becoming excited for no reason, but to make a connection to the Brontë family would be more than merely interesting!

Florence M. Witheridge  
16th March, 1876 -  
23rd December, 1954  
and  
Thomas Bramwell Wood  
25th November, 1880 -  
23rd May, 1964



## ESPERANTO - WHAT IS IT?

By Phyllis Cocking

Is it a 'plane? Is it a bird? Is it a new type of expresso coffee? - NO! Esperanto is an international language, and spoken by six million people in the world. Over 100 years ago, a Polish Jew named Ludovic Zamenhoff living on the border of Poland and Russia, realised that there was friction and misunderstanding among the people living around that area, so he decided to invent a new language - a simple, easy-to-learn language.

Zamenhoff spoke seventeen languages, so he mixed a few European easy to speak languages together (with a bit of English thrown in), and Esperanto was born. To identify themselves Esperantists wear a little badge, it's a green star on a white background. The word 'Esperanto' means hope, and the dictionary defines it as being "an artificial language designed as a medium for persons of all nations."

My late husband, Arthur, was a keen Esperantist and learned to speak the language fluently in six months. To him, Esperanto was "a window on the world".

Each year, an International Congress is held in a different country. One year it was held in Warsaw, and six thousand people from thirty different countries attended. Picture yourself being one of such a large group, able to converse with each other, not each in his own language, but in the one international language, Esperanto.

I had the privilege of attending such a gathering in Vancouver in 1984. Approximately three thousand people were there, and it was a thrill to see a large group from China. It was the first time they were allowed to attend such a function. One night, most of the folk dressed in their national costume, and all the cameras worked overtime as everyone sought to capture such a kaleidoscope of dazzling colours.

Many books including scientific and classics have been written and translated into Esperanto. This includes the Bible and every Sunday my husband carried his Esperanto Bible to Church.

We had an interesting experience whilst travelling overseas and met by chance the lone Esperantist. It happened as we were walking along a street in Malaga, southern Spain. A tall stranger coming towards us grabbed my husband's arm and

shook it violently. I became alarmed and thought we were being attacked, but it became evident that our stranger was wearing an Esperanto badge and recognised the one my husband was wearing. The two strangers became instant friends. One Yugoslav and one "Aussie" chattered away quite happily in the International Language - Esperanto.

If you are interested in pursuing a new hobby such as learning a new easy language, making friends from all over the world (think of all the lovely stamps you'll gain) learn Esperanto. It will indeed give you a "window on the world".

An address in London to contact for further information is:-

The Esperanto Society,  
140 Holland Park Avenue,  
LONDON

---

Footnote to Phyllis's article

When we first read Phyllis's article, Mayda and I looked at each other and said "What a small world".

Mayda's father is a teacher of this fine language, and has been for several years, training by post three or four students at a time. They come from all walks of life and from any part of this land of ours. He does it for no personal gain, except the satisfaction of furthering international understanding.

As close by-standers we admire all those who partake in this effort and wish them well in their quest for better international understanding.

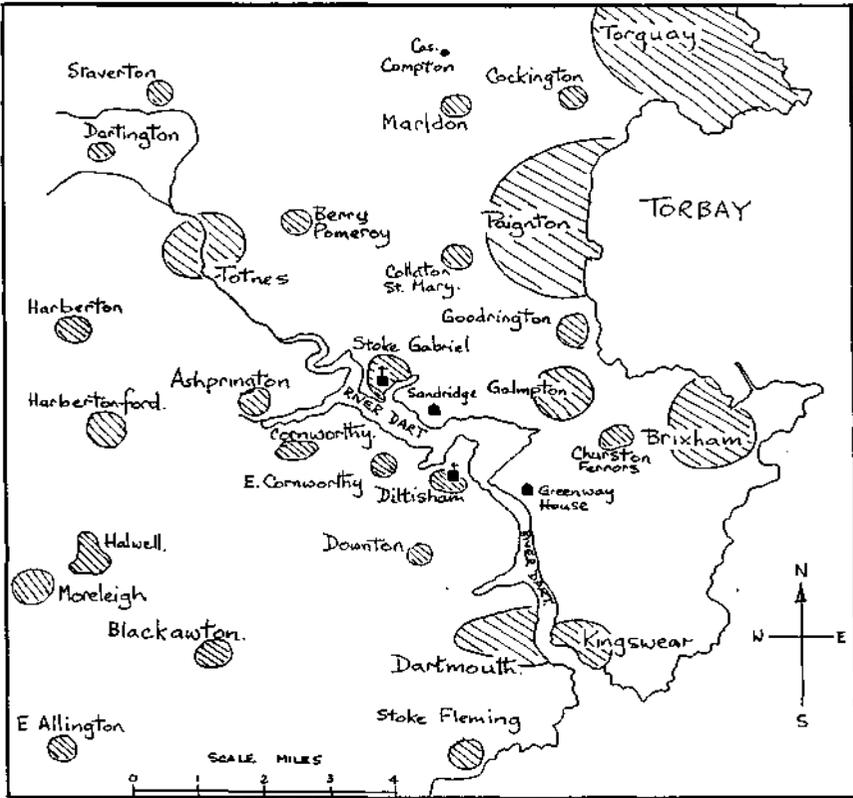
Mayda and John Witheridge

The Witheridges of Totnes and Newton  
Abbot.

By P.H.Witheridge.

We, the Society's researchers, have been working away for a long time building this tree, (see pages 12 & 13) and we still have a long way to go. The earliest recorded events so far linked to this family occurred in 1806 and 1829.

On the 9th of February in 1806, John and Jane Witheridge brought their infant son, William, to Dittisham Church to be baptised. In 1829 on the 4th October, William, now a man of 23 years was married to Susan Brimicombe in the church at Stoke Gabriel, (see page 11) which lies 2 miles NNE of Dittisham, and on the other bank of the river Dart. These two events are recorded in the IGI listings for the county of Devon as published in 1988.



TORBAY & THE RIVER DART - SOUTH DEVON

REGISTRATION DISTRICT										
BIRTH in the Sub-district of <u>Halwell</u> in the County of <u>Derby</u>										
Columns:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10*
No.	When and where born	Name, if any	Sex	Name and surname of father	Name, surname and maiden surname of mother	Occupation of father	Signature, description and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar	Name entered after registration
283	1895 Halwell	Edward Wetheridge	M	William Wetheridge	Susan Brimmicombe	Labourer	James Wetheridge Halwell	1895	Halter	Wetheridge

It was the birth certificate of Edward Wetheridge, b1849 (see above) which linked those IGI events to this family. This certificate told us that Edward's father was William and that his mother's maiden name was Susan Brimmicombe. In the 1851 census for Halwell we found the household of William and Susan Wetheridge, and noted where they were born, as follows:

1851 Census Ref: PRO.H0107/1874 Folio No.630  
Morley Cross, Halwell.

Name	Rel.	m/um	Age	Occupation	Where Born
William Witheridge	Head	m	47	Ag.Labourer	Dittisham
Susan	"	Wife	m	47	Stoke Gabriel
John	"	Son	um	9	Scholar Halwell
James	"	"	um	6	"
Edward	"	"	1	"	"

We also found other members of this family, the older children, now living away from home, as follows:  
Rowden Farm, Halwell, William, 20, Outdoor servant, born Brixham.  
Hutcherly Village, Mary Jane, 18, Servant, born Ashpington.  
Higher Poulson, Halwell, Elizabeth, 14, Servant, born Halwell.

In the 1891 census we found the family of James, the son, shown in the 1851 census household of William and Susan above. In 1891 James was married to Hannah (Jerman) and living in Kingskerswell near Newton Abbot. The census details are as follows:

1891 Census Ref: RG12/1706 Folio No.111.  
Winderway Road, South View, Kingskerswell.

Name	Rel.	m/um	Age	Occupation	Where Born
James Witheridge	Head	m	45	Gardener	Halwell
Hannah	"	Wife	m	38	Paignton
Sammuel W	"	Son	um	17	Butchery "
Susan E	"	Dau	um	15	Scholar "
Alfred W	"	Son	um	12	" Kingskerswell
Annie K	"	Dau	10	"	"
Arthur	"	Son	5	"	"
Elizabeth	"	Dau	4	"	"
Florence	"	"	1	"	"

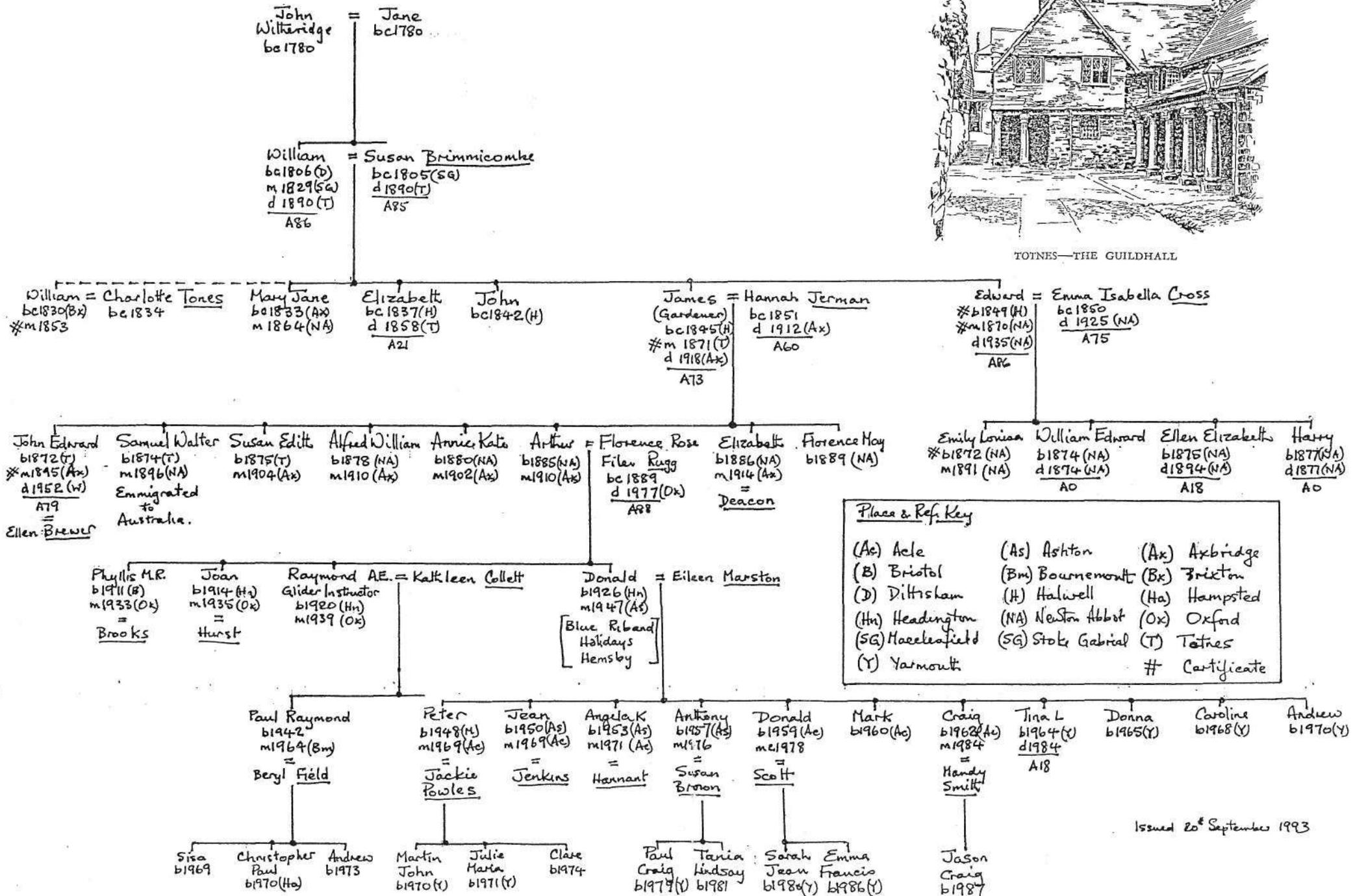


STOKE GABRIEL CHURCH

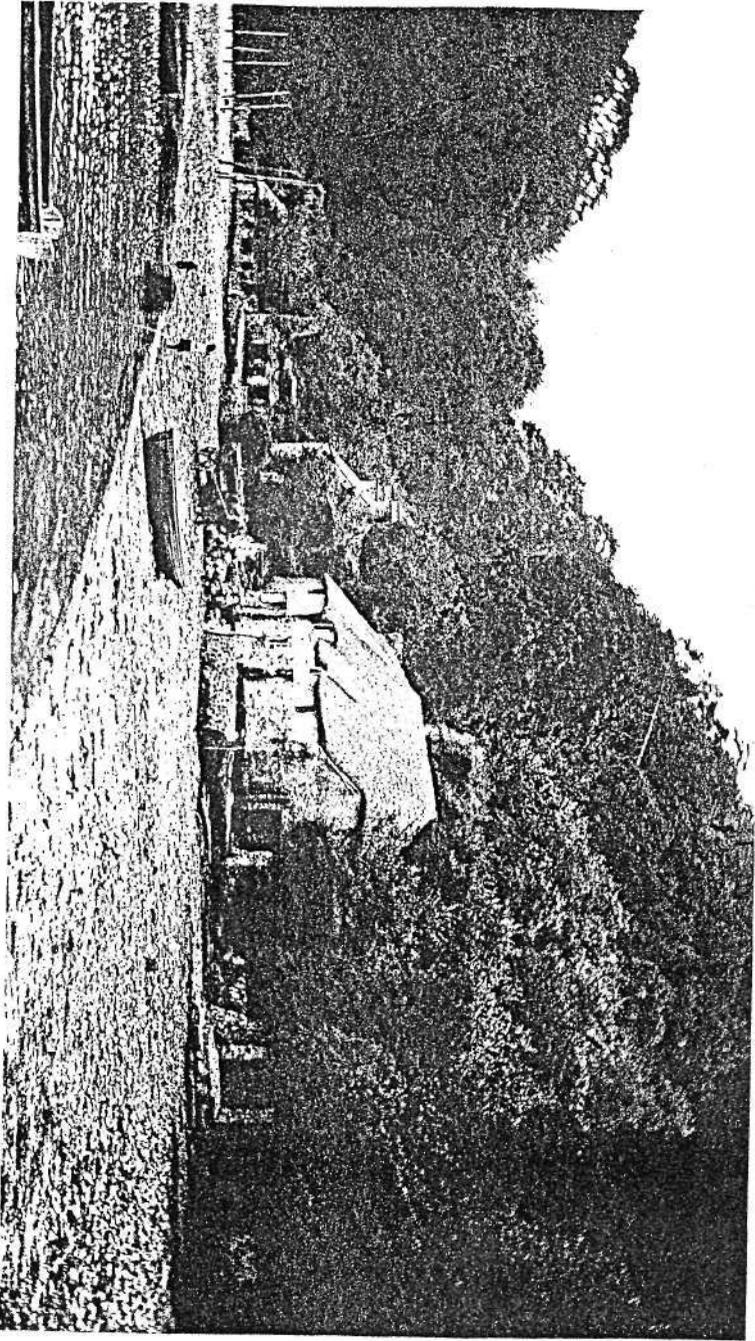
# THE TOTNES & NEWTON ABBOT FAMILY TREE



TOTNES—THE GUILDHALL



Issued 20<sup>th</sup> September 1993



Ditisham-on-the-Dart

In this 1891 census we also found James' eldest son now living away from home and in the household of Henry Crocker, Butcher, as follows:

Main St, Kingskerswell, John, 18, Assist't Butcher, born Paignton

This is a strictly landlubber family, who found employment as Servants, Gardeners, Agricultural Labourers, and Butchers. Yet their origins are in Dittisham and within spitting distance of the birth places of some of the world's most famous seafarers.

Directly westwards from Dittisham church on the other bank of the Dart is Greenway House. This was the birth place of Humphrey Gilbert and his two brothers Adrian and John. Otho Gilbert, the boys' father died when Humphrey was eight, and his mother, Katherine Champernowne of Modbury, then married Walter Raleigh of Hayes Barton near Exmouth. Katherine and Walter had a son, b1577, who was also named Walter. Walter Raleigh and his Gilbert half brothers grew up together living at Greenway farm, or at the other Gilbert family seat, Compton Castle near Torquay.

Directly to the north of Dittisham, also on the other bank of the Dart, is a farm called 'Sandridge'. It was here that John Davis was born. John Davis was a childhood friend of Walter and his Gilbert half brothers.

I'm sure the river Dart was a major influence on the lives of these boys. The river is tidal all the way up to Totnes a further 2 miles up stream from Dittisham. The river is also difficult to navigate with its numerous mud banks. This was where the seamanship skill of these youngsters was developed, and which proved to be so useful to them in their adult lives.

We all know of Sir Walter Raleigh's gallant act when he put his cloak over a puddle to enable the queen to pass, dry footed. He was also one of Queen Elizabeth's court favourites, that is until he lost her favour after seducing one of her maids of honour. For this the Queen threw him in the Tower of London. He was also a seaman of renown, he took a major part in, or led, many expeditions, generally against Spain or her allies. Some of these expeditions were for his country and some on his own behalf. One of his main endeavours was the colonisation of Virginia.

In 1578 Sir Humphrey Gilbert obtained a patent for six years, authorizing him to take possession of "any remote barbarous and heathen lands not possessed by any Christian prince or people" During 1578 Gilbert led a piratical expedition against the Spaniards. Walter Raleigh accompanied him as the captain of the "Falcon". Sir Humphrey Gilbert is best known as the founder of the Newfoundland colony. In 1585 John Davis, discovered the North-west passage.

What of this Totnes and Newton Abbot family in today's world? Six generations after William, b1806, we have a strong crop of youthful landlubbers, some married with young families and others of marriageable age. If I had to guess which family would carry our surname on the furthest into the future, it would be this one, and yet not a single member of this family has joined our society.

In the generations alive today there are some men of stature. We caught a glimpse of Raymond Witheridge, b1920, in the Daily Telegraph Newspaper report of the 24th July 1989, under the headline "Glider Instructor and Pupil Injured". The report was as follows:

"A gliding instructor and his pupil were taken to hospital with broken backs yesterday after they crashed on take-off at Old Sarum Airfield, Salisbury, Wilts. The instructor, Mr Raymond Witheridge, 69, of Runnymede Avenue, Bournemouth, and Mr Arthur Poulton, 45, of Downton, Salisbury, were practising take-off by mechanical winch when the glider became detached from the winch and a wing touched the runway".

We reported later on Raymond's full recovery and his return to gliding. We believe that Raymond was a bomber pilot during the second world war.

Raymond's younger brother Donald is also worth noting. Today he is the head of a holiday organisation called 'Blue Riband Holidays' at Hemsby. Also involved are a number of his children and grandchildren. The Society was once offered this centre as the venue for our 'Witheridge Day' get-togethers. This offer was not taken up as this venue is not central enough and our members would have had to travel further to attend.

This family line is not yet complete. We still have further research to do exploring this family's origins before 1806. Where were William's parents, John and Jane Witheridge, born and married? Did William have any brothers or sisters? Our next search will be to find the records of these events in the registers of Dittisham Church.



DITTISHAM—CHURCH PULPIT

FOUND!

Our thanks go to member Flo Streatfield who has supplied another certificate to support the history of the Australian section of the Tavistock family tree (see Magazine Volume 7, Number 3, Autumn 1993). The birth certificate of Alfred Richard, fourth child of Alfred Witheridge and Polly, shows that he was born on the 27th January, 1886, at Callington, South Australia. We had thought that he was born in 1888 - there is nothing to beat getting a look at the documents! Thank you Flo!

Our thanks also to new member John James of Vancouver, Canada, who has sent us certificates of the Combe Martin-Helston family from whom he is descended. His great grandfather was Robert Witheridge who married Elizabeth Ann Kitchen in 1854, and John has two Witheridge grandmothers - intriguing isn't it? We hope to publish the family story later.

FOUND - and lost at the same time! Velma Metcalfe of Wellington, New Zealand, has found a marriage certificate for her great grandfather's brother, James. Is that unusual? What is unusual is that James, born 1841 at Combe Martin, was thought to have been unmarried, and his death certificate gives no indication of marriage - so we have found a Witheridge wife, and lost her again.

It looks as if there may be a story here, and we hope that Velma will be able to enlighten us in due course.

Thank you, Velma, for the certificates and information.

-----  
Members are reminded that photocopies of Birth, Marriage and Death certificates held by the Society are available to all.

Apply to Joyce Browne, address inside front cover, sending a cheque made payable to the Witheridge Society for the amount of £1.00 for each certificate required.

A list of birth certificates is included in this magazine, and lists of marriage and death certificates will be published later.

-----

FOUND - A LINK BETWEEN THE YEALMPTON FAMILY WITHERIDGE AND THE ERMINGTON FAMILY WITHERIDGE

At last we have proof that there is a connection between the two south Devon families - perhaps not in the way we might expect. If you study the family tree you will find two ladies of the Northmore family married two of our lads, one in each family. We have known of these two girls for some years, but even now it is not that simple. They were not sisters, not even first cousins, their respective Northmore grandfathers were brothers.

But now let me confuse matters completely. There are even more links between the two Witheridge families. Mary Northmore, born 1804, married Philip Witheridge in 1828. She was the granddaughter of Solomon Northmore, born 1741. (Solomon married Elizabeth Veal - could she be related to the Charity Veal, prominent in the Combe Martin tree - the family who moved to Cornwall and later to Australia?)

Mary's father, John Northmore, had a brother Stephen, born 1774, and both married girls from the Horton family - hence the name Francis Northmore Horton Witheridge, born 1845, Ermington branch. To take this confusion even further, Stephen had four sons, two of whom married Mary Colemans - one actually 'Mary Ann' both from Ermington, and another Coleman, Betsey, married Henry Witheridge, born 1797, also in the Ermington branch.

Have you had enough of this? Well - just one more! Rebecca Northmore's grandfather, Richard Northmore, born 1745, married Damaris Sandover. Was Damaris an aunt to Maria Tall Sandover who married John Northmore Witheridge in 1867? It is noted that in 1769, a Richard Sandover was a witness at the wedding of Solomon Northmore and Elizabeth Veal.

Perhaps all the families should unite and research under the name of one society - Wit/hor/thmore/man/dover?

Let me have just one more name. Rebecca's uncle Thomas, born 1789, married a Sarah Atwill, born 1794. Now I wonder, could she be a relation of our Mary Atwill of Whitchurch and Tavistock? Sarah, we are told, lived near Buckland Monachorum, a stone's throw from Tavistock.

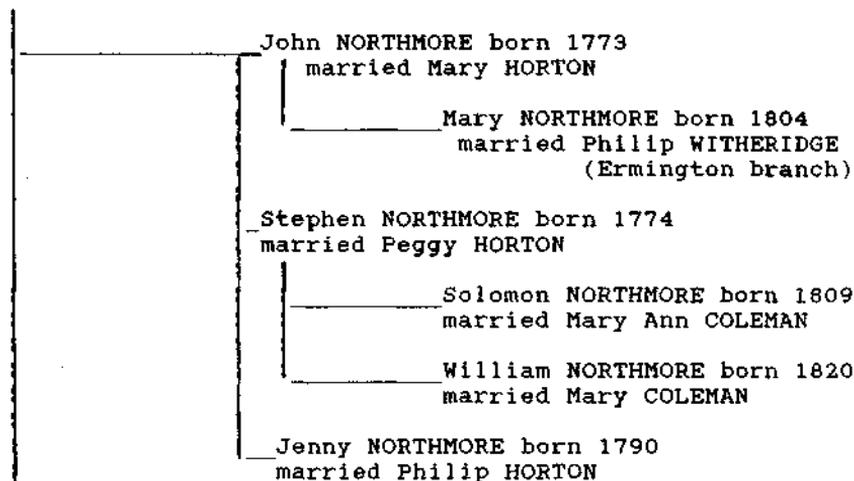
That's all for now!

John Witheridge

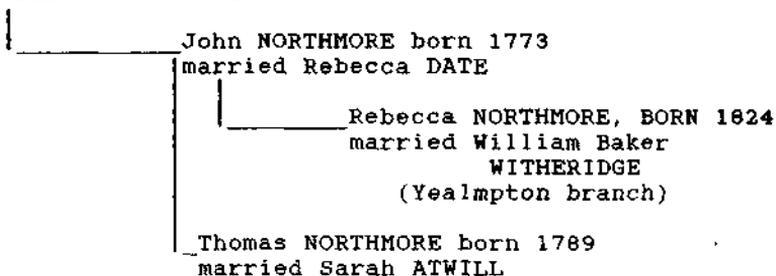
THE NORTHMORE - WITHERIDGE - YEALMPTON - ERMINGTON LINK

Read left to right

Solomon NORTHMORE born 1741  
Married Elizabeth VEAL



Richard NORTHMORE, born 1745  
married Damaris SANDOVER



Richard, born 1745, was brother to Solomon born 1741, so their two sons each named John, both born in 1773, were cousins.

THE KIN TO JOHN OF STROOD

By John Witheridge

It is very rare in this day and age to have the good luck, whilst carrying out research, to discover a complete family that has been unknown to us. This is a slight over statement, but it has been my good fortune (with the exception of one person) to do just this. The one person is John Witheridge of Strood, near Rochester in Kent. I make reference to the family tree that you will find in your Handbook - the Rochester, London, Birmingham tree. If you remember I made further reference to this family earlier this in the Witheridge Times, Volume 7, Number 1, Spring 1993, on pages 17/18.

Let me explain - John Witheridge, born circa 1740 or 1743, married Sarah King in 1768. He was the son of William Witheridge and Mary Mills.

John was the fourth child of a family of seven. His oldest brother attained the highest possible position in local government at this period in time - that of High Constable for the Hundreds of Chatham - Assistant to the Lord Lieutenant for the County of Kent and he was also Minister's Warden at least twice in his lifetime, may be more.

We have knowledge of his grandparents, and almost certain links to one of the Devonshire families. By the time I am ready to share this family and my knowledge of their lives with you in this magazine of ours, I hope to prove to which family they belong. It could be your family line!

So may I please book a page or two, and the centre fold of the magazine at some time in the future, to present the tree and report of this distinguished family? I can assure you that the contents will be charged with drama, intrigue, power and pain! I shall look forward to your company as we explore Chatham in the 1700/1800's.

---

Whilst in the Strood Archives office, researching the above family, the Archivist who was helping me to locate one of the members of the family enquired, after noticing the variations in the spellings of our names i.e., Witheridge and Wetheredge, "What is the difference in the names?"

Without hesitation I replied "E Numbers"! Upon which he countered - "Fitness in the spelling, I presume!"

John Witheridge

CERTIFICATES HELD BY WITHERIDGE SOCIETY - SEPTEMBER 1993

BIRTHS

<u>Christian Name(s)</u> Witheridge	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Via</u> Member
Abel	18.01.1876	West Bromwich	081
Albert**	24.05.1884	Adelaide	107
Albert Edwin	29.08.1881	Christchurch	006
Albert Thomas	22.01.1889	Pancras	023
Alfred Percy*	02.02.1855	Tavistock	008
Alfred Richard**	27.01.1886	Callington, S. Australia	107
Alice Maud Mary	13.05.1867	Plymouth	006
Amy	19.02.1878	King's Norton	005
Ann	10.03.1853	Helston	108
Anne	21.01.1865	Helston	108
Annette Ruth	08.07.1960	Sutton Coldfield	005
Arthur*	02.01.1887	Birmingham	005
Arthur Beer	03.10.1860	Plymouth	006
Arthur Ernest*	20.10.1887	Birmingham	005
Arthur John* (Lapworth)	09.03.1884	Birmingham	006
Beauchamp Henry	05.03.1884	Stoke Damerel	001
Catherine	10.09.1875	Helston	108
Cecil (Cyril) Frank	28.09.1893	Christchurch	006
Charles Roberts	01.06.1908	Tynemouth	001
Charles William	22.11.1856	Bridgwater	008
Charles William	20.06.1909	Bedwelty	008
Cordelia	27.04.1844	Tavistock	006
Dennis	01.07.1922	Birmingham	005
Dorcas Mary	30.09.1875	Stoke Damerel	022
Dorothy	19.12.1896	Fulham	001
Edmund	21.04.1839	Lymington	108
Edmund	21.04.1849	Plymouth	001
Edmund (Short cert.) )	17.05.1861	Helston	108
Edmund )	17.05.1861	Helston	044
Edward	14.08.1849	Totnes	008
Eileen	01.07.1922	Birmingham	005
Elizabeth	25.01.1838	Bideford	001
Elizabeth Jane	26.12.1859	Helston	108
(Short cert.)			
Emily	01.10.1846	Barnstaple	001
Emily	29.06.1871	Helston	108
Emily Alice	25.01.1868	Christchurch	006
Emily Louisa	26.02.1872	Newton Abbot	006
Emma Jane	13.10.1844	Plymouth	006
Eva	16.11.1871	Barnstaple	001

Francis Robert*	29.05.1853	Plymouth	006
Frederick	09.02.1844	Birmingham	006
George	16.04.1840	Kingsbridge	008
George	23.01.1841	Barnstaple	001
George	28.09.1858	Newington	006
George**	09.12.1879	Adelaide	107
		Australia	
George*	25.02.1894	Aston	006
George Henry	06.05.1854	Poplar	006
Helen Rachel (Short cert)	29.07.1971	Sutton	005
		Coldfield	
Hilda Thomas	09.01.1886	Helston	044
Isabella Annie	04.02.1881	Newport	006
Jacob	03.08.1850	Barnstaple	001
James*	27.04.1841	Barnstaple	001
James	10.01.1849	Barnstaple	001
James	08.06.1882	Aston	005
James Henry	04.01.1881	Birmingham	005
James Henry*	21.02.1907	Birmingham	006
Jane Thomas	22.05.1866	Helston	108
John**	18.11.1838	Combe Martin	074
John	22.12.1839	Bideford	060
John	24.03.1848	Williton	108
John	15.04.1865	Barnstaple	001
John* *	11.06.1903	Perth,	107
		Australia	
John F.**	16.12.1869	Ontario Canada	060
John Percy**	23.01.1899	Plantagenet	107
		W. Australia	
John Roberts	14.02.1932	Tynemouth	001
Joseph Fred	21.06.1881	Plymouth	006
Lenna Beatrice	06.10.1870	Plymouth	001
Leslie Arthur*	18.10.1914	Birmingham	005
Lilian	31.07.1903	Warrington	006
Lucy	22.04.1841	Stoke Damerel	006
Maria	23.05.1861	Barnstaple	001
Martha	21.12.1869	Helston	108
Mary (Blackmore)	12.06.1849	Barnstaple	001
Mary	21.09.1860	Poplar	006
Mary Ann (Short cert.)	23.04.1863	Helston	108
Mary Craven "	23.02.1893	Fulham	001
Mary Elizabeth	19.05.1880	Barnstaple	001
Mary Jane Kitchen	30.07.1873	Helston	044
Mary Kitchen	18.10.1877	Helston	108
Peter Richard	28.08.1943	Walsall	
Philemon*	01.06.1843	Walsingham	006
		Norfolk	
Philip Henry*	06.07.1934	Aylesbury	008
Philip Paul	30.04.1964	Lichfield	008
Polly*	05.07.1863	Tavistock	008

Reginald Charles* **	07.01.1890	Toronto Canada	060
Richard	21.12.1867	Holsworthy	060
Richard* *	11.07.1897	Toronto Canada	060
Richard Charles (Short cert.)	11.02.1975	Walsall	
Robert	22.02.1880	Helston	006
Robert Herbert	12.10.1887	Pancras	023
Sarah Mary	21.11.1858	Kingsbridge	006
Sidney Philip*	30.05.1898	Plympton St. Mary	008
Simon Richard	05.04.1968	Cheltenham	008
Susan	26.09.1838	Barnstaple	001
Thomas	02.11.1872	Helston	044
Wallace Jacob (Short cert.)	23,02.1893	Fulham	001
William	15.12.1840	Barnstaple	001
William*	17.06.1852	Aston	006
William	23.09.1856	Barnstaple	001
William	21.10.1863	Holsworthy	060
William Charles**	25.08.1868	Darlington Canada	060
William George	27.11.1901	Tavistock	008
William Henry	20.10.1870	Plymouth	006
William Henry**	10.12.1881	Adelaide S.Australia	107
William Henry*	10.12.1917	Birmingham	005
William James	28.11.1856	Plymouth	006
William James	21.01.1905	Plymouth	006
William John	07.04.1873	Barnstaple	001
William Leonard	17.10.1906	Christchurch	006
William Moses Bowden*	20.06.1838	Plymouth	006
Yvonne Dawn	05.10.1963	Sutton Coldfield	005

\* Denotes other certificates held for the same person

\*\* Denotes certificates which are not available from the GRO., London

Births - Surnames other than Witheridge

<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	N. Shrop- shire	060
AUSTIN	Beatrice Mary	02.05.1909	Market Drayton	060
AUSTIN	Doris May	13.05.1902	Stroud	060
AUSTIN	Ronald	02.09.1907	N. Shrop- shire	060
BACKHOUSE	Frederick	12.06.1841	Hudders- field	060
BANKS	Lilian Ray	01.04.1928	Bridgend	008
BEECH	Mary Elizabeth**	15.09.1914	Toronto Canada	060
CORAM	William	30.10.1850	Stoke Damerel	006
COWELL	Emma Louise	19.07.1862	Plymouth	017
CROCKER	Elizabeth Ann	14.07.1858	Holborn	006
CROCKER	Elizabeth Ann	07.09.1865	Poole	006
CUMMINGS	Albertina	27.12.1846	Tiverton	102
JACKMAN	Mary Ann Collier	08.09.1907	Plympton St. Mary	021
JAMES	Bertie	15.06.1894	Helston	108
JAMES	Bertie	15.08.1898	Helston	108
JAMES	John	02.10.1892	Helston	108
JAMES	William	08.11.1888	Helston	108
LAPWORTH	Benjamin Richard	21.12.1879	Birmingham	006
LUND	Winifred E.	17.07.1903	Devonport	008
MUMFORD	Rhoda Adelaide	19.09.1876	Plympton St. Mary	021
PAINTER	Mabel Kate	18.03.1882	Stroud	060
RICHARDSON	Frederick	18.04.1831	Chorlton	060
SMITH	Alice Emily*	21.10.1925	St. Pancras	023
TAYLOR	Stephen	31.01.1887	St. Pancras	023
WELCH	Ada Florence	18.07.1889	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	

\* Denotes other certificates held for the same person

\*\* Denotes certificates not available from the GRO

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE SOCIETY SHOULD BE  
PAID TO THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

---

USEFUL ADDRESSES

Devon Record Office, (Tel. No. 0392-53509)  
Castle Street,  
Exeter,  
Devon EX4 3PQ

West Devon Record Office, (Tel. No. 0752-26485)  
Clare Place,  
Coxside,  
Plymouth,  
Devon PL4 OJW

North Devon Record Office,  
Tuly Street,  
Barnstaple,  
Devon

Devon Family History Society,  
New Members Secretary,  
Miss Valerie Bluett,  
63 Old Laira Road,  
Laira,  
Plymouth  
Devon PL3 6BL (Tel.No. 0752-662985)

Society of Genealogists,  
14 Charterhouse Buildings,  
Goswell Road,  
London EC1M 7BA (Tel.No. 071-251 8799)

