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EDITORIAL

Inigorated by the three W's I send my greetings to all readers! Wonderful Witheridge Weekend - that's what three W's stand for. I wish I could add three more W's - Wonderful Witheridge Weather, but this time the weather let us down, although this was my only disappointment. That is not strictly true, for I did have a sense of disappointment that my time for getting to know all the people who came was not long enough, but now that I can put a face to a name on the membership list, I hope to be able to reach out to them through the pages of our magazine.

I know that we would all like to say "thank you" to all the people who came such a long way to be with us on our 10th anniversary -to Eve Witheridge, from Christ Church, New Zealand, to the Tomlinson family - Dennis, Darlene, Michael, Jann, Jean, and Patricia Johnson from Minnesota, USA, to Tony Witheridge from Geneva USA, and Paul Freed from Minneapolis and his sister Marcia Taylor and her daughter Lucy from Wivenhoe in Essex. Our new member Catherine Houtz, sister of Fenwick and Peggy Witheridge, came all the way from Florida, USA. I do hope that the British weather was not too much of a contrast!

The meeting would not be the same without Kathy and Paul Witheridge from Samia Ontario. This year new member Brenda Dwyne from Hamilton, Ontario, came with them and Canada was also represented by the cheerful John James from Burnaby.

It was good to meet for the first time our Australian Representative, Dorothy Witheridge from New South Wales, and Allan and Judith Witheridge also from New South Wales.

At last we were privileged to meet our Vice President, the Rev. David Witheridge, who had made the tiring journey from Minneapolis, USA. I hope that he was not too worn out with all our comings and goings, and I understand that he had another welcome prepared for him in Combe Martin, after the Witheridge Weekend was over.

Four visitors came from Wales - Peggy and Fenwick Witheridge from Newport and Ena and Dr. A. Bissell from Abergavenny, and among the friends whom we had not seen for some time we were pleased to greet Joan and Harry Payne and their daughter Joan, and Betty Rossiter and her daughter Jill. Visitors Doreen Heaton, of the Northmore connection, and her sister Ann Potter came a long way to be with us, as did our friend Ernest Hamley.

I have not mentioned the friends and relations whom we see more frequently, but they all contributed to the wonderful atmosphere of Witheridge Day, and the Witheridge Weekend. I hope that they all enjoyed it as much as I did!

This edition features a poem written by Judith Witheridge, giving her impressions of the coach trip, and Judith has issued a most gracious invitation to any member visiting Australia to stay with her and Allan in what she describes as a lovely coastal city, and has given me permission to publish her address:-

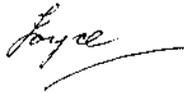
57 Outlook Drive,
Figtree
New South Wales 2525
Australia
Telephone (02)42286443

We all hope that our visitors will be able to come again for our next celebrations, and we would like to say a big "Thank You" to Richard for all the hard work he put in to arrange this 10th Anniversary meeting, and to his wife Maureen for all her help and support.

Joyce and Terry Stephens have put forward a bright idea. They suggest that we have a "help line" feature which would enable readers who have a research problem to ask for assistance, and also for those who might have found some item of information not necessarily relevant to their own research, to publicise it in the hope that it might help others.

We shall title this section "Finders ...Seekers", and we ask that contributors give their name and address with their item so that readers may communicate directly with one another. This might also help Richard in his role as Research Co-ordinator as he would then know of some particular items for which members are searching.

Keep communicating!



FINDERS ...SEEKERS

In April 1755, in Ermington, Banns were called for the wedding of my 4 x great grandparents, John Witheridge and Alice Tamlin, but I have never been able to discover the record of a marriage, nor a birth in Ermington for Alice. Did she come from some other parish? I have searched parishes round about to no avail. I know that she did in fact, marry John, and I have other information about her. Has anyone found any Tamlins in their researches? Information gratefully received by: Joyce Browne, 5 Greenhill Avenue, Luton, Beds. LU2 7DN Telephone 01582 29573

FAMILY NEWS

Susan Witheridge, our Assistant Treasurer, daughter of Maureen and Richard, became engaged to Andrew Dymond on St. Valentine's Day, 14th February, this year. We send our congratulations and very best wishes to them both. Maureen and Richard are also pleased to announce the birth of their 4th grandchild - JAMES HENRY - a son, born to Jenny and Mark Witheridge on the 19th April, 1997 (Mark's birthday), weighing in at 8lbs. 3 oz.

Reg Popplestone has been in poor health and has been in hospital twice this year. We send him and his wife Barbara our love and best wishes for his speedy recovery.

Sad news has come to us that several of our members have suffered the loss of close relatives.

Fenwick Witheridge and his sister Catherine Houtz have lost their older brother Ronald Eric Witheridge, who died in July last year. Eric appeared to be making a good recovery from a long illness, but then his wife Janet, nee Hayward, died and he also succumbed. Eric was the oldest son of James George Witheridge, 1889-1969.

Our condolences go to Peggy and Fenwick and Catherine and Kenneth.

John Roberts Witheridge and Kathleen, in Newcastle-on-Tyne have been bereaved by the death of his mother Eleanor, nee Wells, on the 24th July, 1996. At this time we also remember John's sister, our member Dorothea Carol Goins and her husband Ron, who travelled from the United States many times to be with her mother.

Kathleen also lost her mother, Mrs. Smith (first name not known) on the 24th July of that same year. John and Kathleen must have borne a great burden of loss and mental suffering.

Our love and sympathy goes out to these families. God bless you all.

John Witheridge

NEW MEMBERS News from John Witheridge

No. 159 Mrs. Catherine E. Houtz

No. 160 Mr. Kenneth Houtz

Contact address: 2305 Beacon Drive, Port Charlotte, Florida 33952 USA

(1) Catherine Elizabeth Houtz née Witheridge 1927 - (2) James George Witheridge 1889-1969 (3) Virtue Louise Deacon 1891-1969 (4) James Witheridge 1855-1921 (5) Catherine Drummond Fenwick 1855-1924 (8) James Witheridge 1817-1881 (9) Isabella Ann Redmore - 1862 (16) John Witheridge 1775-1866. Ilfracombe - 1851. 1851 to present day in Newport, Wales, and Florida USA.

I have pleasure in welcoming Mrs. Catherine Elizabeth Houtz née Witheridge to our fold. For a long time Catherine was just a name on the Monmouth Witheridge chart (until brother Fenwick suggested to me that she might like to join the society). I must admit the Monmouth (Newport) line is a family that we have found it hard to trace back beyond 1823. I think that every researcher in the family has spent sleepless nights poring over this family tree which went nowhere. The strange point about this is that the family really dates back to the 1560s and is part of the CombeMartin/Berrynarbor family. This may be quite a shock to many, but when you look at the clues which are in abundance, I wonder why we didn't think of the possibility before.

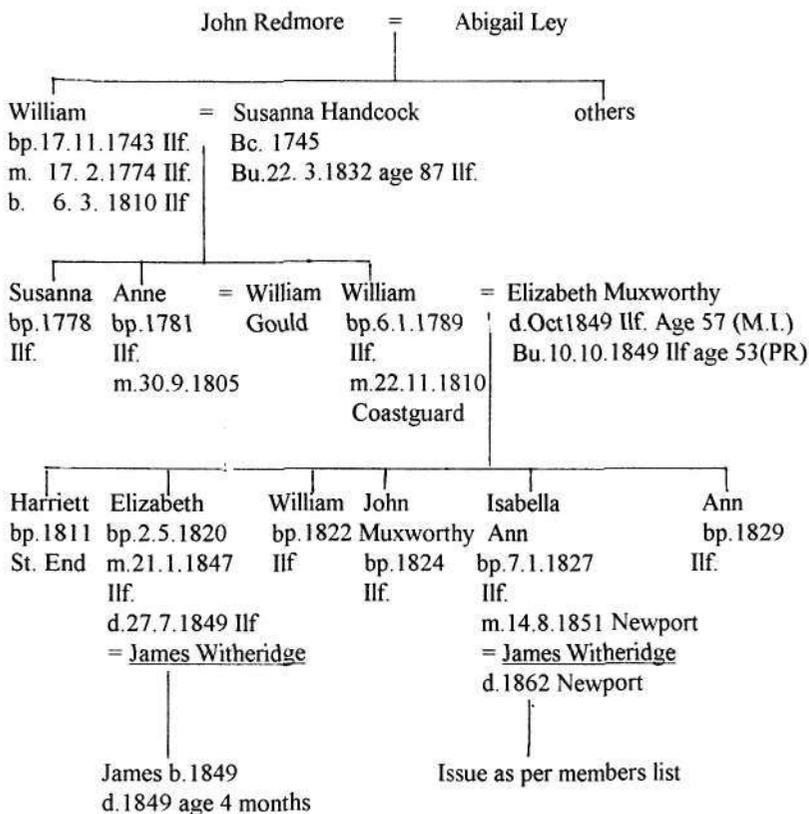
James Witheridge, born 1817 - 1881 lived and married in Ilfracombe and Newport. His second wife Isabella Ann Redmore was the sister of his first wife Elizabeth, and there have been other queries in the history of this family line.

There are clues in the family connections:-

- (1) The Ley connection - Rebecca Ley to William Witheridge, Berrynarbor
- (2) The Hancock family - Mary to John Witheridge, Berrynarbor
- (3) The Muxworthy family - Michael to Anne Witheridge, Berrynarbor

These three have connections into the Witheridge families of Combe Martin and Berrynarbor.

Now see the tree on the page following - this is a Redmore family tree pertaining to the marriages of James Witheridge, the first being in 1847.



Just a few short months before James' second marriage (to Isabella Ann), the 1851 census was taken. Isabella was listed as a laundress in Ilfracombe, and so was her sister Ann. This same sister (Ann) was a witness at Isabella's wedding in Newport, but to prove beyond any shadow of doubt that these two girls who married James were from the same family, note in the following paragraphs that Isabella was a witness at the wedding of her sister Elizabeth.

You can see from the tree that James married the two sisters Redmore. With his first wife, Elizabeth, he had just one son, 'James', who was born and died in the Barnstaple registration district, but the town was Ilfracombe. Clue number (4) - Other members of the Combe Martin family lived and married girls from this town. Note that the information I have gleaned from the census and parish records states that William Redmore, father of Elizabeth, was a Coastguard. The marriage information given here notes William as a mariner. The employment as a Coastguard was clue number (5). One of the members of the Combe Martin family who moved to Porthleven in Cornwall was also a Coast Guard.

21st January, 1847. Ilfracombe Marriages

James Witheridge of full age. Bachelor. Mariner. Residence at time of marriage - Ilfracombe. Father's name: John Witheridge, Labourer.

Married Elizabeth Redmore of full age. Spinster. No occupation given. Residence at time of marriage - Ilfracombe. Father's name: William Redmore, Mariner.

Witnesses: William Redmore and Isabella Redmore

The William noted here as witness was Elizabeth's brother William born 1822.

Compare this with the marriage certificate shown on the next page and with the data on the tree compiled from parish records and the census.

Now let us analyse this information:

Father William Redmore dies 1828/9 Elizabeth, his wife, dies October 1849.

Elizabeth Witheridge, née Redmore, dies July 1849 and little James dies March 1849 (One asks - was there an epidemic in these years).

Isabella travels to Newport to wed James and Ann, the youngest sister, also travels to Newport to be a witness. The only discrepancy in this story is the fact that James stated on the second marriage certificate that he was a bachelor. This being witnessed by Ann, in church. James' father was stated, on the certificate for both marriages, to be John Witheridge, a husbandman

I think it is safe to assume that James, Isabella and Ann all failed to give the correct information at the second wedding. (It was at that time illegal for a man to marry his wife's sister) This area in the life of James Witheridge has always left us feeling unsure that we were on the correct path. I am think with the evidence we have just submitted that we can proceed in further examination of his antecedents with some certainty.

One last item before I close this section of information. For some time now I have known the connection for my earlier statement that James' ancestors were from the Combe Martin family - I just needed to be able to prove my theory. This is the information I have at hand You make up your own minds!

1861 Census. Ships at Sea RG9 page 59a LDS film #0543288

On Board The 'Mary Ann'

Witheridge, George 56 years (bc 1805) Widowed. Cook/Seaman born Combe Martin DEV

Witheridge, James 44 years (bc 1817) Married. Master born Combe Martin DEV

George, (actually born 1803) was the son of George and Mary Witheridge, née Northcott. This information was sent to me by a Mrs. Matthews in North Devon, possibly three years ago, also Kathy from Canada forwarded the same information this year. To both I say a sincere thankyou.

CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF MARRIAGE



Given at () GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON

Application Number..... 28 330

Registration District Newport

1851 Marriage solemnized at the District Church of St Paul in the Parish of St Mellor Newport in the County of Monmouth

No.	When married	Name and Surname	Age	Condition	Rank or profession	Residence at the time of marriage	Father's name and surname, Rank or profession, or Father
277	14 th	James Withridge	24	Bachelor	Master	Newport	John Withridge husband man
		Isabella Ann full		Redmore eye		Newport	William Redmore beamman

Married in the presence of James Powell in the presence of James Powell of the Parish of St Mellor Newport by James Powell Minister

This marriage was solemnized between us. Isabella Ann Redmore of the Parish of St Mellor Newport

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Marriages in the District above mentioned.

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 5th day of July 1976.

MB 097434

This certificate is issued in pursuance of section 43 of the Marriage Act 1949. Sub-section (2) of that section provides that any certified copy of an entry purporting to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Marriages shall be deemed to be a true copy of an entry in the said Register unless the contrary is proved. It is hereby certified that this is a true copy of an entry in the said Register as the same appears from the original entry in the said Register and no certified copy purporting to have been given in the said Office shall be of any force or effect unless it is sealed or stamped as aforesaid.

CAUTION:—Any person who (1) falsifies any of the particulars on this certificate, or (2) uses a falsified certificate as true, is liable to prosecution.



With the aid of Fenwick Witheridge, Catherine's brother, I hope to be presenting the complete set of facts about James and this family as an article for the Witheridge Times, and I would be very interested to hear your views on the subject.

Once again, 'Welcome Catherine, and may your membership with the Witheridge Society be long and successful!'

RESEARCH COORDINATOR'S MOAN!

During the AGM at Tiverton, the question of the Research Co-ordinator's work was mentioned, and I stated that my report was usually based on what appeared in the magazine.

It would be helpful, not only to me in undertaking my annual report, but to the researchers themselves, if they kept me informed on the areas that they were individually researching. I would then be able to say whether anyone else had already researched this area, and if information is already held within the society and who to approach. This would also save, in some cases, additional expense either to the society or to the individual.

This is not an attempt to control what is researched, far from it, but to organise our work in a more orderly form, and not pay twice for information found.

Having got that off my chest, can I now add something else?

At the meeting in Tiverton I was thanked for organising the 10th anniversary weekend event, which I appreciated, but I must point out that I had the backing of our Chairman Graham, and his wife Joyce, who gave me support and encouragement all the way along. I therefore belatedly offer a vote of thanks to them both.

Further I would like to thank all the members and friends who made our 10th anniversary such a memorable occasion.

Richard Witheridge

ON THE MOVE!

We shall have to learn to stop referring to "the St. Catherine's House Indexes" when we mean the registers of Births, Marriages and Deaths. St. Catherine's House is now closed and the records have been removed to a new venue named "The Family Records Centre". The correct postal address is:-

The Family Records Centre,
1, Myddelton Street,
London EC1 1UW

Telephone 0181- 392 - 5300

Fax 0181 - 392 - 5307

The nearest Underground station is The Angel, and the opening hours are:

Monday	9. 00 a.m. - 5. 00 p.m.
Tuesday	10. 00 a.m. - 7. 00 p.m.
Wednesday	9. 00 a.m. - 5. 00 p.m.
Thursday	9. 00 a.m. - 7. 00 p.m.
Friday	9. 00 a.m. - 5. 00 p.m.
Saturday	9.30 a.m. - 5. 00 p.m.

Closed on Sundays and Bank Holidays and the Saturday before Bank Holidays.

The Census Records are no longer available to view at the Public Record Office, Chancery Lane, London, but have also been removed to the Family Records Centre.

The Family Records Centre incorporates an information point and book shop and a refreshment area with vending machines, and (it is claimed) larger reading rooms and better equipment. Although it was high time that the conditions in the General and Public Record Offices were improved, some of us will miss seeing the Victorian Gothic buildings in Chancery Lane, and miss the romantic feelings evoked by the thought that Britain's public records have been kept in Chancery Lane for seven hundred years. We may not miss risking life and limb in the scrum to look at the registers in St. Catherine's House, and at least we shall be able to fortify ourselves with a cup of tea if we are disappointed in our search!

WITHERIDGE DAY, SATURDAY, 3RD MAY, 1997

Although we missed the pretty village of Alderton, we were pleased with Tiverton as the choice of venue for the 10th anniversary meeting. In mid Devon, it is only ten miles from the village of Witheridge, and a convenient jumping off point for those wishing to visit either North or South Devon.

Whether it was the choice of venue, or the choice of programme, we are not sure, but our meeting did attract many more visitors than has been the case in recent years. There were 49 people and two babies at the AGM.,and 38 people on the coach trip on the next day, Sunday. Getting to know them all was a delight, but of course, there was not enough time. We were also delighted by the attendance of our 'old faithful' members and renewing acquaintance with old friends, some of whom had come long distances to be with us.

The conference room at the Tiverton Hotel had the rather exotic name of 'The Topaz Room', and it was full for the AGM which was conducted by our Chairman, Graham, with record speed. (The annual report will be published later) Graham's objective was to give time for us get on to the more interesting events of the day, the first being an illustrated talk by Mr. Tom Jewell.

Tom had taken a great deal of trouble to make his talk relevant to the Witheridge families who were present at the meeting, giving us information on the areas where families originated, and amusing anecdotes on Witheridges past. He used an overhead projector to show us illustrations of various items, one of which was this gem culled from the North Devon Journal Herald of 5th September 1859:-

"CombeMartin Revel - Assault Cases - John Jewell, James Jewell, James Norman, and John Witheridge, all of Combmartin, were charged by Sarah Norman, wife of John Norman of the same place, with violently assaulting and beating her at twelve o'clock, on the night of 8th August being Combemartin revel (a kind of carnival day). Mr. I. Bencraft appeared for the defendants. The hearing of the case occupied a long time and the evidence was contradictory. It appeared that the complainant, her husband, and son, were on their way home when the defendants came up and the elder Norman said in their hearing that his son (in wrestling) should throw the Jewells. The woman deposed that all four then 'vall'd aboard' (jumped upon) herself and her husband - that both were several times knocked down - that Witheridge several times tore her clothes from her back and left her naked - that she sustained serious injuries from their violence, such as the fractures of a rib, bruises of the head, chest and right arm etc. (A medical certificate was put in) This evidence was confirmed by Mary Lancey, Richard Norman and Richard Darch. For the defence it was alleged that the Normans were the aggressors, and that John Norman

commenced the affray - a statement which was supported by the testimony of Philip Richards and Ann Richards; the latter said that the complainant's clothes were torn by Witheridge in his attempt to pull her off from Jewell, whom she was belabouring. The Bench found that the case was proved, and fined the defendants 10s.0d each; the parties to pay their own costs, as the complainant was not free from blame.

A cross summons had been issued at the instance of James Jewell, who charged John Norman, husband of the complainant in the preceding case, with assaulting him on the night in question. Mr. I Bencraft appeared for Jewell. The offence was proved and defendant fined 10.0s and expenses."

It looks as if the honours were about even, and the fortunate Mr. Bencraft pocketed a fee from both parties! Have you ever imagined one of our Witheridges in Court? No?? - read on-

"Bideford 15th January. 1857 Before the Borough Bench The petty sessions for the Borough, were held on Monday, at the Town Hall: present, the Mayor (J. Thompson Esq..) T.B. Chanter, and H.O Ley, Esqrs. BASTARDY Mary Elizabeth Gale, "single woman", appeared to charge the paternity of her child, now four months old on one *George Witheridge*. Defendant had been both before and after the event which was bringing him into trouble, working in London, but thought he might just venture home to see his friends and spend "a merry Christmas." No sooner had he returned to the home of his youth, and was anxiously waiting the savoury odours of goose and onions for the festive occasion, when instead of goose he "smelt a rat" in a summons conveyed to his father's house requiring him to "show cause" etc. etc.. It was too late; the "false fleeting" Lothario was off from whence he came, and "service" not being proved, the case was not heard".

Mr Bencraft had a very busy time in North Devon. He appeared in another case featuring the Witheridges and the Blackmores, who accused each other of trespass, wilful damage and assault, although they were closely related (or perhaps because they were related, and possession of land and money came into it). I could go on and on - but back to Witheridge Day!

Tom also drew our attention to the ancient history of Devon and Dartmoor and made us feel that we are a part of a continuing culture of survivors who have left their mark on our landscape. He was also able, through the tithe and land tax assessment maps, to show us exactly where Witheridge holdings were in various villages. It was a fascinating discourse, and I had difficulty in bringing myself back to the present when Tom had finished.

I was not in the present for long, however Mr. John Usmar, of Witheridge Village, had prepared a display of photographs and drawings of Witheridge, past and present, and gave

a talk on the village which took us back to around 5,000 years ago when there was evidently a trade in flint tools. Flints are not found in the area, so these must have been brought from elsewhere. It seemed almost up to date when he told us of a Court case in the year 1280! Apparently two women, named Margery and Alice, were accused of murdering Alice's husband. They were taken to Exeter, where they were tried and found guilty. Margery was sentenced to be hanged and Alice to be burnt. A group of friends broke Alice out of gaol and she took sanctuary in a church. What happened to them both eventually I do not know. It makes the Witheridges look tame, doesn't it?

We went on to learn of happier days in Witheridge, and of its decline. All very deeply researched information, and we were very entertained by the whole presentation.

We still hope that one day we shall be able to anchor the Witheridge name to the Witheridge Village.

Lunch was a happy occasion. Zoe Cook had baked a special cake for our 10th anniversary. Iced in green and gold, it had a map of Devon in raised icing. It was a pity to cut it, but we prevailed on Kim, our President and Zoe's mother-in-law, to do so and it was appreciated by all.

We took the opportunity to present Kim with a certificate to mark her appointment as Life President of the society. This was long overdue, but we had had no previous opportunity to show our appreciation of Kim's efforts in founding the society, and the generous sharing of her research

Richard Witheridge earned our grateful thanks for all his efforts and hard work in planning, organising and preparing our weekend, and we appreciated the help and encouragement given by his wife Maureen. We gave Richard a needlework picture of a house in Ermington which was once the home of his ancestors, but that was only a token to show how much we appreciate his efforts

The afternoon began with a lively question and answer session led by Kim Cook and John Witheridge, who supplied us with useful information. John had time only to touch upon a fascinating story of the Captains Witheridge who sailed in Cromwell's Navy. I hope that we shall hear more of this, and other stories which I am sure he has to tell, at a later date.

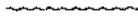
The meeting broke up after tea, and we were sorry to see some of the visitors depart for home as we were sure that the coach trip, planned for the next day, would be very enjoyable, and we did not want them to miss it. The account of the trip is another story

Our 10th anniversary occasion was the most successful Witheridge gathering yet!

IMPRESSIONS OF WITHERIDGE WEEKEND

by Judith Witheridge

I'm Judith, wife of Allan, of the Combe Martin descent,
We're from 'Oz' (with Dot and Tony) and I'm writing what it meant
To be at the occasion to celebrate the ten year mark
I volunteered to do this - here it is, in verse - so hark!

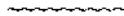


We missed the AGM which elected Graham (again)
Plus Kim, David, John and Rich and heard it went without a hitch.
Most there knew each other well - they were family we could tell.
They welcomed us with smiles, it was worth those many miles!
Tom Jewell gave a witty talk and took us on a verbal walk,
Put our history on projector. We enjoyed that visual lecture.
It was great for us to meet in Tiverton's Topaz suite
And the breakfasts and the dinners (with desserts) were truly winners.

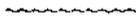


Next day the plan: around North Devon
Sunday May 4th, '97.

That's the day we did the tour. Colin made us feel secure
(Did white knuckles and loud gasps sometimes come from girls and chaps?)
Tom was at his best again, told of Bronze, Iron or Saxon.
Hamlet, village farm or town, we saw them from up and down.
Sea and fields and cliffs and hill, hedgerows, gorse and blue bluebells
Ancient oaks and bright green beeches, blossom trees and farmland creatures,
Fishing boats and cobbled streets, boggy marshes, windswept heaths ...
(If there really is a drought, with all that green, we've cause to doubt)



Witheridge bell-ringers gave us sun, posed for photos for each one,
Told about the coat-of-arms, wished us God-Speed, free from harms
Next Combe Martin. What a view, perched above the sea grey-blue,
Reverend Wyer gave us much info on the church - then lunch.



At Ilfracombe at most, we see, dimly Wales'coast
It's where Witheridges had land, and we all felt rather grand.
Berrynarbor and Northam showed their churches when we came.

Then Bradworthy and the well where once Witheridges did dwell
(And it nearly claimed one's cap when the wind blew round the chap)
There, a tea lady's Tea Room saw a sudden business boom,
But as quickly as it came, it went,
Such a shame!

Westward Ho! Its pebble ridge, viewed by all from hilltop bridge -
Oh, I could go on and on; Crediton is 'Kyrton'
(English is a language strange, words spelled one way often change)
And the scandals from way back!
Brawls, lawsuits and scallywag Jack!
How the Pack of Cards Hotel, the Leys and our past meld
And there are triplets on our tree!
Wonder who the next will be?

Now before I stop I'll say
How we folk from far away
From the US and NZ and from Canada have said
That we are blessed to be a part of a family whose heart
Is with love and grace endowed and of whom we can be proud.
Thank you, all our kith and kin whom we met
In Tiverton

FROM BERRYNARBOR TO BERRY Part Two

by John Witheridge

This article was written to tell the story of the families who were descended from Philemon, born 1846. You may remember that, some years ago, I wrote a similar article about John (Jack) Witheridge.

Philemon was very unlike his older brother, Robert. The first great difference was that he could swim like a fish, the second was that he took advice offered by others and left the life of fishing (in Cornwall). Robert didn't, and it killed him. He was drowned off Start Point, near Plymouth.

Following this same good advice, when the Cornish fishing fleet found it hard to make ends meet, Philemon joined the mercantile fleet, eventually sailing round the world many times. In truth he was a born business man, taking his opportunities as he found them. I will prove that he never looked back until the day he died.

He was a sailor before his marriage to Mary Carvarth, as you will see below. He had been sailing round the world, or so I have been told, for six years, and the journeys grew longer in distance until the time came when he was sailing around the world on virtually every trip. A sailor's life is one where nature takes ultimate control. A sailor finds the need for deep founded beliefs both in nature and in religion. Sooner or later the perpetuation of the species becomes the most down to earth fundamental ideal. Hence the appeal in marriage, and immortality through the life of one's own children.

Marriage, Porthleven, Helston, Cornwall

9th September, 1871. Philemon Witheridge and Mary Carvarth. Both of full age. Bachelor and Spinster. Sailor. Both residing at Porthleven. Fathers: Thomas Witheridge, Coastguard, and Joseph Carvarth, farm labourer. Marriage after Banns. Both Philemon and Mary signed the register. Witnesses, Thomas Witheridge and Thomas Broad

May I digress at this point just for a few seconds? THOMAS BROAD? I wonder - could this be the young man who married Philemon's older sister, Jane? He was noted on several other certificates and I had come to assume that he was a professional witness. I then thought that it was too much of a coincidence that he was named so many times as a witness at Witheridge events. He was also a witness at the wedding of Robert Witheridge and Elizabeth Ann Kitchen in 1859 at Porthleven. Yes, Thomas Broad married Jane Witheridge in Porthleven on the 18th October, 1854. Thankfully another family to pursue. I was beginning to run out of leads!

In the marriage certificate in the fold out section an interesting feature arises. Philemon and Mary were married the same year that Thomas, his father, died. You can see that a Thomas Witheridge was a witness to this marriage. Strange this - considering that Thomas Witheridge, Philemon's father, had died in the June quarter of that same year, some three months before the wedding. I wonder if brother Jacob had adopted the name 'Thomas' as a second Christian name by this time? If this is the case then it will explain a name change to John and Pat James who have been pondering this same combination of names for some years. When Jacob was born the only name entered on the certificate was Jacob Witheridge, when he married it was entered as Jacob Thomas Witheridge! Perhaps we have stumbled on the origins of the name change. When, later in this article, you read the certificate of death for Philemon, this idea takes on another perspective.

Some time between 1871 and 1876, Philemon sailed to Australia for the first time. On seeing the coast line of New South Wales he dived overboard and swam ashore. Here he cut stakes and proceeded to pace out a parcel of land, driving in the stakes as the law required. He marked out what was to become the Witheridge homestead at Greenwell Point and at the estuary of the Shoalhaven River. He sketched a map and presented it at the land office when his ship docked, claiming his parcel of land.

Eighteen months later he and his wife Mary sailed out to Australia, taking six months to complete the journey. Their first child, Thomas, was born and died in Helston in 1872.

Birth Certificate

Thomas Witheridge, born 2nd November, 1872. Father: Thomas (crossed out) and 'Philip Witheridge' written under. Mother Mary Jane formerly Carvarth. Father's Occupation - Seaman in Merchant Navy. Signed by a mark by Philip Witheridge, Father, Porthleven, Sithney, on the 17th December, 1872. WHY? On his marriage certificate he signed his name, so why the need for a cross in this case, and why 'Philip'?

Now promise not to tell a soul - now PROMISE! One relation has mentioned that her grandfather told her that he had jumped ship in Australia. It was at the time when he staked out his land claim and he never did return to duty - again room for some research on this question.

I think that their second child, Annie, was born en route to Australia in 1876. Not a lot is remembered about Annie. Many of her relations dispute the fact that she ever existed. "We can only count 13 children who lived out here in Australia" they stated, but here is the proof:- from the New South Wales Pioneer indexes 1788-1888

"Witheridge, Annie, died 1883, of Philemon and Mary at Sydney. Registration Year and Number 1883/11. This death recording proves beyond doubt that she did live. There is no record of her birth in the Pioneer indexes for any of the Territories. (Perhaps some kind soul will search the passenger lists of people who arrived at the time in the relevant place.)

There is no record in the St. Catherine's House indexes of the birth of an Annie in the Helston area

Queensland Births and Deaths 1829-1904

Witheridge, Thomas Birth 12.02.1877 Father Philemon, Mother Mary

Witheridge, Thomas Death 01.06.1877 Father Philemon, Mother Mary

This is more proof that the number of children in this family living in their home areas, did exceed thirteen.

Now I wonder what they were doing up there? Please note that they were in Queensland for at least four months. Surely by this time the homestead was at least under construction? It would have been built from materials local to the area. Trees would have been cut as growing timber and shaped to suit the building as construction took place. Perhaps this is the clue that we are looking for - the homestead was not yet finished? Now settled in New South Wales Philemon had reverted to his earlier occupation of fishing. He had constructed a boat, just a small craft with a single mast. It is told that Mary stayed at home making and repairing nets, helped by the young children (perhaps of other families) Annie would not be old enough.

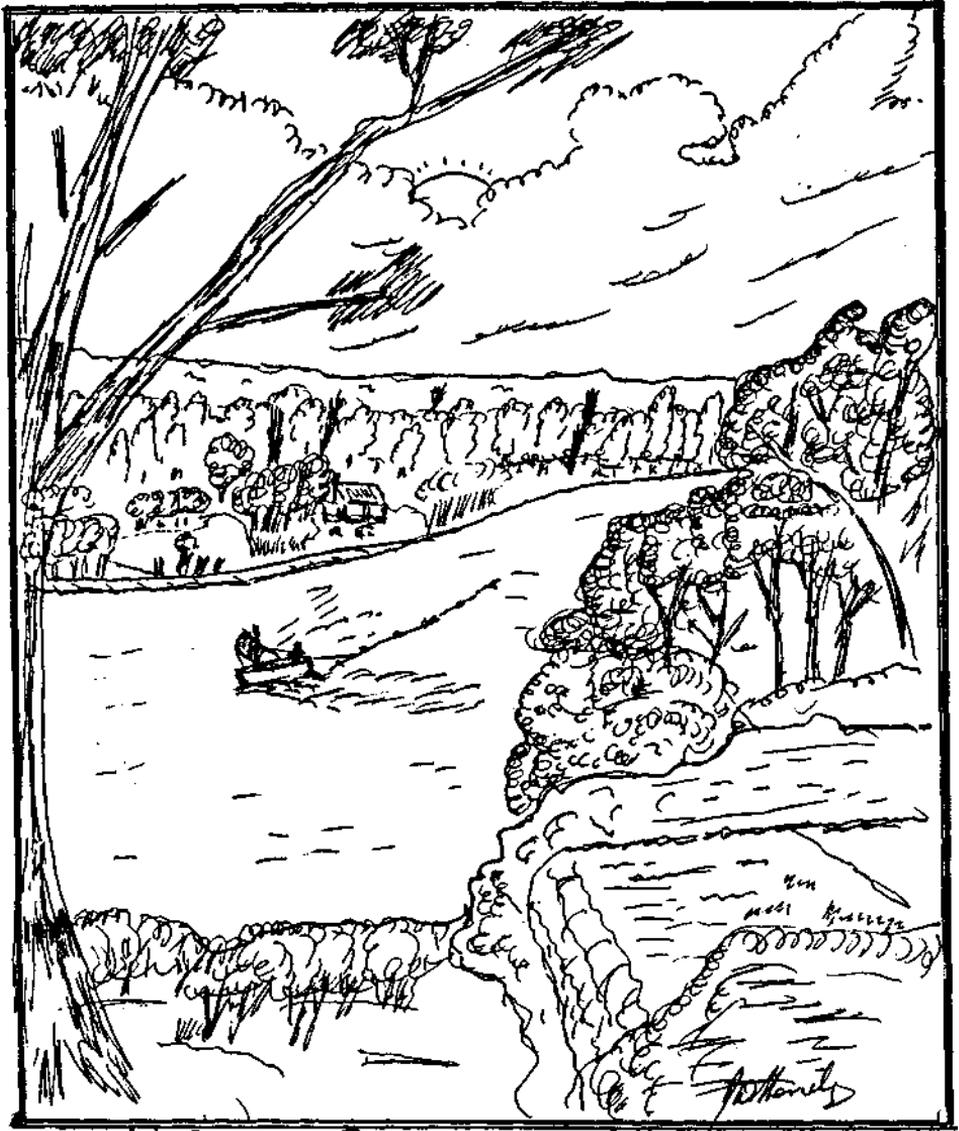
The estuary of the Shoalhaven was ideal for both fresh and salt fish - a blessing on days when the seas were heavy and unmanageable - but it was an isolated spot. To sell their fish Philemon had to sail to Sydney and other growing towns further along the coast. The townships of Berry and Nowra were not so far overland, also a perfect place to sell their wares.

Jane bc 1878 Yes, it is strange that I am unable to find references to this birth. Perhaps she was also born in Queensland. Most of the other issue are so well documented, but there is salvation in the fact that I do have Jane's marriage registration

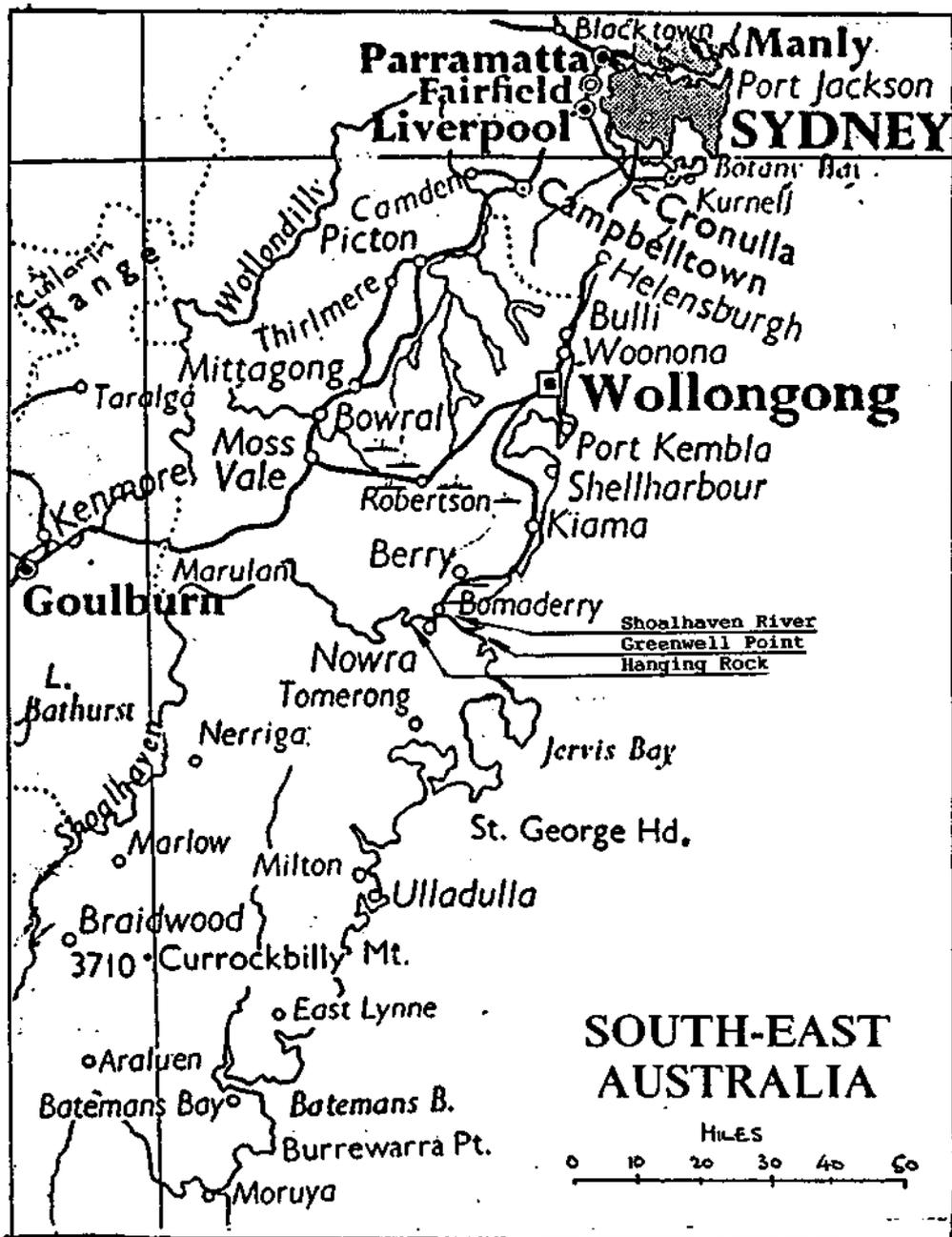
New South Wales Pioneer's Index Witheridge, Jane marriage 1900 to Kennedy William at Nowra. Registration No. 1900/6803. Please note the year number is equal to the first four numbers in the registration, and in some cases only two

Notice how the area surrounding the Shoalhaven River is being seen as a backdrop to emphasize their lives The Shoalhaven River is approximately 150 miles south of Sydney on Route 1.

New South Wales Records Witheridge, Martha born 1879 Registration No. ? 79 19234 Father Philemon, Mother Mary, born in Newcastle NSW Newcastle? Just north of Sydney on Route 1.



Philemon Witheridge fishing on the Shoalhaven river under the 'Hanging Rock' at Nowra, New South Wales.



New South Wales Pioneer Index Witheridge, Martha married 1904 to Down (DOWNES) Percival H. at Sydney Registration No. 1904/2960. Here we see the family spreading its wings. Could it be that Martha was in service in Sydney where she met her future husband? It was via this family that Dorothy Witheridge, our Australian representative, found most of Philemon's descendants. Martha's daughter, Ruth Newman was the informant who registered Philemon's death in 1937. The address of her dwelling was also registered. The rest was simple for our master sleuth! I have also had considerable assistance from Shirley Noad, née Newman.

Mary born c 1881 As with Jane, above, the birth records are not available (I am sure they will be soon), but again some proof in the form of :-

New South Wales Pioneer Index Witheridge, Mary marriage 1815 to DEAMER, Albert at Sydney. Registration No. 1915/578 (6th March 1915) Notice the town registration of Sydney again. Were the family living there at this time?

New South Wales Records Witheridge, Philemon 83 05605 Father Philemon, Mother Mary. Born at Petersham NSW.

New South Wales Pioneer Index Witheridge, Philemon 1912 married to MACDONALD Catherine at Marrickville.

New South Wales Pioneer Index Witheridge, Philemon. Burial June 8th 1948 at Berry.

There is good evidence that Philemon junior was living at the Witheridge homestead at Greenwell Point. I am also certain that the young man was a farmer, selling produce and running his father's farm. Proof of this statement is a letter from Mrs. Noad. "Philemon (Senior) never spoke to his family about any relative back in England, but now we understand why he travelled back home a few times leaving his wife and family to tend the farm and the fishing boats that he owned here in Greenwell Point." This gives a clue to a question which was raised between two of my very good friends out there in NSW. Phyllis Cocking at one time told Dorothy Witheridge and myself that Philemon always carried large amount of money with him. Dorothy found this hard to believe. She had assumed that he was not too well off. You will understand now my earlier remark that he was a born business man.

New South Wales Records Witheridge, Thomas 84 31676 Father Philemon, Mother Mary. Born at Shoalhaven.

The Registers which I see before me at this time are those which will always bring a tingling sensation to the nape of the neck of any old soldier. They are the service documents of a serving soldier who died in combat. As I read, the sad, poignant tones of the 'Last Post' echo in my mind, the eye sad moist of memory, the mind sad of thought for those that I knew.

Town Nowra. State NSW. Plate No. 42 CE 385 Warlencourt British Cemetery
Witheridge, Thomas, Private No. 5688 4th Battalion Australian Infantry. Killed in Action the 2nd day of March, 1917 aged 32. Son of Philemon and Mary Witheridge of Prince Alfred Street, Berry, New South Wales. Native of Greenwell Point NSW. His trade listed as fisherman, place of residence Greenwell Point, Shoalhaven NSW. Religion C. of E. One comment from me which I am sure you will all echo. . . . God Bless Him.

New South Wales Records Witheridge, Robert 86 33688 Father Philemon, Mother Mary. Born at Shoalhaven 1886. Robert was more fortunate than his brother Thomas. He was able to return home from that same war. I cannot say 'safely' because his wounds were horrendous. He lost one arm and one leg in that war to end all wars, but return he did, after marrying the girl who nursed him back to health in Fulham. London, in 1918. (Miss Jean Elizabeth Byles 1898-1975) They spent their honeymoon at the home of member Joan Payne's grandparents - "Uncle Jacob" - Jacob Thomas Witheridge and his wife Charlotte Caroline née Hardwick.

Robert was a very reserved man "Nice and quiet" are the words which have been used to describe him. His peace time occupation was that of a Lift Driver at the Red Cross House in Sydney. When times got hard to bear at home, he would go to stay with his sister, Maude. It is said that she was a very understanding lady. Jean, Robert's wife, was a very competent and organised lady, full of purpose but not much in the way of conversation.

New South Wales Records Witheridge, Ann 87 34511 Father Philemon, Mother Mary. Born at Shoalhaven NSW 1887.

New South Wales Pioneer Index Witheridge, Annie married BROWN, Thomas at Marrickville in 1812. I do have personal notes that pin point the marriage to the 25th May, 1912. I have records showing a daughter Amy and two sons, Harold and Arthur - perhaps some more research needed here for the future

New South Wales Records Witheridge, Joseph 88 35524 Father, Philemon, Mother Mary. Born at Nowra 1888. I have not yet been able to locate a date for the marriage of Joseph and his wife Ada INNES. Again, in my own records I note that he died at Bateman Bay on the 25th July, 1954. Joseph was a fisherman, I suspect of the old style. It is reported that he never wore shoes and that he never had his hair cut.

New South Wales Records Witheridge, William 90 26363 Father Philemon, Mother Mary. Born at Nowra 1890. Again we have no marriage date, but we have positive proof that William married a Rose INNES who was the sister of Ada. William, I am told died on the 25th August, 1954 at Terara NSW.

New South Wales Pioneer Index Witheridge, Esther 91 26568 Father Philemon, Mother Mary. Witheridge, Esther married 1915 to GRAHAM, Fred, in Marrickville.

New South Wales Records Witheridge, Elizabeth 93 27115 Father Philemon, Mother Mary. New South Wales Pioneer Index Witheridge, Elizabeth married 1918 to COFFEE, Thomas at Sydney.

New South Wales Records Witheridge, Maud 94 24905 Father Philemon, Mother Mary Maud remained unmarried until her death on 21st June 1966.

New South Wales Records Witheridge, Jacob 97 05670 Father Philemon, Mother Mary. We do know that Jacob married a Lilian Donahue.

I would like to show you a reproduction of a photograph of Philemon and four of his daughters. From left to right they are Mary Deamer, Martha Down, Philemon Witheridge, Maud Witheridge and Elizabeth Coffee.



At this stage I think it would be easier for you, the reader, if I showed this family in tree form. Please refer to the main tree as you read the article from this point on.

As you can see by the tree the complete family has moved on right up to the present date. Of Jane Kennedy, née Witheridge, and husband William we know very little. I will have to remedy this in the coming months.

Now of Martha and Percival Downes it is quite a different matter. We know that they married in Sydney and later lived in Punchbowl. We know that they had a son and a daughter. The son's name I have not yet discovered but I do know that he died in 1992. Their daughter Ruth, as I have mentioned before was listed in Philemon's Registration of Death certificate. She actually signed as witness "Ruth Newman". I submit this certificate as proof of the many facts which I have written about in this article.

Notice that the second column gives Philemon's second name as THOMAS and I submit that Philemon could have been using the name as a family hyphenated surname. The same would apply to Jacob and the use that he adopted in his Thomas name addition.

The third, fourth and fifth columns give the sex and age at death, the medical attendant, the name of father and mother and the father's occupation. The sixth and seventh columns show the name and address of the informant of the death and the name of the Registrar.

The eighth column shows the date and place of burial and the ninth the name of the undertaker and witnesses to the burial.

The tenth column gives Philemon's place of birth as 'Cornwall England'. This is not correct, the place of birth was Somerset.

The twelfth column lists the children of the marriage of Philemon and Mary:-

Jane	59	Robert	51	Esther	45
Martha	57	Annie	50	Elizabeth	44
Mary	56	Joseph	49	Maud	43
Philemon	54	William	46	Jacob	40

Two male children deceased. One female child deceased.

This shows that the plotting of the tree of this branch has worked out absolutely correctly, but there is still room for further research.

Ruth lived just down the road from Philemon and I assume that he lived with her mother and father. This being conjecture rather than based on knowledge.

Mary DEAMER and her husband Albert - here once again I will have to carry out more research.

Philemon Witheridge, born 1883 and Cathy nee McDonald - quite a lot is known about this couple and their descendants. To remind you - Philemon and Cathy were married in 1912, He died in sight of the homestead that his father paced out and claimed so many years before, Greenwell Point, Nowra near Berry. The first child that I can find born to them is:-

New South Wales Pioneer Index 1889-1918 William Witheridge born 1914 to Philemon and Catherine at Nowra.

William Witheridge died 1916 of Philemon and Catherine at Nowra.

Gladys M. Witheridge born 1916 to Philemon and Catherine at Nowra

Kenneth T. Witheridge born 1917 of Phillemon and Catherine at Nowra.

I have unproven knowledge concerning other children of this marriage and I have been told of three other daughters, whose names I have just acquired - Mary, May and Ruth. I have no clue as to what order they were born.

We have written what we know concerning Thomas Witheridge, born 1884 in an earlier paragraph, but it could be expanded. It is known that Thomas was a well respected member of the family, revered in the manner that all Australians honour their war heroes from the 1914-18 war - each one of them raised on a mental plinth of respect and love, not just by their own families, but by all peoples of similar backgrounds in whatever countries they happen to live.

Robert Witheridge, born 1886 and Jean Elizabeth Byles 1898-1975 - like his brother, Robert volunteered to join the European war of 1915-18. Robert and Jean married in Fulham, London, in the year 1918 and returned to Roberts' home in Australia to live their lives and raise their family. As you can see, they had four sons. Please also note that from this generation we are not allowed access to the registration records. Some time in the near future another consignment of events will be released, which will give me great pleasure.

Issue of Robert and Jean

James Witheridge - married to Una whose surname we have not yet acquired. We also know that they had three sons, Peter, Robert and Douglas. Douglas has a son called "Shane".

Douglas Witheridge born 1922 - died 3rd May 1968. This, strangely is all we know about Douglas.

Leon Witheridge born 1923. What a lovely old Witheridge name! However it has not been used a great amount over the years, just two or three times to my knowledge - one dating back to the 1580s in Ermington, south Devon. Leon married Diana McCloud in 1946 and to my knowledge they had one son, Leon junior. Sadly Leon senior only lived to the age of 56 years, dying in 1979. He did live to see his son marry Gail O'Dell and their children born, Scott born 1975 and Danielle born 1977

I wonder if you have noticed a pattern that is emerging in the births in this Australian family branch? There are in the region of 65% to 70% male births in each generation

Diana Witheridge, as well as being sister-in-law to Dorothy Witheridge is also a good friend. As you may well imagine most of this information (especially about the more recent events) has been forwarded by Dorothy with a little help from Diana.

Dorothy, born 1928, married the fourth son of Robert and Jean, Michael Allan, born 1925, in 1951. Sadly Michael was not able to see the arrivals of the new generation (grandchildren) of this family.

Dorothy and Michael's first child, Anthony John, born 1952 has one son Thomas Anthony, born 1987. Anthony J. (Tony) is now living in Geneva, Illinois, USA, with his wife Jane née La Porte. Tony is a Chemist but at the moment is working as an engineer. Jane has an engineering degree and works as a consultant to a large company. Both work from home. Tony also produces a Newsletter "The Witheridge Gazette". This very exclusive broadsheet costs one million dollars per issue! Worth every penny we pay!

The next child in line is Kerry Ann McManus née Witheridge, born 1956. Kerry's husband, is also named 'Kerry' Patrick McManus and they married in 1974. To my knowledge they have one son Michael Patrick born 1983. They live 100 miles north of Brisbane in Queensland. Kerry Ann is finishing off her degree in Accountancy. In fact, by now, she may have finished.

The third in line is Grant Michael Witheridge, born 1958. Grant is a Civil Engineer in Sydney. He has specialized in flood control and water run off management.

Last, but not least, Bradley Alan Witheridge, born 1961. Brad is a Chemical Engineer and has worked for Astra Pharmaceuticals in Sydney. In 1995 he was on location in Germany.

To resume the account of families of the earlier generation:

Now to Annie née Witheridge born 1887 and her husband Tom Brown. Apart from their marriage date, 25th May, 1921, and the fact that Annie died in 1989 we have no further information. This is sad, and I must in time redress the situation for there must be a multitude of historical events attached to a life that spans 102 years.

Joseph Witheridge, born 1888 and his wife Ada Innes - they had two sons, John and Joseph. John Married Nadia and they had a son Samuel, born 1972. Joseph married Marian and have children Mark and Leanne.

William Witheridge you will remember married Rosie Innes, sister to Ada. They had the following children:-

1. William Witheridge, born 1921 married Margaret Tarrent - issue:-
Jennifer married to John Tibbits
Geoffrey married to Lynette Lowes
2. Thomas Witheridge, born 1934 married Heather Chalke née Bake - issue - none so far as I know.

3. Allan Witheridge, born 1926 married Judith Rolfe, these are their children: -
 Ian married to Sylvana
 Neil married to Rowena
 Greig married to Karen
 Paul married to Leena
4. Jack Witheridge, born 1928, married Rita Evans and they have children:-
 Kay married to Gerald Wallis
 Ann married to John Egan
5. Philemon Charles (Toby) Witheridge, born 1940 married 1963 to Beverley McGuire.
 They have children Steve and Chris. Steve — Chris married to Theresa Hopkins.
6. Alma Witheridge, born 1946 married 1947 to John Templeman. Children:-
 Rodney and Mark.

Returning to the earlier generation:

Esther Witheridge, born 1891 married Fred or Frank Graham.

Elizabeth Witheridge, born 1893 married Tom Coffee.

Maud Witheridge, born 1894 never married. She died on the 21st June, 1966 at Kindford.

Jacob Witheridge, born 1897 married Lillian Donahue. Their two daughters are named Phyllis and Betty.

This effectively brings this family line up to date, but there will certainly be names that we have missed. I hope that through the continuous research that we do concerning this family line we will soon find any missing issue.

Statistics concerning this family: -

Male issue from and including Thomas Witheridge, born 1808 = 61

Female issue from and including Jane Thomas born 1811 =24

These figures cover six generations.

The issue of Thomas Witheridge and Jane Thomas: 2 female, 7 male, 9 children in all.

The issue of Philemon Witheridge and Mary Carvarth: 8 female, 8 male , 16 children in all.

The issue of John Jack Witheridge and Esther Jennings: 7 female, 3 male, 10 children in all

Robert Witheridge and Elizabeth Ann Kitchen: 9 female and 2 male, 11 children in all.

The issue of this family was not shown.

The issue of William Witheridge and Rosie Innes: 1 female, 5 male, 6 children in all.

Before I close this story I would like to add a few facts concerning Philemon, born 1846. He was a very complex character - a man of religion, a man of great skills, and with great business acumen. He was hard working, and a person of great foresight - a family man.

I am told that he would just love to cause an argument and walk away to leave others to fight it out. Sometimes he became involved in the fighting himself (loving every minute of it). He took his Bible to bed every night, (no doubt asking forgiveness for the fights that he caused). His family meant everything to him even though he would leave them for eighteen months at a time to visit Cornwall. He never spoke of home or his family back in England. In fact he rarely spoke about his nephew and family who lived perhaps fifty to a hundred miles away from his home, even though he visited their home.

He loved his drink, but never seemed to be the worse for it. Perhaps it was his sea legs or his sailor's gait, but no one could tell if he was sober or intoxicated. In short, he was a loveable old rogue. Many out there remember him with affection. No doubt there are many who remember him as a trouble maker.

BUT EVERYONE REMEMBERS HIM, or has heard of him!

I would like to thank all those who posted so much information to me concerning these characters - Dorothy Witheridge for the inspiration to attempt this article, and also for the overwhelming amount of information that she has sent to me over the last four years.

My thanks to Phyllis Cocking and her late mother, Ellen, for information, and to Mrs. Noad for her letters.

John and Pat James have supplied me with a great amount of factual information - my thanks.

Velma Metcalfe has kindly supplied me with updated versions of the Pioneer and New South Wales Indexes with constant regularity, and my thanks to Alice Witheridge for a list of Witheridges.

John Witheridge

TAILPIECE

Nine months on from my article on the fate of the church at Princetown, Dartmoor, Devon, no saviour has appeared to prevent its sale. The diocesan authorities have received an offer, rumoured to be around £45,000, and they are considering the suitability of the prospective purchaser and the plans for the future use of the church. Presumably the graveyard, which is consecrated ground and contains the remains of local people, convicts, and American and French prisoners of war. is not included in the sale.

Editor

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Application Number G009228

REGISTRATION DISTRICT Helston
1872 BIRTH in the Sub-district of Wendron in the County of Cornwall

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
				<u>Philomena</u>						
<u>196</u>	<u>second</u> <u>December</u> <u>1872</u> <u>Wendron</u> <u>Helston</u>	<u>Thomas</u>	<u>Boy</u>	<u>Thomas</u> <u>Philip</u> <u>Withridge</u>	<u>Mary Jane</u> <u>Withridge</u> <u>formerly</u> <u>Carville</u>	<u>Seaman</u> <u>in</u> <u>Merchant</u> <u>Service</u>	<u>The Marks of</u> <u>Philip Withridge</u> <u>Father</u> <u>Wendron</u> <u>Helston</u>	<u>Newcastle</u> <u>December</u> <u>1872</u>	<u>Samuel</u> <u>Withridge</u> <u>Registrar</u>	

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1891. Marriage solemnized at St. Bartholomew Church in the Parish of Northleam in the County of Gloucestershire

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
96	September 9	Richard Witheridge Mary Carruth	of full age	Bachelor Spinster	Sicler	Northleam Northleam	Thomas Witheridge Joseph Carruth	Croft Field Farmer Labourer

Married in the Church of St. Bartholomew according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by _____ or after Banns by me, T. WilliamsThis Marriage
was solemnized
between us.Richard Witheridge
Mary CarruthIn the
Presence
of us.Thomas Witheridge
Thomas Broad

near

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This certificate is issued in pursuance of section 65 of the Marriage Act 1949. Sub-section 3 of that section provides that any certified copy of an entry purporting to be sealed or stamped with the seal of the General Register Office shall be received as evidence of the marriage to which it relates without any further or other proof of the entry, and no certified copy purporting to have been given in the said Office shall be of any force or effect unless it is sealed or stamped as aforesaid.

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No.	Date and place of death	Name and occupation	Sex and age	Cause of death Duration of last illness; medical attendant; when he last saw deceased	Name and occupation of father Name and maiden surname of mother	Informant
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Particulars of registration	When and where buried; name of undertaker	Name and religion of Minister and names of witnesses of burial	Where born and how long in the Australasian Colonies or States	Place of marriage, age, and to whom	Children of marriage
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4254	29 August 1937 Victoria Road Punchbowl MUNICIPALITY NEW SOUTH WALES	Philemon Thomas Witheridge Fisherman	Male 93 years	Influenza (1) Sailed (2) 5 days (3) A. J. Hope (4) Registered (5) 27 August 1937	Philemon Thomas Witheridge Coast Edward Jane Thomas	R. Newman Grand Daughter 107 Victoria Road Punchbowl			
						(1) 30 August 1937 St. Mary's Methodist Berridge Arthur Street Waller of the firm A. W. Boyd and son R. Fisher	H. P. Arthur England 60 years Methodist in NSW about 3 years in Greenland	England (1) 27 years (3) Mary Cardeth	Jane - 57 Martha - 57 Mary - 56 Philemon - 54 Robert - 54 Ann - 52 Joseph - 50 William - 48 Esther - 46 Elizabeth - 44 Hazel - 42 Lillian - 40 John - 38

I, BARBARA FLETT, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE IS A TRUE COPY OF PARTICULARS RECORDED IN A REGISTER KEPT BY ME.

Barbara Flett



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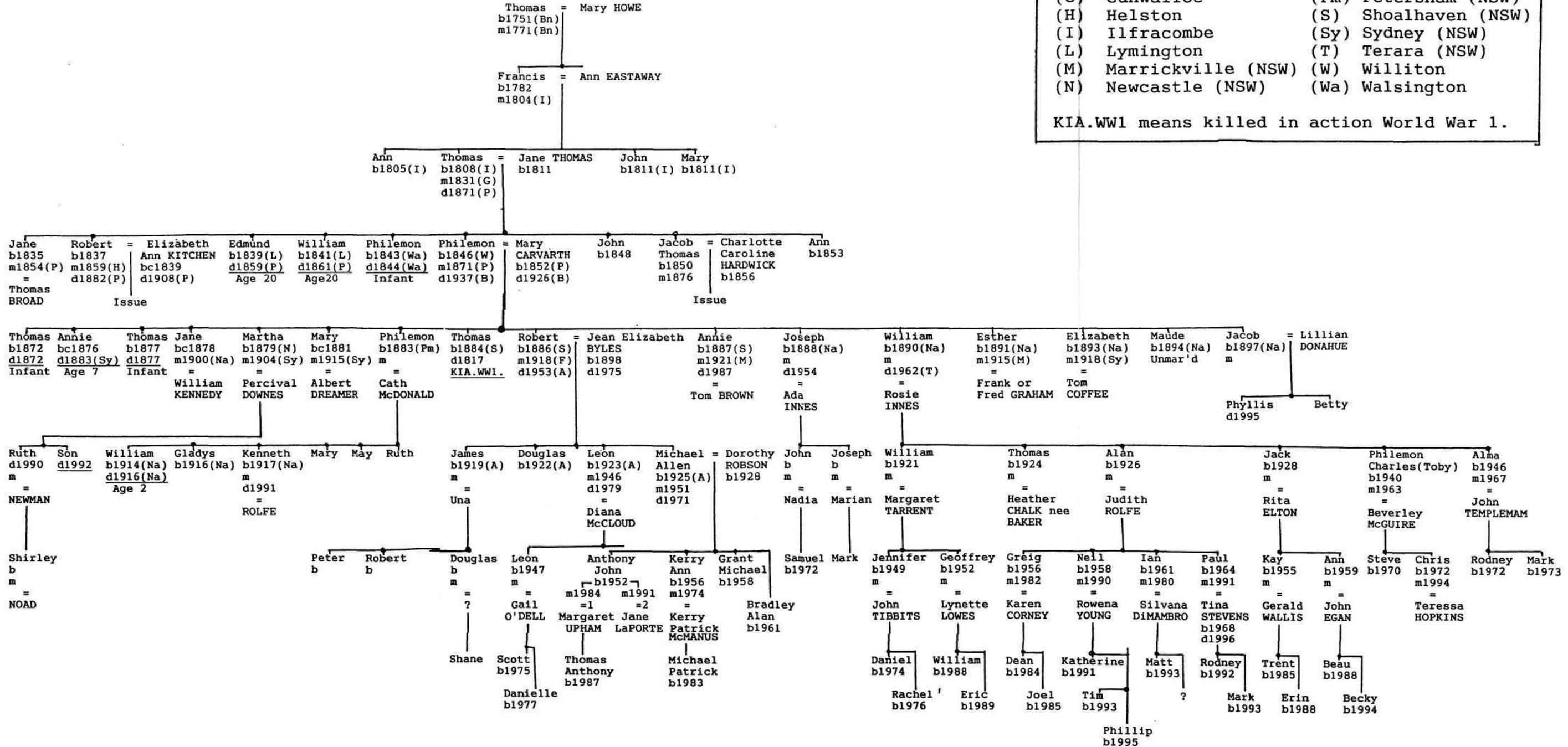
Extension to New South Wales, Australia.

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Listing of Place References:

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(B) Berry (NSW)	(NSW) New South Wales
(Bn) Berrynarbor	in Australia.
(F) Fulham	(P) Porthleven
(G) Gunwalloe	(Pm) Petersham (NSW)
(H) Helston	(S) Shoalhaven (NSW)
(I) Ilfracombe	(Sy) Sydney (NSW)
(L) Lymington	(T) Terara (NSW)
(M) Marrickville (NSW)	(W) Williton
(N) Newcastle (NSW)	(Wa) Walsington

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