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Editorial.

Summer is over and Autumn/Winter is with us once more, at least for members in the upper half of the Globe. Here in Dunster we have had a varied weather pattern but surprisingly we missed most of the heavy rain experienced by other parts of the country, which spoils a lot of the corn crops. I think our farmers here probably had a good crop this year.

A problem with the computer has delayed this magazine, losing all I had started on, including the programmes. I had intended that this magazine would be with you by the end of November but that does not look possible now. However back on again now so keeping fingers crossed.

If any member has anything they would like to put in the magazine, please send it in to me and I will include it. Maybe old photographs of family or places associated with your family. We are always on the lookout for new material to include. If you feel the items in the magazine are not interesting please say so, the magazine is for you, feel free to criticise.

Maureen and I send you all our best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Family news.

Barbara and Terry Finemore

As some of you will know, just a few weeks after our 2004 reunion, Terry Finemore suffered a major heart arrhythmia and collapsed, causing a serious head injury. During a lengthy period in intensive care, Terry was fitted with an implanted defibrillator, which should prevent any further arrhythmia.

Sadly, though, the head injury has had long-term effects, and for the foreseeable future Terry will have to be in a special care home in Plymouth, coming home for the day on Saturdays and Sundays. Terry has recently been able to sing again in the church choir - something he has done most of his life. So deep-seated are the responses and music that, despite his impaired memory, Terry was able to participate in the service without even using books or music!

It is hoped that Terry will eventually make sufficient progress for him to come home permanently, but this is unlikely to be in the immediate future. Naturally all this has been extremely distressing for Barbara, particularly as their daughter Fiona and her family live so far away. Recently Barbara has herself been unwell, and is also having to cope with all the formalities connected with Terry's present condition. We send Barbara, Terry and Fiona our love and prayers, and trust that Terry will soon begin to show the hoped-for improvement.

Kim's health.

Kim was diagnosed with colon cancer in May, a few days after the reunion. After months of scans and other tests, she had major surgery in August. Post-operative tests showed that all the cancer had been removed, and as histology reports showed no sign of further abnormal cells, no chemotherapy was needed - a great relief for Kim and all the family. Despite some complications, including an MRSA infection, Kim is now making progress, and hopes to be back to pre-surgery fitness by Christmas. (Can't say full health, as she wasn't in full health to start with!)

A New Witheridge arrival

Message received from Kathy Witheridge.

" from Paul Raymond Witheridge (Marlow) I would like to announce the arrival of a new Witheridge—Thomas Dylan Witheridge (not sure about the spelling of Dylan yet) born 8.13pm BST today Friday 8th October 2004, to our son Andrew and Daughter in law Tara and weighing in at 9lbs 2ozs."

Congratulations to Andrew and Tara and of course to the Grandparents.

Another New Member.

Kathy Witheridge in Canada has told me that she has found another new member who wants to join the Witheridge Family History Society. She is Nancy Clemente of Pennsylvania, USA and is from the Tavistock / Nanticoke family. Joining forms have been sent recently and we look forward to receiving her reply. Apparently Kathy has now been able to join the Bradworthy family to the Tavistock Family. Great news Kathy and thanks for your continued search for members. ED

PS. The joining forms have arrived but too late to meet this magazine. We hope to be able to put the information in the next magazine along with a family tree. We welcome Nancy to the Witheridge Family History Society.

Wedding Bells

We congratulate April Witheridge and Rick Bates on their marriage on 11 September in Beckenham. This was truly a Witheridge FHS wedding, and we believe the first wedding to come about directly through the Society.

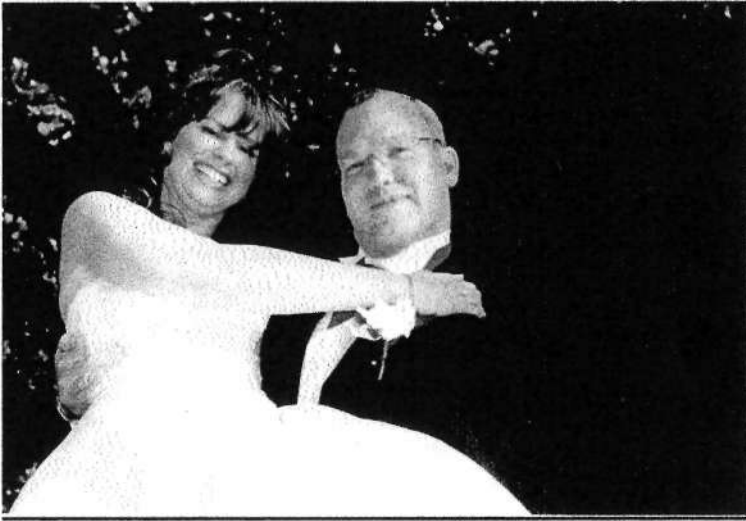
April, daughter of our former Secretary John and his wife Mayda, and niece of our former Chairman Philip, first came to a Witheridge reunion in May 1988 in West Wickham. There she met with other members of her generation including Jason Cook, and thus began a friendship between April and the Cook family. Jason has known Rick since about 1985, when they were both members of the same church youth club in Beckenham. Again, this resulted in a continuing friendship between Rick and the Cook family.

Rick and April first met, quite by chance, in 1995 at the home of Jason and Zoe. Romance followed, and eventually they became engaged. Those members who were at the May 2001 reunion in Chichester will remember meeting Rick and April when they joined us there.

Not surprisingly, Jason was Rick's best man, and was in the unusual position of having known both bride and groom longer than they've known each other! As the photo shows, the bride looked stunning and the groom looked understandably delighted.

We wish Rick and April every happiness in their married life, and hope to see them at future Witheridge FHS reunions.

Thanks for this note on the event Kim. ED



April and Rick's wedding photograph.

Graham Browne

I understand from Joyce that on his last visit to hospital, that the consultant was very pleased with his progress and will not see him for two months. Understand that there should be no obstacles to Graham eating a hearty Christmas dinner.

We all wish you well Graham and enjoy your Christmas dinner.

ED.

A New Master

Also in September, Roy and Kim Cook celebrated with their younger son Adam when he graduated from the Faculty of the Built Environment at University College, London with an MSc in Facility and Environment Management. This was no mean achievement as, throughout his two years of part-time study, Adam was also holding down a very demanding job with BA. We send our congratulations to Adam and wish him well in his career.



Congratulation Adam on your achievement. I know both your mum and dad are thrilled with your success. ED.

NEW MEMBER

Member No 198 Mrs Pamela Dorothy Glynn, 9 Nichol Place, Cotford St Luke, Taunton, Somerset TA4 1JD

1 Pamela **Glynn**; 2 Charles **Stenton** 1912-1988 m 3 Audrey Patricia Roberts 1917-1988;
4 George **Stenton** 1875-1919 m 5 Emma **Scales** 1876-1947; 6 Ernest **Roberts** 1866-1962 m 7
Gwendoline Ann **Bailey** 1890-1920;
8 Charles **Stenton** 1846- m9 Martha A **Goss** 1844- ; 10 Matthew **Scales** 1853- m 11 Mary
Crossland 1852- ; 12 George **Roberts** 1863-1924 m 13 Catherine **John** 1861-1951; 14
Thomas **Bailey** 1860-1940 m 15 Agnes Alice **Woodhouse** 1865-1900;
16 John **Stenton** 1815- m 17 Eliza (poss Allen or Jackson) 1824- ; 18 ??? m 19 Mary A
???; 20 Christopher **Scales** 1815- m21 Sophia **Smith** 1820- ; 22 John **Crossland** 1811-
m23 AnnTownend 1816- ; 24 Jabez **Roberts** 1832- m 25 Mary Ann **Brind** 1832- ; 26
William **John** 1811- m 27 Ann **Spickett** 1820- ; 28 John **Bailey** 1812- m 29 Ann
Witheridge 1818- ; 30 Charles **Woodhouse** 1835- m 31 Jane **Preece** 1841- .

We welcome Pamela to the Witheridge Family History Society, and were delighted to meet her at the reunion in Tavistock in May. Pamela is from the Bradworthy family and is a fourth cousin to Alison Smith and fourth cousin once removed (of the half-blood) to Barbara diMambro and Paul Witheridge of Canada,

Kim had arranged for Pamela to come to Tavistock for a surprise meeting with her cousins. Sadly, Alison and Alan Smith were not able to be there, nor was Barbara diMambro, but Paul and Kathy were surprised and delighted to meet their previously unknown cousin and, as the photo shows, spent time together swapping family histories!

Pamela, we hope you will benefit from belonging to the Witheridge FHS, and get plenty of fun too! We hope to see you again soon. Your family tree is shown on the centre pages of this Magazine. ED.



Photograph shows Pamela and Paul Witheridge (Canada) discussing their family trees at the Tavistock reunion in May 2004.

Cause of Death?

In Bradworthy Cemetery there is a headstone to William Witheridge, born 1824 died 1846.

The inscription reads:

*Sacred to the Memory of
William
Son of
John and Grace Witheridge
of this Parish
Who died
December 7 1846
Aged 22 years.*

*An inflammation seiz'd my brain
Which baffled the great skills of men
A fortnight's pain and grief I bore
Till death thrill'd thro' my heart so sore.*

One wonders what this inflammation might have been. Fevers such as typhoid, arising from drinking contaminated water, were quite well known by 1846, so it seems unlikely that it was something of that nature. One wonders whether it was meningitis, which even today has often "baffled the great skills of men."

Further information on James Witheridge, another son of John and Grace, comes from a transcript of the Parish records made locally by a number of people including the late Cecil Collacott, who was such an excellent guide for our 10th anniversary tour of Bradworthy.

James, son of John and Grace born 2 August 1835 "found dead near village at Waterland Bridge at about 4pm 18 September 1885". This seems to have been a natural death, as there is no record of any suspicious circumstances. Could it have been a stroke, or perhaps a heart attack?.

If anyone has copies of the death certificates for either of these Bradworthy people, perhaps they can tell us what is recorded on the certificates.

I am grateful to Pamela Glynn, descendant of Ann Witheridge, a daughter of John and Grace, for bringing these two items to my attention.

Kim Cook June 2004

Thanks Kim. ED

FOUND by Sheila Jewell.
Baptism at the Church of St John, Sutton on Plym, Plymouth.

3rd April 1864. Elizabeth Jane, of Thos and Mary Ann Witheridge, 9 Looe Street, Plymouth, Labourer.

It is interesting to note that there is no mention that Elizabeth Jane was not an infant, but was nine years old when baptised. She was the daughter of Thomas Witheridge and Mary Ann Garry of the Wembury/Plymouth family, born in 1855 and another omission is that her father was deceased at the time of the baptism, he having died in 1857. This reminds us that we should not assume that baptismal dates are near to birth dates.

Thanks Sheila, this is something we should always be aware of. ED

I found a similar case in the Ermington baptisms where Emma, daughter of Henry and Betsy Witheridge born 22 July 1839 and another daughter Elizabeth of Henry and Betsy, born 27 September 1841, both baptised 17 October 1841. ED

AN UNTIMELY DEATH. By Joyce Browne.

The age of 46 years is young for a woman to be victim of a heart attack, but that is what happened to RUTH BRIDGET WITHERIDGE. She was found dead in bed at her home in 17 Tothill Road Plymouth on 22nd January 1919. There had to be an inquest of course and a Dr William Deery gave evidence that he was called to Tothill Road, by whom it is not stated, where he found the body of a woman aged about 46. The woman was dead but still warm.

Subsequently Dr Deery performed a post mortem examination. He found the death to be of natural causes, "namely syncope from fatty infiltration of the heart".

Ruth Bridget Witheridge was the wife of George Thomas Witheridge, whom she married in Plymouth in 1895. George, born 1869, was the son of George Thomas Witheridge and Emily Ellen Atrill and at the time of his wife's death was a Rigger in H. M. Dockyard, following in his father's footsteps. George Thomas senior had been a Royal Navy Armourer.

This family originated in Ermington, but had migrated to Plymouth in the early 1800's, where they settled and continued to live. George, the husband of Ruth, was the brother of Emily Ellen Witheridge, grandmother of our member Valerie Wells.

George and Ruth had three children, one Philip, died in infancy and at the time of Ruth's death her daughter Ruth Emmeline was 23 and her son George Philip was 21. This loss of their mother must have been a shock, as evidence at the inquest said that she was not particularly unwell at the time. This evidence was given by Ruth's sister, a Mrs Lavinia Cameron, wife of Samuel Cameron who was clerk to the Plymouth Co-operative Society, living at 119 Grenville Road Plymouth.

It would appear from the report that it was Lavinia Cameron who identified the body of her sister and not George Witheridge, Ruth's husband. Perhaps he was too upset?. Had he gone to work unsuspecting that anything was wrong?.

George lived on until 1943 and did not marry again. His daughter Ruth Emmeline married in 1923, four years after her mother's death and his son George Philip married in 1929, ten years after the sad event.

We are indebted to Sheila Jewell for finding this Coroner's Report, which has provided this interesting information.

Thanks again Sheila. ED

NEGATIVE RESEARCH

by Joyce Browne

The September edition of the 'Family Tree' magazine included a free CD Rom of transcriptions of parish registers (marriages only) for some parishes in Cornwall. These are:-

Advent 1676-1801
St. Brewards 1558-1815
St. Clether 1640-1811
Davidstow 1676-1811
Forrabury 1676-1812
St. Juliot 1652-1812
Lanteglos by Camelford 1558 - 1812
Lesnewth 1569-1812
Michaelstow 1548-1812
Minster 1676-1812
Otterham 1687-1811
St Teath 1558-1812
Trevarga 1539-1812

In the last named parish from 1539 to 1549 the Vicar only recorded the name of the husband - 'John Kettow was married on 30th January, 1542'. In 1567 he thought to mention the Christian name of the wife 'John Martin and Jone his wife were married 15th May 1567'. From 1568 the

woman's surname was recorded now and again. It was not until 1584 that the bride's surname appears regularly, but as late as 1661 there are instances of only the name of the husband being recorded, and for 22 years from 1670 until 1692 there are no marriages recorded.

This is the first parish record I have seen which does not mention the name of the woman.

I searched all the parishes for Wetheridge/Witheridge names but found nothing, and nothing which could be construed as 'Witheridge'.

If any reader would like me to search for any other name which is of interest to them, I shall be happy to do so. Write to me - address inside of front cover - or e-mail BROWNEJ392@aol.com

Thanks Joyce ED.

Genealogists never die, they just lose their census.

Just a few more from Deidre Deakin's e mail.

Share your knowledge it is a way to achieve immortality.

Heredity: Everyone believes in it until their children act like fools!.

It's an unusual family that hath neither a lady of the evening or a thief!!.

Many a family tree needs pruning.

Shh! Be very quiet . . . I'm hunting forebears.

Snobs talk as if they had begotten their own ancestors.

Still a few more to come in later magazines.

Thanks Deidre. ED

REUNION AND AGM 2005.

A note for your diary.

The next Reunion and AGM will be held at Marlow in Buckinghamshire on the weekend starting Saturday 21st May 2005. The Village hall in Marlow will be open at 10am with the AGM starting at 11.00am. Tea/coffee will be available prior to the AGM and again in the afternoon.

A buffet lunch will be available. Beryl Witheridge has kindly offered to provide this for us. Paul Witheridge from Marlow, has sent me the following list of Hotels, Bed and breakfast accommodation in the area and I have added some information here to possibly help you choose where to stay.

We hope to see a good number of members attending and look forward to meeting with old friends.

Please let me know if you can attend. ED

The Bell Inn
High Wycombe
www.thebellpubandhotel.co.uk
e mail info@thebellpubandhotel.co.uk
Tel. 01494 525588

T J O'Reillys ***
Marlow (outskirts)
Tel. 01628 484926

Prince of Wales ***
Marlow
Tel. 01628 482970

The Three Horseshoes Inn
Radnage
www.thethreehorseshoesinn.com
Tel. 01494 483273

The Rose and Crown **
Saunderton
www.roseandcrowninn.co.uk
e mail info@roseandcrowninn.co.uk
Tel. 01844 345299

Bed and Breakfast accommodation.

St Catherines ***
Amersham
e mail james.elliott@btopenworld.com
Tel. 01494 728125

Rocquaine House *****
Amersham
Tel. 01494 726671

The Vicarage ***
Amersham
Tel. 01494 729993

Cherry Trees
Amersham
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Tel. 01494 729321

Orchard House ***
Henley on Thames
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Tel. 01491 636351

Lenwade *****
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Chalfont St Peter
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<p>Penn Lodge Farnham Common e mail pennlodge@hotmail.com Tel. 01753 643594</p>	<p>****</p>
<p>Spring View Flakwell Heath e mail potters@tinyonline.co.uk Tel. 01628 528719</p>	<p>***</p>
<p>Trevona Loudwater (east of High Wycombe) Tel. 01494 526715</p>	<p>***</p>
<p>Oak Lodge Marlow Tel. 01628 472145</p>	<p>***</p>
<p>Hazeldene Marlow Tel. 01628 482183</p>	<p>***</p>
<p>The Country House Marlow e mail info@countryhousemarlow.co.uk www.countryhousemarlow.co.uk Tel. 01628 890606</p>	<p>****</p>
<p>10 Rookery Court Marlow e mail gillbullenrookerycourt.fsnet.co.uk Tel. 01628 486451</p>	<p>****</p>

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Tel. 01628 626805

.Beryl Witheridge (Marlow) has kindly looked into places of interest to visit and sent the following as suggestions for Sunday May 22nd 2005.

Some of these may need to be booked in advance so please let me know if you have a preference and we will see what can be arranged.

Thank you Beryl. ED

Chiltern Valley Winery & Brewery Nr Marlow.

Windsor Castle Tour Windsor

Punting on the river Thames from Cherwell Boathouse. Oxford

Hobbs of Henley boat hire Henley

Savill Garden Nr Windsor great Park.

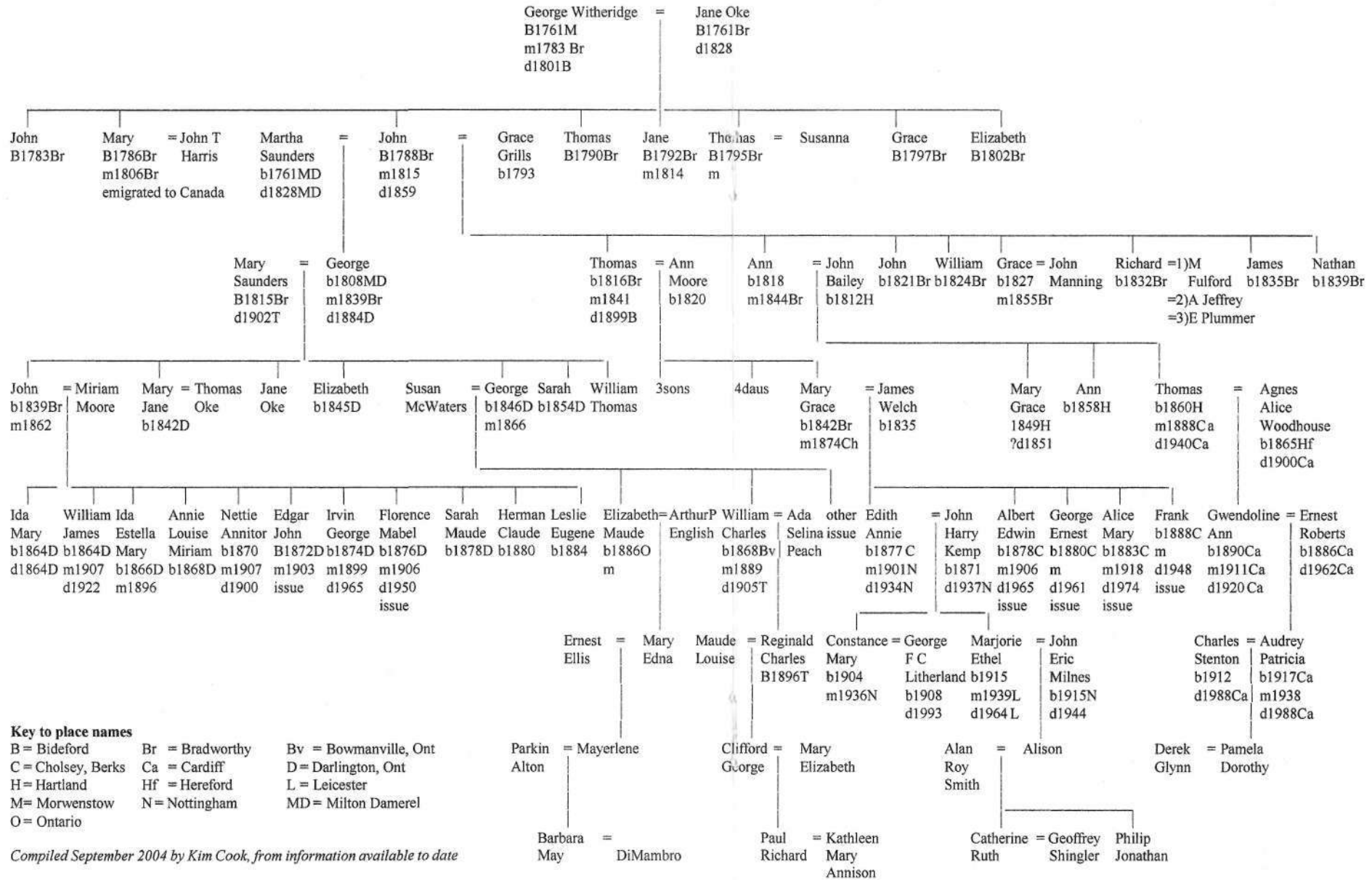
Blue Max Movie Aircraft collection High Wycombe

Pendon (Didcot) indoor Model Village and Railway
At Long Wittenham Nr Abingdon.

Hughenden Manor Disraeli Home High Wycombe

Cliveden Taplow Nr Maidenhead.

The Witheridge Family of Bradworthy, Devon, Darlington, Ontario, Berkshire and Wales



Update to the Birth certificates held by Joyce Browne.

CERTIFICATES HELD BY THE WITHERIDGE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY.

BIRTHS WETHERIDGE / WITHERIDGE

May 2003.

CHRISTIAN NAMES	DATE	LOCATION	VIA MEMBER
Abe!	18.01.1876	West Bromwich	081
Albert**	24.05.1884	Adelaide	107
Albert Edwin	29.08.1881	Christchurch	006
Albert Thomas	22.01.1889	Pancras	023
Alfred Percy*	02.02.1855	Tavistock	008
Alfred Richard**	27.02.1886	Callington S Australia	107
Alice Maud Mary	13.05.1867	Plymouth	006
Amy	19.02.1878	Kings Norton	005
Ann	10.03.1853	Helston	108
Anne	21.01.1865	Helston	108
Annette Ruth	08.07.1960	Sutton Coldfield	005
Armond Alfred**	05.12.1874	Toronto	060
Arthur*	12.01.1887	Birmingham	005
Arthur Beer	12.10.1860	Plymouth	006
Arthur Ernest	20.12.1890	Birmingham	005
Arthur Harry	06.03.1892	Christchurch	006
Arthur John (Lapworth)	09.03.1884	Birmingham	006
Beauchamp Henry	05.03.1884	Stoke Damerel	001
Bernard	24.09.1895	Falmouth	006
Catherine	10.09.1875	Helston	108
Cecil(Cyril) Frank	28.09.1893	Christchurch	006
Charles Roberts	01.06.1908	Tynemouth	001
Charles William	23.11.1856	Bridgwater	008
Charles William	20.16.1909	Bedwelty	008
Charles William J	12.09.1886	Swansea	006
Clara	30.08.1868	Bideford	183
Cordelia	27.04.1844	Tavistock	006
Dennis	01.07.1922	Birmingham	005
Dorcas Mary	30.09.1817??	Stoke Damerel	022
Dorothy	19.12.1896	Fulham	001
Edmund	21.04.1839	Lymington	108
Edmund	21.04.1849	Plymouth	001
Edmund (Short Cert)	17.05.1861	Helston	108
Edmund	—	Helston	044
Edward	14.08.1849	Totnes	008
Eileen	01.07.1922	Birmingham	005
Elizabeth	25.01.1838	Bideford	001
Elizabeth Jane (Short Cert)	26.12.1869	Helston	108
Emily	01.10.1846	Barnstaple	001
Emily	16.10.1867	Pancras	006
Emily	29.06.1871	Helston	108
Emily Alice	25.01.1868	Christchurch	006

CHRISTIAN NAMES	DATE	LOCATION	VIA MEMBER
Emily Louisa	26.02.1872	Newton Abbot	006
Emma	05.01.1878	Kingsbridge	006
Emma Jane	13.10.1844	Plymouth	006
Eva	16.11.1871	Barnstaple	001
Francis Robert*	29.05.1853	Plymouth	006
Frederock	09.02.1844	Birmingham	006
George	16.04.1840	Kingsbridge	008
George	23.01.1841	Barnstaple	001
George	28.09.1858	Newington	006
George**	09.12.1879	Adelaide Australia	107
George	25.04.1892	Plymouth Charles	006
George*	25.02.1894	Aston	006
George Causey	11.05.1858	Marylebone	006
George Henry	06.05.1854	Poplar	006
Helen Rachel (Short Cert)	22.07.1971	Sutton Coldfield	005
Hilda Thomas	09.01.1886	Helston	044
Ian Arthur	26.05.1969	Birmingham	006
Isabella Annie	04.02.1881	Newport	006
Jacob	03.08.1850	Ilfracombe	001
James*}	27.04.1841	Barnstaple	001
James } (Baptism)	—	Combe Martin	065
James	04.01.1849	Barnstaple	001
James	08.06.1882	Aston	005
James Henry	04.01.1881	Birmingham	005
James Henry*	21.02.1907	Birmingham	006
Jane Thomas	22.05.1866	Helston	108
Jean	08.02.1935	East Stonehouse	064
John** (Baptism)	18.11.1838	Combe Martin	074
John	22.12.1839	Bideford	060
John	24.03.1848	Williton	108
John	06.11.1859	Weymouth	006
John	25.03.1860	Bideford	006
John	15.04.1865	Barnstaple	001
John	15.02.1870	Stratton	060
John**	11.06.1903	Perth Australia	107
JohnF**	16.12.1869	Darlington Canada	060
John Northmore	10.11.1872	Plympton St Mary	060
John Percy**	23.01.1899	Plantagenet W Australia	107
John Roberts	14.02.1932	Tynemouth	001
John William	09.01.1862	Kingsbridge	006
Joseph Fred	21.06.1881	Plymouth	006
Julia Bernadette	26.04.1967	Birmingham	006
Lenna Beatrice	06.10.1870	Plymouth	001
Leslie Arthur*	18.10.1914	Birmingham	005
Lilian	31.07.1903	Warrington	006
Lucy	22.04.1841	Stoke Damerel	006
Maria	23.05.1861	Barnstaple	001
Martha	21.12.1869	Helston	108
Mary (Blackmore)	12.06.1849	Barnstaple	001
Mary	20.09.1860	Poplar	006
Mary Ann (Short Cert)	23.04.1863	Helston	108

CHRISTIAN NAMES	DATE	LOCATION	VIA MEMBER
Mary Craven (Short Cert)	23.02.1893	Fulham	001
Mary Elizabeth	19.05.1880	Barnstaple	001
Mary Grace	17.04.1842	Bideford	183
Mary Jane Kitchen	30.07.1873	Helston	108
Mary Kitchen	18.10.1877	Helston	044
Michael	18.12.1949	Kidderminster	006
Michael	07.02.1952	Birmingham	006
Nellie	11.7.1921	Llanely	181
Peter Richard	28.08.1943	Walsall	
Philemon*	01.06.1843	Walsingham	006
Philimon Thomas	27.09.1884	Falmouth	006
Philip	27.07.1870	Plympton St Mary	060
Philip Henry*	06.07.1934	Aylesbury	008
Philip Paul	30.04.1964	Lichfield	008
Polly*	05.07.1863	Tavistock	008
Reginald Charles***	07.01.1890	Toronto Canada	060
Richard	21.12.1867	Holsworthy	060
Richard**	11.07.1897	Toronto Canada	060
Richard Charles (Short Cert)	11.02.1975	Walsall	
Richard Henry	07.09.1935	Ermington Devon	021
Robert	22.02.1880	Helston	006
Robert Herbert	12.10.1887	Pancras	023
Robert Matthew	06.12.1974	Birmingham	006
Sarah Jane	16.11.1868	Kingsbridge	006
Sarah Kate	30.05.1870	Kingsbridge	006
Sarah Mary	21.11.1858	Kingsbridge	006
Sydney Philip*	30.05.1898	Plympton St Mary	008
Simon Richard	05.04.1968	Cheltenham	008
Stanley Louis	24.07.1902	Devonport	006
Susan	26.09.1838	Barnstaple	001
Thomas	02.11.1872	Helston	044
Wallace Jacob (Short Cert)	23.02.1893	Fulham	001
William	15.12.1840	Barnstaple	001
William*	17.06.1852	Aston	006
William	23.09.1856	Barnstaple	001
William	21.10.1863	Holsworthy	060
William Bowden	14.10.1908	Plympton St Mary	021
William Charles**	25.??1868	Toronto Canada	060
William George	27.11.1901	Tavistock	008
William Henry	20.10.1870	Plymouth	006
William Henry**	10.12.1881	Adelaide S Australia	107
William Henry*	10.12.1917	Birmingham	005
William James	28.12.1856	Plymouth	006
William James	21.01.1905	Plymouth	006
William John	07.04.1873	Barnstaple	001
William Leonard	17.10.1906	Christchurch	006
William Moses Bowden*	20.06.1838	Plymouth	006
Yvonne Dawn	05.10.1963	Sutton Coldfield	005

CHRISTIAN NAMES	DATE	LOCATION	VIA MEMBER
* = other Certificates	held for the same	person.	
** = Certificates	not available from the	GRO London.	
<u>SURNAMES OTHER THAN</u>			
<u>WITHERIDGE</u>			
Arthur*	24.07.1876	Market Drayton	060
AUSTIN			
Arthur Charles**	21.10.1910	N Shropshire	060
AUSTIN			
Beatrice Mary	02.05.1909	Market Drayton	060
AUSTIN			
Doris May	13.05.1902	Stroud	060
AUSTIN			
Ronald	02,09,1907	N Shropshire	060
AUSTIN			
Frederick	12.06.1841	Huddersfield	060
BACKHOUSE			
Lily	01,04,1897	Christchurch	054
BAKER++			
Lilian Ray	01.04.1928	Bridgend	008
BANKS			
Mary Elizabeth**	15.09.1914	Toronto Canada	060
BEECH			
William	30.10.1850	Stoke Damerel	006
CORAM			
Emma Louise	19.07.1862	Plymouth	017
COWELL			
Elizabeth Ann	14.07.1858	Holborn	006
CROCKER			
Elizabeth Ann	07.09.1865	Poole	006
CROCKER			
Albertina	27.12.1846	Tiverton	102
CUMMINGS			
Mary Ann Collier	08.09.1907	Plympton St Mary	021
JACKMAN			
Bertie	15.06.1894	Helston	108
JAMES			
Bertie	15.08.1898	Helston	108
JAMES			
John	02.10.1892	Helston	108
JAMES			
William	08.11.1888	Helston	108
JAMES			
Benjamin Richard	21.12.1879	Birmingham	006
LAPWORTH			
Winifred EF	16.07.1903	Devonport	008
LUND			
David	02.05.1880	Troon Scotland	181
MUNRO			

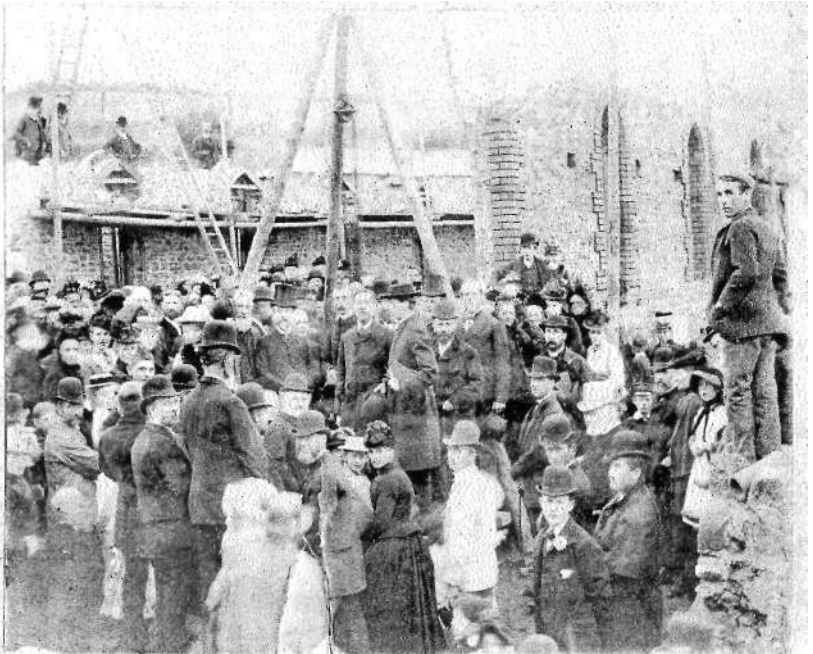
CHRISTIAN NAMES	DATE	LOCATION	VIA MEMBER
Elizabeth Wilson MUNRO	11.10.1906	Glasgow	181
Rhoda Adelaide MUMFORD	19.09.1876	Plympton St Mary	021
Mabel Kate PAINTER	18.03.1862	Stroud	060
Frederick RICHARDSON	18.04.1831	Chorlton	060
Elsie May SANDOVER	02.04.1881	Plymouth Charles	060
Richard Morris SAUNDERS	20,12,1846	Leeds	060
Wilhelmina Skilling	25.10.1881	Ayr	181
AliceEmily* SMITH	21.10.1925	St Pancras	023
CecilJoseph STREATFIELD	13.03.1899	Lambeth	006
Beatrice Sybil SYMES	01.03.1901	Wandsworth	006
Stephen TAYLOR	31.01.1887	St Pancras	023
Alfred Daniel THOMAS	06.10.1842	Bristol	054
Ada Florence WELCH	18.07.1889	Birmingham	005
Ellen WELLS (Short Cert)	26.06.1908	Tynemouth	001
William Robert WITHERIDGE WHITMEY	27.10.1879	Islington	006
Jennifer Helen WOOTTON	03.07.1946	Smethwick	
◆= other certificates	held for the same	person.	
** = certificates not	available from the		
	GRO London.		
++See reverse of	marriage certificate	of George Thomas.	

BIRTHS TAKEN	FROM ONTARIO	INDEX. NO CERTS	AVAILABLE.
WITHERIDGES.			
John F	16.12.1869	Darlington Twp	
Elizabeth M	30.06.1871	Darlington Twp	
Sarah Maud	04.09.1880	East Whitby Twp	
Howard Noble	23.10.1882	Darlington Twp	
George H	11.02.1885	Darlington Twp	
Walter H	04.01.1896	Toronto Jet	

* Certificates not available

All these certificates are held by Joyce Browne and she will supply information from these on request to her. Please enclosed a stamped self addressed envelope for reply if requesting by mail. Further updates of the certificates held for Marriages and Deaths will be shown in later magazines. ED.

ERMINGTON CHAPEL REBUILD IN 1891



I have a number of old photographs of family members and a few of the village of Ermington where I was born. The above is one example and shows the laying of the foundation stone for the new Chapel dated 7th October 1891 I have since been able to get the report of this event from the Western Morning Newspaper dated 8th October 1891.

The Chapel was built on the ground of the old Chapel, which was built in 1834. As this was too small for the congregation it was decided to build a new one. The old chapel still had a debt of 75 pound plus an interest charge of 120 pound owing up until 1879 when it was presumably paid off. Renovations to the old chapel were carried out at a cost of 120 pound but due to earth bank nearby it was realised that the masonry and woodwork had been "injured" and decision taken to look to buiding a new chapel. Another 120 pound was raised and Lord Mildmay acquired a suitable piece of land and had a wall erected around it. Ivybridge people raised 50 pound, and together with Ermington donations a total of 278 pound out of the 600 pound required, was raised by the time the foundation stone was laid. Donations also came from Plymouth Methodists. On the day, another 70 pound was collected.

This shows what can still be found by looking in the right place. One of the people there must be a Witheridge!. No mention of Witheridges in the report though, they must have all been at Church at the time or in the local pubs!!.

This chapel has in recent years been turned into a private residence showing a sad decline in the numbers attending religious buildings. Ermington has also lost the Gospel hall some years ago. ED.

2005 SUBSCRIPTIONS.

I would like to remind members that the subscriptions for 2005 will be due in January 2005. These are shown inside the back cover of the magazine.

NATIONAL BURIAL INDEX.

In the last magazine I mentioned that the National Burial Index was going to be available in September 2004 from the Federation of Family Histories. From the recent Guild of One Name Studies magazine I learn that NBI is a good buy generally but that names for Devonshire and Hampshire are pitifully few. The GoONS are prepared to sell the index at 36 pound to members (That's me representing you) that's a saving of 10 pound. Maybe they can sell me a number of copies if anyone is interested. ED.

National Archives Medal Records.

In the latest copy of Family Tree magazine it is stated that the Medal records for the WW1 can now be seen online at www.DocumentsOnlinenationalarchives.gov.uk. These show the card number for the medals but have to be purchased at Three pounds fifty. Interesting for anyone who wants to know what medals their grandfathers were entitled to.

Who is she?

Mark Witheridge,(my son) has recently sent me a page out of the Telegraph where the name Lyn Witheridge, Chief executive of the " Andrea Adams trust", (set up to stop bullying in the workplace) is quoted.

Anyone know who she is and to what family she comes from?

I bet Kim, Joyce or Kathy will find her!! ED.

May 2004 Reunion and AGM Photograph.

As the photograph in the last magazine gave a poor reproduction, I have hopefully managed to show another photograph here. Taken at Morwelham of the "Motley Crew" in fancy dress.

From left to right. Richard, Roy, Paul(Canada) Paul(Marlow) and Terry.

Hope this will give better results.

ED.



THE PICTURE POST CARD INDEX

Information from J. R. Browne

Mr. Colin Buck, of Bramhope, Leeds has made a collection of over 10,000 picture postcards which have been sent through the mail from the early 1900s to the present day. In October 2004 Colin published Volume Nine of his collection, which is indexed by recipient's name and address.

In the past I have retrieved several 'Wetheridge' postcards, and it has been quite a thrill to read the messages and to see the actual handwriting of our ancestors, although there have been none from my own family. This time I could find no Wetheridge/Witheridge/Witteridge names, although there may be other names in which our readers are interested.

This latest Index is on sale as a fiche, CD, or book for £6.00, obtainable from:

Colin Buck
2 Parklands Gate,
Bramhope,
Leeds.

LS16 9AG

The postcards are obtainable at a cost of £1.00 each, plus a stamped addressed envelope.

Further information can be obtained from Colin Buck at the above address or

Telephone: 0113 2842663

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Thanks Joyce, this sounds like a good buy. ED

By Joyce Browne.

This branch is one we have known about for some time, but we called it "The Yorkshire Witheridge Family", but now we think that we can with confidence graft it on to the Kent/London/Birmingham tree.

In 1989, a **Mr David Witheridge** of Wetherall, Cumbria, wrote to Philip Witheridge giving some family details and asking for help in tracing the origins of his grandfather **Richard Witheridge**, who died in the Worth Valley district of Yorkshire in 1961, aged 80.

David wanted to know about his grandfather's place of birth and his family origins and so did we - and we have been looking for **Richard Witheridge** ever since!

David's grandmother was **Emma Schofield**, but she has proved equally elusive.

We thought that if we found the marriage certificate of Emma and Richard it would tell us the names of their fathers. We have never been able to find a marriage certificate nor have we been able to find a birth certificate for Emma or Richard who - if his age of 80 at death was correct, was born circa 1880/81.

Although we could find no official records of Richard we do know that "he was quite well up" in a chromium plating factory. He lived in a large house and had beautiful old furniture. David appreciated his grandfather's taste in furniture but deplored the fact that all the brass handles had been removed and been replaced with chromium plated ones.

One clue that David gave us was that he had an Aunt Alice. She reminisced that she had an uncle Arthur who married an "Alice" and they lived in Birmingham, also that her grandfather came from Devon.

We knew of an **Arthur John Witheridge** who married **Alice Wesson** in Aston Brook Birmingham in 1906. If Richard and Arthur John were brothers, we could connect Richard to the Kent/London/Birmingham families, but other than the memories of Aunt Alice, we could find no evidence.

Kim Cook researched avenues for Richard, including the 1881 and 1901 Census, without success and named Richard on her list of Witheridges who appeared to be missing from the 1901 Census returns.

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Richard Witheridge = Emma Schofield
bc 1881

Lilian	b. 1903	Warrington		
Rose.	b. 1904	Warrington		
Richard	b. 1906	Rochdale	=	Atkinson
Ernest	b. 1907	Rochdale	=	Wilson
Annie	b. 1909	North Bierley		
Alice	b. 1912	North Bierley	=	Lancaster
Henry	b. 1913	North Bierley	=	Christina Appleby Allen
(Harry)				
Hilda	b. 1914	North Bierley		
Arthur	b. 1916	North Bierley	Died 1917	
Albert	b. 1920	North Bierley	=	Usher (m 1941)

Christopher Steven
b. 1955 Worth Valley.

Jean b. 1936 North Bierley = Geoffrey Johnson

David b. 1939 North Bierley = June Swales

Paul David Witheridge b. 1966 Bradford.

Compiled from data given by David Witheridge.

(Note. Broken vertical lines are not intended to denote any irregularity)

Arthur John Witheridge, born 1884, who married Alice Wesson, was the son of **William Witheridge**, born 1852 of the Kent, London. Birmingham family. This had been difficult to prove as Arthur John's birth was registered not as "Witheridge" but as Arthur John Lapworth - his mother Henrietta Lapworth.

William Witheridge born 1852 in Aston, Birmingham, was the illegitimate son of Caroline Witheridge. He was a zinc worker and in 1872 married Elizabeth Bedford in Birmingham and they had four children:-

William John	b. 1874	Aston
George	b. 1876	Aston
Edith	b. 1879	Aston. Died 1881
James Henry	b. 1881	Birmingham.

At the time of the census of 1881, William and his wife Elizabeth were living with their four children at 162 New John Street, Birmingham. William's occupation was given as "zinc worker". In the house with them was Caroline Yeomans, William's mother. She had married William Yeomans in 1855, but he must have died before 1881 as she is described as "Widow" occupation "Japanner".

William's life must have been somewhat complicated at this time. He had formed a liaison with Henrietta Lapworth. We don't know whether he left Elizabeth, or she left him, but William set up home with Henrietta.

William and Henrietta never married, although she styled herself "Witheridge" and children born after Arthur John were registered as "Witheridge".

On the 1st February 1890, William made a Will, leaving everything to "my Housekeeper, Henrietta Lapworth and her heirs" - no mention of any heirs of his. In 1894, at the young age of 42, William died and on the 12th November 1894 Probate was granted to "Henrietta Lapworth, Spinster, Sole Executrix".

Knowing all this made me no nearer to proving my suspicion that Richard was a Lapworth/Witheridge. I could find no birth record for him, either as a Lapworth or Witheridge, neither could I find records for Henrietta, although I looked for likely names such as "Harriett".

I decided to try to find Richard on the Census for 1891 for Warwickshire, hoping that he would be living with or near William and Henrietta and at least I might find a place of birth.

With the help of Kathy Witheridge of Ontario the 1891 Census for Birmingham revealed what I had been looking for:-

Census 1891.

242 Newtown Road, Birmingham.

WITHERIDGE	William	Head	38	Zinc Worker	b	Birmingham.
WITHERIDGE	Henrietta	Wife	35	Brass Filer.		
WITHERIDGE	William	Son	17	Machine Worker	b	Birmingham
WITHERIDGE	George	Son	15		b	Birmingham
WITHERIDGE	Richard	Son	11		b	Birmingham
WITHERIDGE	James	Son	10		b	Birmingham
WITHERIDGE	Arthur	Son	7		b	Birmingham
WITHERIDGE	Lillie	Dau	3		b	Birmingham
WITHERIDGE	Rose	Dau	1		b	Birmingham
WITHERIDGE	Caroline	Mother	56	(Wid) Japanner	b	Birmingham

We had discovered Richard, but of course there is the possibility that Richard was Henrietta's son and not William's, although I think this is unlikely.

What is surprising to me is that William's sons by his wife Elizabeth Bedford were living in the household and yet in his Will, William makes no mention of any of his children.

Another item giving food for thought is that, if the ages are correct, Richard was born before William's last child by Elizabeth Bedford. Another question - where was Elizabeth?

A long time ago I coined the word "Glistory" - meaning a glitch in the family history- and I think that this family has several "glistories" to be unravelled.

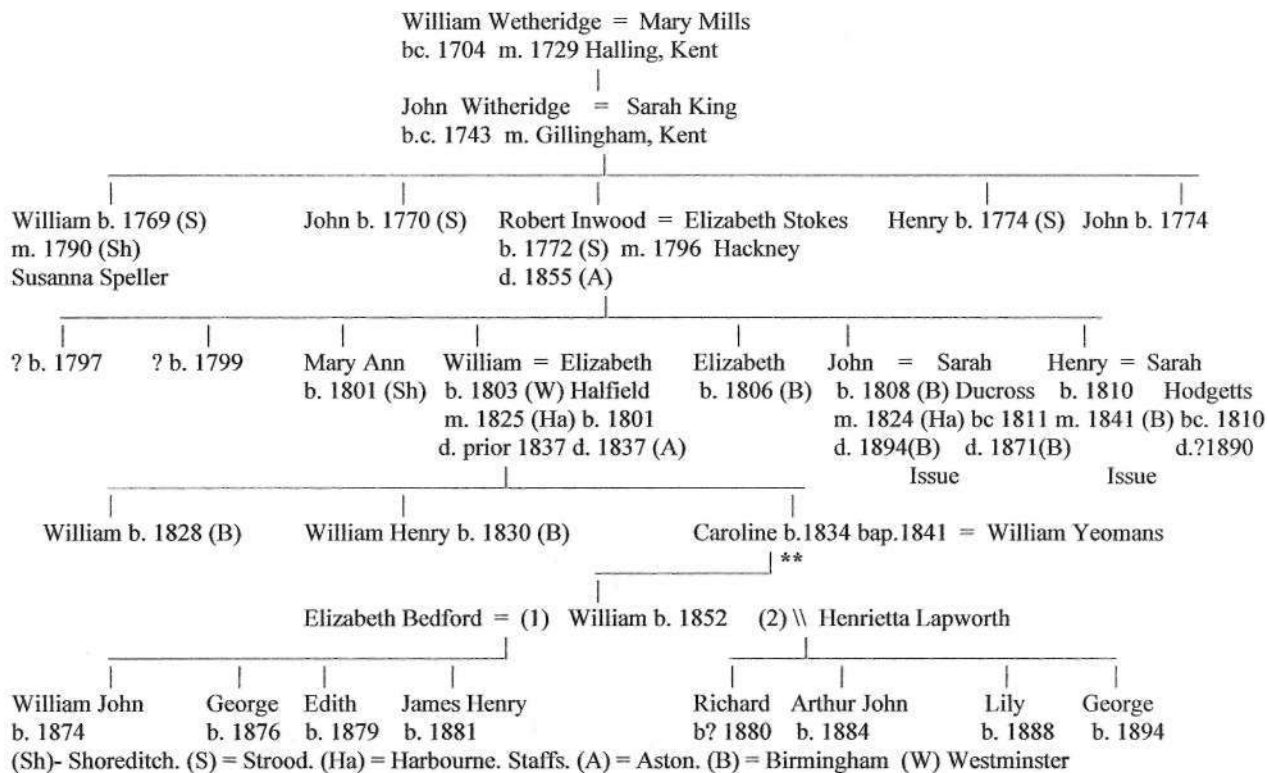
That must be another story, but I think we can put another twig on the Kent/London/Birmingham family tree.

On the following tree, the ** is to indicate the following:-

William's marriage certificate states that his father is John Witheridge a bricklayer

There is no mention of this on his birth certificate. May be he had an uncle John who may have brought him up?.

KENT/LONDON/BIRMINGHAM YORKSHIRE



Where There's a Will...

Kim Cook looks at some Witheridge wills and the families they relate to.

Moses Wetheridge, Mariner

The Will of Moses Wethordige or Wetheridge, Mariner, of His Majesty's Ship *Sandwich*, was written on 21 March 1743 and proved in London on 11 January 1744 '*before the Right Worshipful! John Bettesworth, Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury!*'

This Will poses a number of problems, for it relates to someone whose ancestry we know nothing about. Would it be possible to prove who he was and where he came from? The trail took many fascinating turns.

Within the Witheridge families, the name Moses seems to have been used only by the Wembury branch. When I first came across this Will, I knew of three Moses Witheridges from Wembury. However, none of these could possibly have been the testator in this case, for all were too old. Nevertheless, because of the rarity of this Christian name, and the fact that many of the Wembury family were mariners, I'm convinced he is descended from this branch.

The first known Moses Witheridge, born c1600, married on 10 June 1628 in Wembury Margaret Strapp. The name Strapp was deciphered as such both by me and by the local historian who originally transcribed some of the records for me. But another researcher who has put much of the Wembury information on the IGI has rendered the name as Crapp! No comment!

Moses and Margaret had four sons, Robert (1629), John (1632), Edmond (1634) and Moses (1638). Brenda Dixon, Joyce Marnham, Eric Pover, Rod Witheridge and I are all directly descended from Robert and his wife Agnes Galsworthy.

On 12 August 1663, in Wembury parish church, Moses II, believed to have been a mariner, married Agnis Lowe. They had nine known children - five daughters and four sons, but not all survived. Grace, baptised on 29 December 1666 was buried on 9 January 1667. Robert died at the age of four in 1680. On 2 February 1682, their youngest daughter Rebecca died at just one day old, and within a month mother Agnis was also dead.

Elizabeth, their first-born, now 18, probably became a substitute mother for the other remaining children - Mary (b 1664), Moses III (b 1668), Sarah (b 1671), John (b 1673) and Aaron (b 1680). She cared for her siblings until 1689 when, just 25, she died, and on 19 February 1689 was buried in Wembury churchyard.

I believe (for reasons that will emerge later) that by then Moses III had followed in his father's footsteps and also gone to sea, with his aptly named brother, Aaron, joining him at a later date. So far I've found no record of what happened to Mary, Sarah and John.

Moses II died on 19 January 1692, not at sea, but at his home in Wembury, and was buried there. His Will, which describes him as a mariner of Wembury, Devon, was proved on 2 May 1694 at the Prerogative Court of Canterbury (PCC), the usual probate court for people with property in more than one archdeaconry, or with property on the high seas, or overseas.

From the date of his burial in 1692, there is no record of any known descendants of Moses in Wembury or the surrounding area.

Where had his surviving children gone? Back in the 1970s, when I first indexed the Wembury records, I had no knowledge of the Will of Moses, held in London, and it didn't occur to me to search that far afield.

For many years, the trail went cold - until the indexes to the IGI first became available in fiche form. I soon had most of the Devon entries, but in 1988 I ordered printouts of other counties.

On the 1988 issue of the IGI for London, I found some intriguing entries for children born to Aaron Witheridge and his wife Mary. All were baptised in the church of St Katherine by the Tower. The first, Mary, was baptised on 28 August 1714. Next came Elizabeth, baptised on 22

January 1720, followed by Isabella (described as daughter of Aaron Wetheridge and Hannah, which I suspect is a mistake) on 13 September 1724, and Susannah on 30 April 1727.

Given that Aaron is another very unusual Christian name and, again, one that occurs only in the Wembury branch, I'm fairly confident that this is the Aaron born there in 1680. At present we have no evidence to show when and where Aaron and Mary married, and whether they had any children before Mary. The Wembury Aaron would have been 34 when Mary was born, an age well within the reasonable limits for having children.

St Katherine by the Tower was, and still is, a dockside church, another factor supporting the theory that Aaron was, like his father, a mariner. The gaps between the children's baptisms also suggest that Aaron may have been away for two or three years at a time, consistent with a career on the high seas.

Also in the 1988 issue of the IGI was the marriage of a Moses Witheridge to Elizabeth Reynolds. The wedding took place on 3 August 1738 in the London church of St Andrew by the Wardrobe, at the junction of St Andrew's Hill and what is now Queen Victoria Street.

The King's Wardrobe was the crown repository for royal possessions, including ceremonial robes, furniture and armour. Originally occupying part of the Tower of London, in 1361 it had been moved to a building south-west of St Paul's Cathedral, and a little inland from the river. As there were a number of other London churches with the same dedication, this one soon became known as St Andrew by the Wardrobe. Sadly, the new position of the Wardrobe didn't guarantee its safety, for it burned down in the great fire of 1666, as did the original church of St Andrew.

A new church, the last of 51 city churches designed by Sir Christopher Wren, was constructed between 1685 and 1695. Although bombed out in the London Blitz, and not used again until 1961, the church has been reconstructed, inside and out, to its original design. Furnishings of the period, including the pulpit, font and cover, were recovered from other contemporary churches that were not rebuilt after the war. So the visitor to St Andrew's can well imagine the scene as Moses and Elizabeth married here in 1738.

But their happiness was to be short lived, for this is the Moses whose Will was proved on 11 January 1743. The clue lies in the name of the only beneficiary, *'my loving wife Elizabeth'*. Having commended his soul *'to God who gave it'* he commits his body *'to the earth or sea as it shall please God to order'*.

Moses then directs that *'all Sum and Sums of money Pay Wages Goods Chattels Effects and Personall Estate of what kind nature or sort soever which shall belong or Appertain to me at the time of my Decease'* be given to Elizabeth.

Was Elizabeth still living in London, or had she followed Moses to another port? The executor of the will was Richard Biggs of Portsmouth, a watchmaker, which suggests that they might have been living in Portsmouth at that time. The witnesses were Mary and Richard Laugharne. Internet searches have so far revealed no information about any of these, or about HMS *Sandwich* at the time when Moses was serving on the ship.

Whether Moses and Elizabeth had any children, or whether the widowed Elizabeth eventually remarried, I have been unable to discover.

With no knowledge of what happened after the Will, what can we glean about the previous history of this Moses, whom I call Moses IV?

He certainly wasn't Moses III, who would have been 76 when the Will was written, and therefore not a serving mariner. Did Moses III have any children? Possibly, but I've so far found no record of any, or of a marriage. However, his brother Aaron did have children, and what more natural than to name one after his own father, Moses II?

At the time of his marriage in 1738, Moses IV could have been any age, but was probably in the age range of 18 to 30. This gives an estimated date of birth between 1708 and 1720. The first known child of Aaron and Mary was baptised in 1714, but there could have been others before

then. A Moses born in 1710 would certainly fit in with this family, but at the moment this is just conjecture.

Maybe one day we'll find some hard evidence, but for the time being the circumstantial evidence certainly suggests that Moses IV was the grandson of Moses II of Wembury, and one of the many mariners in this family.

One winter evening, a couple of years ago, I attended a business function at a London venue, where the main reception room overlooked St Katherine's dock. From a long balcony over the water I could see, moored on the opposite side of the dock, a replica ship, probably dating from the 18th century. As I stood there, the sounds of the 21st-century party faded. The ship, reflected in the moonlit water, reminded me of those mariners Aaron and Moses, and the children baptised in the nearby church of St Katherine. Despite the passing of 280 years, somehow they felt very close, and the conviction that Moses Witheridge of HMS *Sandwich* was also of Wembury stock was very strong.

FAMILY BIBLE FOR RICHARD JENKINS. Richard's Maternal Grandfather.

For many years now I have had in my possession my Maternal Grandfather's bible which was presented to him as a Sunday school prize. This also gave the name of the place as Kennards House and was dated March 1889.

Recently whilst on a trip to Devon, Maureen and I decided to try to find Kennards House and according to the map it was just over the border into Cornwall. Having wondered around the area for some time we decided to ask for directions. Most of the area had been turned into a motorway but a lady in the Post office of a close by village pointed me in the right direction. There still remained a little chapel, although this now appeared to be used possibly as a village hall, as there was no indication that it was still a chapel. There were very few houses around it, although one backed on to the chapel and had the name Kennards House on a board. Maureen took a photograph of the chapel. My mother died when I was only 11 months old and I never really knew my Grandfather having met him only once when I was very young. Although I have a photograph of him and my maternal Grandmother, I do not know anything about him or my grandmother. I now intend to try to find out more about them.



Kennards House Chapel near Launceston, Cornwall.

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