

# **The Witheridge Family**

**of Ermington, Devon, England  
and descendants who emigrated  
to Ontario, Canada**

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## RESEARCH NOTES ON JOHN NORTHMORE WITHERIDGE

I commenced my research on a John Witheridge in or about 1991.

My first knowledge of John Witheridge was with a member of a Genealogy Society in Canada forwarding me a copy taken from a cemetery index in Hamilton Ontario.

HAMILTON CEMETERY, YORK STREET, HAMILTON, ONTARIO  
SECTION "T" PART 2 OF 2 - STONES #651 AND UP  
M.G.R. #901915 NT - O.G.S. #4465 - HAM. BRA. CEM295

**1226. Mary J. KNIGHT / beloved wife of / John WITHERIDGE /  
Aug.24 1881 - Feb.21 1923 / John / husband of the above / Nov.9 1874 - May 20  
1932 / WITHERIDGE**

This was the first information which I obtained to work with. I proceeded to write to the Public Library in Hamilton, Ontario, to obtain a copy of the obituary of John Witheridge and also of his wife, Mary Jane (Knight) Witheridge, and I received the following:

**Hamilton Spectator - Thursday February 22, 1925**

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Jane Witheridge, wife of John Witheridge will take place from the residence of her sister, Mrs. J. Scott, 439 Charlton Avenue West, to Hamilton Cemetery on Friday afternoon at 2pm. The funeral will be private.

- and -

**Hamilton Spectator - Saturday May 21, 1932**

John Witheridge, a well known resident of this City, died yesterday. He resided with his brother-in-law, John Scott, 439 Charlton Avenue West, and was 55 years of age. Mr. Witheridge had been ill for one week and his passing will be a distinct shock to a very wide circle of friends who will mourn his loss.

He was born in England and had resided in this City eleven years. He was a member of the St. Georges Anglican church and was employed in the locker rooms of the Hamilton Golf and Country Club, Ancaster.

Mr. Witheridge had a long military career having 21 years active service, during which time he was through the Boer War, Khyber Pass and the World War. He was awarded eight medals and was a Sergeant-Major, retired on a pension.

He leaves to mourn his passing, one son, Ivor and one daughter, Sylvia, both at home. The funeral will be private on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, from the residence of his brother-in-law, John Scott, 439 Charlton Avenue West. Interment will take place at Hamilton Cemetery.

From these obituaries, I obtained quite a large amount of information.

Firstly: John Witheridge was born in England, and if the gravestone reads correctly, his date of birth was November 9, 1874.

Secondly: He had 21 years active service in the British Military.

Thirdly: He moved to Hamilton, Ontario, in or about the year 1921.

Fourthly: There were two children of the marriage, namely, Ivor and Sylvia Maud Witheridge.

My first thought was to commence with Military records. I wrote "Certificates & Searches Ltd" at 68 Moyser Road, London, SW16 6SQ, and asked that they search the Military records for John Witheridge. I forwarded their fee of £10.00 together with £1.50 for postage.

I did receive a letter from them dated February 24, 1994, which included 2 sheets recording Army records on John Witheridge. It indicated that regimental numbers could change during service, and that it might be worthwhile to search the Medal Rolls for the regiment if it was present at the campaigns in the Khyber Pass. They also suggested that it may be possible to follow the Devon Regiment through France from September 1915 by consulting the War Diaries.

Sheet one read:

**Public Record Office, London - Ref. WO 100/322**

**2nd Bn. Devonshire Regiment or Corps Supplementary Roll of Individuals entitled to the King's South Africa Medal and Clasps, under the Army Order No. 232, granting the Medal issued on 1st October, 1902**

Regt.No.	Rank	Name	S.Africa 1901	S.Africa 1902	Unit	Regt No.
2885	Sergt	Witheridge, J	Yes	Yes	1st Bn Devon R	4753

**I certify that the individuals named in this Roll are entitled to the Medal under the terms of the above quoted Army Order**

Place      Bordon Camp  
Date        5th January, 1904                      Signed - H.Balson, Lt.Colonel

Sheet two read:

Name	Corps	Rank	Regt. No.
WITHERIDGE, John	Devon R. Lab.Corps	A/c.Sgt QMS	7702 486852

Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks
Victory	LC/101B180	18297 )	Re-issued Class "Z" 29.3.19
British	do	do )	I.V.B. /1610 - df 22/8/27. NW/4?14849
15 Star	LC/11	W/33/3	



## 1881 CENSUS FOR THE COUNTY OF CORNWALL

Surname	Census Place	Forename	Age	Sex	Head	Place of birth
WITHERIDGE	Sithney	John	7	M	John	Sithney, CON

## 1881 CENSUS FOR THE COUNTY OF DEVONSHIRE

WITHERIDGE	Ermington	John	8	M	John	Ermington, DEV
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I was now down to two possibilities and decided to research both of them.

The John Witheridge in Cornwall, was the son of John and Esther Witheridge. John Sr was born in Minehead, Somerset, c 1848, so I decided to apply for his birth certificate. Upon its receipt, I find the following:

**John Witheridge, born March 24, 1848, at Minehead, son of Thomas Witheridge and Jane Witheridge, formerly, Thomas. Thomas Witheridge was a Coast Guard Officer, and resided at Minehead, Somerset.**

I looked in my St. Caths index and found **1873 (J) John Witheridge, born at Helston, Cornwall, Ref. 5c 214.**

I now felt that I was getting somewhere, and decided to look in old issues of "The Witheridge Times". I found an article written by John Witheridge in the Spring, 1993 issue, a Family Tree Extension of the Family Tree of the Combemartin, Berrynarbor, Helston and Penzance Families who Emigrated to Australia.

**Thomas Witheridge did marry Jane Thomas (1834), they had a son John (Jack) (1848) who married Esther Jennings (1871), they in turn had a son John (1873) who married Charity Veal (1910), he died in Penzance in 1959.**

On the first look at this, I believed that I had found the right "JOHN". I had looked in the St. Caths marriage index and found a marriage for John Witheridge in 1910, but there again, it did fit right in with my John, as their first child was born in 1915!!

I looked in issues of "The Witheridge Times" for a Family Tree on the Ermington family. In the 1989 Handbook, there is a detailed Family Tree and I see the following:

**John Northmore Witheridge, born 1872, married 1905 and his death of 1950 has a question mark after it, so I took it that there is no proof of this death.**

My next quest was to look at St. Caths Birth index for a birth in 1872, and I came up with the following:

**1872 (D) John Edward Witheridge, born in Totnes, REF. 5b 178, and  
1872 (D) John Northmore Witheridge, born in Plympton, REF.5b 232**

I looked in the St. Caths Marriage Index for the 1905 marriage, and found:

Theatre of War first served in  
Date of entry therein

(1) Frame  
22. 9. 15 NW/4/14849

The above information did not mean too much to me, as I am unfamiliar with Military Records. I recently wrote a member of the Devon Family History Society, who had written an article in the November issue of "The Devon Family Historian", entitled "The Devonshire Regiment During the South African War". I received a reply from Mr. A.E. Vicary of Bexhill, East Sussex, and he gave me suggestions, but I have not yet carried these out.

I obtained a copy of the Will of John Witheridge, which did give information, as follows:

a daughter, Sylvia Maud Witheridge, born April 17, 1915, and  
a son, Ivor John Witheridge, born September 3, 1921.

At the time of John's death there was an uncashed cheque from British Minister of Pensions, dated April 1st, 1932, for £17.2.5.

I also obtained a copy of the deed to his property, when he purchased on July 4th, 1925. The house was purchased after the death of his wife, Mary Jane, who had died February 21, 1923. The deed gave little information.

My next step was to obtain assistance from Joyce Browne of The Witheridge Society. Joyce very kindly looked up all the John Witheridge's in St. Caths indexes on or about the years 1873 to 1878. The reason for those dates being, his gravestone gives his date of birth as November 9, 1873, but his age in his obituary was given as 55 years in 1932, which would indicate that his date of birth was 1877.

Out of all the possible "John's" in that age group in England, there was only one death unaccounted for, that was a William John Witheridge, born in Barnstaple in 1873. This person was not married in England, so I would feel that this would be the one I was looking for.

I then found a birth in St. Caths for a **Sylvia M. Witheridge, born 1915 (J), mother's maiden name (Knight), born in Bodmin, Ref: 5c 96.**

This had to be the Sylvia Maud Witheridge, daughter of John Witheridge and Mary Jane (Knight) Witheridge. I sent for a copy of this birth certificate, and found that the father was John Witheridge and the mother was Mary Jane Witheridge, formerly Knight. At the time of this birth the place of residence was 3 Plas-Newyd, Bodmin, Cornwall, and John's occupation was "Sergeant 10th Devons (Army Pensioner)".

I now felt that I was on the right track, although, I still had no idea which "John" I was looking for. I took it upon myself to look in the 1881 census for Devon and Cornwall, to find a John Witheridge, would have been approximately 8 years of age in 1881. I came up with the following:

**1905 (M) John N. Witheridge, married in Devonport, REF. 5b 534**

The John Edward Witheridge was on the list of no's by Joyce, as he had died in Weston Super Mare in 1952 at the age of 79 years.

A John Northmore Witheridge was also on the list, as he had died in Plymouth in 1914 at the age of 65 years.

Joyce and myself decided that our best move would be to obtain the marriage certificate stated above, and this we did. What a wonderful surprise!! **Jan 3, 1905, at Stoke Damerel, Devon, John Northmore Witheridge, 32, bachelor, sergeant 2nd Devon, s/o John Witheridge, carpenter, married, Mary Jane Knight, 25, spinster, d/o William Knight, labourer.**

**THE LOST WAS FOUND!!**

Recently, I purchased a CD of the Canada Phone Directory, which lists everyone in Canada, unless the person has an unpublished number.

Firstly, I found the lost half brother of Joyce Stephens, which, unfortunately, did not develop to be the "happy" event which we expected. However, Joyce did get to talk to her half brother and now feels some satisfaction.

Secondly, I found a listing for an I. Witheridge in Selkirk, Ontario. This was the only other Witheridge name, I was not aware of. I knew that the John Witheridge whom I had been researching for some years had a son named Ivor John, so I took it upon myself to investigate. To my great surprise, I received a reply to my letter from Ivor John Edwin Witheridge, and he has given permission to have it inserted in the Witheridge Times.

Ivor, also has a sister, who is the former Sylvia Maud Witheridge, born in Bodmin, Cornwall, April 17, 1915, daughter of John Northmore Witheridge and Mary Jane (Knight) Witheridge.

I have been able to assist Mr. Witheridge with his family background, and in return, he has filled in a few blanks for my research. He has forwarded his parents original marriage certificate, and a list, showing all the medals his father obtained whilst serving 22 years with the Devonshire Regiment of the British Army. He has also supplied all the photographs which are to appear in this short account.

I am hoping that this friendship will develop, and that we may be able to keep in touch. I know that many of our members are in fact related to Ivor John Witheridge, and I am sure that he would love to hear from his relatives. Ivor is now a member of The Witheridge Society, and I know that there will be a warm welcome to him.

John Northmore Witheridge, along with his wife, Mary Jane and their daughter Sylvia Maud, landed in New York, on May 14th, 1921, and went to Canada to live with the sister and brother-in-law of Mary Jane. John and Annie Scott lived in Hamilton, Ontario, and apparently, John Witheridge was offered a good job in Canada after WWI, unfortunately, the job did not materialize.

Ivor John Edwin Witheridge was born in Millgrove, Ontario, on September 3, 1921, which made him only 2 years old when his mother died in 1923. After the death of John Northmore Witheridge in May, 1932, the two infant children were brought up by their aunt and uncle, John and Annie Scott. John Scott was a Painter and Decorator by trade, and started a business in Hamilton, Ontario, in 1911. Ivor grew up in the Painting and Decorating business, and that was to become his trade.

I trust that this will give a little more detail to our members of the Ermington line, who are related to Ivor John Edwin Witheridge. Ivor's sister, Sylvia Maud (Witheridge) Clarke, is still alive and resides in Dundas, Ontario. No contact has yet been made with Sylvia.

by Kathy Witheridge

## ERMINGTON VILLAGE

by Richard Witheridge

The following is a description of the village as I knew it between 1935 and 1948.

Ermington lies on the side of a hill on the bank of the river Erme, which flows off Dartmoor, through Ivybridge and then on to the sea at Mothecombe.

If approaching Ermington from Ivybridge, you leave the A38 at Ivybridge onto the B3211. In about one and a half miles you pass over the Erme at a hump bridge (Keaton Bridge) and turn sharp left. On this left hand corner is a long building known as "Witheridge House".

As a young boy, I remember visiting this house with my grandmother (with whom I lived after my mother's death in 1936) to see "Aunt Lizzie". This was Elizabeth, my grandfather's sister, who married William Cruze. Also living there was Harry Witheridge and his wife Annie (she was the last person bearing the name Witheridge in Ermington) and died in 1972. Harry was the son of Jane Witheridge, who later married David West.

As you approach Ermington you pass an old corn mill (1) on the left, this is now a small industrial site with a trout farm. This mill used to be driven by a large water wheel and bags of corn were brought up through trap doors to the various levels. There was also a slaughter house down below, and from the village pigs could be heard squealing until the bang of the humane killer gun.

The Mill House, formerly the residence of the mill owner, is now open for teas etc. An advertising plug.

On arriving in Ermington you drop down a short incline where, on the left you see the First and Last Public House (2). I have a photograph of my grandfather with the landlord, standing outside, and holding pints of beer.

A few yards further along on the right hand side, you see a large granite built church porch with steps up each side (3). These steps and porch are mentioned in a land deed extract as a place where rents were to be paid on certain days of the year.

From the porch the path leads to the church (4), famous for its 14th century crooked spire. Legend has it that the beautiful Miss Bulteen was getting married and the spire leaned over to look at her, and could not straighten up again. In fact it was due to settlement. After being struck by lightning in the 1850's it was rebuilt crooked at the insistence of the people in the village. To the side of the tower and behind the church there are gravestones to various Witheridges.

Backing on to the porch is the reading room cottage where I was born. This was in fact the caretakers cottage for the reading room which is next to it. The house and the reading room (5) were built as a school in 1841 and were also used by the poorer children and adults for

manufacturing and labouring work. The schoolmaster lived in the house.

This was superseded in 1872 by a new national school and was then turned into a library and reading room. Sunday school was also held here which I actually attended for a while. Later it was also used for dances and socials etc.

Opposite the reading room is No. 4 Church Street (6) where I lived with my grandmother. The cobblestone pavement outside the front door is still as it was in my great-grandmother's day and the can still can be recognised on old photographs.

Further along on the right hand side of the road is the War Memorial (7) to both the world wars, and to the left of the steps can be seen in an arched recess, a water tap. This was used to supply fresh water to the people living in Nos. 2 and 3 Church Street, who carried water in buckets and had to go through a passageway next door to No. 4 to get to their toilets or wash-house facilities at the back. They had no rear doors.

Next to the tap is a horse trough which is fed with water from a spring. This spring is just outside the western gate to the churchyard and is covered by a sloping stone structure (8), with a shiny smooth top, which made an ideal slide for the youngsters.

Carrying on up the hill towards the village square you pass the village school on your left (9). This has now been further extended front and rear. I remember part of it's tower being blown down in gales and finding sheets of lead in the playground. The tower was then completely removed.

My grandmother used to be the cleaner for the school and I remember her on her hands and knees scrubbing the floors in the two large rooms, especially after a Saturday night dance had been held there. Also lighting the open fires, later replaced by closed stoves.

As you enter the village square, on your left is a long low building (10) which was the old Inn where Henry Witheridge lived for a term around 1850, followed by son John around 1873. Directly opposite is the Crooked Spire Pub, originally called the New Inn (11), which was the only house with electricity, supplied from their own generator at the back of the pub. Gas and electricity was only installed in the village in the 1950's.

During the war the centre of the village square housed a large static water tank. I remember this and understand that a few drunken sailors attempted to walk the rim and fell through the wire netting cover.

The road on the left of the Crooked Spire, Chapel Street, leads to the Chapel (12), which is now a private house. I have a photograph showing the foundation stone being laid in October, 1891 by Lord Mildmay of Flete. (Flete Castle is about 2 miles away on the road to Yealmpton). The chapel was later used for many years as a Maternity Hospital.

The row of houses opposite the chapel (13) replaced the former house or houses in which my grandfather and presumably by father carried out their wheelwright business.

Further up Chapel Street on the right, a small lane leads up to what was the village allotments (14) (no longer there). High up on the right hand side of the lane at the entrance, are two houses. One was the home of Richard and Mary Edmonds (15) (Mary Jane Witheridge) whose son John Witheridge Edmonds was killed at Dardenals in 1914/18 war. A plaque on the north wall of the church in his honour, was formerly in the chapel.

Back in the village square on the west side is a shop formerly owned by the Crimps (16), another family connection. The house on the lower side of the shop where the road leaves the square was the home of Avis Witheridge (17), who died in 1927.

The road on the west side (Town Hill) leads to Yealmpton and Plymouth. At the bottom of this hill is a toll house (18) and also an old water pump (19).

Opposite the War Memorial, the road leads towards Modbury after passing over the River Erme (Fawns Bridge) (20). Directly over the bridge on the left, a small road leads to Strode Manor, which is also mentioned in land deeds for Joseph Witheridge.

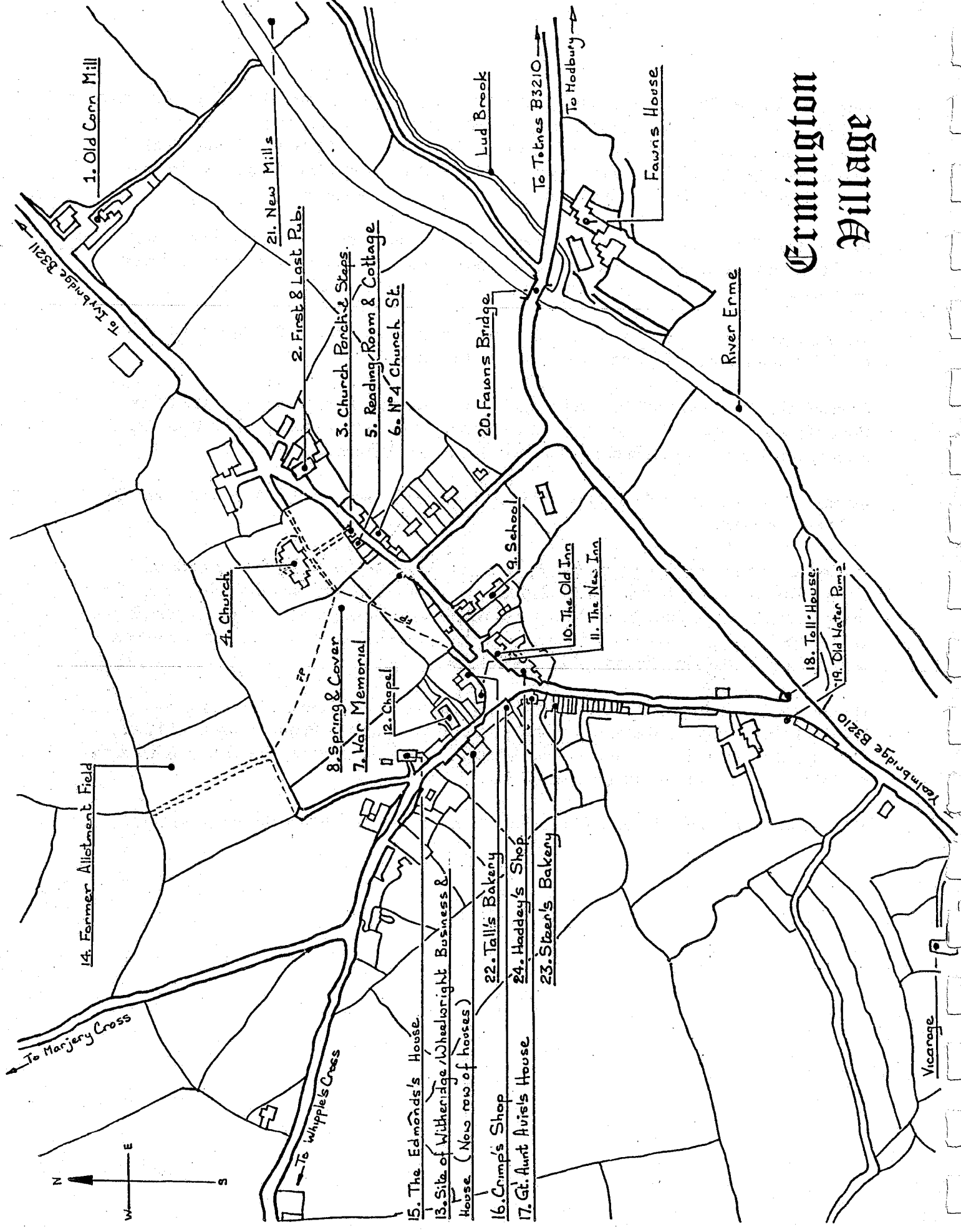
On the way to the Manor the road passes New Mills (21), where another Witheridge lived in 1870 (a carpenter).

If after passing Fawn's Bridge you carry straight on, in about 1 mile, you arrive at Strode Cross. Turn right and the road leads to Modbury. On the way you pass through a cross roads known as Crownhill Cross. Lower Crownhill is mentioned in land deeds for Joseph Witheridge. Carrying straight on from Strode Cross towards Ugborough you pass Ludbrooke where Henry Witheridge died in 1892.

During my time in the village, it had 2 Bakeries, Tall's (22) and Steer's (23) plus shops, Haddey's (24), 2 grocery shops, one with a post office included, 2 Public Houses, a Church, Chapel and a Gospel Hall. Ermington has changed very little since my life there and has won the "Village in Bloom" award a couple of times.

This story by Richard Witheridge appeared in Volume 2 Number 2, Summer 1988 of The Witheridge Times.

# Ermington Village



1. Old Corn Mill

21. New Mills

2. First & Last Pub.

3. Church Porch & Steps

5. Reading Room & Cottage

6. N° 4 Church St.

Lud Brook

To Tobnes B3210

To Hobbury

Fawns House

River Erme

4. Church

8. Spring & Cover

7. War Memorial

12. Chapel

9. School

10. The Old Inn

11. The New Inn

18. Toll House

19. Old Water Pump

14. Former Allotment Field

To Marjery Cross

To Whipples Cross

15. The Edmonds's House

13. Site of Witheridge Wheelwright Business & House (Now row of houses)

16. Crump's Shop

17. Gt. Aunt Avis's House

22. Tall's Bakery

24. Hadley's Shop

23. Steer's Bakery

Yealmbridge B3210

Vicarage



# THE WITHERIDGE FAMILY OF ERMINGTON, DEVON

by Joyce Rose Witheridge Browne - 1996

The word "Witheridge" is Anglo-Saxon, the "ridge" coming from "hrycq" meaning "back or hump" as in raised land or the point of a roof, and the "wether" or "wither" either Willow trees or a castrated ram, so "Wetheridge" or "Witheridge" could be either a place where sheep run or where willows grow. There is a village in north Devon called "Witheridge" and a field in south Devon named "Wythyhead Brake", which was once part of the lost Manor of Witheridge. The family name, then, seems to be a place name and there are two main areas from which the Witheridge families originated - north Devon and south Devon, separated one from the other by the mass of Dartmoor. It could be that families from the south Devon settlement migrated from the coast near Plymouth up the river Erme to what is now Ermington, a place of hills and wooded combes, and a rushing river.

According to some records, in the year 1238 a GERVAISE DE STRODE was granted the manor of Ermington. The Strode family became rich and powerful, with wide business interests and eventually left Ermington to live at Newnham, leasing their land to various tenants. There is in existence an account book kept by the Strode family, begun in the year 1540, showing that in 1588 a LION WITHERIDGE was paying rent for "Strode" which he continued to pay until the year 1605, when the account book was closed. Lion may well have been at Strode before this, as in the earlier years tenants were not named individually, a total amount received being entered as "Ermington".

In the year 1538 all parishes were ordered to keep records of births, deaths and marriages, but many parishes did not comply with this order, or if they did the records have not survived, and the first Parish Register available for Ermington begins in 1605. Time, damp and mice have all wreaked their mischief on the parchment, but then, in 1606, is the record of the "buryall" of Lion Witheridge, and in 1608, 1611 and 1618 the burials of other Witheridges - RICHARD, THOMAS and ARTHUR, who were possibly his brothers.

These men were of the Tudor age, they lived through the troubled times before Elizabeth became Queen, but for how long before this the family had lived in Ermington is not known. In 1588, Lion, paying his rent for Strode Manor Farm about twelve miles from Plymouth, must have been aware of the stirring events taking place when the Spanish Armada was sighted.

After Lion's death in 1606 his son, ARTHURE WITHERIDGE took over the farm and in 1607 Arthure married JOHANE EDGECOMBE. The Edgecombe's were well known and well connected, and Johane's family leased property at Fenn or Venne in Ermington, which she inherited, and after her marriage to Arthure Witheridge, he was included in the lease. He was described as a "Yeoman".

A Yeoman was a man owning or leasing land of a certain taxable value, and in the status of the time, stood above a "husbandman".

Arthure and Johane were prosperous. They had some education, they engaged in business deals, and were involved in litigation. Nine children were born to Arthure and Johane, three girls and six boys. Two of the girls, ELIZABETH and MARY, married local yeoman, and the third AGNES, is thought to have married in Plymouth. Four of the boys were described as "yeomen" and farmed at Ermington, two of them at Strode Manor Farm. Nothing is known about WILLIAM born 1616, and JOHN born 1621, died at the age of 24.

These boys were of military age during the Civil War between Parliament and the Crown (1642-1649) and it is possible that William left Ermington as a soldier and we may yet find a record of his life or his death in another part of the country. John died in Plymouth in 1645, during the seige of that city by Royalist forces, when the inhabitants, holding it for Cromwell, suffered terrible hardships.

On which side were our Ermington Witheridges? (it was well nigh impossible not to take sides during the conflict, and everyone felt the effect of the Puritanical laws of Cromwell's Commonwealth, which did not end until 1660).

The Lord of the Manor of Strode was Sir William Strode, a Parliamentarian who was famous as one of the five members of Parliament who King Charles attempted to arrest as the House was sitting. The five escaped, but it was this incident which led to the custom of the Sovereign being barred from entering the House of Commons. With such a landlord, although Sir William no longer lived in Ermington, I think that the family at Strode Manor Farm must have been Parliamentarian, although some evidence (slender) points to differences of opinion in the family.

Arthure died in 1640, but Johane lived through the War until 1666. After Arthure's death the Fenn property was sold for £900.00 - a considerable sum in those days. Johane is described as "having two houses", and the terms of the sale reveal her as a formidable lady aware of her rights.

When Johane died, only one of her sons, JOSEPH, was still living, and after her death he installed his new wife ANN ELLIOT at Strode Manor Farm. Joseph and Ann had only one child, a daughter, who married in 1705. Ann continued to live at the farm after Joseph's death. She died in 1723, but there is no record of the transfer of the tenancy at that point.

Arthure and Johane's fifth son, ARTHUR, married and had four children. Account books show that he did have connections with the area of Strode, but he died in 1659, before his mother, leaving one son JOHN, aged 7, and another, ARTHUR, aged 4 years.

JOHN WITHERIDGE, born 1652, had a property at a place known as "Keaton". It is shown in the Parish Account Books as "Witheridge's Keaton". John served the community in various capacities - Churchwarden, Overseer of the Poor, and he had to set the annual Parish rate - an unenviable task. He died in 1721, and from this point (or it may have been from the point of his father Arthur's death) the family fortunes seem to decline (although they continued to be Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor for two more generations). Why did this happen?

In the eighteenth century rural economy began to decline. Also, from the later seventeenth century, fewer children were born to the Witheridge family and the males died young. Of four male children born to Arthure and Johane's grandson, John, only one survived to marriageable age - JOHN born 1697. This John married MARGARET BROOKING, a widow, in 1728, but they had only one child another JOHN, born in 1729. This boy married but died in his early thirties, leaving only one child, ARTHUR, born 1758, about five years old when his father died. This sequence of events could mean that there was no one to take over the leases on land when renewal became due, and there is no record of any Witheridge farmer in Ermington after this date.

Strode Manor Farm, for which Lion Witheridge was paying rent in 1588, is still to be seen. Although much altered, the house bears signs of being of an early date, the nucleus of the house being a Devon longhouse, may be of 13th or 14th century origin, which was altered and extended in the 16th century, possibly by Lion. There is a Tudor fireplace, and the flag stones of the old cross passage floor are worn by generations of feet. It is now a sheep farm.

The family did survive. Arthur must have been a strong child. He was a carpenter, evidently a skilled tradesman as there are records of boys being apprenticed to him. His mother, ALICE TAMLIN, seems to have been paid a yearly salary of £5.0.0d. Arthur married ELIZABETH BOWDEN in 1787 and they had six sons and two daughters. One son died in infancy but the rest lived to become craftsmen themselves - three carpenter/builders, one millwright and one wheelwright. Elizabeth Bowden lived to be 74 and Arthur was 89 when he died in Ermington.

The family had begun to scatter before Arthur and Elizabeth died. The oldest son, ARTHUR, went to Plymouth and did very well as a builder, obtaining the Freedom of the City of Plymouth. The next son WILLIAM, also went to Plymouth as a millwright. He owned at least one house, and both brothers had the right to vote in Parliamentary elections - the franchise not then being universal. William's family continued in the metal crafts, some descendants moving to Birmingham and the Midlands, and others remaining in Plymouth.

PHILIP WITHERIDGE was a wheelwright and he and some of his descendants remained in Ermington, although some went to Plymouth and others as far away as Canada. His great great grandson, RICHARD, is the last Witheridge to be born in the village, and other descendants, PHILIP and JOHN have taken their branches of the family to Gloucestershire and Kent.

My great great grandfather, ROBART, the fourth of Arthur's sons, born 1792, was also a carpenter and left the village for Plymouth, but he apprenticed his son, another ROBERT, to his younger brother HENRY, and sent him back to Ermington to learn his trade.

Arthur's fifth son, Henry supplemented his income as a carpenter by keeping a Public House in Ermington, "The Old Inn" - now a private residence, and according to the Trade Directory was also a builder and glazier.

The youngest daughter, AGNES, born 1805, married WILLIAM YABSLEY and lived in Ermington. ALICE, born 1801/2 did not marry until she was forty-five, and then she married a THOMAS INGS, who was a baker and confectioner. They kept a baker's shop in the High Street at Poole, Dorset.

Subsequently her nephew Robert, my great grandfather, went to Poole and Bournemouth, where there were great opportunities for carpenters in the building boom which was taking place as Bournemouth established itself as a seaside resort. His business card describes "Witheridge and Son" as "Builders, Carpenters and Undertakers". The "Son" was FRANCIS ROBERT WITHERIDGE, my grandfather, who was born in Plymouth in 1853 and died in Bournemouth at the comparatively young age of 46, leaving a family of two boys and four girls.

The older boy, FRANK LIONEL, was in the Navy and was said to be an athlete and a successful boxer. He died at the age of 52. My father ARTHUR HARRY WITHERIDGE, was more interested in becoming an engineer than a carpenter, and left Bournemouth for Luton where the car industry was expanding. When the first World War broke out he joined the 1st and 5th Bedfordshire Regiment, and his adventures during the War would make another story. He married VIOLET MAY ROSE in Lowestoft in 1917, and died in Luton in 1970.

There are still Witheridges descended from Robert in the Bournemouth and Dorset area, but the daughters of Francis Robert married and moved to other parts of the country.

The Witheridge family lived in Ermington for four hundred years, and it is sad to think that there is now no-one to tend the graves, or even to look at the fields (still with the same ancient names) where so many worked, and the homes where they lived and loved.

## THE ERMINGTON FAMILY

by Kim Cook

I must admit that I approached this feature in the Ermington branch of the Witheridge family with mixed feelings of pleasure and apprehension. The pleasure comes from writing about a family that I first researched in great detail, some fourteen years ago, and whose members I have come to know in increasing numbers during the years since then. The apprehension arises from coping with the complicated nature of the family tree and its intricacies, particularly as so many of our members are descended from this family.

In the event, it has proved impossible to produce a full family tree to fit the format of the Witheridge Times, so I have had to compromise. From the early years I have left out those members of the family whose relationship to the main tree is unclear. In the later stages of the tree I have concentrated on the descendants of Philip Witheridge and Mary Northmore, as no less than fifteen of our members tie in with that descent. I hope to be able to show the descendants of Arthur and Elizabeth's other children in later issues.

It is impossible to state with any accuracy when the Witheridge (or Wetheridge as it usually is in early documents) family came to Ermington. I am fairly certain that this branch of the family is one that took its name from the Domesday manor of Wetheridge in Plympton Hundred, overlooking what is now Jennycliff Bay. A migrant family moving inland and eastwards to settle in Ermington would have been given as a second name the name of the place they came from, to distinguish them from others in their new district who already had the same Christian names.

There could have been Witheridges in Ermington from the twelfth century. One way of establishing details of medieval settlements is to consult manorial court rolls, if they have survived. I have not yet attempted to follow this line of enquiry with the Historical Manuscripts Commission (housed at Quality Court, off Chancery Lane in London), who hold information about most manorial rolls, their whereabouts and accessibility.

In 1538, Thomas Cromwell ordered all parishes to keep registers of baptisms, marriages and burials. However, many parishes failed to comply with this order, in some cases for many decades. And even where records were kept, they didn't always survive.

Ermington registers date from 1605, and the first Witheridge entry records the burial of Lyone Witherige on 29 August 1606. Next, in chronological order, come the marriage of Arthure Wetheridge and Joan Edgecome, the baptism of Elizabeth Wetheridge, daughter of Arthure; the baptism of Thomas Wetheridge, son of Arthure; the burial of Richard Wetheridge, widower; and the marriage of Robert Witheridge and Margaret Riche. It is possible that this Robert was a brother of Arthure, or perhaps a cousin.

These early entries show very little in the way of detail, and a great deal of variation in spelling, both of Christian names and surnames. Early baptism entries show father's name only, but in 1627 comes the first Witheridge entry to show mother's name also. Not until the 1780's do we find the date of birth being regularly noted, and not until 1813 is the age of the deceased indicated. The first Witheridge burial after this date is that of Mary Witheridge, age 24, on 20 April 1817. Mary Rogers had married Philip Witheridge on 7 June 1816, and I have often wondered whether her untimely death was the result of stillbirth or late miscarriage. No baptism or child burial is recorded, as would have been the case had a living child been born. (See bottom of page 15)

In fact, all registers show a more regularised set of information following the introduction of new registration forms in 1813. Baptisms show the date of birth, as well as date of baptism (very useful in the case of late or adult baptisms), and the occupation of the child's father is also shown.

The Ermington Witheridges, from 1813 to 1850, all give their occupation as carpenter, with occasional additions such as glazier, joiner or painter. In those days the village carpenter was usually also the undertaker, as he made the coffins. I wonder how many of today's Ermington descendants show an aptitude for carpentry?

The Ermington tree also shows how close the family came to dying out in the early 18th century, with only one of the four male children surviving to marriageable age. Whether poor harvests and famine, or some epidemic, contributed to this I don't know, but a closer examination of the full registers over a period of time would show whether the death rate was abnormally high at that time.

Not until the marriage of Arthur Witheridge to Elizabeth Bowden, and the survival of seven of their eight children, does the family re-establish itself securely. But by 1845 they had had no less than 35 grandchildren in the male line, and I am still trying to calculate the number of their descendants scattered throughout the country today.

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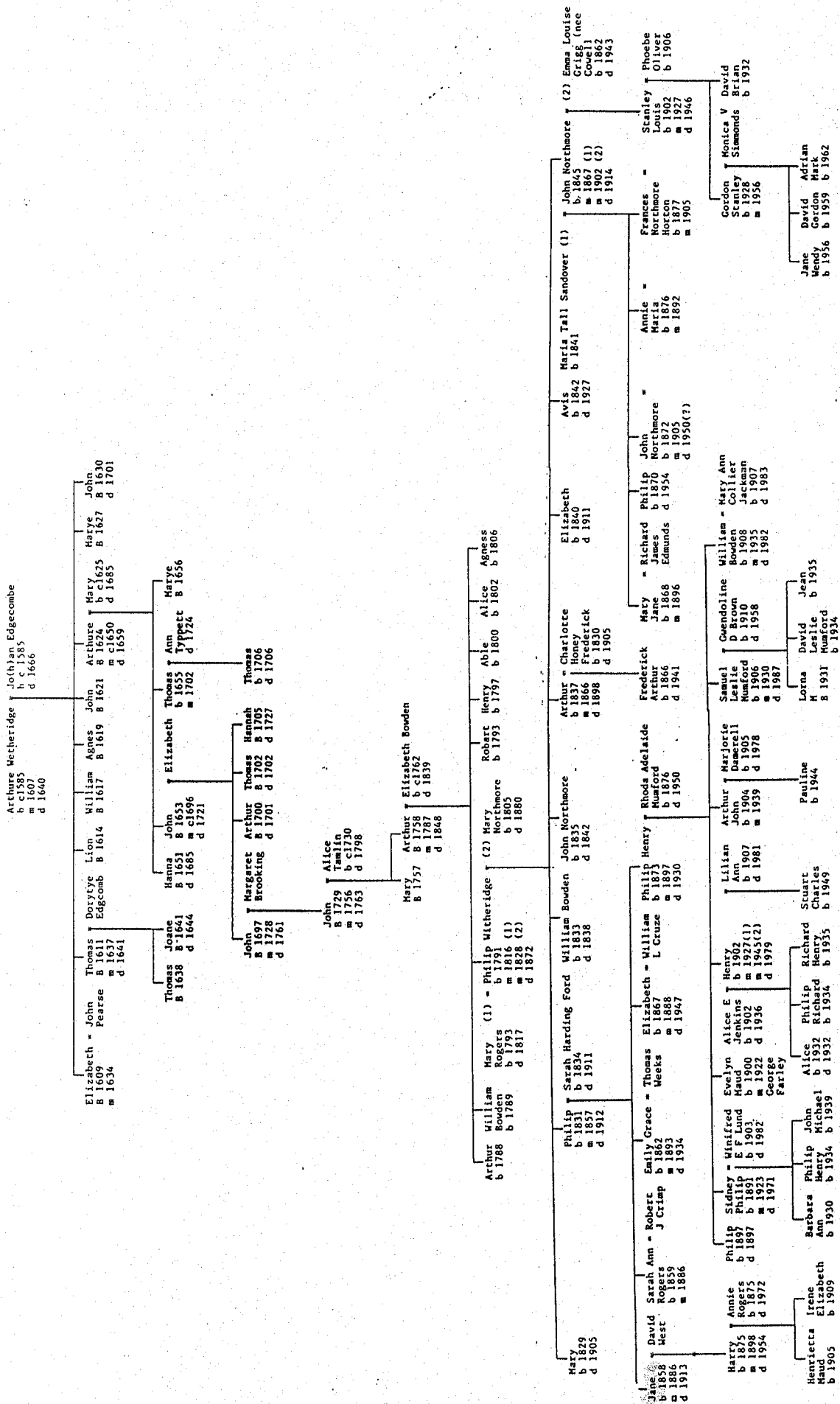
### **Grave stone inscription from Ermington church yard**

Mary wife of Philip died 16.4.1817 age 24.  
In childbed I was called away, I could no longer stay  
Because it was my saviour's will, to call me hence away  
Philip died 29.1.1872 age 82

Supplied by Richard Witheridge

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# The Ermington Family Tree



## ERMINGTON LINE, TAKEN FROM IGI

WITHERIDGE, Arthure	mar Joane Edgecome	Nov 23, 1607
WETHERIDGE, Elizabeth	d/o Arthure	Jan 22, 1608
WITHERIDGE, Thomas	s/o Arthure	Sep 16, 1611
WITHERIDGE, Lion	s/o Arthure	Mar 13, 1613
WETHERYDGE, William	s/o Arthure	Jan 6, 1616
WETHERIDGE, John	s/o Arthure	Mar 31, 1621
WETHERYDG, Arthure	s/o Arthure	Jan 25, 1623
WETHERYDG, Marye	d/o Arthure & Joan	Oct 28, 1627
WETHERYDGE, John	s/o Arthure & Joan	Feb 11, 1629
WITHERIDG, Robert	mar Margaret Riche	Nov 23, 1612
WETHERYDGE, Robt	s/o Robert	Feb 17, 1616
WETHERYDGE, Eliz	mar John Pearce	Nov 4, 1634
WETHERYDGE, Thomas	mar Dorytye Edgecomb	Mar 25, 1637
WETHERYDGE, Thomas	s/o Thomas & Dorrytye	Apl 1, 1638
WITHERIDGE, Joane	d/o Thomas & Dorothy	Mar 3, 1640
WITHERIDG, Hanna	d/o Arthure & Mary	Nov 1, 1651
WITHERIDG, Thos	s/o Arthur & Marye	Jul 12, 1655
WITHERIDGE, Marye	d/o Arthur & Mary	Oct 12, 1656
WITHERIDGE, Joseph	mar Ann Ellett	Nov 7, 1666
WITHERIDGE, Johan	d/o Joseph & Anna	Mar 31, 1676
WITHERIDGE, John	s/o John & Eliz	Dec 26, 1697
WITHERIDGE, Arthur	s/o John & Elizabeth	Jul 13, 1700
WITHERIDGE, Thomas	s/o John	Jan 7, 1701
WITHERIDG, Hannah	d/o John & Elizabeth	Oct 29, 1705
WITHERIDGE, Thomas	mar Ann Typpett	May 19, 1702
WITHERIDGE, Thomas	s/o Thomas & Ann	Aug 5, 1706



WITHERIDGE, Joan	mar Arthur Elliott	Jan 1, 1705
WITHERIDGE, John	s/o John & Margaret	Sep 15, 1729
WITHERIDGE, Mary	d/o John & Alice	May 15, 1757
WITHERIDGE, Arthur	s/o John & Alice	Oct 13, 1758
WITHERIDGE, Arthur	mar Elizabeth Bowden	Dec 26, 1787
WITHERIDGE, Arthur	s/o Arthur & Elizabeth	Jun 29, 1788
WITHERIDGE, William Bowden	s/o Arthur & Eliz	Oct 18, 1789
WITHERIDGE, Philip	s/o Arthur & Elizabeth	May 15, 1791
WITHERIDGE, Robart	s/o Arthur & Elizabeth	Apl 7, 1793
WITHERIDGE, Able	s/o Arthur & Elizabeth	Nov 9, 1800
WITHERIDGE, Alice	d/o Arthur & Elizabeth	Jan 2, 1803
WITHERIDGE, Agness	d/o Arthur & Elizabeth	May 4, 1806
WITHERIDGE, Philip	mar Mary Rogers	Jun 7, 1816
WITHERIDGE, Philip	mar Mary Northmore	Nov 21, 1828
WITHERIDGE, Philip	s/o Philip & Mary	Oct 23, 1831
WITHERIDGE, William Bowden	d/o Philip & Mary	Oct 13, 1833
WITHERIDGE, John Northmore	s/o Philip & Mary	Jul 5, 1835
WETHERIDGE, Arthur	s/o Philip & Mary	Dec 24, 1837
WETHERIDGE, Elizabeth	d/o Philip & Mary	Mar 29, 1840
WITHERIDGE, Avis	d/o Philip & Mary	Jun 12, 1842
WITHERIDGE, John Northmore	s/o Philip & Mary	May 25, 1845
WITHERIDGE, Henry	mar Betsy Coleman	Jun 3, 1825
WITHERIDGE, Mary Coleman	d/o Henry & Betsy	Oct 31, 1825
WITHERIDGE, Betsy	d/o Henry & Betsy	Nov 9, 1828
WITHERIDGE, Sarah	d/o Henry & Betsy	Jan 23, 1831
WITHERIDGE, Eliz	d/o Henry & Betsy	Dec 22, 1833
WETHERIDGE, Henry	s/o Henry & Betsy	May 15, 1836
WETHERIDGE, Elizabeth	d/o Henry & Betsy	Oct 17, 1841
WETHERIDGE, Emma	d/o Henry & Betsy	Oct 17, 1841
WETHERIDGE, Jane	d/o Henry & Betsy	Feb 11, 1844
WITHERIDGE, Agnes	mar William Yabsley	Dec 28, 1830

ONE FAMILY RECORD

HUSBAND (Name in full)

Lion WITHERIDGE

Father's name

Mother's Maiden name

SURNAME WITHERIDGE

WIFE (Maiden name in full)

Father's name

Mother's Maiden name

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
Bapt - c 1540,	Ermington, Devon
Mar -	
Death - Aug 26, 1607,	Ermington, Devon

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
Bapt -	
Death -	

CHILDREN

1. Arthure  
 Married to  
Johane EDGECOMBE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
Bapt - c 1580,	Ermington, Devon
Mar - Nov 23, 1607,	Ermington, Devon
Death - c 1640,	Ermington, Devon

ONE FAMILY RECORD

HUSBAND (Name in full)

Arthure WITHERIDGE

Father's name  
Lion WITHERIDGE  
Mother's Maiden name

SURNAME WITHERIDGE

WIFE (Maiden name in full)

Johane EDGECOMBE

Father's name  
Mother's Maiden name

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
Bapt - c 1580,	Ermington, Devon
Mar - Nov 23,	1607, Ermington, Devon
Death - c 1640,	Ermington, Devon

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
Bapt - c 1582	
Death - c 1666,	Ermington, Devon

CHILDREN

1. Elizabeth  
Married to  
John PEARCE
2. Thomas  
Married to  
Dorotye EDGECOMBE
3. Lyonell  
Married to  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. William  
Married to  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Agnes  
Married to  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. John  
Married to  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Arthur  
Married to  
Mary
8. Mary  
Married to  
William PEARCE
9. John  
Married to  
\_\_\_\_\_

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
Bapt - Jan 22, 1608,	Ermington, Devon
Mar - c 1634 - 4 Nov	
Death -	
Bapt - Sep 16, 1611,	Ermington, Devon
Mar - Mar 25, 1637,	Ermington, Devon
Death -	
Bapt - Mar 13, 1613,	Ermington, Devon
Mar -	
Death - c 1634	
Bapt - Jan 5, 1616,	Ermington, Devon
Mar -	
Death -	
Bapt - May 30, 1619,	Ermington, Devon
Mar -	
Death -	
Bapt - Mar 31, 1621,	Ermington, Devon
Mar -	
Death -	
Bapt - Jan 25, 1623,	Ermington, Devon
Mar - c 1650	
Death - c 1659	
Bapt - c 1627,	Ermington, Devon
Mar -	
Death -	
Bapt - Feb 11, 1629,	Ermington, Devon
Mar -	
Death -	

ONE FAMILY RECORD

HUSBAND (Name in full)

Arthur WITHERIDGE

Father's name  
Arthure WITHERIDGE  
Mother's Maiden name  
Johane EDGECOMBE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
Bapt - Jan 25, 1623,	Ermington, Devon
Mar - c 1650	
Death - c 1659	

CHILDREN

1. Hanna  
Married to \_\_\_\_\_
2. John  
Married to Elizabeth
3. Thomas  
Married to Ann TYPPETT
4. Mary  
Married to \_\_\_\_\_

SURNAME WITHERIDGE

WIFE (Maiden name in full)

Mary

Father's name  
Mother's Maiden name

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
Bapt -	
Death - c 1685	

- |                | <u>Date</u>   | <u>Place</u>     |
|----------------|---------------|------------------|
| Bapt -         | Nov 1, 1651,  | Ermington, Devon |
| Mar -          |               |                  |
| Death - c 1685 |               |                  |
| Bapt -         | Feb 23, 1652, | Ermington, Devon |
| Mar -          |               |                  |
| Death - c 1721 |               |                  |
| Bapt - c 1655  |               |                  |
| Mar -          | May 19, 1702, | Ermington, Devon |
| Death -        |               |                  |
| Bapt - c 1656  |               |                  |
| Mar -          |               |                  |
| Died - c 1657  |               |                  |

ONE FAMILY RECORD

HUSBAND (Name in full)

John WITHERIDGE

Father's name  
John WITHERIDGE  
Mother's Maiden name  
Elizabeth

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
Bapt - Dec 26, 1697,	Ermington, Devon
Mar - May 25, 1728,	Exeter, Devon
Death - c 1761	

CHILDREN

1. John  
Married to  
Alice TAMLIN

SURNAME WITHERIDGE

WIFE (Maiden name in full)

Margaret BROOKING

Father's name  
Mother's Maiden name

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
Bapt -	
Death - c 1758	

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
Bapt - Sep 15, 1729,	Ermington, Devon
Mar - c 1756	
Death - c 1763,	Ermington, Devon

ONE FAMILY RECORD

HUSBAND (Name in full)

John WITHERIDGE

Father's name

John WITHERIDGE

Mother's Maiden name

Margaret BROOKING

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
Bapt - Sep 15, 1729,	Ermington, Devon
Mar - 1756	
Death - 1763,	Ermington, Devon

CHILDREN

1. Mary  
Married to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Arthur  
Married to \_\_\_\_\_  
Elizabeth BOWDEN

SURNAME WITHERIDGE

WIFE (Maiden name in full)

Alice TAMLIN

Father's name

Mother's Maiden name

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
Bapt - 1730	
Death - 1798,	Ermington, Devon

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
Bapt - May 15, 1757,	Ermington, Devon
Mar -	
Death -	
Bapt - Oct 13, 1758,	Ermington, Devon
Mar - Dec 26, 1787,	Ermington, Devon
Death - 1848,	Ermington, Devon

ONE FAMILY RECORD

HUSBAND (Name in full)

Arthur WITHERIDGE

Father's name  
John WITHERIDGE  
Mother's Maiden name  
Alice TAMLIN

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
Bapt - Oct 13, 1758,	Ermington, Devon
Mar - Dec 26, 1787,	Ermington, Devon
Death - 1848,	Ermington, Devon

CHILDREN

1. Arthur  
Married to  
Elizabeth
2. William Bowden  
Married to  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Philip  
Married to  
Mary ROGERS (1)  
Mary NORTHMORE (2)
4. Robart  
Married to  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Henry  
Married to  
Betsy COLEMAN
6. Able  
Married to  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Alice  
Married to  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. Agness  
Married to  
William YABSLEY

SURNAME WITHERIDGE

WIFE (Maiden name in full)

Elizabeth BOWDEN

Father's name  
Mother's Maiden name

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
Bapt - 1762,	Ermington, Devon
Death - 1839,	Ermington, Devon

- | <u>Date</u>             | <u>Place</u>     |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| Bapt - Jun 29, 1788,    | Ermington, Devon |
| Mar -                   |                  |
| Death - 1855            |                  |
| Bapt - Oct 18, 1789,    | Ermington, Devon |
| Mar -                   |                  |
| Death - 1861            |                  |
| Bapt - May 15, 1791,    | Ermington, Devon |
| Mar (1) - Jun 7, 1816,  | Ermington, Devon |
| Mar (2) - Nov 21, 1828, | Ermington, Devon |
| Death - 1872            |                  |
| Bapt - Apl 7, 1793,     | Ermington, Devon |
| Mar -                   |                  |
| Death - 1851            |                  |
| Bapt - Dec 24, 1797,    | Ermington, Devon |
| Mar - Jun 3, 1825,      | Ermington, Devon |
| Death - 1858            |                  |
| Bapt - Nov 9, 1800,     | Ermington, Devon |
| Mar -                   |                  |
| Death - 1801            |                  |
| Bapt - Jan 2, 1803,     | Ermington, Devon |
| Mar -                   |                  |
| Death - 1890            |                  |
| Bapt - May 4, 1806,     | Ermington, Devon |
| Mar - Dec 28, 1830,     | Ermington, Devon |
| Death -                 |                  |

## OUR NORTHMORE HERITAGE

by John Witheridge

The Ermington branch of the Witheridge family is well represented within our Society, and it is also my own family line. As you may remember, I have shown an interest in the families who have been joined to ours in marriage. I find it fascinating to trace their history alongside that of our own. The name "Northmore" is connected with more than one Witheridge family, but it first joins the Ermington line with the marriage of Mary Northmore and Philip Witheridge at Ermington, in May 1838.

Mary's great-great grandfather was Richard Northmore, born c. 1680, but I have not been able to find much detail about him. In fact it took a little time to find a name for his wife. We now know that it was Mary, but still we do not have a surname. However, their children are well documented. Thomas, the oldest child was baptized on the 14th March, 1707, within two weeks of his birth. He married Grace Tripe on the 20th February, 1730, at Meavy.

The only record we found for the second child, Thomasin, was that of her birth - September 1710, and her baptism on the 8th September, 1710.

The third child, Solomon, was the great grandfather of our Mary, and we have a little more detail about him. He was born in November, 1712, and was baptized on the 25th November, 1712. He married his wife, Susannah Penkevell, in the nearby village of Buckland Monachorum, close to the Cornish border, on the 21st June 1737. The records show that they were married after banns had been called. Susannah was the daughter of a farmer. There is no record as to what work Solomon was engaged in. Perhaps he worked for her father?

Solomon and Susannah had nine children. The oldest, John born 1737, married Mary Jeffreys on 24th March, 1760. The next two children died within a year of birth.

The carrier of the next generation was to be Solomon, who was baptized on the 30th January, 1741. He was a thatcher by trade, and was obviously quite a successful tradesman, for he is registered in 1780 (LTA) as the leaseholder of three properties. The first, a property called "Cawses" in Cornwood, was owned by Robert Palk. The levy was 14 shillings per year. The second was "Moors" owned by Sir Robert Leman, - Levy two pounds and eighteen shillings. The third, "Bylands" at West Langland, was owned by a Joan Bowden - Levy one pound and ten pence.

Solomon married Elizabeth Veal on 17th April, 1769 at Cornwood. The witnesses of the marriage were Richard Sandover and Thomas Baskerville. Almost one hundred years later the name "Sandover" was to be connected to the Witheridges by marriage.

We do not know when Solomon died, but there is a memorial at Cornwood "In memory of Elizabeth, wife of Solomon Northmore, who died August, 1820, aged 84 years." A certain Burnell Morris, who was possibly editor of the Gentleman's Magazine, recorded (1820, part two, page 284) that she died at Cholwich Town, Cornwood.



The next in line of descent is John, son of Solomon, born 12th September, 1773. He was a farmer, and he married Mary Horton on the 19th December, 1801. The witnesses were Solomon and a Haly Horton. It is noted that both bride and groom signed the certificate.

A memorial in Ermington gives dates of this couple. "In memory of John Northmore who departed this life April 4th, 1845, aged 71. Also Mary, wife of the above, who died July 24th, 1859, aged 79 years."

It is interesting to note that John's brother, Stephen, b. 1774, married his sister-in-law's sister, Peggy Horton. Stephen was also a farmer.

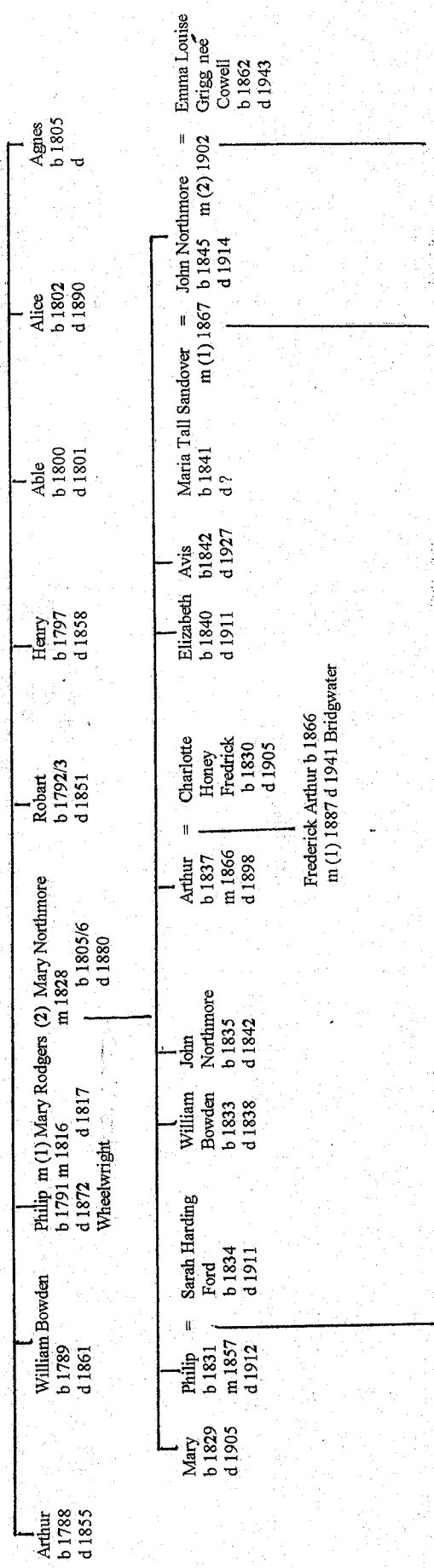
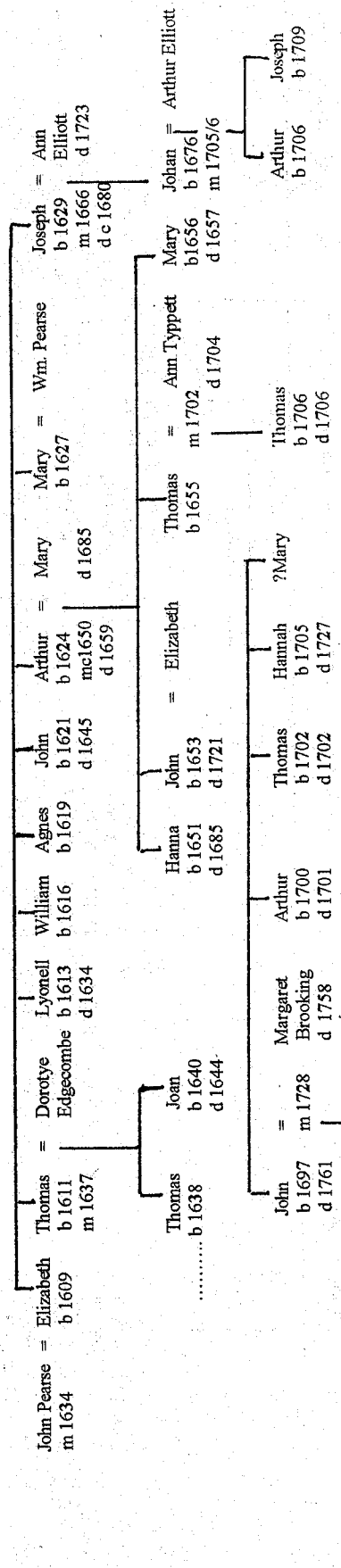
The census for 1851 shows, that on census night, Mary Northmore, nee Horton, was a visitor in the house of a Robert and Jane Velvin. (Mary was Jane's mother). Also in the house at The Square, Ugborough, that night, was Mary's granddaughter, Mary Witheridge. Mary junior was listed as a dressmaker.

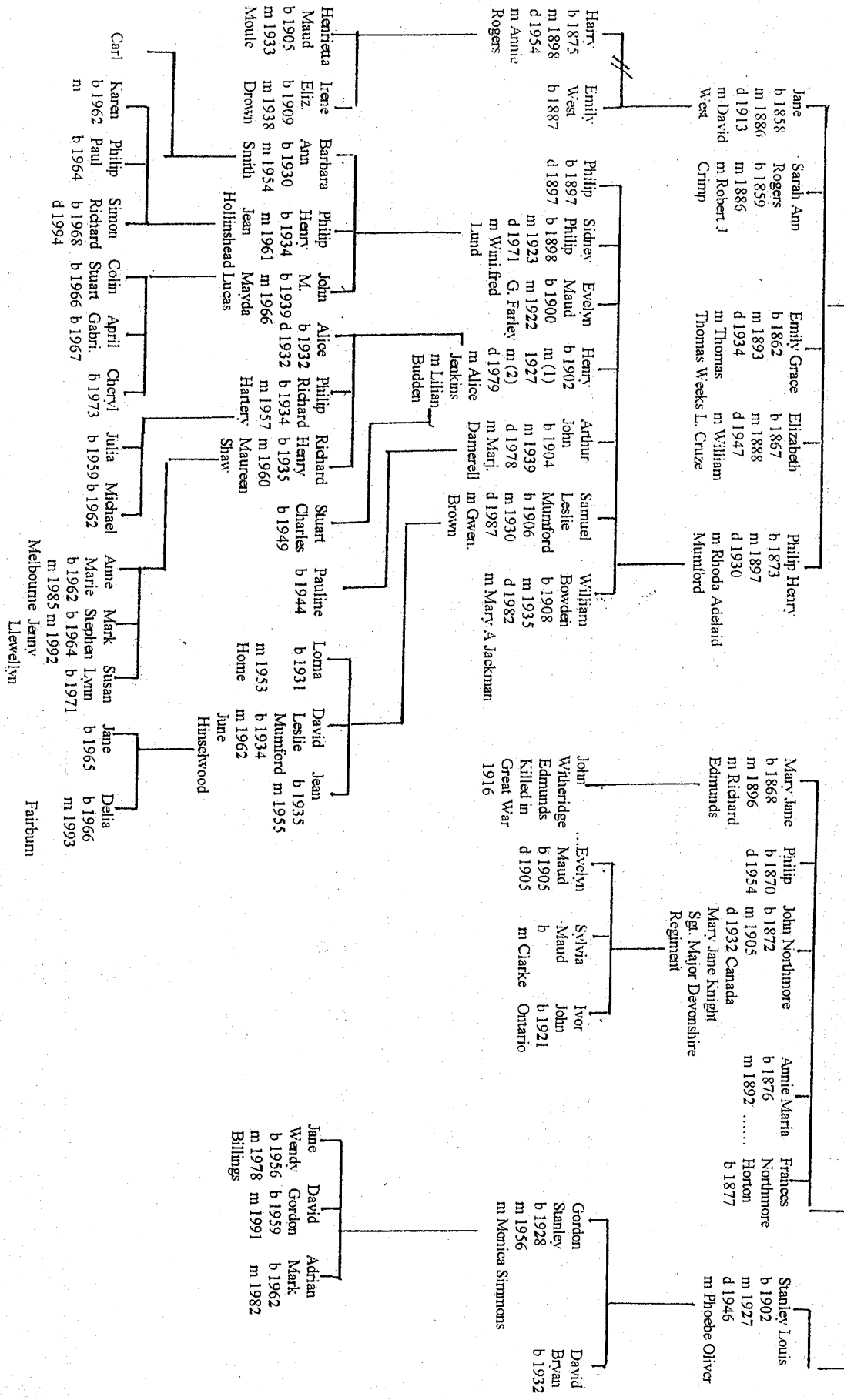
The Witheridge and Northmore families were evidently friendly, as the use by Mary Northmore and Philip Witheridge of the Northmore names for their family shows. Their first child was "Mary", the fourth child "John" (who died aged seven), the seventh child "Avis" after Mary's sister, and the eighth child was again "John" - a Northmore name.

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# THE NORTHMORE WITHERIDGE FAMILY TREE

Lion bc 1540  
bc 1540  
d 26. 8.1607 Strode Manor Farm, Ermington  
  
Arthur Wetheridge.....=.....Johane Edgecombe  
bc 1580 m 1607 bc 1582  
d 1640 d 1666  
Strode Manor Farm, Ermington





ONE FAMILY RECORD

HUSBAND (Name in full)

Philip WITHERIDGE

Father's name  
Arthur WITHERIDGE  
Mother's Maiden name  
Elizabeth BOWDEN

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
Bapt - May 15, 1791,	Ermington, Devon
Mar (1) - Jun 7, 1816,	Ermington, Devon
Mar (2) - Nov 21, 1828,	Ermington, Devon
Death - 1872,	Ermington, Devon

CHILDREN

1. Mary  
Married to \_\_\_\_\_
2. Philip  
Married to Sarah Harding FORD
3. William Bowden  
Married to \_\_\_\_\_
4. John Northmore  
Married to \_\_\_\_\_
5. Arthur  
Married to Charlotte Honey FREDERICK
6. Elizabeth  
Married to never married
7. Avis  
Married to never married
8. John Northmore  
Married to Maria Tall SANDOVER (1)  
Emma Louise (Cowell) GRIGG (2)

SURNAME WITHERIDGE

WIFE (Maiden name in full)

Mary ROGERS (1)  
Mary NORTHMORE (2)  
Father's name (2)  
John NORTHMORE  
Mother's Maiden name  
Mary HORTON

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
Birth (1) - 1793,	Ermington, Devon
Birth (2) - 1805,	Ermington, Devon
Death (1) - 1817,	Ermington, Devon
Death (2) - 1880,	Ermington, Devon

Date Place

- |                                   |                  |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Bapt - Nov 29, 1829,              | Ermington, Devon |
| Mar -                             |                  |
| Death - 1905 - Jun 26, age 76 yrs |                  |
| Bapt - Oct 23, 1831,              | Ermington, Devon |
| Mar - Dec 9, 1857,                | Ermington, Devon |
| Death - 1912,                     | Ermington, Devon |
| Bapt - Oct 13, 1833,              | Ermington, Devon |
| Mar -                             |                  |
| Death - 1838,                     | Ermington, Devon |
| Bapt - Jul 5, 1835,               | Ermington, Devon |
| Mar -                             |                  |
| Death - 1842,                     | Ermington, Devon |
| Bapt - Dec 24, 1837,              | Ermington, Devon |
| Mar - Jan 9, 1866,                | Ermington, Devon |
| Death - 1898,                     | Ermington, Devon |
| Bapt - Mar 29, 1840,              | Ermington, Devon |
| Mar -                             |                  |
| Death - Apl 9, 1910,              | Ermington, Devon |
| Bapt - Jun 12, 1842,              | Ermington, Devon |
| Mar -                             |                  |
| Death - Apl 18, 1927,             | Ermington, Devon |
| Bapt - May 25, 1845,              | Ermington, Devon |
| Mar (1) - Nov 20, 1867,           | Ermington, Devon |
| Mar (2) - Mar 24, 1902,           | Ermington, Devon |
| Death - 1914,                     | Ermington, Devon |





CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF MARRIAGE

GIVEN AT THE GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON

Application Number

917891

Kathy

1866. Marriage solemnized at St. Peter's Church in the Parish of St. Mary's in the County of Devon

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of
142	January 9 <sup>th</sup>	William Witheridge Charlotte Honey Medrick	both both	Bachelors Spinster.	Employer —	Leamington Widrig in Leamington	Philip Witheridge Robert Long Medrick	Employer — —

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by or after Banns

This Marriage was solemnized between us, William Witheridge }  
Charlotte Honey Medrick }  
 in the Presence of us, William Borden Honey Medrick  
Martha Fairfield

Plympton St Marys  
day of 19 80  
November

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a register of Marriages in the Registration District of  
Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the



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

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IMPRESSED COURT SEAL

**This** is the last Will and Testament of me Elizabeth  
Wetheridge of Ermington in the County of Devon Spinster whereby  
I give all my undivided share and interest or the entirety that I  
shall be possessed of at the time of my decease in the freehold  
dwellinghouse and garden situate in the Village and parish of  
Ermington aforesaid that were my parents to my two sisters Mary  
Wetheridge and Avis Wetheridge equally between them as tenants  
in common and not as joint tenants or in case of the death of either  
of them in my lifetime then to the survivor of them And I give all  
my other property to them or her in like manner and appoint  
them Executrices or Executor as the case may be of my Will. In  
witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this six day of October  
one thousand eight hundred and eighty seven

Elizabeth Wetheridge

Signed by the said Elizabeth Wetheridge as and for her last Will  
and Testament in the joint presence of us who at the same time  
in the presence of her and of each other have hereunto set our hands  
as witnesses attesting her execution thereof.

Stepr. Northmore

Solomon Stephens

**On** the first day of June 1910 Probate of this Will was  
granted at Exeter to Avis Wetheridge Spinster, the sister  
the surviving executrix

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**OFFICE COPY**  
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**IMPRESSED COURT SEAL**

THIS IS THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of me AVIS WITHERIDGE of Ermington  
in the County of Devon Spinster

(1) I hereby revoke all former wills and testamentary dispositions made by me and  
I appoint my nieces Mary Jane Edmunds Emily Grace Weeks and Elizabeth Cruze to be the  
EXECUTRIXES hereof

(2) I give to my nephews Philip Witheridge and John Mortimore Witheridge my house  
and premises in Ermington now in the occupation of the s<sup>d</sup> Mary Jane Edmunds to be  
held by them as tenants in common in equal shares

(3) I give my grand father clock and also my gold watch and chain to my said niece  
the said Mary Jane Edmunds

(4) Subject as aforesaid and to the payment of my just debts and funeral and testa  
mentary expenses I give and devise all the property of which I may die possessed to my  
nieces the said Mary Jane Edmunds Emily Grace Weeks and Elizabeth Cruze in equal



shares absolutely

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand this nineteenth day of August one thousand nine hundred and fifteen -- AVIS WITHERIDGE --

SIGNED by the said Avis Witheridge (the testatrix) as and for her last will and testament in the presence of us both present at the same time who at her request in her presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses -- ELIZ'ETH B ANDREWS Spinster Traine Modbury -- ARTHUR C PODE Solr Modbury --

Proved 27th June 1927.

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ONE FAMILY RECORD

HUSBAND (Name in full)

John Northmore WITHERIDGE

Father's name  
Philip WITHERIDGE  
Mother's Maiden name  
Mary NORTHMORE

SURNAME WITHERIDGE

WIFE (Maiden name in full)

Maria Tall SANDOVER (1)  
Emma Louise (COWELL) GRIGG (2)  
Father's name

Mother's Maiden name

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
Bapt - May 25, 1845,	Ermington, Devon
Mar (1) - Nov 20, 1867,	Ermington, Devon
Mar (2) - Mar 24, 1902,	Devonport, Devon
Death - 1914,	Ermington, Devon

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
Birth (1) - 1841	
Birth (2) - 1862	
Death (1) -	
Death (2) - 1943	

CHILDREN

1. Mary Jane  
Married to  
Richard James EDMUNDS
2. Philip  
Married to  
Florence Eliza
3. John Northmore  
Married to  
Mary Jane KNIGHT
4. Annie Maria  
Married to  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Frances Northmore Horton  
Married to  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Stanley Louis  
Married to  
Pheobe OLIVER

- | <u>Date</u>           | <u>Place</u>         |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Birth - 1868,         | Ermington, Devon     |
| Mar - 1896,           | Ermington, Devon     |
| Death -               |                      |
| Birth - Jul 25, 1870, | Ermington, Devon     |
| Mar -                 |                      |
| Death - May 11, 1954, | Wolverton, Bucks     |
| Birth - Nov 10, 1872, | Ermington, Devon     |
| Mar - Jan 3, 1905,    | Stoke Damerel, Devon |
| Death - May 20, 1932, | Hamilton, Ontario    |
| Birth - 1876,         | Ermington, Devon     |
| Mar - 1892,           | Ermington, Devon     |
| Death -               |                      |
| Birth - 1877,         | Ermington, Devon     |
| Mar - 1905,           | Ermington, Devon     |
| Death -               |                      |
| Birth - 1902,         | Devonport, Devon     |
| Mar - 1927,           | Devonport, Devon     |
| Death - 1946,         | Plymouth, Devon      |

The first five children were born to Maria Tall Sandover and the sixth child was born to Emma Louise (Cowell) Grigg

**JOHN NORTHMORE WITHERIDGE**

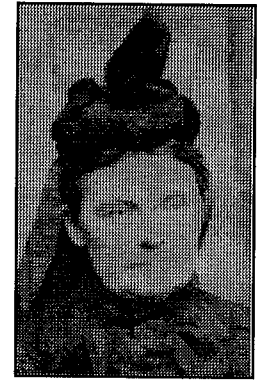
1845 - 1914

**MARIA TALL SANDOVER (1)**

1842 -

**EMMA LOUISE (COWELL) GRIGG (2)**

1862 - 1943



Maria Tall Sandover

CHILDREN

**Mary Jane Witheridge**

**Philip Witheridge**

**John Northmore Witheridge**

**Annie Maria Witheridge**

**Frances Northmore Horton Witheridge**

**Stanley Louis Witheridge** (only child to second wife)

For some time now, a large amount of research has gone into this family, not necessarily by me, but by other members of the Witheridge Society.

John Northmore Witheridge was born in Ermington, Devon, in 1845 and baptized on May 25, 1845. He was the eighth child of Philip Witheridge and Mary Rogers.

On November 20, 1867, John Northmore Witheridge, married Maria Tall Sandover at St. Georges Church, Modbury, Devon. Maria was the daughter of James Sandover, a smith by trade. There was 5 children of this marriage.

In the 1881 census, John resided in Ermington, Devon, was 36 years of age and a carpenter by trade, it also indicated that he was married. At that time, his wife, Maria Tall (Sandover) Witheridge did not reside with her husband, but she did appear in the 1881 census for Plymouth Charl., was 37 years old, a servant and house keeper for Andrew Sandover. The census indicated that she too was married.

On March 24, 1902, John Northmore Witheridge, married for a second time, Emily Louise (Cowell) Grigg. No evidence has been found for a death of Maria Tall (Sandover) Witheridge prior to this marriage. This is still under investigation.

There was one child, Stanley Louise, who was born 1902, to John's second wife. John Northmore Witheridge died in 1914 at an approximate age of 69 years.

CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF MARRIAGE



Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE,

Application Number 4201 G

Registration District Kingsthorpe

1867. Marriage solemnized at St. George's Church  
in the Parish of Medbury in the County of Devon

No.	When married	Name and Surname	Age	Condition	Rank or profession	Residence at the time of marriage	Father's name and surname	Rank or grade
221	Nov. 20th	John Northmore Witheridge	Full	Bachelor	Wharf wright	Ermington	Philip Witheridge	Warf
		Maria Hall Sandover	Full	Spinster	—	Modbury	James Sandover	Emi

Married in the Parish of St. George's Church according to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England after Banns by  
This marriage was solemnized between us, John Northmore Witheridge in the presence of us, Stephen Sandover & S. Brown  
Maria Hall Sandover Agnes George Sandover Jowate

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

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 12th day of January 1919.

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



**Maria Tall (Sandover) Witheridge**  
wife of  
**John Northmore Witheridge snr**

CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF MARRIAGE



GIVEN AT THE GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON

Application Number..... *11027.9*

1962 Marriage solemnized at *St. Helier's Registry Office*  
 in the District of *Beverly* in the County of *Beverly*

When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
<i>1962</i>	<i>John A. Williams</i>	<i>34 years</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>St. Helier's Registry Office</i>	<i>John A. Williams</i>	<i>Senior</i>
	<i>Emma Louise Gray</i>	<i>31 years</i>	<i>Widow</i>		<i>St. Helier's Registry Office</i>	<i>William Heppner</i>	<i>Lawyer, House Officer</i>

Witnessed in the presence of the Registrar, *John A. Williams*, and two other persons, *Emma Louise Gray* and *Mayie S. Gilbert*, according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England, by *William Heppner*, Registrar.

This certificate is issued in pursuance of section 65 of the Marriage Act 1949. Sub-section 2 of that section provides that any certified copy of an entry purporting to be sealed or stamped with the seal of the General Register Office shall be received as evidence of the marriage to which it relates without any further or other proof of the entry, and no certified copy purporting to have been given in the said Office shall be of any force or effect unless it is sealed or stamped as aforesaid.

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This is supposedly Richard Edmunds & Mary Jane (Witheridge) Edmunds & their family.  
The younger couple in the picture looks to be John Witheridge and Mary Jane Knight.



## **PHILIP WITHERIDGE**

**1870 - May 11, 1954**

## **FLORENCE ELIZA**

**1880 - Feb 21, 1923**

Little is known about Philip and his wife Florence Eliza, but research is being carried out on this family. Philip was born in Ermington, Devon, in the year 1870, he was the second child of John Northmore Witheridge and Maria Tall Sandover.

Philip joined the armed forces and served with the Rifle Brigade in at least two Wars, and was the proud owner of seven medals. The records available show Philip to have been a Major.

The records in St. Catherine's do not show a marriage to Florence Eliza, and it is now thought that he may well have married during his service. This is being investigated at the present time. It has not been established as to whether or not there were children of this marriage, but this also is under investigation.

In 1943, Ivor John Witheridge of Canada visited his uncle Philip at 24 Paignton Road, Tottenham, London N.15. Although uncle Philip knew little about the family history, he did indicate that he had heard of a Sir Witheridge in London, and also that there had been four Witheridge brothers who had a violent fight and had all separated.

Florence Eliza Witheridge of 24 Paignton Road, South Tottenham, London N.15 (wife of Philip Witheridge) died November 3, 1952 at North Middlesex Hospital (age 75). Admon, London, January 24, to the said Philip Witheridge, retired Almoner.

Philip Witheridge of 28 Paignton Road, London, N.15, died May 11, 1954 at Wolverton, Bucks (age 83). Probate, London, June 11, to Frank Wilkerson, certified accountant.



PHILIP WITHERIDGE

6 MEDALS ON 1 BAR

A SILVER FACE - QUEEN VICTORIA  
REAR - WOMAN WITH HELMET & WRATH - STAMPED SOUTH AFRICA  
5 SILVER BARS ON RIBBON  
• LAINGS Nek  
• TRANSVAAL  
• RELIEF OF LADYSMITH  
• TUGELA HEIGHTS  
• CAPE COLONY.

X 1 RE-CHECKED THIS MEDAL + IT CLEARLY SHOWS 654.

EDGE - X 654 Sgt. P. WITHERIDGE - RIFLE BRIGADE

B SILVER FACE EDWARD III  
REAR - WOMAN WITH HELMET & WRATH - SOUTH AFRICA  
634 CLR. SERGT. P. WITHERIDGE RIFLE BRIGADE

2 SILVER BARS ON RIBBON SOUTH AFRICA 1902  
SOUTH AFRICA 1901

EDGE 634 CLR. SERGT. P. WITHERIDGE RIFLE BRIGADE.

C BRONZE FACE CROSS'D SWORDS - WRATH & CROWN  
REAR 634 C.S. MJR - P. WITHERIDGE RIFLE BRIGADE

MJR - ?

D SILVER - FACE GEORGE V  
REAR MAN ON HORSE - 1914-1918

EDGE 634 W.O. CL II P WITHERIDGE RIFLE BRIGADE

CL II - ?

E BRONZE FACE - ANGEL  
REAR THE GREAT WAR FOR CIVILISATION 1914-1918

-EDGE 634 W.O. CL II. P. WITHERIDGE RIFLE BRIGADE CL II

BRONZE OAK LEAF ON RIBBON

F SILVER FACE EDWARD VII  
REAR - FOR LONG SERVICE & GOOD CONDUCT.

EDGE 634 C. SGT P. WITHERIDGE RIFLE BRIGADE

SILVER FACE GEORGE VI  
REAR FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE.

EDGE 634 W.O. CL. I. P. WITHERIDGE R.B

R.B - ?

SINGLE



**ENTRY OF BIRTH  
Deaths Registration Act 1953**

[Printed by authority of the Registrar General.]

1870. Birth in the Sub-district of <u>Yealwayptan</u>		Registration District <u>Plympton St Mary</u> in the <u>County of Devon</u>								
Columns—	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
No.	When and where born	Name, if any	Sex	Name, and surname of father	Name, surname and maiden surname of mother	Occupation of father	Signature, description, and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar	Name after registration
333	Twenty five July 1870 Emmington	Philip	Boy	John Northmore Wilveridge	Maria Tall Wilveridge formarty Sandover	Wheelwright	John W Wilveridge Father Emmington	Thirty first August 1870	Richard Coleman Registrar.	-

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*G. Swain*

Superintendent

19th August 19

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**WARNING:** THIS CERTIFICATE IS NOT EVIDENCE OF THE IDENTITY OF THE PERSON PRESENTING IT.



Philip Witheridge  
July 25, 1870 - May 11, 1954



This picture is said to be Philip Witheridge, although the rear of the picture it said Mr. Witheridge (John), 1935. John Witheridge died in 1932. The name of the child is unknown, but Philip Witheridge had no family.

CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF DEATH



GIVEN AT THE GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE

Application Number *P 005769*

REGISTRATION DISTRICT *North Sack*  
 DEATH in the Sub-district of *Newport* *County of London*

Columns: 1. No. 2. Name and surname 3. Sex 4. Age 5. Occupation 6. Cause of death 7. Signature, description and residence of informant 8. When registered 9. Signature of registrar

<i>Edward</i>	<i>Mary</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>1954</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>Wife of Edward</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>10 Victoria Street</i>	<i>Waltham</i>	<i>Waltham</i>	<i>Waltham</i>	<i>Waltham</i>	<i>Waltham</i>	<i>Waltham</i>	<i>Waltham</i>	<i>Waltham</i>	<i>Waltham</i>
<i>Waltham</i>	<i>Waltham</i>	<i>Waltham</i>	<i>Waltham</i>	<i>Waltham</i>	<i>Waltham</i>	<i>Waltham</i>	<i>Waltham</i>	<i>Waltham</i>	<i>Waltham</i>

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Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, under the Seal of the said Office, the *24* day of *September* 19 *76*

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See note overleaf



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# This is the last Will and Testament

of me Philip Withersidge  
 of 28 Paignton Road, South Tottenham N. 15  
 in the County of Middlesex made this 5th  
 day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine  
 hundred and fifty three

I HEREBY revoke all Wills made by me at any time heretofore. I appoint

Frank Wilkerby of 34, Peel Road, South  
Woodford, E. 15, Certified Accountant

to be my Executor, and direct that all my Debts and Funeral Expenses shall be paid as soon as conveniently may be after my decease.

### I GIVE AND BEQUEATH unto

my friend George William Taylor of 16 Holler Road -  
Stoke Newington N. 16 the sum of £500 unto my friend  
Mrs. Hampshire of 28 Paignton Road, South Tottenham  
N. 15 the sum of £500 unto my friend  
Archie of 25 Wilmet Road, Tottenham N. the sum  
of £75 unto the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty  
to Animals the sum of £100 unto the Carl Hay Fund  
the sum of £100 unto my friend Archibald G.  
Archie of 30 Woodley Road, Stoke Newington N. 16 the  
sum of £25 unto my friend Leah Lohara  
Archie of 30 Woodley Road, Stoke Newington N. 16 the  
sum of £25 unto my nephews Ivor John Withersidge  
all my military medals and direct that the loan  
of £300 on cheques previously granted by me to my  
friend Mrs. Manning of 38 Varsity Road, South Tottenham  
N. 15 shall be cancelled and thereby treated as a further  
legacy I give and bequeath all the remainder of my  
property in equal parts to my niece Mrs. Sylvia Maud  
Clarke of Ancester Ontario Canada and to my said  
nephew Ivor John Withersidge of Hamilton Ontario Canada  
and I direct that if either my said niece or nephews shall  
die before me then the share shall go as if she or he had  
died immediately after me leaving no will

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IF NECESSARY Signed by the said TESTATOR  
 TO USE NEXT in the presence of us, present at the same time, who at  
 PAGE, STRIKED HIS request, in HIS presence, and in the presence of  
 THIS OUT. each other, have subscribed our names as witnesses.

Philip Withersidge  
Harnett L. Redgrave  
28 Paignton Rd N. 15 Mechanist  
Agnes E. Waller  
45, Paignton Rd. N. 15. Clerk.

ONE FAMILY RECORD

HUSBAND (Name in full)

John Northmore WITHERIDGE  
Father's name  
John Northmore WITHERIDGE  
Mother's Maiden name  
Maria Tall SANDOVER

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
Birth - Nov 10, 1872,	Ermington, Devon
Mar - Jan 3, 1905,	Stoke Damerel, Devon
Death - May 20, 1932,	Hamilton, Ontario
Cemetery - York Street, Hamilton, Ont.	

CHILDREN

1. Evelyn Mary  
Married to \_\_\_\_\_
2. Sylvia Maud  
Married to  
RONALD GORDON CLARKE
3. Ivor John Edwin  
Married to  
Martha Myrtle BEATTIE

SURNAME WITHERIDGE

WIFE (Maiden name in full)

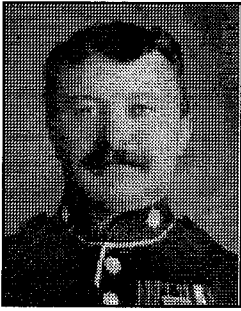
Mary Jane KNIGHT  
Father's name  
William KNIGHT  
Mother's Maiden name  
Elizabeth Ann

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
Birth - <sup>Aug 24</sup> 1880,	Devon
Death - Feb 21, 1923,	Hamilton, Ontario
Cemetery - York Street, Hamilton, Ont.	

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
Birth - Dec 30, 1905,	Devonport, Devon
Mar -	
Death - Mar, 1906,	Plympton, Devon
Birth - Apl 9, 1915,	Bodmin, Cornwall
Mar - Jan 23, 1944,	Ontario
Death -	
Birth - Sept 3, 1921,	Millgrove, Ont.
Mar - Sep 28, 1946,	Ontario
Death -	

# JOHN NORTHMORE WITHERIDGE

Nov 10, 1872 - May 20, 1932



## MARY JANE KNIGHT

1880 - Feb 21, 1923



### CHILDREN

**Evelyn Mary Witheridge**  
**Sylvia Maud Witheridge**  
**Ivor John Witheridge**

For some time now, a large amount of research has gone into this family. John Northmore Witheridge was born in Ermington, Devon, on November 10, 1872, he was the third child of John Northmore Witheridge and Maria Tall Sandover.

At a young age John joined the armed forces and served 21 years with the 2nd Battn., Devonshire Regiment. During this time he was through the Boer War, Kyber Pass and World War I.

On January 3, 1905, he married Mary Jane Knight at Stoke Damerel, Devon, and in December, 1905 at Devonport, Devon, their first child Evelyn Mary Witheridge was born. Unfortunately, Evelyn had a very short life and died in March, 1906. Her body was laid to rest in the Ermington cemetery. Their second child, Sylvia Maud Witheridge was born at Bodmin, Cornwall, on April 17, 1915.

On May 14, 1921, John and Mary Jane, along with their daughter Sylvia Maud, arrived in New York to start a new life. After W, John was offered a good job in Canada, and came on that basis. Unfortunately, upon his arrival in Canada the job did not materialize. They lived with Mary Jane's sister and brother-in-law in Hamilton upon their arrival in Canada. On September 3, 1921, their son Ivor John Edwin Witheridge was born at Millgrove, Ontario.

Two years after their arrival in Canada, on February 21, 1923, Mary Jane died at the age of 43 years. Nine years later, on May 20, 1932, John Northmore Witheridge died at the age of 60 years. Both are buried in the Hamilton cemetery on York Street, Hamilton, Ontario,

As the two children were still quite young, only 17 years and 11 years respectively, they were looked after by John and Annie Scott, their uncle and aunt, Annie being the sister of Mary Jane (Knight).



ted by authority of the Registrar General.]



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**CERTIFIED COPY of an ENTRY OF BIRTH**  
**Pursuant to the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953**

**Registration District Plympton St Mary**

872. Birth in the Sub-district of <u>Yealmspron</u> in the County of <u>Devon</u>		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10*
No.	When and where born	Name, if any	Sex	Name, and surname of father	Name, surname and maiden surname of mother	Occupation of father	Signature, description, and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar	Name entic. after registra:	
11	Tenth November 1872 Emmington	John	Boy	John Northmore	Maria Wiswenge formerly Sandover	Wheelwright	M. Wiswenge Mother Emmington	Eighteen December 1872	Richard Coleman Registrar.	—	

\* See note on p.

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*E. Sweet*

ION.—It is an offence to falsify a certificate or to make or knowingly use a false certificate or a copy of a false certificate intending it to be accepted as genuine to the

lice of any person, or to possess a certificate knowing it to be false without lawful

NING: THIS CERTIFICATE IS NOT EVIDENCE OF THE IDENTITY OF THE PERSON PRESENTING IT.

19th August 1926  
Superintendent Regi



Archibald, BY DIVINE PERMISSION, BISHOP OF EXETER, TO OUR BELOVED IN CHRIST,

*John Northmore Nickeridge* of the Parish of *Stoke Damarel*

in the County of *Devon*

a Bachelor, of — age

AND

*Mary Jane Knight*

of the Parish of *St Samabao Devonport*

in the County of *Devon*

a Spinster, of — age

Whereas it is alleged that ye are desirous to proceed to the solemnization of true and lawful Matrimony

And we being willing that these your desires may the more speedily obtain a due effect, and to the end thereof that this Marriage may be publicly and lawfully solemnized in THE PARISH CHURCH OF *Stoke Damarel* — AFORESAID, by the RECTOR, VICAR, CURATE, OR MINISTER THEREOF, without the publication or proclamation of Banns of Matrimony, and at any time within THREE MONTHS from the date hereof: **provided** there shall appear no impediment in this case by reason of any former Marriage, Consanguinity, Affinity, or any other cause whatsoever, nor any Suit, Controversy, or Complaint be moved, or now depending before any Judge, Ecclesiastical or Civil, for or by reason thereof: **and** likewise that the celebration of this Marriage be had and done publicly in the aforesaid Church between the HOURS of EIGHT in the FORENOON and THREE in the AFTERNOON. **We**, for lawful causes, graciously **grant** this our **Licence or Faculty**, as well to you the parties contracting as to the Rector, Vicar, Curate, or Minister of the aforesaid Church, in which the said Marriage is designed to be solemnized, to solemnize the same in the manner and form above specified, according to the rites of the Book of Common Prayer, set forth for that purpose by the authority of Parliament: **Provided always**, that if in this case there shall hereafter appear any fraud suggested to us, or truth suppressed at the time of obtaining this Licence, then the Licence to be void and of no effect in law, as if the same had never been granted; **and** in that case **we inhibit** all Ministers, if anything of the premises shall come to their knowledge, that they do not proceed to the solemnization of the said Marriage, without consulting us or our Vicar General.

Given at Exeter under the seal of our Vicar General this *twentieth* day of *December* — in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and *four*.

*Arthur S. Mackey*  
Registrar.

Walling

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1905. Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the County of Devonport in the Parish of St. Peter's

Catholic No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
303	3 January 1905	John Marshmore Kitcheridge	32	Acrobat	Sergeant 2nd Devon	St. Peter's	John Kitcheridge	Carpenter
		Mary Jane Knight	25	Spinster		S. Barnabas	William Knight	Labourer

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence as after \_\_\_\_\_ by me,

This Marriage was solemnized between us, { John Marshmore Kitcheridge in the Presence of us, { Thomas Knight Edmund Pennington Mary Jane Knight { Bepie Pugh Picar of Emington

Devonport 24th May 1905



MX 891348

CAUTION.—It is in absence of legal certificate of marriage if marriage is not intended to be solemnized in the presence of the Registrar General, it is to be solemnized in the presence of the Registrar General, it is to be solemnized in the presence of the Registrar General, it is to be solemnized in the presence of the Registrar General.

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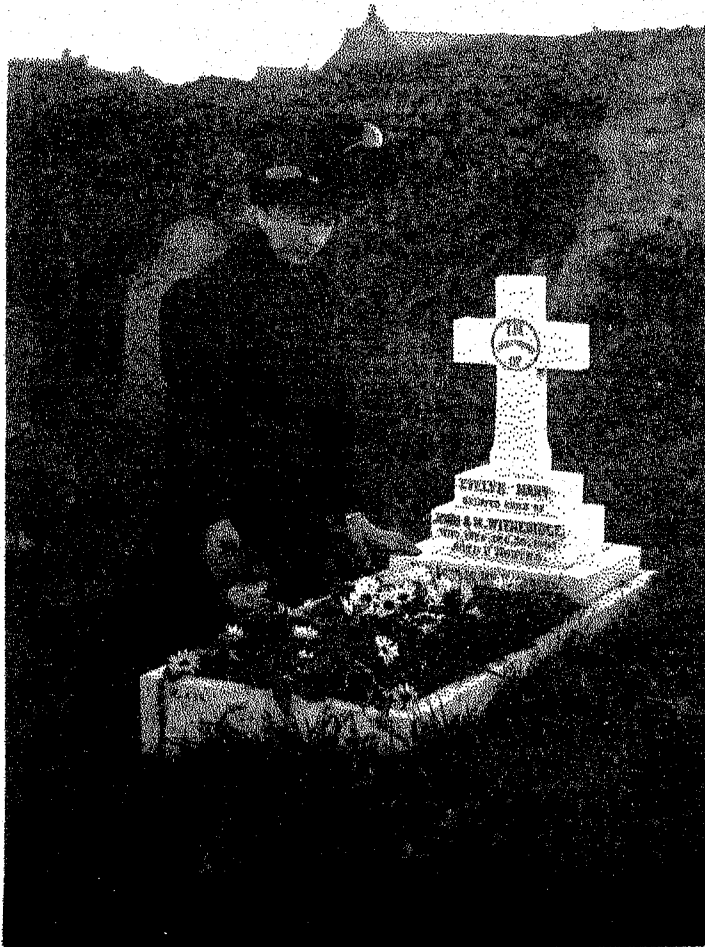
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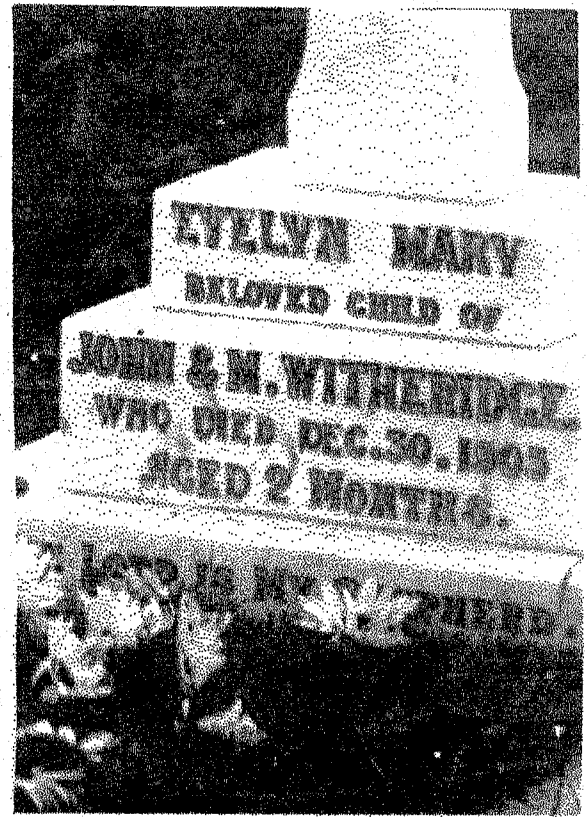
**John Northmore Witheridge  
with his bride, Mary Jane Knight  
married at Stoke Damerel, Devon  
on January 3, 1905**



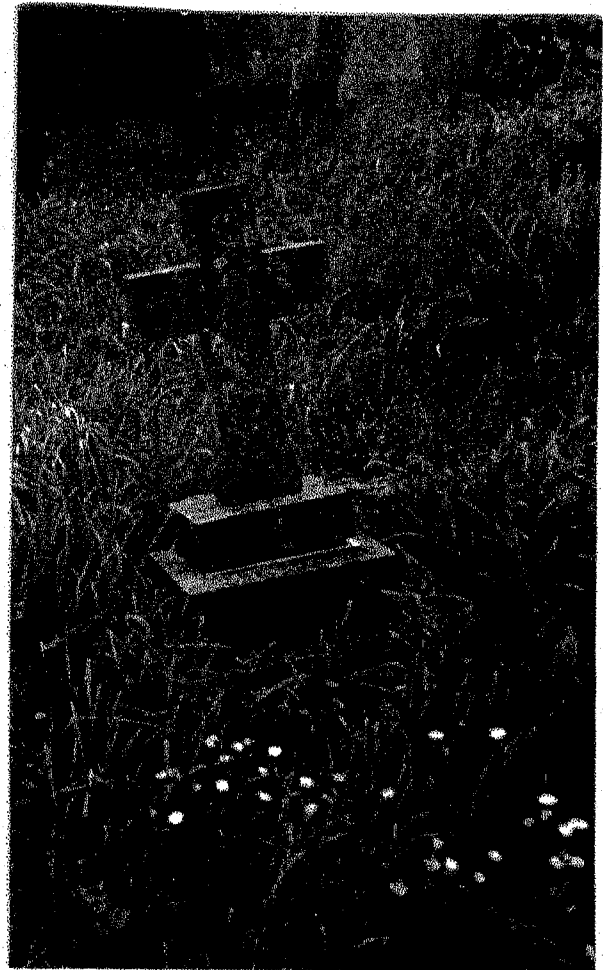
On the left is Mary Jane (Knight) Witheridge  
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but she is holding Mary's eldest child,  
Evelyn Mary Witheridge  
who died at the age of 2 months



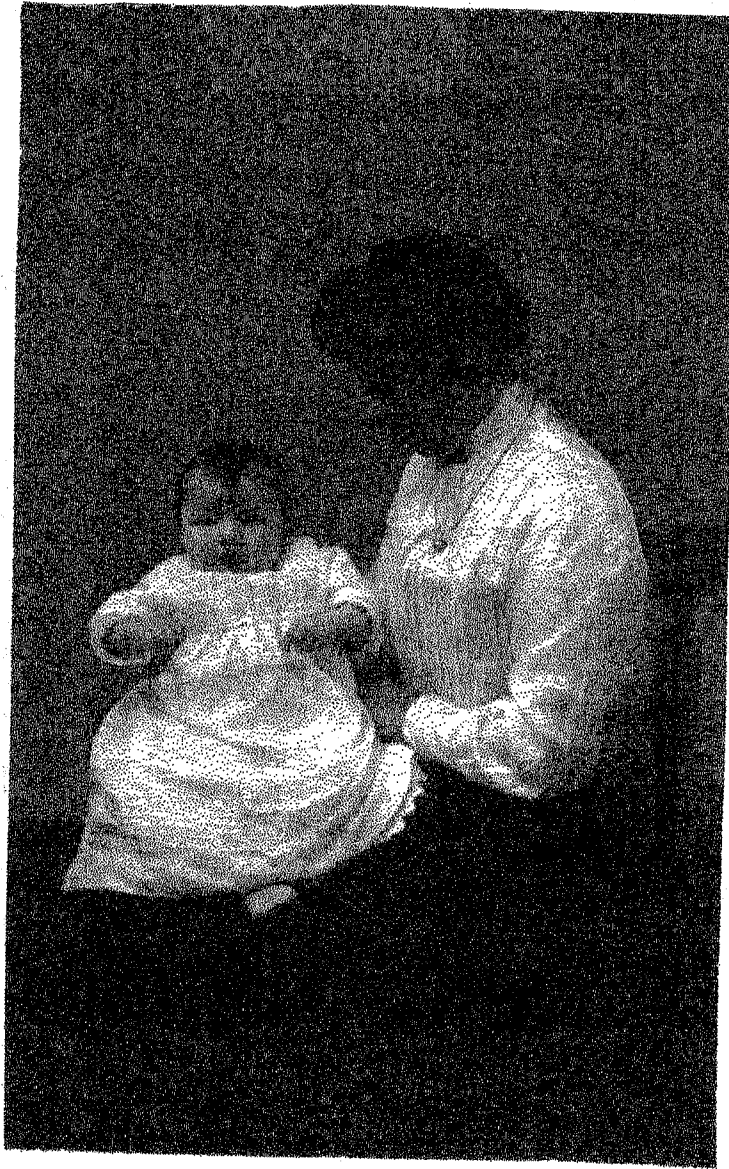
**Mary Jane (Knight) Witheridge  
at the graveside of her eldest  
child, Evelyn Mary Witheridge  
who died at the age of 2 months  
The grave is in Ermington, Devon**



**Close-up of grave stone**



**Grave stone as is seen today**



**Mary Jane (Knight) Witheridge  
with her second child  
Sylvia Maud Witheridge**

**Sylvia (Witheridge) Clarke  
is alive today and resides  
at Dundas, Ontario, Canada**



**ENTRY OF BIRTH  
Deaths Registration Act 1953**

**CERTIFIED COPY of an  
Pursuant to the Births and  
Registration District**

Registration District <i>Bodmin</i> in the <i>County of Cornwall</i>									
15. Birth in the Sub-district of <i>Bodmin</i>									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
When and where born	Name, if any	Sex	Name, and surname of father	Name, surname and maiden surname of mother	Occupation of father	Signature, description, and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar	Name entered after registration
<i>Ninth April 1915</i>	<i>Sylvia</i>		<i>John</i>	<i>Mary Jane Willeridge</i>	<i>Sergeant 10th Devon (Army Pensioner)</i>	<i>J. Willeridge</i>	<i>thirteenth April 1915</i>	<i>John Jeffery</i>	
<i>3 Plas Newydd Bodmin U.K.</i>	<i>Maud</i>	<i>girl</i>	<i>Willeridge</i>	<i>formerly Knight</i>		<i>3 Plas Newydd Bodmin</i>		<i>Registrar.</i>	

\*See note overleaf.

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**Sylvia Maud Witheridge**



**Sylvia Maud Witheridge and  
Ivor John Edwin Witheridge**



**Sylvia Maud Witheridge with Aunt Annie (Knight) and Uncle John Scott**

Regt. No. 7702  
Rank Sgt  
486852

Name Devon R.  
Corps Late Corps

WITHERIDGE  
John

Medal X  
Victory  
BRITISH  
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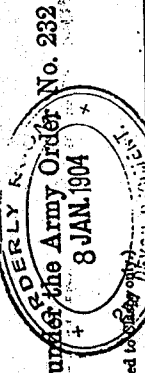
Remarks  
Re-issued before 29.3.19  
Sgt 22/8/27. NW/4/14849.

Theatre of War first served in (1) France  
Date of entry therein 22.9.15.

NW/4/14849. K 1380

TO BE RENDERED IN TRIPLICATE.

2nd Bn *Drumhird* Regiment or Corps.



Supplementary  
ROLL of Individuals entitled to the King's South Africa Medal and Clasps, under the Army Order No. 232 granting the Medal issued on 1st October, 1902.

(To include all those entitled to the Medal, in addition to one or both Clasps; not to include those entitled to the Medal only.)

To be left blank	Regl. No.	Rank	NAME	Clasps		Any other Corps in which served in South Africa.	REMARKS (including causes of men becoming non-effective, forfeitures, &c.)
				South Africa, 1901	South Africa, 1902		
	4453	Pk	Tilke	No	Yes	1st Bn Drums	Transferred to Army Reserve
	49074	Serjt	Woodwards	Yes	Yes		
	2855	Pk	Mitkerridge	Yes	Yes		
	2234	Pk	Young	Yes	Yes		Transferred to M. J. Police

[Every form submitted to be separately signed. Any form locally printed to be exactly similar as regards size and quality of paper.]

I certify that the individuals named in this Roll are entitled to the Medal under the terms of the above quoted Army Order.

Place *Borden Camp*

*H. Salson*

LT. COLONEL

Date *5th January 1904*

Signature and Rank of Officer presenting Roll

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Reference: **WO 100/322**

MEDALS

JOHN NORTHMORE WITHERIDGE

BRONZE MEDAL.

FACE - CROSSED SWORDS, WITH WREATH + CROWN  
REAR 7702. SGT J. WITHERIDGE  
DEVON. REGT.

4 MEDALS HANGING FROM ONE BAR.

(A) SILVER MEDAL. FACE SIDE: QUEEN VICTORIA STAMPED INDIA 1895  
REAR . 2 MALE SOLDIERS.

EDGE OF MEDAL

2885 CPL. J. WITHERIDGE 1 METAL (SILVER) BAR ON RIBBON . PUNJAB FRONTIER  
1ST BRIGADE DEVONSHIRE REGT. 1897 - 98

(B) SILVER MEDAL FACE SIDE QUEEN VICTORIA STAMPED SOUTH AFRICA  
REAR . WOMAN WITH TROJAN HELMET & WREATH

5 SILVER BARS ON RIBBON . LAINGS NEK  
TRANSVAAL  
RELIEF OF LADYSMITH  
ORANGE FREE STATE  
TUGELA HEIGHTS.

EDGE OF MEDAL.

2885 CPL J. WITHERIDGE  
DEVON REGT.

(C) SILVER MEDAL FACE SIDE KING EDWARD VII  
REAR SIDE . WOMAN WITH TROJAN HELMET + WREATH  
STAMPED SOUTH AFRICA

2 SILVER BARS ON RIBBON  
SOUTH AFRICA 1902  
SOUTH AFRICA 1901

EDGE - 2885 SGT J. WITHERIDGE DEVONSHIRE REGT.

(D) SILVER MEDAL. FACE SIDE KING EDWARD VII  
REAR SIDE - FOR LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT.

EDGE. 2885. SGT COOK. J. WITHERIDGE, DEVON REGT.

SINGLE MEDAL. SILVER. FACE. KING GEORGE V STAMPED 1914-1918  
REAR. FIGURE ON MAN ON HORSE.

EDGE - 7702 A. C. SGT, J. WITHERIDGE . DEVON REGT.

SINGLE MEDAL, BRONZE. FACE ANGLE. REAR - THE GREAT WAR FOR CIVILISATION 1914-1919  
EDGE 7702 A. C. SGT WITHERIDGE

This is the last Will and Testament of me JOHN  
WITHERIDGE of the City of Hamilton in the County of Wentworth,  
Steward.

1. I revoke all former wills by me at any time hereto-  
fore made.

2. I direct all my just debts, funeral and testamentary  
expenses be paid by my executor, out of my estate as soon as  
possible after my decease.

3. I hereby appoint John Scott of the said City of Hamil-  
ton, Painter, hereinafter called my Trustee, to be the executor  
and trustee of this my will.

4. After payment of my said debts, funeral and testamen-  
tary expenses, I give, devise and bequeath all the rest and resi-  
due of my estate both real and personal to my Trustee UPON TRUST  
to apply the income to be derived therefrom towards the mainten-  
ance, education and support of my infant children Sylvia Maud  
Witheridge and Ivor John Witheridge during their respective minor-  
ities. AND UPON TRUST when the said Sylvia Maud Witheridge at-  
tains the age of twenty-one years to divide my said residuary  
estate into two portions and to pay one of such portions to the  
said Sylvia Maud Witheridge for her own use absolutely. AND IN  
TRUST to apply the income from the remaining moiety from my said  
residuary estate to wards the maintenance, education and support  
of the said Ivor John Witheridge until he attains the age of  
twenty-one years AND IN TRUST then to pay to the said Ivor John  
Witheridge the said remaining moiety of my said residuary estate.

5. I direct and empower my said Trustee to sell and con-  
vey any of my real estate at any time when he may consider it  
desirable so to do in the best interests of my estate and to  
stand seised of the proceeds therefrom upon the same trusts as  
are hereinbefore expressed.

6. I also direct and empower my Trustee to advance out of  
the corpus of my estate any amount which he in his discretion  
my deem necessary for the maintenance, education and support  
or advancement in life of either of my said children, the same

*John Scott*  
*Executor*



to be charged against the share of the one for whose benefit the said corpus is advanced.

7. In case of the death of either of my said children before he or she receives the benefits under this my will, I direct that the share of the one so dying shall enure to the benefit of and be paid to the survivor of such children when he or she attains the age of twenty-one years. Should both of my said children die before the elder child attains the age of twenty-one years I give, devise and bequeath the whole of my residuary estate to Annie Scott, wife of the said John Scott for her own use absolutely. Should my younger child survive the elder child but die before he attains the age of twenty-one years, I give, devise and bequeath his one-half share in my residuary estate to the said Annie Scott for her own use absolutely.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereto set my hand at the City of Hamilton aforesaid this *sixteenth* day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven.

SIGNED, PUBLISHED AND DECLARED )  
by the said Testator as and for )  
his last will and testament, in )  
the presence of us, who at his )  
request, in his presence and in )  
the presence of each other have )  
hereinto subscribed our names as )  
witnesses. )

*John Witheridge*

*Edna Graham*  
*of Hamilton, Solicitor's Clerk*  
*Florence Mackenzie*  
*of Hamilton*  
*Solicitor's Clerk*

*Executor of John Scott*

*J. W. W.*  
*John Witheridge Estate*  
This is exhibit "A" referred to  
in the affidavit of  
*John Scott*  
Sworn before me herein  
the *20<sup>th</sup>* day of *June*, 19*32*.  
*H. F. Hagen*  
A. C. O. Notary Public

*J. W. W.*  
*John Witheridge Estate*  
This is exhibit "A" referred to  
in the affidavit of  
*Florence Mackenzie*  
Sworn before me herein  
the *20<sup>th</sup>* day of *June*, 19*32*.  
*H. F. Hagen*  
A. C. O. Notary Public

# In the Surrogate Court of the

County of Wentworth

In the Estate of John Witheridge late of the City of Hamilton

in the County of Wentworth, Steward,

Deceased

The petition of John Scott  
of the City of Hamilton in the County of  
Wentworth, Painter,

Sheweth,

1. That John Witheridge

late of the City - - - - - of Hamilton - - - - - in the  
County of Wentworth, Steward, - - - - - deceased died on  
or about the 20th - - - - - day of May - - - - - A.D. 1932  
at the City of Hamilton in the  
County of Wentworth,

and that the said deceased at the time of his death had his fixed place of abode at the City  
of Hamilton in the said County of Wentworth

2. That the said deceased in his life-time duly made his last Will and Testament  
bearing date the 16th - - - - - day  
of May - - - - - A.D. 19 27

3. That your Petitioner is the executOR named in the said Will

4. That the value of the whole property of the said deceased which he in any way died possessed of  
or entitled to and for and in respect to which probate of the said Will  
is to be granted, is Nine hundred and thirty-three - - - - -  
75/100 - - - Dollars,

5. That the value of the personal estate and effects is Seven hundred and thirty-three  
- - - - - 75/100 Dollars,  
and of the Real Estate is Two Hundred - - - - -  
Dollars,

And that full particulars and an appraisement of all said property are exhibited herewith and verified  
upon oath.

Wherefore your petitioner prays that Probate of the said Will  
of the said deceased may be granted to him

Dated at Hamilton

the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June A.D. 1932

*McFarlane, Kerr & McFarlane*  
McFarlane, Kerr & McFarlane,

Solicitors for the Petitioner



Dated May 1<sup>st</sup> 1927

Last Will and

Testament of

John Witheridge

Kerr, Thomson & McFarlane,  
Hamilton, Ont.

In the Surrogate Court of the County of Wentworth

THE SUCCESSION DUTY ACT (Ontario)

In the Matter of the Estate of John Witheridge, Steward

late of the City of Wentworth

of the City of Hamilton

in the County of Wentworth

Deceased

NAME OF LEGATEE	Relationship	ADDRESS	Age last birthday of life tenant or annuitant	Nature of Bequest or property passing	VALUE
Sylvia Maud Witheridge	Daughter	429 Charlton Ave. 17	Born April 17/1918	Income account for children	
Ivor John Witheridge	Son		Born September 12, 1921	equal division on attaining age 21	
				power of executor (honorary)	
				any other property	

THIS IS SCHEDULE "C" referred to in the affidavit of Value and Relationship of John Scott

Sworn before me on the 20th day of June 1942

*[Signature]*  
A Commissioner, etc., or a Notary Public, etc.

**SUMMARY**

If decedent did not own any property listed under the following headings insert the word "None".

Total Value

1. Real Estate .....	none	200	00
2. Moneys Secured by Mortgage .....	none		
3. Promissory Notes .....	none		
4. Book Debts .....	none		
5. Deposits in Bank, Cash on Hand, and Joint Account .....		27	04
6. Life Insurance .....	none		
7. Bonds .....		636	46
8. Stocks .....			
9. Household Goods etc. ....	none		
10. Stock-in-trade of Business or Industrial Concern .....	none		
11. Automobile .....	none		
12. Farm Implements .....	none		
13. Farm Produce .....	none		
14. Live Stock .....	none		
15. Any Other Property .....	Uncashed Cheque	70	25
<b>TOTAL.....</b>		<b>933</b>	<b>75</b>

This is a Summary of Schedule "A" referred to in the affidavit of Value and Relationship of **John Scott** 3 35

SWORN before me on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June A.D. 1932

*H. J. Hazen*  
A Commissioner, etc. or Notary Public, etc.

**N.B.—This form must be fully completed.**

**SCHEDULE "A"**

**INVENTORY OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY WHERESOEVER SITUATE**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF**

John Witheridge

Steward

Late of the City of

Hamilton

County of

Wentworth

May 20, 1932

**INSTRUCTIONS:—PROPERTY MUST BE LISTED IN FOLLOWING ORDER:—Real Estate, Mortgages, Promissory Notes, Book Debts, Deposits in Bank, Life Insurance, Bonds, Stocks, Household Goods, etc., Stock-in-trade of Business, Automobile, Farm Implements, Farm Produce, Live Stock and Any Other Property—according to instructions on back of this form.**

Description of Property	Value including interest of income accrued to date of death	Consent to Transfer	Department's Value	For Departmental Use Only	
				Increase or Decrease	Remarks
Real Estate In the City of Hamilton in the County of Wentworth being composed of the south half of lot No. 2 fronting on Locke Street in the block bounded by Locke, George, Pearl, and Nelson Streets in James Mills Survey on which is erected a dwelling known as 51 Locke St. Assessed value \$2200.00 Subject to Mortgage held by Marion A. Wright Int. due May & November Family Equity 200.00					
Stocks & Bonds First mortgage bearer bond No. M0483 Great Lakes Paper Co. Montreal int. 6% due March 1st, 1930 int. payable March & September 1st. Value \$100 accrued interest \$3.33	113.33				
25 Fundamental Trust shares Series B327 payable June 30 and Dec 31 Head Office New York No par value	63.13				
2 1/2 Phoenix Elevator Co. Ltd Toronto G. 1927 common and P. 120 No value					
5 shares preferred stock Eastern Dairies Ltd. Par value \$100 each-Certificate No. 4387 - Market value \$70 each -	350.00				
200 shares Common stock Kirkland Lake Gold Mining Co. Limited Certificate 46448 par value - market value \$20	40.00				
1000 shares common stock Acme Gas & Oil Co. Limited Certificate 5959 - no par value - head office Toronto Value \$80	80.00				
Bank Imperial Bank of Canada -	27.04				
Uncashed cheque from British Minister of Pensions dated April 1st, 1932 for £17. 2. 5.	70.25				

HAMILTON CEMETERY - YORK ST. - HAMILTON ONT.  
SECTION "T" PART 2 OF 2 - STONES #651 AND UP  
M.G.R. #901915 NT - O.G.S. #4465 - HAM. BRA. CEM295

1226. Mary J. KNIGHT / beloved wife of / John WITHERIDGE /  
Aug.24 1881 - Feb.21 1923 / John / husband of the above /  
Nov.9 1874 - May 20 1932 / WITHERIDGE.
1227. MURRAY.
- 1227A. in loving memory of / Hugh MURRAY / 1878 - 1949.
1236. JOB / in loving memory of / Hubert E. JOB / died Feb.20  
1923 - in his 55th year / his beloved wife / Bethia F.  
MURRAY / died Dec.24 1956 - in her 85th year.
1242. STEWART / COLVILLE.
1243. Charles A. COLVILLE / 1853 - 1926 / his wife / Mary J.  
ROBERTSON / 1856 - 1929.
1244. Jessie COLVILLE / November 23 1884 / January 7 1950.
1245. Lesley COLVILLE / November 28 1890 / August 27 1950 /  
wife of / George R. STEWART M.D.
1246. George R. STEWART M.D. / 1891 - 1960 / his wife /  
Margaret I. GEMMELL / 1908 - 1969 / John Cameron STEWART M.  
Sc. / 1946 - 1972 / husband of / Rosemary SOMBORSKY.
1247. (Masonic Symbol) RISEAM.
- 1247A. Sidney Robert (RISEAM) / 1873 - 1948.
- 1247B. Elizabeth Ann / MILJURE (RISEAM) / 1872 - 1947.

**Hamilton Spectator - Thursday February 22, 1925**

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Jane Witheridge, wife of John Witheridge will take place from the residence of her sister, Mrs. J. Scott, 439 Charlton Avenue West, to Hamilton Cemetery on Friday afternoon at 2pm. The funeral will be private.

**Hamilton Spectator - Saturday May 21, 1932**

John Witheridge, a well known resident of this City, died yesterday. He resided with his brother-in-law, John Scott, 439 Charlton Avenue West, and was 55 years of age. Mr. Witheridge had been ill for one week and his passing will be a distinct shock to a very wide circle of friends who will mourn his loss.

He was born in England and had resided in this City eleven years. He was a member of the St. Georges Anglican church and was employed in the locker rooms of the Hamilton Golf and Country Club, Ancaster.

Mr. Witheridge had a long military career having 21 years active service, during which time he was through the Boer War, Kyber Pass and the World War. He was awarded eight medals and was a Sergeant-Major, retired on a pension.

He leaves to mourn his passing, one son, Ivor and one daughter, Sylvia, both at home.

The funeral will be private on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, from the residence of his brother-in-law, John Scott, 439 Charlton Avenue West. Interment will take place at Hamilton Cemetery.



MARY J. KNIGHT  
BELOVED WIFE OF  
JOHN WITHERIDGE  
AUG. 24, 1881 - FEB. 21, 1923  
JOHN  
HUSBAND OF THE ABOVE  
NOV. 9, 1874 - MAY 20, 1932

WITHERIDGE

ONE FAMILY RECORD

HUSBAND (Name in full)

Ronald Gordon CLARKE  
Father's name  
Norman Carlyle CLARKE  
Mother's Maiden name  
Marion SMALL

Date Place

Birth - Jun 5, 1915  
Mar - Jan 23, 1944  
Death -

CHILDREN

1. Elizabeth Sylvia  
Married to  
James W. KENNEDY
2. Margaret Elaine  
Married to  
Michael DUNCAN
3. Brenda Louise  
Married to  
William Thomas DWYNE

SURNAME CLARKE

WIFE (Maiden name in full)

Sylvia Maud WITHERIDGE  
Father's name  
John Northmore WITHERIDGE  
Mother's Maiden name  
Mary Jane KNIGHT

Date Place

Birth - Apr 9, 1915, Bodmin, Cornwall

Death - Apr 23, 1998, Wentworthhodge, Dundas

Date Place

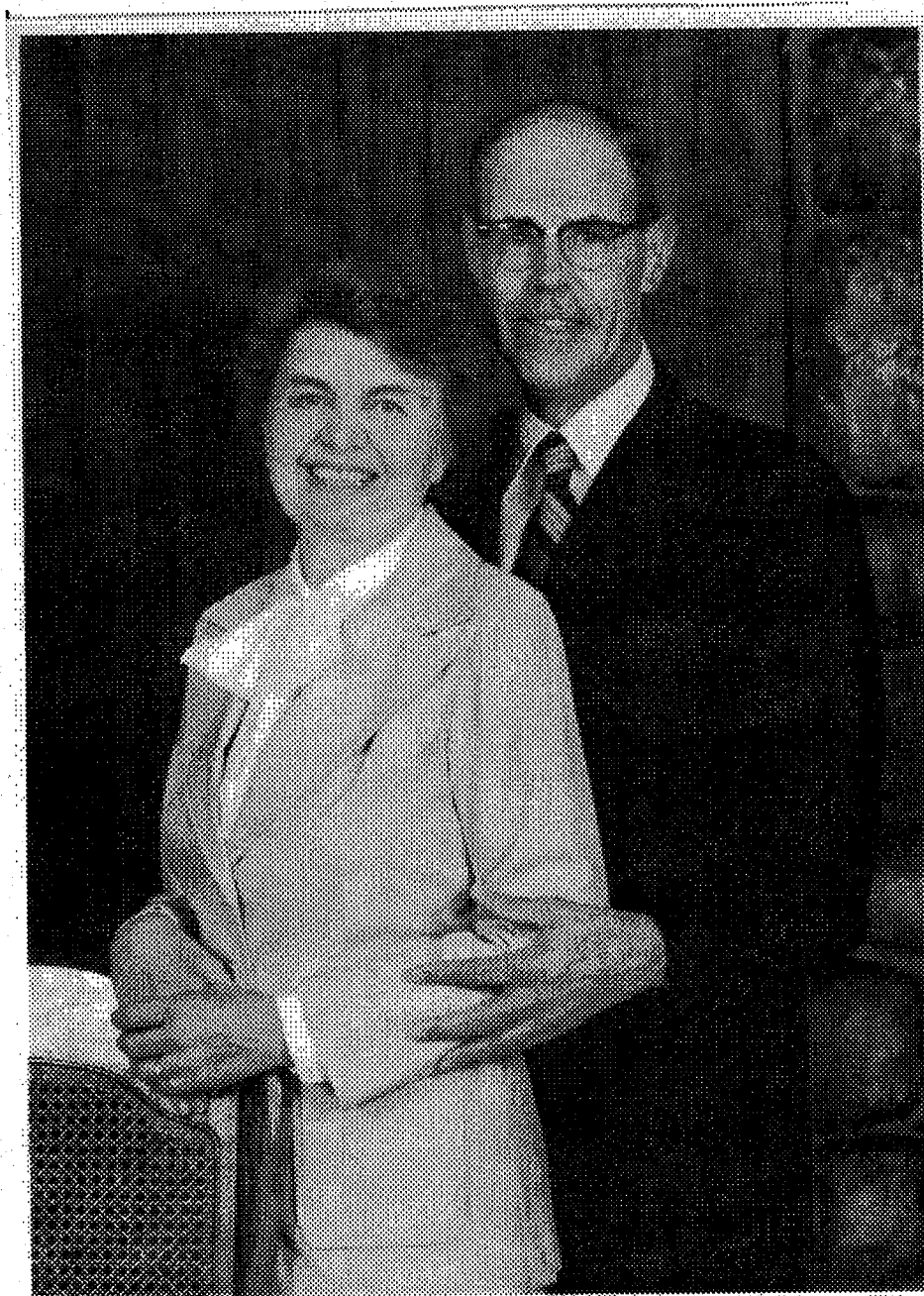
Birth - Oct 2, 1945, Yarmouth, N.S.  
Mar - Jul 20, 1968, Ancaster, Ontario  
Death -

Birth - Feb 23, 1950, Hamilton, Ontario  
Mar - Sep 24, 1971, Ancaster, Ontario  
Death -

Birth - May 16, 1953, Hamilton, Ontario  
Mar - Oct 14, 1977, Ancaster, Ontario  
Death -



**THE CLARKE FAMILY**



Sylvia Maud (Witheridge) Clarke and  
Ronald Gordon Clarke  
taken in 1982

**THE CLARKE FAMILY**



Ronald Clarke and Sylvia Maud (Witheridge) Clarke  
with their three daughters, Brenda, Margaret & Elizabeth

ONE FAMILY RECORD

HUSBAND (Name in full)

Michael DUNCAN

Father's name

Mother's Maiden name

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
Birth - Jan 7, 1948,	Aberdeen, Scotland
Mar - Sep 24, 1971,	Ancaster, Ontario
Death -	

CHILDREN

1. Aileen  
Married to  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Emily  
Married to  
\_\_\_\_\_

SURNAME DUNCAN

WIFE (Maiden name in full)

Margaret E. CLARKE

Father's name

Ronald Gordon CLARKE

Mother's Maiden name

Sylvia Maud WITHERIDGE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
Birth - Feb 23, 1950,	Hamilton, Ontario
Death -	

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
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- |                      |         |
|----------------------|---------|
| Birth - May 3, 1976, | Ontario |
| Mar -                |         |
| Death -              |         |
- 
- |                      |         |
|----------------------|---------|
| Birth - Jun 6, 1980, | Ontario |
| Mar -                |         |
| Death -              |         |



**MARGARET E. (CLARKE) DUNCAN and her family**

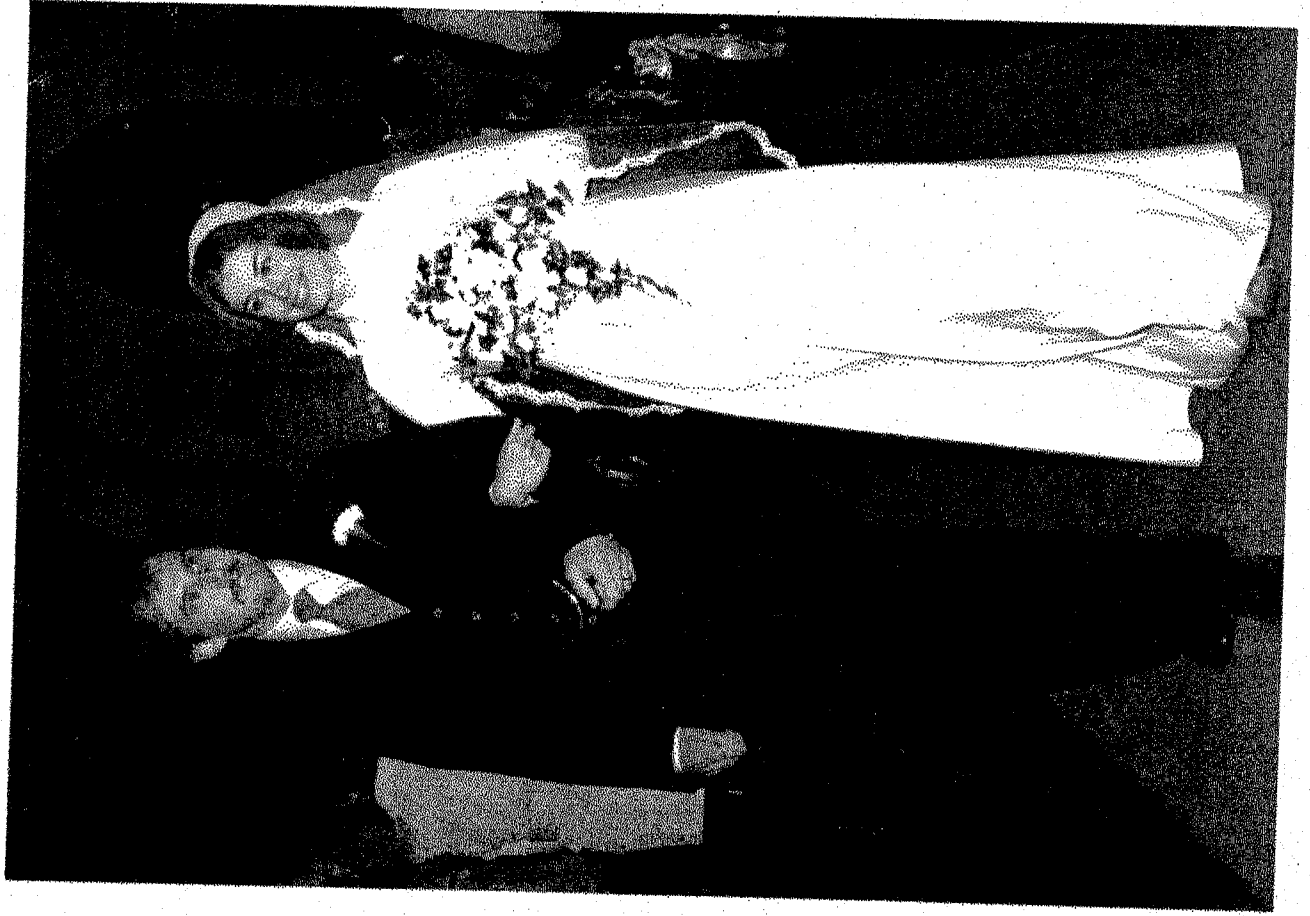
**AILEEN, MICHAEL, MARGARET, EMILY**

*Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Gordon Clarke*  
*request the honour of your presence*  
*at the marriage of their daughter*  
*Brenda Louise*

*to*  
*Mr. William Thomas Dwyne*  
*son of Mrs. John William Dwyne*  
*on Friday, October the fourteenth*  
*nineteen hundred and seventy-seven*  
*at seven o'clock*

*St. John's Anglican Church*  
*Ancaster, Ontario*

*Reception following*  
*Parish Hall*



ONE FAMILY RECORD

HUSBAND (Name in full)

William Thomas DWYNE

Father's name  
John William DWYNE  
Mother's Maiden name  
Annie BALL

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
Born - Apl 9, 1944,	
Mar - Oct 14, 1977,	Ancaster, Ontario
Death -	

CHILDREN

1. Erin Constance  
Married to \_\_\_\_\_
2. John William  
Married to \_\_\_\_\_
3. Annie Katherine  
Married to \_\_\_\_\_

SURNAME DWYNE

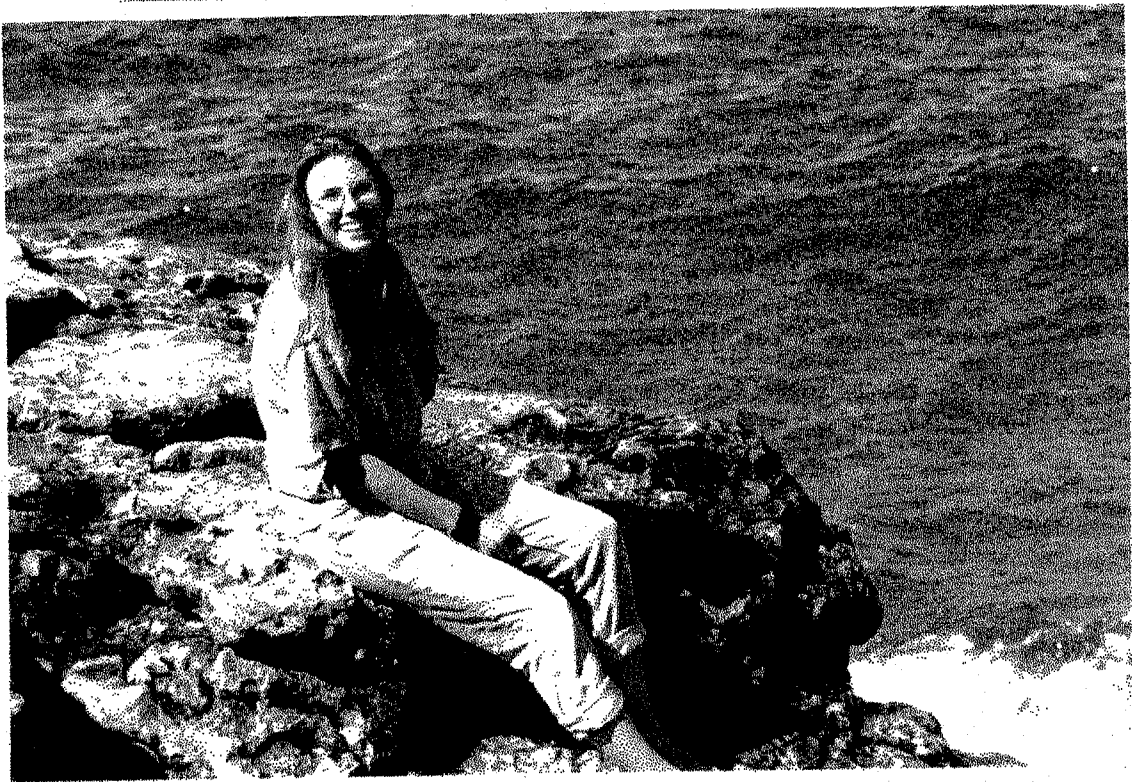
WIFE (Maiden name in full)

Brenda Louise CLARKE

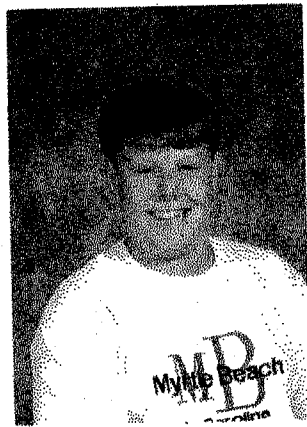
Father's name  
Ronald Gordon CLARKE  
Mother's Maiden name  
Sylvia Maud WITHERIDGE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
Born - May 16, 1953,	Hamilton, Ontario
Death -	

- | <u>Date</u>          | <u>Place</u> |
|----------------------|--------------|
| Born - Sep 28, 1978, | Ontario      |
| Mar -                |              |
| Death -              |              |
| Born - Nov 14, 1981, | Ontario      |
| Mar -                |              |
| Death -              |              |
| Born - Oct 22, 1985, | Ontario      |
| Mar -                |              |
| Death -              |              |



**Erin Constance Dwyne**  
**September 28, 1978**  
**picture taken at age 17 years**



**John William Dwyne**  
**November 14, 1981**  
**age 14 years**



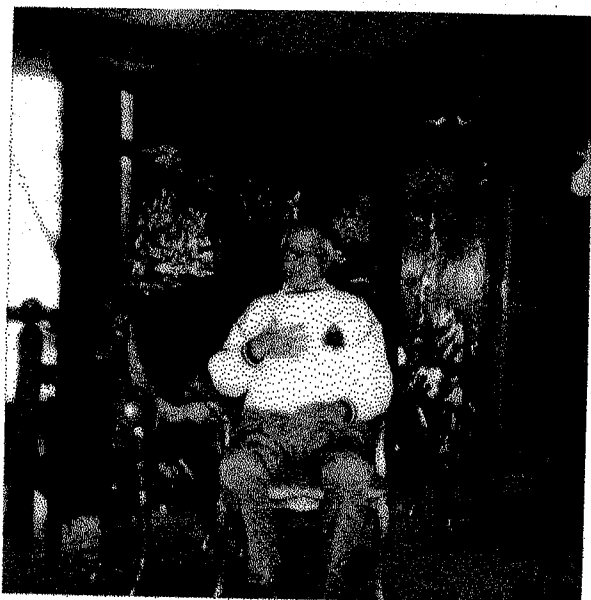
**Annie Katherine Dwyne**  
**October 22, 1985**  
**age 10 years**

# IVOR JOHN EDWIN WITHERIDGE

Sep 3, 1921 -

## MARTHA MYRTLE BEATTIE

July 8, 1919 -



Ivor John Edwin Witheridge was the third and youngest child of John Northmore Witheridge and Mary Jane Knight. Ivor was born shortly after his parents and older sister emigrated, landing firstly in New York, U.S.A. on May 14, 1921 and then travelling to Canada. On February 21, 1923, Ivor's mother died at the young age of 43 years. Only 9 years later, on May 20, 1932, Ivor's father, John Northmore Witheridge died, leaving Ivor an orphan at only 11 years of age. Ivor remembers very little of his parents as both he and his older sister Sylvia Maud were brought up by an aunt and uncle, aunt Annie being the younger sister of his mother Mary Jane Knight.

As Uncle John was in the painting and decorating business, this became Ivor's trade. Ivor joined the Canadian Armed Forces and served in World War II. On September 28, 1946, at Hamilton, Ontario, Ivor married Martha Myrtle Beattie, and they have never had children. Martha Myrtle Beattie was born in Ireland on July 8, 1919.

In 1986, Ivor retired from his painting and decorating business, sold his property in Waterdown, Ontario and moved to his present home at Selkirk, Ontario. Ivor still works occasionally purely for his own enjoyment.



'The most wonderful experience in my life'

# 'LOST' MOTHER FOUND AFTER 38 YEARS

CHRISTMAS 1978 will be an extra special occasion for Gordon Witheredge. After 'losing' his mother for 38 years Gordon was re-united with her in October this year and some special Christmas celebrations are planned for the family gathering.

A senior storeman at Green Lane Road, Gordon was parted from his mother in the early days of World War II. Gordon and his brother David were evacuated from their home in Plymouth and after the war was over, because of various changes of addresses, they lost touch with each other and their parents.

After a year working in Exeter Gordon joined the Army and travelled the world — Germany, Korea and the Middle East for 7 years. He came to Leicester in 1956 when he was 'demobbed' and joined Wackin.

Two years ago, now a married man with three children, Gordon set about trying to trace his parents. He contacted the Salvation Army who agreed to carry out a search. However, after exhaustive enquiries spanning a year, they

admitted defeat. At this stage Gordon was dejected and had almost given up hope. By a strange trick of fate his daughter's marriage led to new efforts in the search.

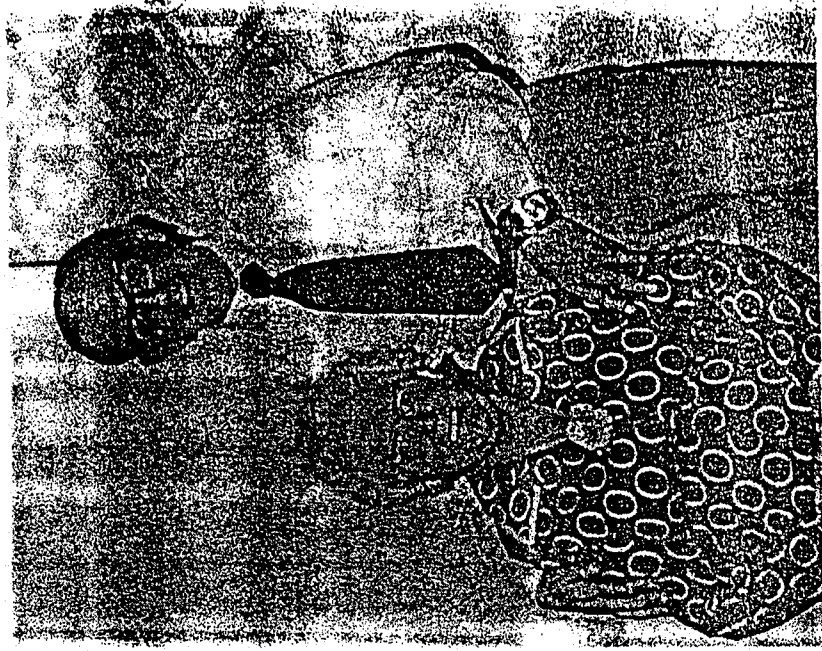
His daughter's father-in-law is a keen amateur genealogist and offered to take over the search. Gordon agreed and in five weeks he had the information he desperately wanted. The address of his mother, who was alive and well and living in Plymouth his old home town! Sadly

his father had died many years ago.

"The reunion with my mother was the most wonderful experience I've ever had in my life" said Gordon.

He now keeps in touch with her every week by phone and she will be joining the Witheredge family for Christmas celebrations.

Gordon still hopes to trace his brother David and complete the family reunion. We wish him every success in his search.



ONE FAMILY RECORD

HUSBAND (Name in full)

William KNIGHT

Father's name

John KNIGHT

Mother's Maiden name

Jane

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
Bapt	May 30, 1841,	Ermington, Devon
Mar	prior to 1870,	Ermington, Devon
Death	-	

CHILDREN

1. Thomas  
Married to  
Barbara SCOTT
2. Alfred  
Married to  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. John  
Married to  
Annie (1)  
Ethel (2)
4. Richard  
Married to  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Lucy  
Married to  
\_\_\_\_\_ CUDMORE
6. Elizabeth (Bessie)  
Married to  
\_\_\_\_\_ PUGH (1)  
Harry SCOTT (2)
7. Annie  
Married to  
John SCOTT
8. Mary Jane  
Married to  
John Northmore WITHERIDGE
9. Rosina Maud  
Married to  
Coningsby John BAILEY

SURNAME KNIGHT

WIFE (Maiden name in full)

Elizabeth Ann

Father's name

Mother's Maiden name

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
Birth	1847,	Ermington, Devon
Death	-	

- |          | <u>Date</u>                | <u>Place</u>      |
|----------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Born     | c 1870,                    | Ermington, Devon  |
| Mar      | -                          |                   |
| Death    | -                          |                   |
| Born     | -                          |                   |
| Mar      | -                          |                   |
| Death    | -                          |                   |
| Born     | c 1877,                    | Ermington, Devon  |
| Mar      | (1) -                      |                   |
| Mar      | (2) -                      |                   |
| Death    | -                          |                   |
| Born     | -                          | Ermington, Devon  |
| Mar      | -                          |                   |
| Death    | -                          |                   |
| Born     | -                          | Ermington, Devon  |
| Mar      | -                          |                   |
| Death    | -                          |                   |
| Born     | -                          | Ermington, Devon  |
| Mar      | (1) -                      |                   |
| Mar      | (2) -                      |                   |
| Death    | -                          |                   |
| Born     | -                          | Ermington, Devon  |
| Mar      | -                          |                   |
| Death    | -                          |                   |
| Born     | <sup>Aug 24,</sup> c 1880, | Ermington, Devon  |
| Mar      | - Jan 3, 1905,             | Ermington, Devon  |
| Death    | - Feb 21, 1923,            | Hamilton, Ontario |
| Cemetery | - York St.                 | Hamilton, Ontario |
| Born     | - Aug 10, 1887,            | Ermington, Devon  |
| Mar      | - Dec 23, 1919,            |                   |
| Death    | - Jan 7, 1972              |                   |