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<http://www.WitheridgeFHS.com>

EDITORIAL.

This years reunion held at Tavistock was a great success, despite the attendance of only 15 members.

We welcomed Beryl and Paul Witheridge and Jeff Bassett as new members of the Society and hope they will enjoy their membership and benefit from the information they will receive from our researchers.

During the meeting Kim had arranged for a surprise attendance of Pamela Glynn, a distant cousin of Paul Witheridge (Canada).

We were joined again this year by Kathy and Paul Witheridge from Canada and also by Sheila and Tom Jewel who have helped us with our research over the years.

Food was supplied by arrangement with the Tavistock Town Council and there was plenty for all.

Twelve members met up in the evening for a meal which was quite enjoyable with plenty of good humour and laughter.

On the Sunday, again ten members met at Morwellham and we spent the whole day there in pleasant sunshine. We had lunch there and took a train ride into the old copper mine. We also had a chance to dress up in some old fashioned clothes and photographs of this are shown. Too soon it was time to say our goodbyes to some members and the rest to return to our hotel and home the next day.

FAMILY NEWS.

Information received tells us that Paul and Beryl Witheridge, our newest members, now have a new Granddaughter, Ffion Elizabeth Witheridge born at 15.46 BMT on Sunday 28th March 2004, to Christopher and Sharon Witheridge, weighing in at 41lbs 8ozs. We trust that all is going well and we send our congratulations to parents and Grandparents.

Terry Finemore has been very ill but is hopefully now making some progress to recovery. We wish him well and strength to Barbara to cope with the worry.

Graham Browne is having further problems and we hope these can be sorted out soon. Again we need to give Joyce all our support to help Graham through these trying times.

We understand that Kathy (Canada) was taken ill whilst still in England and hospitalised for a few days, but hope she has now recovered.

Kim Cook has also been unwell for some time and has more problems and likely to have more surgery. We wish her well and hope for a better future.

CHANGE OF E- MAIL ADDRESS.

Julia Crocker now has a new e mail address as follows

Julia@crockerbath.rreeserve.co.uk Sorry Julia, this should have been in the magazine earlier.

**MINUTES OF THE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
WITHERIDGE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY**
held at the Rundle Room, Tavistock Town Hall
Saturday 22 May 2004

The meeting opened at 1 lam under the chairmanship of Ron Dixon (standing in for absent Chairman) who welcomed those members present.

Present: Jeff Basset, Roy and Kim Cook, Ron and Brenda Dixon, Terry and Barbara Finemore, Tom and Sheila Jewell, Paul and Beryl Witheridge (Marlow) Paul and Kathy Witheridge (Ontario), Richard & Maureen Witheridge.

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Graham and Joyce Brown (who sent greetings), Jason, Zoe, Ethan and Lauren Cook, Alan and Alison Smith, Rev David Witheridge (Minneapolis, who send a goodwill greeting to all), David and June Witheridge (Plymouth), Mark, Jenny & James Witheridge.

2 Minutes of AGM held at 21 Poplar Avenue, Orpington Kent on the 3 May 2003

It was proposed that the report as published in the Summer 2003 issue of *Witheridge Times* be accepted.

Proposed by Barbara Finemore, seconded by Kim Cook. Passed unanimously

3 Matters arising from the Minutes of 2003 AGM.

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

4 Officers Reports

- a Chairman's Report.
- b Treasurer's Report.
- c Research Co-ordinator's Report.

Copies of these reports were circulated and it was proposed that all three reports be accepted.

Proposed by Roy Cook, seconded Brenda Dixon. Passed unanimously
(Copies of these reports are shown following these minutes.)

5 Election of Officers

Chairman: Ron Dixon agreed to take on the post provided he was available on the day of the next AGM.

Proposed by Kim Cook, seconded by Richard Witheridge. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer: Richard Witheridge

Proposed by Roy Cook, seconded by Terry Finemore. Passed unanimously.

Assistant Treasurer: Maureen Witheridge

Proposed by Richard Witheridge, seconded by Paul Witheridge (Ontario). Passed unanimously.

Auditor: Ron Dixon

Proposed by Richard Witheridge, seconded by Roy Cook. Passed unanimously.

Secretary: Barbara Finemore

Proposed by Maureen Witheridge, seconded by Kim Cook. Passed unanimously.

Membership Secretary: Richard Witheridge

Proposed by Kim Cook, seconded by Paul Witheridge (Ontario). Passed unanimously.

Research Co-ordinator: Kim Cook

Proposed by Richard Witheridge, seconded by Brenda Dixon. Passed unanimously.

Editor and Publisher: Richard Witheridge

Proposed by Kim Cook, seconded by Barbara Finemore. Passed unanimously.

Assistant Editor: Kim Cook

Proposed by Richard Witheridge, seconded by Jeff Bassett. Passed unanimously.

Printing and Distribution

This post is discontinued, as the work is now contracted out, currently to Parchment (Oxford).

Overseas Representatives

Canada Kathy Witheridge agrees to continue.

New Zealand Velma Metcalfe confirms by recent e-mail that she is willing to continue.

Australia It is hoped that Dorothy Witheridge will continue on our behalf, but we await confirmation of this.

Committee Members

It was proposed that these and overseas representatives be voted to continue en bloc.

Proposed by Kim Cook, seconded by Richard Witheridge

The Chairman thanked all those Officers and Committee members for their work for the Society, and congratulated those now elected.

6 Any other business

- a Sheila Jewel reminded the meeting that the Devon Record Office in Exeter is due to move to new offices at Sowton soon, with certain records being unavailable for some time. The new offices will also incorporate the Archives of the Met Office.
- b A greetings card for Graham and Joyce Browne was circulated for all present to sign as, due to Graham's ill health, they had had to miss the reunion for only the second time since the inaugural meeting in 1987.
- c A birthday card for the 90th birthday in August of the Society's Hon Vice Chairman, Rev David Witheridge, was circulated for all to sign. Kim will endeavour to obtain other signatures before forwarding the card to Minneapolis.
- d Congratulations were given to Kim Cook on the publication of her Dictionary of Family History.
- e Members were reminded that original documents and photographs should not be stored in ordinary plastic wallets or photo albums, but should always be kept in acid-free wallets or pockets to avoid deterioration. Scanning such items and storing the images on CDs was also recommended.
- f Further emphasis was made on the need (as mentioned in the Research Report) for anyone holding genealogical material to make testamentary provision for such items, stating where research material should go and the access levels allowed. It was also confirmed that should the Witheridge FHS ever fold, all records held by the Society must be placed in one or more relevant County Record Offices.
- g The question was again raised as to whether an AGM was necessary. Kim Cook pointed out that all reunions such as ours are now legally required to have full public liability insurance. Securing this as an individual group could be prohibitively expensive, but our membership of the Federation of Family History Societies provides the necessary

legal cover at a reasonable rate, as well as giving other advantages. Implicit in that membership is that we should be a formally constituted society, for which there is a legal obligation to hold an AGM.

- h It was pointed out by Jeff Bassett that the AGM takes only a couple of hours in the whole weekend, and that the emphasis should therefore be on the Reunion. This change of emphasis could encourage a larger attendance. Jeff therefore proposed that in future the annual gathering should be called Reunion and AGM. This was seconded by Kim Cook and passed unanimously.
- i Kim Cook confirmed that, in accordance with the terms of last year's AGM, she had bought, on behalf of the Witheridge FHS a Plymouth Marriage CD, produced by the Devon FHS, at £15.50, and a four-CD pack of Australian Vital Records, produced by the LDS, at £7.95, plus two GRO certificates totalling £14.00. This total spending of £37.45 was well within the limit of £50 agreed at the last AGM.
- j The Acting Chairman, Ron Dixon, was presented with a bottle of wine as a token of our gratitude for his willingness to stand in short notice.

7 Date and time of next Reunion & AGM

It was proposed that the provision for the 2005 meeting to be held in the Birmingham area be set aside, and the venue moved to the Bedfordshire or Buckinghamshire area. This was unanimously agreed. Paul and Beryl Witheridge agreed to make enquiries about a venue for the meeting, accommodation and a social outing. The final details, with the emphasis on the social side, are to be agreed by the Committee, and published in *Witheridge Times* at the earliest possible date.

8 The meeting was closed at 12.30pm by the Acting Chairman, Ron Dixon, who thanked all those attending.

Post-meeting note. It was agreed to continue, on an annual basis, the £50 allowance for the purchase of research materials.

After the AGM, a buffet lunch was served in the Rundle room with tea/coffee. During the lunch we had a surprise visit, arranged previously by Kim, from Pamela Glynn, a descendant of Ann Witheridge of the Bradworthy branch of the family and a cousin of Paul Witheridge of Ontario.

During the afternoon there was plenty of time to chat, catch up with family news and compare notes on family history, with a number of laptops in evidence. Paul and Pamela had a great time comparing family trees and research information. Kim was able to help some members who had hit brick walls in their research and as usual her card index provided some useful information. Not electronic, but has the advantage of not needing a power point and being useful even in a power cut.

When the afternoon session closed at 5pm, some members made their way home or to their hotels. In the evening twelve of us met at the Old Coach House in Ottery for a convivial meal.

NOTE: Paul and Beryl have researched there area and have found a hall in MARLOW which would suit our purposes. Also plenty of areas to explore. Look out for further details in the next magazine.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDING 30TH APRIL 2004.

INCOME.

Brought forward from March 2003 statement No 192	<u>£1010.51</u>
Membership Subscriptions including payments for Previous years.	£ 405.00
Donation to Society	£ 50.00
Cash from sales of booklets at the AGM	£ 15.00
TOTAL	<u>£ 1480.51</u>

EXPENDITURE

Tea/coffee at home of Ron/Brenda Dixon Donation	£ 00.00
Payment re Kim Cook for despatch of magazines for Vol 17 No 1	£31.94
Payment to Parchment for printing and despatch of Magazine Vol 17 NO 2	£81.14.
Membership Secretary account (Donation)	£ 00.00
Secretary's account (No submission)	£ 00.00
Subscription to Guild of One-Name Studies. (2004)	£ 12.00
Subscription to Federation of Family History (2004.)	£ 30.00
Advance payment to Tavistock Town Council for Booking Rundle room for AGM 2004. (50% deposit)	£ 25.00
Payment to Parchment for printing and despatch of Magazine Vol 17 No 3.	£ 79.96
TOTAL	<u>£260.04</u>

FINAL BALANCE £1220.47

As per statement No 202 dated 19th March 2004

We the undersigned believe the above to be an accurate statement of the current financial standing for the Witheridge Society for the year ending 30th April 2004.

R H Witheridge
Treasurer.

M L Witheridge.
Assistant Treasurer.

R Dixon
Auditor.

Dated 14th April 2004

Dated 14th April 2004.

Dated 14th April 2004.

NOTE. I have paid the subscription to the GoONS and FFHS and although held in my name, it is fully understood that I represent the Witheridge Family History Society.

The balance carried forward and shown on the statement will be as stated on the **March** statement from the bank. This gives me time to prepare the accounts and pass to the Auditor and make it simpler for checking by the Auditor. Any later payments/deductions will be included with next year's figures.

Richard Witheridge. APR 2004
Treasurer.

Welcome by the Chairman (David Witheridge)

Welcome Witheridges to the historic town of Tavistock, an ancient Stannary town. The surrounding area is littered with the remains of now defunct tin mines which, in years gone by, provided a large amount of employment and wealth. In later years copper mining became the major industry, mostly at Devon Great Consuls at nearby Morwellham. Much reconstruction has taken place there and it is well worth a visit if time allows. I hope the weather behaves itself for your visit, as Tavistock is regarded as one of the wettest places in Devon, but when the sun shines it is a charming place.

Unfortunately I will not be joining you this year. We had a too good to miss offer of taking a cruise to Madeira, so will be far away.

Chairman's report

It is interesting to hear of new members joining and to hear of recent additions to our extended family. Also our condolences and sympathy goes out to all those who have lost loved ones.

Thanks are due to those of our membership who battle on finding hitherto unknown family links and experiences of past family members. Little glimpses of life in bygone years is always interesting and makes one ponder on the way of life of those long ago days. Our own family are doing well, grandchildren Nicholas & Susanna are growing, we see quite a lot of them. Daughter Jane & her partner, both artists, have gone to live in Burgundy. Have a good time

David Witheridge. May 2004

TREASURERS REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING APRIL 2004. **(Includes Membership Secretary's report)**

This year we have continued, as other years, to lose some members, but gain new ones. Eve Witheridge in New Zealand has decided not to renew her membership, Bob Thomas has sadly passed away. Catherine Spina who appeared to have cancelled has now rejoined; Joan Solly from Tavistock has sadly died.

We welcome Paul and Beryl Witheridge, Valerie Wells and also Jeff Bassett to the Society. Our expenditure overall remains roughly the same and therefore once again we can keep the subscription fees at the same level. Incidentally this is the same as when the Society started in 1987.

Our finances still hover around the £1000 mark and I believe this is sufficient for a Society of our size.

We send out approximately 50 copies of the magazine, 19 abroad (Australia, Canada, USA, New Zealand and France) and 29 in the UK.

Richard Witheridge Treasurer. May 2004.

Research co-ordinator's report May 2004

Once again this has been a busy and fruitful year for research, with some surprising discoveries, and still some elusive characters who seem determined not to be found! Our heartfelt thanks go to all those members, here and overseas, who have provided us with information to add to our database.

Joyce Browne, who sadly cannot be with us today, has once again done sterling work on the Society's behalf, as has Kathy Witheridge, and we have again been able to use Sheila Jewell's skills for searches that can be made only in Devon. I've also been hard at work on research, and between us we've progressed our knowledge of the many branches of the Witheridge family, often in unexpected directions.

We continue to receive internet enquiries, sometimes direct to our website, and sometimes as a result of our own searches picking up a contact through one of the many search engines. All these enquiries are followed up, and some have resulted in Witheridge descendants joining the fold. We are particularly happy to have some of these new members with us today.

Joyce has continued her attempts to find the origins of William Witheridge, a seaman who was the father of William James Witheridge. Although more has been discovered about William's widow, Mary Ann Bounty, including a previous marriage, we have still not confirmed William's parentage.

Joyce has also been working on the Penzance/Helston families, and in this has been helped by correspondence with our member John James in British Columbia.

With this Tavistock reunion in mind, Kathy has put in a tremendous amount of work and prepared an excellent report on the descendants of John Philips Witheridge, whose family was resident for some time in Tavistock. This has tied in with my own work on the will of Richard Witheridge of the Tavistock family, published in the Spring issue of *Witheridge Times*.

A long-standing query was resolved when we learned the true identity of John Witheridge who died in 1916 in Dunedin, New Zealand. In the event, he wasn't a Witheridge, having been born John Pengelly Bussell, the son of Mary Ann Bussell and an unknown father. John later adopted the name of his stepfather, George Causey Witheridge, and used this surname for the rest of his life.

Information on some Totnes burials supplied by Sheila Jewell resulted in a search which clarified some family situations, and we were able to confirm that Witheridge families with differing origins were living in the Totnes/Newton Abbot area in the late nineteenth century.

Further work has been done on the descendants of John Northmore Witheridge and his first wife Maria Tall Sandover, and we are happy to have one of their descendants, Jeff Bassett, with us today.

Searching for the parents of Lucy and Elizabeth Wetheridge, who were in Plymouth orphan asylum in 1851, has produced discrepancies. Lucy's birth certificate names her parents as Richard Witheridge, mariner, and Isabella nee Talleck, but our existing information gives Richard's wife as Isabella Atherton. To help resolve this we have ordered the certificate of Richard Witheridge's death in 1845, but this hasn't yet arrived. Lucy herself survived, married in the UK, but settled in Michigan, USA, and had at least four children there.

My own research has led to the discovery of the 1820 emigration to Cape Colony of James Witheridge and his daughter Benetta Sarah (or Sarah Benetta), with many descendants in South Africa today. The first part of this story appeared in the Spring issue

of *Witheridge Times*. Essential documents from South Africa, including death notices and wills, cannot be ordered on-line, but I have found a good contact there who will order the documents for us and post them on. The costs involved have not yet been determined, but I trust the purchase of these will have the committee's approval, as they will help us trace both the UK links and further descendants of this family. Searches at the UK end to confirm the parentage of James and the name of his wife, have so far yielded nothing definite, but will continue.

I now have further information on the Witheridges of Chatham, which will be followed up shortly.

Using PROCAT, I have located and download more Witheridge wills, including two relating to my own Wembury family. These will feature in the 'Where there's a will' series in *Witheridge Times*.

From my own CDs, I have printed details of Witheridges who appear in the British Vital Records Index, 2nd edition, and I have a copy with me today.

Using freebmd, and cross-referencing with census information, I have been able to track down the marriage partners of a number of Witheridges, and find descendants of Witheridge women. Additionally, I've made a record of all the Witheridge and Wetheridge entries listed in the on-line telephone directory for the UK, and plan to follow up as many of these as possible during the coming months.

Recent internet searches have produced a number of small but fascinating items, some dealing with the Tavistock families. Four Calstock marriages may be of interest to our members. These relate to Mary Jane Delbridge, Thomas Witheridge (as groom and witness on the same day!) and Emily Witheridge. Full details will appear shortly in *Witheridge Times*.

On-line records of the Nanticoke Fire Dept show that among those honoured at the Department's 80th Anniversary celebrations in 1965 was Thomas Witheridge, 1892, 73 years. This Thomas is of course a descendant of John Philips Witheridge of Tavistock. I have more details of the Fire Department's History for anyone who would like a copy.

Thomas Witheridge Gubb of South Africa, descended from the Combe Martin line, is listed on-line as a keen cricketer who played for Eastern Province in two matches in the Currie Cup 1902-3 series. I have details of the dates and places of these matches, and TWG's averages.

Finally, from the Book of Remembrance at All Saints' Church, Oystermouth, Mumbles, among the list of WWII casualties is Philip Witheridge Manning, Trooper 7912029 of the 11th Hussars, Royal Armoured Corps, killed in action at Solium (North Africa) on 7 August 1941. Although I haven't yet confirmed his parentage, I believe he is descended from Grace Witheridge of Bradworthy, who married John Manning in 1855. From the Hussars' official website I also have an extract from the regimental diary which describes the events of the day on which Philip Manning was killed.

All this research has been done at virtually no cost to the Witheridge FHS. The only expense has been £14.00 for two GRO certificates.

At last year's AGM it was agreed that a sum of £50.00 should be made available for research resources, subject to the approval of the committee. This has resulted in four purchases, two of specific documents, and two of data resources.

The specific documents are those already mentioned - the birth certificate of John Pengelly Bussell, and the death certificate of Richard Witheridge, who died in Stoke Damerel in 1845.

The two data resource purchases have been the Plymouth Marriage Index, volume 2, a CD produced by Devon FHS and costing £15.50, and the Australian Vital Records Index,

a set of four CDs produced by LDS, and costing £7.95. I have with me a printout of the Witheridge marriage details from the Plymouth CD.

I haven't yet had a chance to search the AVRI, which supplements the meagre Australian records on the IGI. For legal reasons, the information on the AVRI cannot be sold in Australia, so this will be a helpful resource for us to use on behalf of our Australian families. The AVRI has births, baptisms, marriages and deaths from New South Wales (1788-1888), Tasmania (1903-1899), Victoria (1837-1888) and Western Australia (1841-1905).

This makes our total research spending so far £36.45, well within the budget limit. All of this falls within the 2004 financial year, so doesn't yet show on the accounts. With so much information now becoming available online and in CD format, I would like to suggest that we make a similar provision of £50.00 each year to be spent on research, divided (as this year) between specific documents (eg GRO certificates, PPR and PCC wills etc) and data resources (either in CD or printed format). In the past, research expenses have been met by a few of the Society's members out of their own pockets, but we should not continue to presume upon the generosity of a few individuals. Any spending would, of course, be subject to the prior approval of the Committee.

One suggestion is that we purchase some of the parish register transcripts produced by the Devon FHS, so that we can search for births of non-Witheridges who married in, the descendants of married Witheridge women, and for strays whose details have so far eluded us. I have with me a list of the parishes and dates covered, and as these printed transcripts sell for just £2.00 each, they could prove a useful investment.

Finally, four timely reminders. Firstly, before you embark on any research, please do contact me, as I may be able to save you the time and expense of duplicating work that has already been done. Secondly, whether you have research success or hit a brick wall, or even if you just have a family story to tell, do write it up for *Witheridge Times*, or pass the information on to me so that I can write the story up for you. We're always glad to have material for our journal. Thirdly, think not only of the past, but of the future. Make provision now, in your will, for the safe keeping of your research results and family memorabilia. The last thing any of us would want would be to have precious records and research ending up in a black bin liner, or in the computer recycle bin, when we in our turn become part of the family history. And if there's no one in your immediate family willing to maintain your records, consider leaving them either to the Witheridge FHS or to your county record office. If there's sensitive material, you can always stipulate the level of access allowed and/or specify a time scale for release of information. But please, whatever happens, don't allow your research and memorabilia to be dumped. And finally, remember our bank of copy certificates. If you have family certificates, please deposit copies with us, and if you need information, we can supply full certificate details for just £1.50 for each certificate - much cheaper than buying a new one!

I'm sorry this has been such a long report - although perhaps I shouldn't be, as it reflects the strong levels of research being done by and for our members. Thank you all. I'm confident that together we can maintain this level of research in the future, and I look forward to being able to publish it in *Witheridge Times*.

Kim Cook *May 2004*



Photo taken in the Rundle room Tavistock Town Hall May 2004.

Back row Left to right.

Paul Witheridge (Marlow) Beryl Witheridge (Marlow) Jeff Bassett. Terry Finemore. Roy Cook

Centre row. Left to right..) Paul Witheridge (Canada Ron Dixon. Brenda Dixon. Barbara Finemore. Pamela Glynn.

Front row Left to right Kim Cook Kathy Witheridge (Canada). Maureen Witheridge Richard Witheridge.

Thanks for the photo Kathy.

MORE FROM GENEALOGISTS NEVER DIE.

Can a first cousin once removed--., return?

Floor: the place for storing your priceless genealogy records.

Gene-Allergy: It's a contagious disease, but I love it.

Genealogists are time unravellers.

Genealogy is like playing hide and seek: they hide I seek.

Genealogy: Tracing yourself back to better people.

I want to find ALL of them. So far I have only a few thousand.

I should have asked them before they died!.

I think my ancestors had a few "BAD HEIR" days

Only a genealogist regards a step backwards as progress.

Thanks again Deidre.



What a fine bunch of men!!. Dressing up in old clothes at Morwelham.



Lovely ladies at Morwelham all dressed up with no where to go.

Federation books held by Witheridge FHS 2004.

INFORMATION SENT TO THE WITHERIDGE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY FROM 2002 -2004	
TITLE	AUTHOR/S
Probate Jurisdictions: Where to look for Wills. 5 th Edition.	Jeremy Gibson and Else Churchill
Record Offices. How to find them. 9 th Edition.	Jeremy Gibson and Pamela Peskett
Local Newspapers 1750-1920 England and Wales, Channel Islands, Isle of Man. A select location list. 2 nd Edition	Jeremy Gibson, Brett Langston and Brenda W Smith
Tracing your German Ancestors. 2 nd Edition.	Peter Towey
Scottish Family History on the Web. A Directory.	Stuart Raymond
Family History on the Web. An internet directory for England and Wales. 2002/3 Edition.	Stuart Raymond
Genealogical resources within the Jewish home and family.	Rosemary Wenzelul
Basic facts about Lunatics in England and Wales for Family Historians.	Pamela Faithfull
Surnames and Genealogy. A new approach.	George Redmonds
Current Publications on Microfiche by member Societies. 5 th Edition.	Compiled by John P Perkins
Administrative Records for Surrey and Sussex genealogists. Government, Ecclesiastical, Estate.	Stuart A Raymond
Surrey and Sussex lists of names.	Stuart A Raymond
Information sources for Surrey and Sussex Genealogists History, Archives, Journals etc.	Stuart A Raymond
Using Computers for Genealogy. 3 rd Edition.	David Hawgood
Basic facts about Descendant tracing.	Tom Wood
The book catalogue for Family and local Historian.	FFHS Publication
Was your Grandfather a Railwayman?. A directory of Railway Archive sources for Family Historians. 4 th Edition.	Tom Richards
Family History News and Digest	FFHS
The Family Historian's Pocket Dictionary	Stuart A Raymond
Monumental Inscriptions on the Web	Stuart A Raymond
War Memorials on the Web Part 1 Southern England. The Marches and Wales	Stuart A Raymond
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Births, Marriages and Deaths on the Web Part 2 The Midlands, Northern England and East Anglia.	Stuart A Raymond
Words from Wills and other probate records	Stuart A Raymond
World War 1 Army Ancestry 4 th Edition	Norman Holding. Revised and updated by Ian Swinnterton
Family History on the Web An internet directory for England and Wales 2004/5	Stuart A Raymond

Tracing your 20 th Century Family History	Stuart A Raymond
Family Feuds An Introduction to Chancery Proceedings	Susan T Moore
First Name Variants 3rd Edition	Alan Baedsley
The Disability Discrimination Act 1995 A general Guide for Family History Societies	David Lambert
Researching brewery and Publican Ancestors	Simon Fowler
History's Midwives including a C17th and C18th Yorkshire Midwives Nominations Index	Joan E Grundy

These books belong to the Witheridge Family History Society and can be borrowed at the cost of postage, to be returned within 2 months or renewed borrowing time.

The FFHS has a number of books etc and these can be seen by visiting www.familyhistorybooks.co.uk

RECORD OFFICE BROWSING by Sheila Jewel.

While browsing in the Plymouth record office, I came across an index of Coroner's reports. As not many reports are archived generally, this was quite a find. I looked for the name Witheridge and yes there were three by that name. I duly ordered them in anticipation. I know death certificates do give you cause of death given by the Coroner, but a report gives you much more detail.

The post mortems were on George Thomas Witheridge age 44, William Henry Witheridge age 75 and Mary J Witheridge age 36, all living in Plymouth.

Mary J Witheridge was the wife of Joseph Frederick Witheridge. A witness was Millie Jope, who on oath said, "I lived in the same house as the deceased. On Saturday afternoon I was told by Mrs Witheridge's little daughter who was 5 years old, that the fat was on fire. I told Mrs Witheridge and she went and knocked an enamelled basin on a gas ring, in doing so she caught her dress on fire. She had the baby in her arms which I took and it was not burnt. Others came and she was taken to hospital".

The practitioner at the hospital said that she was admitted on Saturday afternoon suffering from extensive burns all over her body. The case was absolutely hopeless from the first and she died from shock and burns.

Her husband Joseph Frederick Witheridge swore on oath that he was a butcher in the Devon Regiment and resided at 3 Notte Street Plymouth. He knew nothing of the occurance as he was away at the time.

When Mary died in 1917 she left 6 Children. A baby died in 1917 but I do not know if it died after Mary or before.

Sadly Joseph Frederick died in 1918 leaving a little family without parents.

This is a sad story but it does show what information one can find while browsing. Sad indeed. Thanks Sheila for this information, we may be able to build on this later.ED.

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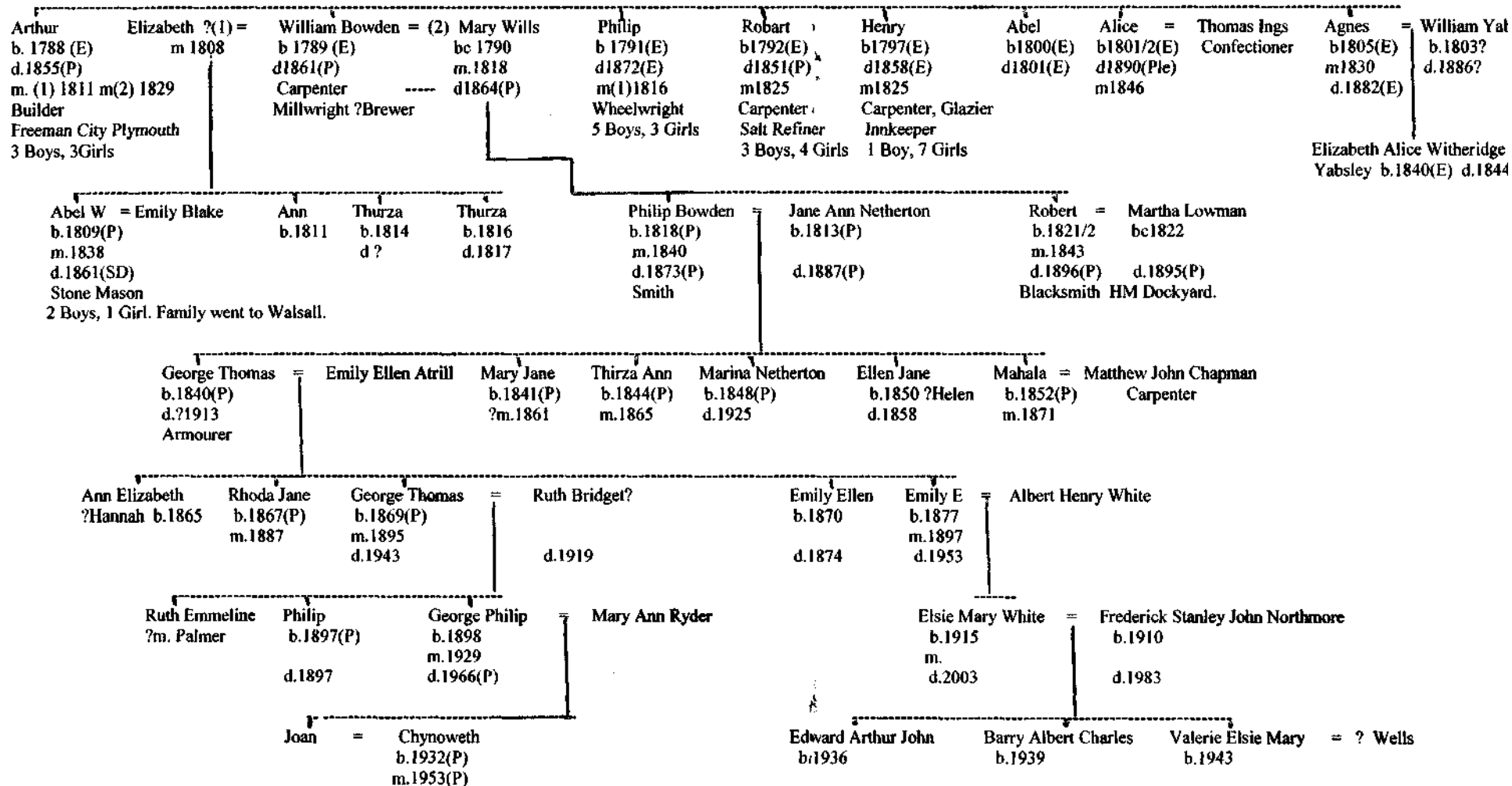
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Section of the Ermington Family Tree

Arthure Witheridge m 1607 Johane Edgecombe
 C1580-1640 | c1582-1666

4 Generations

Arthur Witheridge = Elizabeth Bowden
 b 1758 (E) m1787 | bc 1765
 d 1847 (E) | d 1839(E)



(E) Ermington
 (P) Plymouth
 (Ple) Poole

Compiled by JR Browne from data available August 2003. Revised by Richard Witheridge May 2004.

NOT AS THUNK AS YOU DRINK I AM.!!!

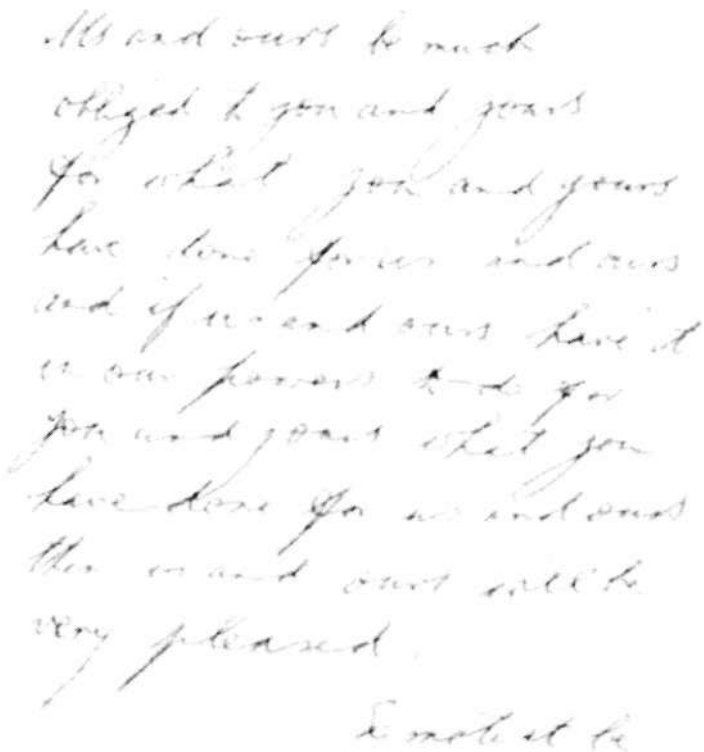
From our new member Paul Witheridge we have the following.

If you recall, I mentioned a "toast" that my grandfather always flourished on very special occasions. It's a real tongue twister and I suspect he may well have used it to prove he had not drunk too much.

"Us and ours be much obliged to you and yours for what you and yours have done for us and ours and if it is in our powers to do for you and yours what you and yours have done for us and ours then us and ours will be very pleased. So mote it be."

My grandfather was Arthur Witheridge, born 13 July 1885 in Kingskerswell to James and Hannah Witheridge (formerly Jerman) and died 30 September 1960 in Parkstone, Dorset. He lived most of his life in Oxford.

Note:- The Editor was not drunk either when thinking up the title!!.



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have done for us and ours
then us and ours will be
very pleased.
So mote it be

In his own hand, this is how it looked.

Descendants of John Phillips Witheridge

by Kathy Witheridge.

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First Generation

1. John Phillips Witheridge-[23], son of **Richard Witheridge-[32]** and **Mary Phillips-[33]**, was christened on 2 Feb 1805 in Tavistock, Devon, England and died in 1871 in Tavistock, Devon, England, at age 66.

Research Notes: 1851 Census:

Ottery, Lamerton, Tavistock, Devon

WITHERIDGE, John head 46 Labourer Tavistock

WITHERIDGE, Jane wife 38 Lamerton

WITHERIDGE, Richard son 16 Mine Lab Lamerton

WITHERIDGE, John son 13 Farm Lab Lamerton

WITHERIDGE, Emma dau 8 Scholar Lamerton

WITHERIDGE, William son 5 Lamerton

WITHERIDGE, Mary dau 2 Lamerton

WITHERIDGE, Ann dau 1 Lamerton

John married Jane Percy-[24] [MRIN:7] on 13 Sep 1832 in Tavistock, Devon, England.

Children from this marriage were:

2 F i. **Mary Witheridge-[102]** was born in Tavistock, Devon, England and was christened on 18 Jan 1833 in Ogbeare, Devon, England.

+ 3 M ii. **Richard Witheridge-[25]** was born in Tavistock, Devon, England, was christened on 1 Apr 1835 in Ottery, Devon, England, and died in 1897 in Tavistock, Devon, England, at age 62.

+ 4 M iii. **John Phillips Witheridge-[1]** was born on 23 May 1837 in Ottery, Devon, England, was christened on 16 Jun 1837 in Lamerton, Devon, England, died on 24 Nov 1913 in Nanticoke, Luzerne, PA., USA, at age 76, and was buried in Nanticoke cemetery.

5 M iv. **George Edwin Witheridge-[27]** was born in 1840 in Tavistock, Devon, England, was christened on 12 Feb 1840 in Tavistock, Devon, England, and died in 1852 in Tavistock, Devon, England, at age 12.

Research Notes: Bapt., taken from Tavistock Parish Records, transcribed by Sheila Jewell.

6 F v. **Emma Ann Witheridge-[163]** was christened on 1 May 1842 in Lamerton, Devon, England.

7 M vi. **William Witheridge-[28]** was born on 30 Oct 1844 in Tavistock, Devon, England

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and died in 1844 in Tavistock, Devon, England.

8 M vii. **William Percy Witheridge-[29]** was born in Ottery, Devon, England, was christened on 27 Mar 1846 in Lamerton, Devon, England, and died in 1861 in Tavistock, Devon, England, at age 15.

9 F viii. **Mary Witheridge-[30]** was christened on 4 Aug 1848 in Lamerton, Devon, England and died in 1852 in Tavistock, Devon, England, at age 4.

10 M ix. George Edwin Witheridge-[172] was christened on 9 Apr 1852 in Lamerton, Devon, England.

Research Notes: Bapt., taken from Tavistock Parish Records, transcribed by Sheila Jewell.

+ 11 M x. **Alfred Percy Witheridge-[31]** was born on 2 Feb 1855 in Tavistock, Devon, England and was christened on 27 Apr 1855 in Ottery, Devon, England.

Second Generation (Children)

3. Richard Witheridge-[25] (*John Phillips 1*) was born in Tavistock, Devon, England, was christened on 1 Apr 1835 in Ottery, Devon, England, and died in 1897 in Tavistock, Devon, England, at age 62.

Research Notes: Shipping Records sent from Australia

Ship: Prince of Wales

Left England 21st July 1866. Arrived Adelaide 17th October, 1866

Passengers:

Richard Witheridge - age 30 years

Anne Witheridge - age 28 years

Polly Witheridge - age 2 years

Marion Witheridge - age, infant

Richard married **Mary Ann Hatherleigh-[26]** [MRIN:8] on 15 Sep 1861 in Lamerton, Devon, England.

Marriage Notes: Marriage Certificate reads:

On the 15th September, 1861, Richard Witheridge, aged 26, bachelor, labourer of Lamerton, whose father was John Witheridge, a road man, married Mary Ann Hatherly, aged 22, spinster of Tavistock, whose father was Thomas Hatherly, labourer

Children from this marriage were:

12 M i. **William Percy Witheridge-[167]** was born in 1861 in Tavistock, Devon, England and died in 1861 in Tavistock, Devon, England.

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+ 13 F ii. **Polly Witheridge-[44]** was born on 5 Jul 1863 in Tavistock, Devon, England.

14 F iii. **Marion Witheridge-[46]** was born in 1865 in Tavistock, Devon, England.

4. John Phillips Witheridge-[1] (*John Phillips 1*) was born on 23 May 1837 in Ottery, Devon, England, was christened on 16 Jun 1837 in Lamerton, Devon, England, died on 24 Nov 1913 in Nanticoke, Luzerne, PA., USA, at age 76, and was buried in Nanticoke cemetery.

Research Notes: 1870 Census for Rockway Twp., New Jersey

WITHERIDGE, John 31 Miner England

WITHERIDGE, Emma 31 England

WITHERIDGE, Mary 8 England

WITHERIDGE, George 5 England

WITHERIDGE, John 8/mo New Jersey

This family appeared in the 1880 Census for Randolph, Morris, **New** Jersey, USA

WITHERIDGE, John head 43 1837 England mine worker

WITHERIDGE, Emma wife 41 1839 England house keeper

WITHERIDGE, Mary dau 17 1863 N.J. at home

WITHERIDGE, George son 14 1866 N.J. at home

WITHERIDGE, John son 11 1869 N.J. at home
WITHERIDGE, Tom son 7 1873 N.J.
WITHERIDGE, Jane dau 4 1876 N.J.
WITHERIDGE, Emma dau 3 1877 N.J.
WITHERIDGE, Willie W. son 1 1879 N.J.
Newspaper - Nov 10, 1892, page 7 in W.B. Record

THE ACCIDENTS AT NANTICOKE

One Man Instantly Killed and Several Others Badly Burned

There were three accidents in No. 2 shaft of the Susquehanna Coal Co. at Nanticoke yesterday by which one man was killed and four others badly injured. The first one happened in the forenoon when a driver boy living on Will Street had his leg broken by being caught between a trip of cars and a prop. The next one, an explosion of gas, occurred at 3 o'clock, by which Gomer Lewis, a bratticeman, and John Firman, a driver boy, were badly burned about the face and hands. The third and fatal one, also a gas explosion, happened at 4 o'clock, by which John Rebinski of North Market Street was killed and J.P. Wetheredge of Main Street was badly burned about the face and hands. Rebinski was horribly disfigured. His clothes were almost entirely burned from his body and the limbs were broken. He was a single man.

1900 Census - 226 S. Market Street, Nanticoke
WITHERIDGE, John head 63 May 1837 mar 1838 England
WITHERIDGE, Emma wife 38 Nov 1838 England
WITHERIDGE, Tom son 26 Aug 1873 New Jersey
WITHERIDGE, Emma dau 23 Oct 1876 New Jersey

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Wilkes-Barre Record - November 25, 1913
DEATH OF AGED RESIDENT

Death claimed one of Nanticoke's oldest residents yesterday afternoon shortly before 4 o'clock in the person of John P. Witheridge, who made his home with his daughter, Mrs. John Curtis of State Street. Mr. Witheridge had been ill about one week with pneumonia which followed a severe cold contracted one week ago Sunday. The following day he attempted to follow his occupation which was that of inspector and which he did faithfully despite his advanced years, but was compelled to return to his home before the day was over. He grew worse gradually and passed peacefully away yesterday afternoon.

Deceased was born in Ottery near Taverstock, Devonshire, England, May 23, 1837. In 1865? he came to this country and resided for some time at Port Oram, N.J. where he was engaged in mining in the iron ore mines. On Thanksgiving Day of 1885 he came to Nanticoke, where he has since resided and where he was respected and esteemed.

During his residence here he was employed in and about the mines of the Susquehanna Coal Company and was active, sober and industrious, his nearly four score years apparently not weighing heavily upon him. He was a member of

Methodist Episcopal Church of this place and enjoyed the distinction of being identified with two lodges for forty years. These were Hopewell Lodge No. 97, Knights of Pythias of Wharton, N.J. and Randolph Lodge No. 130, I.O.O.F. of Dover, N.J.

He is survived by his wife, who has been helpless for many years, three daughters Mrs. John Curtis, Mrs. Clifford S. Werfield of this place, Mrs. Morris Garman of Nanimo, B.C. three sons, George E. of White Mills, John and T.N. of this place. Twenty three grandchildren also survive. The funeral arrangements have not been completed.

John married **Emma Northcott-[2]** [MRIN:1], daughter of **James Northcott-[161]** and **Mary Ann Williams-[162]**, on 12 Feb 1862 in Lamerton, Devon, England.

Children from this marriage were:

15 F i. **Mary Witheridge-[3]** was christened on 26 Oct 1862 in Lamerton, Devon, England and died about 1930, about age 68.

Mary married **John Curtis-[184]** [MRIN:53].

16 M ii. **George James Witheridge-[4]** was christened on 14 Aug 1864 in Lamerton, Devon, England and died in 1864 in Tavistock, Devon, England.

+ 17 M iii. **George Edwin Witheridge-[5]** was born in 1865, was christened on 5 Nov 1865 in Lamerton, Devon, England, died on 20 Jul 1951 in Nanticoke, PA., USA, at age 86, and was buried in Nanticoke cemetery.

+ 18 M iv. **John Witheridge-[6]** was born in Sep 1869 in Wharton, New Jersey, USA and died in 1938, at age 69.

19 M v. **James Witheridge-[157]** was born on 8 Apr 1871 in New Jersey, USA.

+ 20 M vi. **Thomas North Witheridge-[7]** was born on 13 Aug 1873 in Wharton, New

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Jersey, USA, died on 18 Dec 1969 in Wyoming, Luzerne, PA., USA, at age 96, and was buried on 20 Dec 1969 in Laurel Hill Cemetery, Orangeville, PA.

+ 21 F vii. **Jane (Jennie) Witheridge-[8]** was born about 1875 in Wharton, New Jersey, USA and died in 1920, about age 45.

22 F viii. **Emma Witheridge-[9]** was born on 19 Oct 1877 in Wharton, New Jersey., USA and died in Oct 1972 in Whatcom, Washington, USA, at age 95.

Emma married **Morris Garman-[140]** [MRIN:34].

23 M ix. **William W. Witheridge-[10]** was born about 1879 in Wharton, New Jersey,

USA, died on 19 Sep 1895 in Nanticoke, Luzerne, PA., USA, about age 16, and was buried on 22 Sep 1895 in Nanticoke, Luzerne, PA., USA. The cause of his death was tragic Accident.

Research Notes: Nanticoke Newspaper

WITHERIDGE, William, 19 Sep 1895 Nanticoke Friday, 20 Sep 1895. Accident, son of Mr. & Mrs. J.P. Witheridge, 16 years. (Article appears on Page 8 of same issue.)

A HORRIBLE ACCIDENT

A Young Man at Nanticoke is Caught By a Belt in a Mill and Wound Around **the** Shafting

A horrible accident occurred about 5:15 o'clock at Frea's Mill near the

Pennsylvania Railroad bridge at Nanticoke yesterday afternoon, which caused the death of Willie Witheridge, an employee, and the 16 year old son of Mr. & Mrs. J.P. Witheridge.

The boy had been sent down to the boiler room to put coal on the fire to dampen it for the night. On his return he had gone into the old engine room where a large grind stone is kept, but which is only kept running occasionally, hence the belt was not on. Having a boyish curiosity to see the stone run, he took down the belt and attempted to put it on the pulley. Instead of getting it on he was caught by the belt and before he could summon assistance was wound around the shafting going at the rate of 150 revolutions per minute. A low partition about a foot from the shafting was completely knocked down by the rapidly revolving body.

Workmen in the mill heard the thumping and going downstairs, discovered the cause. The engine was stopped and the boy taken down. Life was not extinct and he soon regained consciousness. He told how he came to go to the room and asked for his mother. She was sent for but when she arrived a few minutes later, her boy was dead. Mrs. Witheridge has been in very delicate health for some time and for a while it was feared the shock would kill her, but she soon rallied and was removed to her house.

Dr. Kingsbury had been summoned together with Dr. Dodson and both were on the scene a few minutes after the accident, but saw nothing could be done, as a brief examination showed that almost every bone in his body was broken. Squire Gruyer empanelled a jury who viewed the remains and adjourned to await
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the arrival of the coroner. The jury are G.W. Gruyer, T.R. Callary, Joe Smith, Harry Lape, L.D. Ferrell and Dr. P.A. Meek.

11. Alfred Percy Witheridge-[31] (*John Phillips 1*) was born on 2 Feb 1855 in Tavistock, Devon, England and was christened on 27 Apr 1855 in Ottery, Devon, England.

Research Notes: Shipping Records sent from Australia

Ship: The Earl Dalhousie

Left Plymouth 20th October, 1873. Arrived Adelaide 12th January, 1874

Passengers:

Alfred Witheridge - age 18 years

Anne Witheridge - age 22 years

Birth in the State of Western Australia shows:

11th June, 1903 at Victoria, St. Gottesloe Beach, John, male. Father, Alfred Witheridge, dairyman, 45 years, born Orty, Devon, England, married 10th November, 1879 at Adelaide

South, Australia. Issue - George, 19 years, William, 17 years, Alfred, 15 years, Percy 4 years, Cecil Charles, 3 years. Issue deceased, 1 male and 1 female.

Mother, Polly Witheridge, 39 years, born Tavistock, Devon, England. Informant - Polly Witheridge, mother, Victoria St. Gottesloe Beach, Lenanton, others, Alfred Witheridge.

Registrar, 23rd July, 1903, Claremont, by Anna E. Lemmens.

Alfred married **Polly Witheridge-[44]** [MRIN:13], daughter of **Richard Witheridge-[25]** and **Mary Ann Hatherleigh-[26]**, on 18 Nov 1879 in Bible Christian Manse, Adelaide, South Australia.

Marriage Notes: The marriage certificate shows:
Oct 18, 1879 - Alfred PERCY, 23, bachelor, Porter of Adelaide, s/o John Percy and Polly WITHERIDGE, 16, spinster of Adelaide, d/o Richard Witheridge
It is believed that Alfred gave an incorrect name, he was in fact, Alfred Percy WITHERIDGE and was the uncle of Polly.

Children from this marriage were:

24 M i. **George Witheridge-[47]** was born on 9 Dec 1879 in Brighton, Adelaide, Australia.

25 M ii. **William Henry Witheridge-[48]** was born on 10 Dec 1881 in Adelaide, Australia.

26 M iii. **Albert Witheridge-[76]** was born on 24 May 1884 in Adelaide, Australia.

27 M iv. **Alfred Richard Witheridge-[77]** was born in 1888 in Australia.

28 F v. **Emma Edith Witheridge-[78]** was born in Feb 1891 in Australia and died in 1892 in Coburg, Victoria, at age 1.

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29 M vi. **John Percy Witheridge-[75]** was born on 23 Jan 1899 in Western Australia.

30 M vii. **Cecil Charles Witheridge-[79]** was born in 1900 in Australia.

31 M viii. **John Witheridge-[45]** was born on 11 Jun 1903 in Victoria, Gotesloe Beach, Western Australia.

Third Generation (Grandchildren)

13. Polly Witheridge-[44] (*Richard 2, John Phillips 1*) was born on 5 Jul 1863 in Tavistock, Devon, England.

Polly married **Alfred Percy Witheridge-[31]** [MRIN:13], son of **John Phillips Witheridge-[23]** and **Jane Percy-[24]**, on 18 Nov 1879 in Bible Christian Manse, Adelaide, South Australia.

Marriage Notes: The marriage certificate shows:

Oct 18, 1879 - Alfred PERCY, 23, bachelor, Porter of Adelaide, s/o John Percy and Polly WITHERIDGE, 16, spinster of Adelaide, d/o Richard Witheridge

It is believed that Alfred gave an incorrect name, he was in fact, Alfred Percy WITHERIDGE and was the uncle of Polly.

(Duplicate Line. See Person 11 on Page 6)

17. George Edwin Witheridge-[5] (*John Phillips 2, John Phillips 1*) was born in 1865, was christened on 5 Nov 1865 in Lamerton, Devon, England, died on 20 Jul 1951 in Nanticoke, PA., USA, at age 86, and was buried in Nanticoke cemetery.

Research Notes: 1900 Census - 124 Park Street, Nanticoke, Pennsylvania

WITHERIDGE, George head 34 Oct 1865

WITHERIDGE, Jennie wife 30 Feb 1870

WITHERIDGE, Mary dau 8 Mar 1892

WITHERIDGE, Esther dau 3 Aug 1896

1910 Census - Nanticoke, Pennsylvania

WITHERIDGE, George head 43 England

WITHERIDGE, Mary dau 18 PA

WITHERIDGE, Esther dau 13 PA

A newspaper clipping, abt 1913

George Witheridge will leave on Thursday for White Mills, Wayne County, where he will embark in the butcher business. Mr. Witheridge will be accompanied by his daughters,

Mary and Esther

1920 Census - Hanover, Luzerne, Pennsylvania

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WITHERIDGE, George lodger 53 salesman in meat store

born England, 1866 and emigrated to US in 1868.

George lodged with Andrew and Elizabeth Kirkuff and was a widower.

(this information was provided by Elizhlists@aol.com - she obtained it from Ancestry.com)

1930 Census - Hanover, Luzerne, Pennsylvania

WITHERIDGE, George head 60 merchant, grocery store, born England

WITHERIDGE, Margaret wife 40 born PA, parents Welsh

WITHERIDGE, Arthur son 14 born PA

Wilkes-Barre Record - July 24, 1951

George Witheridge,

Ashley, Death Victim

George Witheridge, well known Ashley resident, died of a heart attack on Friday morning at 10 at the home of Mrs. Bruce Freas, 82? Manhattan Street, Ashley, with whom he resided.

Mr. Witheridge, who recently returned from a plane trip to the State of Washington, had been ill a week.

Deceased was born in England, a son of the late John and Emma Witheridge, and came to America at an early age with his parents. He resided in Nanticoke for several years and conducted a butcher shop there. Later he moved to Ashley to become a butcher for the Charles Tremayne Stores. More recently he had been a night watchman at the Isaac Long Store, Wilkes-Barre.

He was a member of Ashley Presbyterian Church. His wife, the former Margaret Eddy, passed away three years ago.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Esther Zimmerman, Detroit, Mich., and Mrs. Mary Smith,

Nanticoke; a stepson, Arthur W. Eddy, Ashley, a brother, Thomas Witheridge, Wyoming; a sister, Mrs. Emma Gorman, Portland, Ore; also four grandchildren, Albert Smith, East Orange, N.J., Jack Smith, Passaic, N.J.; Mrs. Dorothy Hughes, St. Maries, Idaho, and Arthur Eddy, jr., Ashley, and three great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday, at 2 at the Homer E. Graham Funeral Home,

324 South Franklin Street. Rev. Robert Graham will officiate and interment will be in Nanticoke Cemetery.

Friends may call Saturday and Sunday afternoons and evenings.

George married **Jennie C. Fargo-[141]** [MRIN:35] about 1891 in Nanticoke, Luzerne, PA., USA.

Children from this marriage were:

32 F i. **Mary Witheridge-[142]** was born in Mar 1892 in PA., USA.

+ 33 F ii. **Esther Witheridge-[143]** was born in Aug 1896 in PA., USA.

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George next married **Margaret** Williams-[179] [MRIN:51], daughter of (Unknown) Williams-[181] and Rachael-[182].

Children from this marriage were:

34 M i. **Arthur** Witheridge-[180] was born about 1916 in Pennsylvania, USA.

18. John Witheridge-[6] (*John Phillips 2, John Phillips 1*) was born in Sep 1869 in Wharton, New Jersey, USA and died in 1938, at age 69.

Research Notes: 1900 Census - 50 W. Broad Street, Nanticoke

WITHERIDGE, John head 30 Sep 1869 New Jersey

WITHERIDGE, Mary R. wife 33 Mar 1867 Pennsylvania

WITHERIDGE, G. Carl son 6 May 1894 Pennsylvania

WITHERIDGE, Mildred A. dau 1 Oct 1898 Pennsylvania

1910 Census - Nanticoke

WITHERIDGE, John head 41 Clerk Grocery Store NJ

WITHERIDGE, Mary wife 42 PA

WITHERIDGE, Mildred A. dau 11 PA

WITHERIDGE, John E. son 2 PA

1920 Census - Nanticoke

WITHERIDGE, John 50 born New Jersey, 1869

John married Mary Rachel Rinehimer-[13] [MRIN:3], daughter of **Isiah**

Rinehimer-[19] and Elizabeth Keithline-[20], on 21 Jun 1893 in Luzerne, PA., USA.

Children from this marriage were:

35 M i. George Carl Witheridge-[21] was born in May 1894 in Luzerne, PA., USA, died on 31 Oct 1900 in Nanticoke, Luzerne, PA., USA, at age 6, and was buried in Nanticoke cemetery. The cause of his death was measles.

Research Notes: Name: WITHERIDGE, Carl

Died: Oct 31 1900

Source: Wilkes-Barre Record - Luzerne Co. PA - Thursday, 1 Nov 1900 - pg.12

Notes: Son of Mr. & Mrs. John Witheridge

aged 6 years

measles.

Residence: Nanticoke

+ 36 F ii. Mildred Arlene Witheridge-[16] was born on 23 Oct 1898 in Luzerne, PA., USA.

37 M iii. John Elmer Witheridge-[14] was born on 10 Jun 1907 in PA., USA and died in Jun 1975 in Nanticoke, Luzerne, PA., USA, at age 68.

Research Notes: June 26, 1996 - Letter from Mrs. Jean E. Witheridge of 270E

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Main #511, Nanticoke, PA., 18634

Information provided:

Father: John Witheridge. He had 2 brothers and 1 sister, George Tom and Emma. So far as I know, brothers and sister are dead.

Mother: Mary Rinihimer, deceased

Sister: Mildred Witheridge Lewis, deceased

Brother: George Witheridge, had 2 daughters and they are both deceased.

Brother: Tom Witheridge, had 3 sons, Paul, Kenneth, both deceased and Keith, I don't know where he is.

I am the widow of John E. Witheridge and am 86 years old. Will be by 87th birthday in Sep. We had no children, so there are no survivors.

John married **Jean E. (Unknown)-[15]** [MRIN:4].

20. Thomas North Witheridge-[7] (*John Phillips 2, John Phillips 1*) was born on 13 Aug 1873 in Wharton, New Jersey, USA, died on 18 Dec 1969 in Wyoming, Luzerne, PA., USA, at age 96, and was buried on 20 Dec 1969 in Laurel Hill Cemetery, Orangeville, PA.

Research Notes: 1910 Census - Luzerne, Nanticoke, PA

WITHERIDGE, Thomas head 36 New Jersey

WITHERIDGE, Sarah dau 33 PA

WITHERIDGE, Paul son PA

1920 Census - Nanticoke, Luzerne, PA

WITHERIDGE, Thomas 46 born Nanticoke, 1873

The Social Security records show that Thomas **Witheridge died Dec 1969 and that** he was retired or long time Railway Worker.

Wilkes-Barre Report - December 19,1969

Wyoming Man Dies

In Hospital at 96

Thomas N. Witheridge, 96 of 170 Ninth Street, Wyoming, died yesterday at 3 pm in Pittston Hospital where he was admitted half an hour earlier.

Born in Wharton, N.J. he also resided at Nanticoke before taking residence in Wyoming 43 years ago. Mr. Witheridge owned and operated a grocery store in Nanticoke and later was an employee of Challenger Furniture Store. He was employed as a car inspector for Lehigh Valley Railroad until his retirement.

He was a member of Wyoming United Methodist Church, member and past master of Nanticoke Lodge 541, F&AM; life and charter member of Stickney Hose Company,

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Nanticoke.

His wife, Sara Herring Witheridge died in 1965.

Surviving are sons, Paul, Wyoming; Kenneth, RD3 Wyoming; Keith, Annapolis, Md.; sister, Mrs. Emma Garman, Bellingham, Wash; three grandchildren, two great grandchildren.

Funeral will be held from Metcalfe and Shaver Funeral Home, 504 Wyoming Avenue, Wyoming, Saturday at 10:30am. Rev. David R. Morgan of Wyoming United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Laurel Hill Cemetery, Orangeville.

Friends may call today 2 to 4 and 7 to 10.

Thomas married **Sara Alvernon Herring-[11]** [MRIN:2], daughter of **George M.D. Herring-** [186] and **Emma Bower-[187]**, on 26 Jun 1906 in Orangeville, PA., USA. Children from this marriage were:

38 M i. **Paul Witheridge-[18]** was born on 20 Dec 1909 in PA., USA and died in Jul 1983 in Wyoming, Luzerne, PA., USA, at age 73.

+ 39 M ii. **George Keith Witheridge-[12]** was born on 16 Dec 1911 in PA., USA and died on 18 Mar 2001 in Atlantic Beach, Duval, Florida, USA, at age 89.

40 M iii. **J. Kenneth Witheridge-[185]** was born on 16 Dec 1911 in Nanticoke, Luzerne, PA., USA.

21. Jane (Jennie) Witheridge-[8] (*John Phillips 2, John Phillips 1*) was born about 1875 in Wharton, New Jersey, USA and died in 1920, about age 45.

Jane married **Clifford Samuel Werfield-[137]** [MRIN:33], son of **Henry Werfield-[146]** and **Margaret Yolle-[147]**, on 26 Oct 1895 in Nanticoke, Luzerne, PA., USA.

Marriage Notes: Found a note about a Jennie Witheridge marriage to Clifford Werfield,

26 Oct 1895 by Rev. J. B. Sumner. I know he was a methodist minister.

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Children from this marriage were:

41 F i. Margaret Werfield-[138] was born about 1896 and died about 1988, about age 92.

42 M ii. John (Jack) Werfield-[139].

43 M iii. Henry Werfield-[148] was born in 1899 and died in 1970, at age 71.

Henry married **Margaret Wolfe-[149]** [MRIN:39].

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44 F iv. Joy Werfield-[150] was born about 1905.

Joy married Griffo-[151] [MRIN:40].

Fourth Generation (Great Grandchildren)

33. Esther Witheridge-[143] (*George Edwin 3, John Phillips 2, John Phillips 1*) was born in Aug 1896 in PA., USA.

Esther married **Charles Ford Zimmerman-[158]** [MRIN:45] on 6 Mar 1917 in Nanticoke, Luzerne, PA., USA.

Marriage Notes: #78533, C. Ford Zimmerman (b. PA, age 22), residing Plymouth, chauffeur

(parents: George D. and Blanche {Tubbs} Zimmerman, b. PA) and Esther Witheridge (b. Nanticoke, age 21), residing Plymouth (parents: George E. and Jennie {Fargo} Witheridge,

father b. England, mother b. PA, deceased). Married 6 March 1917 by Rev.

Charles J. A. Reichardt at Wilkes-Barre.

Children from this marriage were:

45 F i. Dorothy Arline Zimmerman-[159] was born about 1917 in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, USA.

Dorothy married **John Paul Hughes-[160]** [MRIN:46] on 31 Oct 1942.

Marriage Notes: #5807E, Dorothy Arline Zimmerman (b. Wilkes-Barre, age 25), residing 220 Carey Ave., Wilkes-Barre, stenographer (parents: Charles Ford and Esther {Witheridge} Zimmerman, father b. Wilkes-Barre, mother b. Nanticoke) and John Paul Hughes (b. St. Maries, Idaho, age 24), residing 4228 2nd Road, N. Arlington, VA, occupational analyst (parents: Raleigh and Ida {Alber} Hughes, father b. Oregon, mother b. Illinois). Married 31 October 1942 by Francis Freeman, minister at Wilkes-Barre.

46 M ii. Ford G. Zimmerman-[183] was born about 1922 in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, USA.

36. Mildred Arlene Witheridge-[16] (*John 3, John Phillips 2, John Phillips 1*) was born on 23 Oct 1898 in Luzerne, PA., USA.

Mildred married Emrys P. Lewis-[17] [MRIN:5].

Children from this marriage were:

47 M i. Emrys Phillip Lewis-[22] was born on 3 Jul 1926 in Pennsylvania, USA and died on 10 Mar 1997 in Delaware, Pennsylvania, USA, at age 70.

39. George Keith Witheridge-[12] (*Thomas North 3, John Phillips 2, John Phillips 1*) was born on 16 Dec 1911 in PA., USA and died on 18 Mar 2001 in Atlantic Beach, Duval, Florida, USA, at age 89.

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George married **Annie Smith-[136]** [MRIN:36] on 10 Nov 1938 in Wyoming, Luzerne, PA., USA.

Children from this marriage were:

48 M i. Donald Edward Witheridge-[144] was born on 21 Mar 1938 in Wyoming, Luzerne, PA., USA and died in Dec 1998 in Atlantic Beach, Duval, Florida, USA, at age 60.

Donald married **Patricia Jean Reed-[145]** [MRIN:37] on 20 Feb 1965 in Silver Spring, Maryland, USA.

Thanks Kathy for this information.

FAMILY PROFILE No 3

RHODA ADELAIDE WITHERIDGE (NEE MUMFORD).

Born 9th Sept. 1876 Baptised 22nd October 1876
February 1897 Died 11th December 1950

Married 17th

Rhoda was the second child of Samuel Mumford and Susanna Elizabeth Mumford, formerly Dennis, of "Rook" Cornwood Devon. (Note the surname spelling of Mumford sometimes becomes Munford.)

Samuel Mumford was a clayworker, according to Rhoda's birth certificate, and presumably employed at Lee Moor clay pits which is situated about 4 miles away.

During Rhoda's early life she experienced some of our more severe winters and would often recall her father calling the family outside to see the snow which had completely filled the lanes and had reached the tops of the hedges, some 8 to 10 feet high.



At the age of 14 she is shown on the 1891 census living at Freehamlet Ermington and listed as Granddaughter to John Mattacott. As her mother was a Dennis before marriage, maybe the Matticotts were on the Maternal side of the family. Because of the age difference shown she was probably a great Granddaughter.. He was 80years old so this could be the case. Something else to be explored sometime in the future.

She often referred to when she was "in service", but it is not known where or to whom, at this time, but this undoubtedly accounted for her excellent cooking, which has often been mentioned by Aunts and cousins.

On the 17th February 1897, at the age of 20, she married Philip Henry Witheridge at Ermington Church, and in the marriage entry her father is now described as a farmer!. The marriage witnesses were Thomas Weeks and Susanne Carber Worth. Rhoda bore Philip six children, Sydney Philip, Evelyn Maud, Henry, Arthur John, Samuel Leslie Mumford and William Bowden. They lived at No 4 Church Street Ermington Devon.

During the 1914-18 war she had to endure both her Husband and eldest son being away at war, both thankfully surviving and returning home. Philip served in the Army Ordnance Corp in France whilst Sydney, having put his age forward, joined the navy and was at sea during the battle of Jutland.

On the 11th January 1930, her husband was involved in an accident with a car and died on the 14th January 1930.

In 1936 she took on the task of looking after Richard, her Grandson after the death of Alice, wife of her son Henry. This she did without complaint and continued this until 1947 when Henry remarried and took Richard and his older brother Philip to live with him.

During the time Richard lived with her she took in washing and ironing, became the school caretaker and also took in lodgers, some casual people looking for B & B, others became longer term. The house in fact had 4 bedrooms so accommodation was no problem.

During the war period she had evacuees from London staying for a year or two, one of which kept in touch each year until she died.

During her caretaker days, a new teacher arrived from Brixton, and Rhoda, taking pity on her, made sure that she had a pot of tea waiting each morning when she arrived, having cycled some distance each day. Her duties as caretaker involved preparing and lighting two unfasten grate fires so that the rooms were warm by the time school started. Also sweeping the floors.

At the age of 65, she would still walk Richard to Ivybridge to see her son Arthur John and his wife Marjorie, some 2.5-3 miles, and home again afterwards. All the washing was done by hand and ironing by the old cast iron type which had to be put in the fire to heat up.

Cooking was on an old black range on which a large iron kettle ensured some hot water was always available. This fire had to be lit each morning and soot cleaned

out each Saturday, when the range was polished with black lead and the brass handles shined.

She was a wonderful caring person who was always ready to help others wherever possible. She had many friends around the village and during the war was never short of food, farmers being able to supply vegetables and often a rabbit, which she had to skin and prepare for the table. Sometimes the rabbits had to have the insides removed but this was no problem for her. How would the young people of today fare in this situation?

Mark Dameral who was Arthur John's brother in law remembers that whenever he and his wife walked through Ermington from Ivybridge, she would always have a couple of eggs for them to give their children. This again was during wartime.

She was a very simple lady but quite prepared to exchange differences with others if need be.



Rhoda with Richard about 1939/40.

She recalled a man from the top end of the village stopping to talk to her one day. He was moaning about Lord Mildmay of Flete having all those lands and considered he should share his wealth with the village. Rhoda retorted "you have a large orchard behind your house, why don't you share your apples with the village". Apparently he had no answer to that and he picked up his wheelbarrow and took off up the street very quickly.

Photographs are held which show her as a young lady out blackberrying with her friends, and also some photos over the years as she had her children.

Summing up she was quiet, kind, caring, hardworking lady, quite set in her ways and knew her station in life.

She died on 11th December 1950 at the age of 74 in Underwood House Hospital at Plympton after suffering a stroke and was buried in Ermington Churchyard in her husband's grave on Friday 15th December 1950.

New member

Member No: 197 **Mr Jeff Bassett**, 2 Second Avenue, Stoke, Plymouth PL1 5QA
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1) Jeff Bassett; 2) Edward Donald Laverick Bassett 1921-1992 m 3) Jean Mary M Netherton 1930-2001; 4) Raymond Edward Bassett 1890-1966 m 5) Lilian Barker 1893-1975; 6) Frederick Charles Netherton 1904-1944 m 7) Florence Mary Rosevear 1911-1960; 8) Edward Bowler Bassett 1863-1946 m 9) Edith Agnes Hurst 1864-1966; 10) Thomas Marshall Laverick Barker 1867- m 11) Margaret Summers 1870-1960; 12) Frederick William Netherton 1875- m 13) Annie Maria Witheridge 1876- ; 14) Nicholas William Skinnard Rosevear 1880-1946 m 15) Florence Ann Davey 1884-1953; 16) Edward Basset 1834- m 17) Rebecca Bowler 1836- ; 18) Alfred William Hurst 1828 - m 19) Emma ?? ?, 1842- ; 20) Thomas Barker 1822- m 21) Sarah Laverick; 22) William Summers 1840- m 23) Ellen Thompson 1844- ; 24) Charles Everett Netherton 1847- m 25) Catherine Doddridge c1848- ; 26) John Northmore Witheridge 1845-1914 m 27) Maria Tall Sandover 1842- ; 28) Nicholas Skinnard Rosevear 1842- m 29) Elizabeth Mary Liddicoat, nee Gronwalt 1835- ; William Henry Davey 1864- m 31) ? ?; 48) Richard Netherton 1808- m 49) Maria ? ? 52) Philip Witheridge 1791-1872 m 53) Mary Northmore 1805-1880; 54) James Sandover c1818 m Ann ??? 104) Arthur Witheridge 1758-1848 m 105) Elizabeth Bowden c1762-1839.

We welcome Jeff to the Witheridge Family History Society, and are delighted that he was able to join us in Tavistock for our annual reunion and AGM. Jeff is yet another descendant of the extensive Ermington Family, which makes him related to about a quarter of our members! It's interesting to see that he also has Netherton ancestry, as Jane Ann Netherton, born c 1812 in Plymouth, married in 1840 Philip Bowden Witheridge, another member of the Ermington family. Perhaps there's another link to be found there.

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