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EDITORIAL

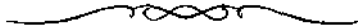
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR GREETINGS TO ALL READERS, WHEREVER YOU MAY BE

The above type font is the nearest I could come to something Christmassy, but even if it is not very festive, my wishes for all of you are! At this time my thoughts turn back over the year, which as you all know has been a memorable one for the Society, and above all I wish to thank all those who have sent the results of their research, and have made contributions to the magazine. Your efforts are its life blood, and it could not exist without them.

Nevertheless I have to look forward and appeal to readers to become writers. Perhaps you could give us a profile of yourself, or the life story of someone you have known?

This edition carries a report on the South Milton and Thurlestone families, which is by no means concluded, but we have come a long way since first we became aware of them. Research into this group of Witheridges has been particularly difficult, not least because of the similarity of names and ages, and Philip and I are pleased that we have been able to end the year with a positive report, even though there may be more to come.

I hope that there are many more good things to come for all our members, and send my greetings and best wishes to you all!



GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

At this time I like to say "Thank you" to all those whose work has kept the Society running smoothly, and this year I have to pay particular tribute to those who did so much to make Witheridge Weekend a success, not only to Richard and members of the Committee, but friends who enabled us to have such an interesting time - Tom and Sheila Jewell, Una Parsons, and the Vicar of Combe Martin, and the ladies who provided lunch there. Also the Town Crier of Witheridge, and his lady, and John Usmar, and the lady who opened her house, which had been the village police station, for our inspection. There was hospitality at Berrynarbor, too, and we are grateful for the welcome and the time which people gave to us. It was a joy to meet old friends, and new ones from overseas. We appreciate the effort they made to be with us, and we hope to see them again. Every good wish for a healthy and happy 1998!

FAMILY NEWS

We are pleased to hear from Mayda and John Witheridge that a happy time was enjoyed by the family when their daughter, Cheryl, married Aaron John Young on the 16th August, 1997, at Sittingbourne, Kent. We send our congratulations to Cheryl and Aaron, and our best wishes for their happiness.

As well as happiness since they moved to their new home, Mayda and John have experienced a sorrowful time, as Mayda's mother fell and broke her hip and had to have a hip replacement, from which she is still recovering, and Mayda's father, George Scott Lucas, died at the end of September. Our thoughts and condolences go especially to Mayda, and to John and all the family.

Velma Metcalfe, New Zealand, has been busy on our behalf, in spite of anxieties over the health of her father-in-law, and her husband, Rod. Rod had to have his gall bladder removed recently, and we hope that he has now made a full recovery. (Gall bladders take a long time!)



DON'T FORGET THAT SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1998 ARE DUE ON 1ST JANUARY!



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165 Judith Witheridge

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NEW MEMBERS News from John Witheridge

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167 Mr. Allen G. Ryder

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(1) Ann C. Ryder née Bowden 1935- Spouse Allen G. Ryder 1928- (2) George Kenneth Bowden 1906- (3) Gertrude Gledhill 1907- (6) John Ward Gledhill 1867-1943. (7) Charlotte Moore 1870-1948. (12) Jesse Gledhill 1838-1919. (13) Sarah Jane Vanstone 1835-1913. (14) William Moore 1830-1907. (15) Mary Ann May 1835-1892. (24) Thomas Gledhill 1810-1861. (25) Mary Ward 1809-1892. (26) John Vanstone 1799-1863. (27) Sally Stevens 1808-1883. (28) James Moore 1804-1885. (29) Mary Ann Walter 1810-1848.(30) John May 1809-1875. (31) Mary Stevens Walter 1815-....(48) John Gledhill 1786-....(49) Elizabeth Turner 1790c-1827. (50) Elias Ward 1773-....(51) Ann Russel 1776c...(52) Samuel Vanstone 1772-1855. (53) Elizabeth Walter 1778-1849. (54) John Stevens 1779-1818. (55) Sarah (Sally) Marshall 1782-1835c. (56) William Moore 1775-1849. (57) Margaret Shaddick 1777-1848. (58) William Walter 1787-1865. (59) Miriam Trathen 1790-1880. (60) Charles May 1774-1857. (61) Jane ? 1780c-1853. (62) Charles Walter 1776-1825. (63) Sarah Stevens 1777-1852. (96) William Gledhill 1760c-....(98) John Turner 1745-....(100) John Ward 1748-.... (101)Elizabeth Oddy/Addy 1752c. . . .(104) Samuel Vanstone 1738-1803. (105) Margaret Downing 1748-1803. (106) JOHN WALTER 1754-1835. (107) MARY OXENHAM 1747-1822. (108) John Stevens/Stephens (109) Sarah Harris (110) John Marshall 1749-(111) Sarah Trick 1755-....(112) James Moore 1750c-1802. (113) Margaret Palmer 1751-1799. (114) William Littlejohns 1731-.... (115) E. Littlejohns 1740-.... (116) JOHN WALTER 1754-1835. (117) MARY OXENHAM 1747-1822. (118) John Trathen 1749-1829. (119) Ann Blight 1760-1827. (120) Thomas May 1749c-1797. (121) Jane Crum 1751-1807. (124) JOHN WALTER 1754-1835. (125) MARY OXENHAM 1747-1822. (126) J. Stevens/Stephens 1745-1819. (127) Sarah Harris 1746-1811.

At this point we leave the main body of this family brief to concentrate on one line (the male member of the three entries concerning John Walter and Mary Oxenham) because we are following the Ryder line without incidentals from other families. So hereafter we take the middle reference (116) as leading to subsequent descendants.

(116) John Walter 1754-1835. (117) Mary Oxenham 1747-1822. (232) Richard Walter 1725-1806. (233) Elizabeth Tremeer 1723-1806. (464) Henry Walter 1689-1758. (465) Emm Yeo 1690-1773. (466) John Tremeer 1693-1767. (467) Ann Witheridge 1700c-1787. (928) Richard Walter 1650c....(929) Eulalia Sharsell 1656c...(930) Richard Yeo 1670c 1689. (931) Mary McCann 1669c...(932) John Tremeer 1670c1712. (933) Grace ? 1673c.. (934) ????? Witheridge.

1500-1700s - Ilfracombe, Kilkhampton, Bradworthy, Blatchborough, Barnstaple. 1700s - 1850/60s - Bradworthy, Woolfardisworthy, West Putland, Buckland Brewer, Hartland, Holsworthy, Halifax Yorks, Bradford Yorks. 1860s to present - Benmillar and Colbourne Huron Co., Stratford Ont., Bowmanville, Ont., Port Dover, Ont., Goderich Ont.

Ann Witheridge, 1700c-1787 married John Tremeer on the 27th April, 1722, We have really no idea where she came from or what family line she was born into. I suppose in that we are like many of our researchers. I suspect her parents came from the Ilfracombe line, this being the origin of the Bradworthy family. The actual wording on the Bradworthy registers is as follows:- "1722 27 Apl John Termeer and Ann Witheredg"

I know from the Baptisms in Bradworthy that this couple had at least two children:- Alicksander December 1741 and Honner June 1744, but from later marriages I see that there were many others.

Daughter Grace who married George	Rad	1745 21 st May
Daughter Elizabeth married Richard	<u>Walter</u>	1746 3 rd March
Daughter Mary married James	Harris	1749 31 st January
Son John married Emm	<u>Walter</u>	1755 1 st May
Son James married Elizabeth	Marshall	1755 2 nd July
Daughter Anne married Charles	<u>Walter</u>	1759 23 rd February
Daughter Margaret married Samuel	Ashton	1759 23 rd February
Daughter Honour married Roger	Brooks	1765 11 th February

I would imagine that the three Walter references will interest the present day Ann, as undoubtedly they will be further connection to her extended family - the name Walter seeming to be the main family course.

In the Bradworthy registers I could not find a marriage for the Alicksander Tremeer mentioned above, but in the burial registers of 1772 I found the death of John, son of

Alexsander Tremeere, January 10th, and later the burial of Alexsander Tremeere 10th August, 1776. So at least we do know that he was married in another parish, or that there was a common law marriage.

The records show the death and burial of- John Tremeer -1767/8 February 16th
and Ann Tremeer (nee Witheridge) 1787/8 January 30th

John Tremeer/Termeer's family could not have been a member of the Bradworthy parish community for long. His father, John Tremeer snr., might have been the son, John, born to John Tremeare and Margaret Lyell on 23rd April, 1660, but we have no actual proof of this. We do have a list of children for this marriage.

Elizabeth of John Tremeere 19 May 1661
Margaret of John Tremeere 13 Feb 1664
Honor of John Tremeere 00 Dec 1667
Agnes of John Tremeere 12 Nov 1671

BUT NO JOHN. Perhaps the family moved into a new parish. We do have a burial of Agnes, daughter of John Tremeir on 27th May, 1672.

In 1702 we have the burial of Grace, wife of John Tremeere, Jnr., June 7th
In 1708 there is the burial of Alexander, son of John Tremeere, Jan. 24th
In 1710 there is the burial of Margaret Tremeer, wife of John March 3rd
In 1712 there is the burial of John Tremeer, November 13th

There are others of the family who follow but who are of no consequence to the reader, though this item will be significant:- "Margaret Lyell, daughter of Mathew Lyell, junr. Bapt. 1st Jan. 1628/9. This Margaret is the only entry for this name in that period. I do have full listing for her brothers and sisters.

Ann, we wish you every success with your research. We are happy to welcome you and your family to our midst. There are many aspects where we can research both family lines, especially in the line of the Moore family connections. To me your extended family is captivating and we must spend time working together on this, if you wish. Kathy Witheridge, our Canadian and North American representative, with whom you have had contact, is the foremost researcher in this Bradworthy line. Between us perhaps we can find the areas which need to be researched, and fill in the gaps.



HOME PORT

by Joyce Browne and Philip Witheridge

This article is the result of a voyage of discovery - a cruise around the facts as they were discovered by talking to members and by intensive search of the records. This voyage starts and finishes at the natural harbour of Hooe, which is immediately south of Plymouth.

The Romans were trading and exporting sheep from Hooe before 450 AD when they left Britain. In those far off Roman days at the end of the year, the wether lambs would be separated from the breeding flocks on Dartmoor. These wether lambs would then be driven down the ridge road, off Dartmoor, and on down to where Plymouth is today. In Roman times this area was open ground and these flocks of wethers would be held against the natural boundaries of a stream which flows into Sutton Bay on one side, and the Cattewater, the tidal estuary of the river Plym, on the other.

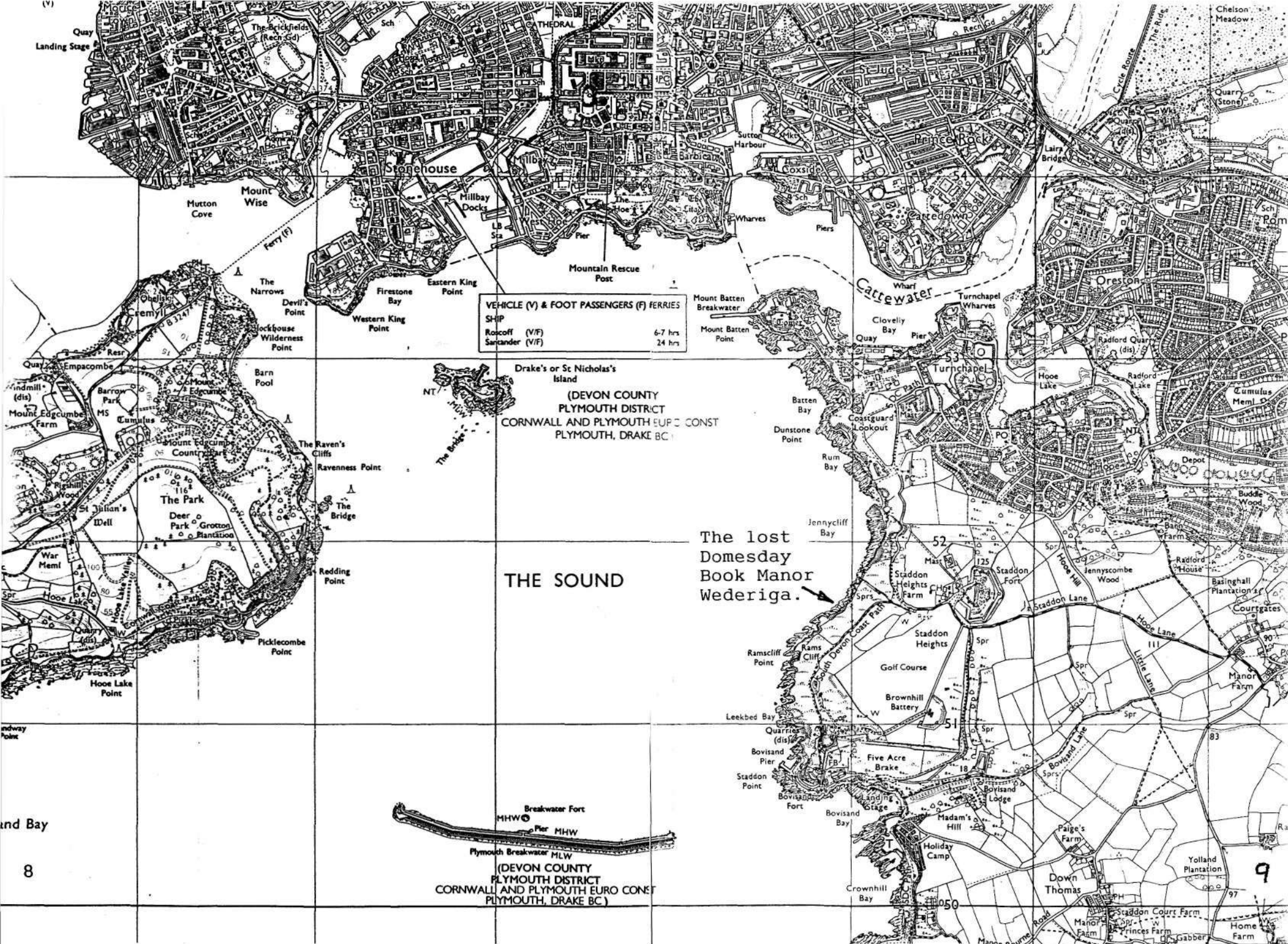
After the bartering had been completed, and the ownership decided, these wethers were driven over the Cattewater at low tide, and taken up to the grazing on Staddon Heights above Hooe. Here the flock would be stored and grazed until they were ready for shipping out of Hooe, across the Channel to feed the Roman garrisons in France.

In 1086 the Domesday Book recorded, in the Plympton Hundred, a manor called 'Wederiga' or 'Wether-ridge'. This manor is now lost, but the 'Withyhedge Brake' overlooking Jennycliff Bay, seen on recent Ordnance Survey Maps, is believed to mark the place where this manor once stood, and from whence, we the South Devon families, derived our surname.

The Society had early success in the exploration of some of the South Devon families - Ermington and Wembury - to name two, but we soon realised that at least one other major Witheridge family inhabited this area of South Devon.

The IGI gives records of Witheridges scattered in a number of places, ie, South Huish, Modbury, Plymouth, Exeter, Newton Ferrers, etc. In the Hearth Tax list for 1674 seven Witheridges were named in South Devon at Wembury, Plymstock, Newton Ferrers, Ermington, South Milton and Woodleigh. The name 'Andrew Witheridge' at South Milton is particularly significant as this name was still in family use in this district in the last 1800s.

In the years 1619 and 1626 the government ordered a survey of mariners and shipping, and in South Devon, at Plymstock, a Christopher Witheridge, a mariner aged 20 was recorded, another Christopher, a fisherman aged 58 was found at Newton Ferrers, and at South Milton there were two fisherman, John aged 23 and William aged 50.



VEHICLE (V) & FOOT PASSENGERS (F) FERRIES

St-IP	
Roscoff (V/F)	6-7 hrs
Sarander (V/F)	24 hrs

Drake's or St Nicholas's Island
 (DEVON COUNTY
 PLYMOUTH DISTRICT
 CORNWALL AND PLYMOUTH EURO CONST
 PLYMOUTH, DRAKE BC)

THE SOUND

The lost
 Domesday
 Book Manor
 Wederiga. →

Breakwater Fort
 MHW
 Pier MHW
 Plymouth Breakwater MLW
 (DEVON COUNTY
 PLYMOUTH DISTRICT
 CORNWALL AND PLYMOUTH EURO CONST
 PLYMOUTH, DRAKE BC)

As we found more names in the SouthMilton/Thurlestone and South Huish area we tried to slot them into what we called the 'South Milton/Thurlestone/South Huish' family. This proved to be very difficult, not because of a shortage of names - we were overwhelmed by Johns, Williams, William Henrys, and Andrews, but by a shortage of evidence as to who belonged to whom. This difficulty was compounded as we found that the families did not always stay in one place, but moved between South Milton, Thurlestone and Bantham. You can see on the map how close together these villages and hamlets are.

A Breath of Wind In the Sails

Becalmed as we were, we welcomed the freshening breeze of discovery from our friend Sheila Jewell who found some leases concerning property in Yealmpton, and with the help of the leases and parish registers we were able to disentangle the South Huish family from the others and place them with the Yealmpton family - see our article "The South Huish/South Milton/ Yealmpton Family" in the Witheridge Times, Winter 1995.

Now that we have been able to see transcripts of the parish registers of South Milton, Thurlestone and East Portlemouth, we are more confident in our interpretation of the links of this family and we have named it "The South Milton and Thurlestone Family", and you will see that on Sheet 1 of the family trees we have incorporated what we previously called "The Stoke Damerel Extension" into it.

Stoke Damerel is a district which incorporates Devonport, so it is obvious that there are other families with links to this area, but for the moment we are concerned only with those originating in South Milton.

The Family Trees - Sheet 1 (See fold over section at rear of magazine)

At the head of the tree is a John Witheridge who married a 'Man', and you will see that the line connecting him to John, born 1700, is dotted - indicating uncertainty. We do not have absolute proof that the John born 1700 was the son of the John who died in 1748, but the probabilities point that way. The third generation John, born 1740, who married Mary Cawse, had two sons, John, born 1744, and Andrew born 1777.

Navigating our way around the descendants of these two proved to be a problem. They both named sons 'William' and 'John', born within a year or two of each other, and both Johns married girls named 'Mary Ann'! One William married Mary Hannaford, and the son of one of the Johns, James, also married a Mary Hannaford. We nearly foundered on that one!

South Milton and Thurlestone Family Tree Sheet 2

It is interesting to see how the descendants of John, born 1740, who married Mary Cawse,

seem to differ in their choice of occupations and their financial circumstances: -

John born 1774

(Brothers)

Andrew born 1777

John, born 1774 married Catherine Lamble (or Lambal) and their line took to the sea. Their oldest son, William, married Mary Ralph in Liverpool and went on to father a family of eight, two of them were sailors, and one a sailmaker.

Andrew, born 1777 married Abigail Tabb, and he was a labourer, and his descendants lived from the land, either on farms, or in horticulture. We know from apprenticeship records that some of his family were in poor circumstances.

In 1808, John (another John!) son of Andrew and Abigail Tabb "a poor child" aged seven, was apprenticed by the Churchwardens to one Roger Crimp, a yeoman of South Milton.

In 1811 the same John, aged nine was again indentured to Rober Crimp, and in 1816 Andrew and Abigail's third son, Thomas, "a poor child" aged nine was apprenticed to the same Roger Crimp.

In 1840, Andrew and Abigail's grandson, John, was apprenticed to a Mr. Toyer, but at least he had reached the grand old age of eleven.

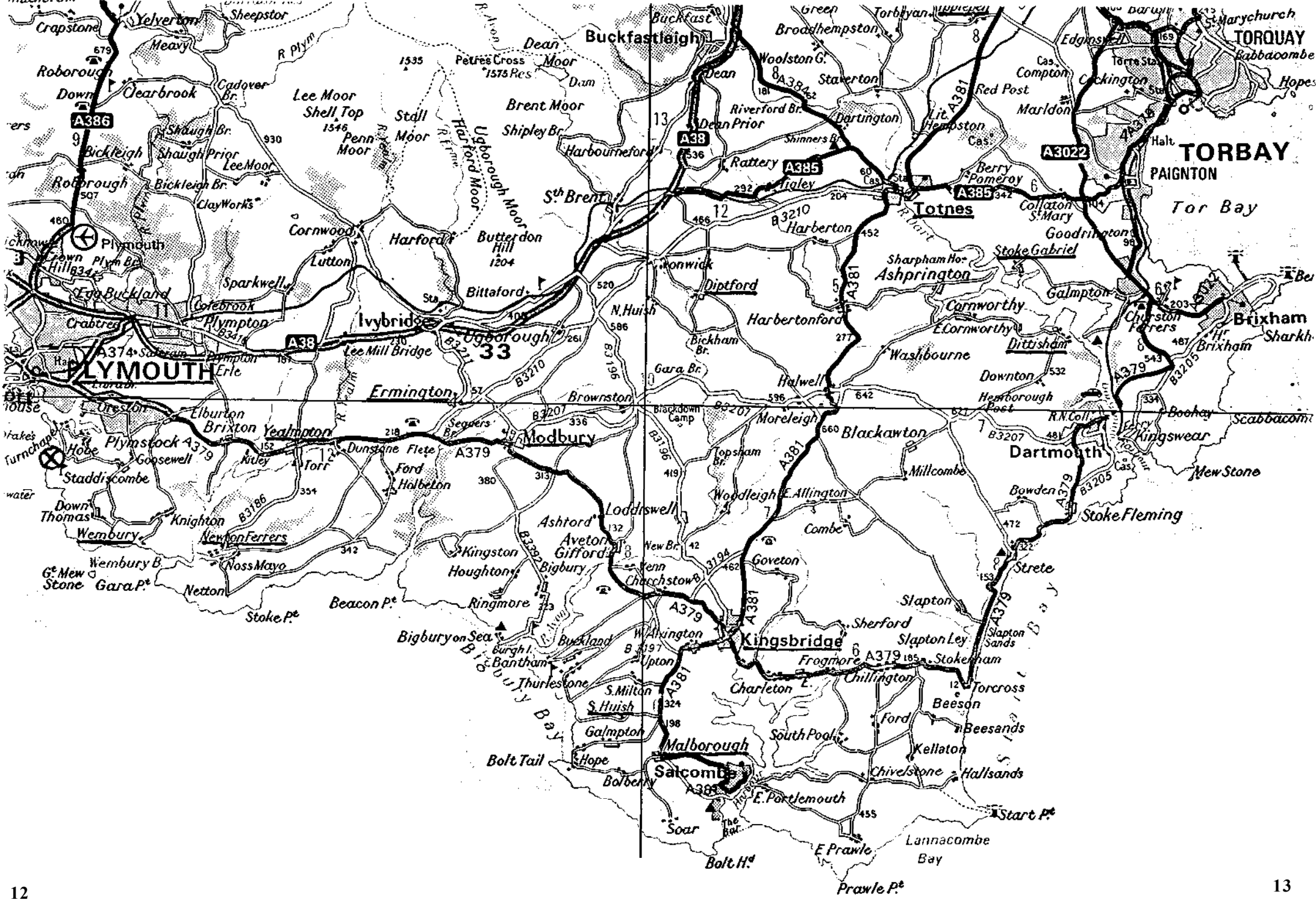
Sorrow came to this family in 1844 when another of Andrew and Abigail's grandsons, Thomas, aged ten, son of Andrew Witheridge and Mary Luckham, fell from a horse and was killed. Andrew senior had died in 1841, but Abigail lived until 1859.

South Milton and Thurlestone Family Tree Sheet 3

The other branch of the family, personified in William born 1800, who married Mary Ralph (We have seen this name written as 'Rolph' and 'Ralp') seems to have fared better.

That is not to say that life was not hard. As a young man William was making voyages to ports around the British Isles, he married in Liverpool and formed connections there. Some of his descendants still live in the Wirral, others in Wales, and some settled in Salcombe (Kingsbridge registration district). Two of his sons became Master Mariners, one of his daughters married a Master Mariner, and another daughter married a ship's carpenter.

William's grandson, Beauchamp Henry Witheridge, went to Scotland and worked with Alfred Nobel, the inventor of dynamite. Beauchamp married in Scotland, but eventually settled in Wales and he and his wife had seven children, the oldest of whom, George,





List D.

No. _____

Salcombe PORT OF *Worcestershire - C* Amount of Fee £ _____

**ACCOUNT OF VOYAGES AND CREW OF HOME TRADE SHIP, TO BE DELIVERED
HALF-YEARLY TO THE SHIPPING MASTER AT THE ABOVE PORT.**

REGULATED BY THE BOARD OF TRADE, AUGUST 1862.
IN PURSUANCE OF 17 & 18 VICT. C. 104.

Name of Ship.	Official Number.	Port of Registry.	Port No. and Date of Register.	Registered Tonnage.	MANAGING OWNER.		MASTER.			Date of Commencement of Half-Year.	Date of Termination of Half-Year.
					Name.	Address (state of House, Street, & Town).	Name.	No. of Certificate.	Address (state No. of House, Street, and Town).		
<i>Loveday</i>	<i>3636</i>	<i>Plymouth</i>	<i>26 Nov. 1846.</i>	<i>23-</i>	<i>Wm. East</i>	<i>100, High Street, Plymouth</i>	<i>Wm. Burdige</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>Kingsbridge Down</i>	<i>1 July 1863</i>	<i>31 Dec 1863</i>

ACCOUNT OF THE VOYAGES (*)

<p><i>July 15</i> From <i>Plymouth</i> to <i>Salcombe</i></p> <p><i>Aug 22</i> " " " "</p> <p><i>Sept 30</i> <i>Salcombe</i> to <i>Plymouth</i></p> <p><i>Oct 12</i> " " " "</p>	<p><i>Oct 26</i> <i>Salcombe</i> to <i>Plymouth</i></p> <p><i>31</i> <i>Plymouth</i> to <i>Salcombe</i></p> <p><i>Nov 12</i> <i>Salcombe</i> to <i>Plymouth</i></p> <p><i>Dec 9</i> " " " "</p> <p><i>28</i> " " " "</p>
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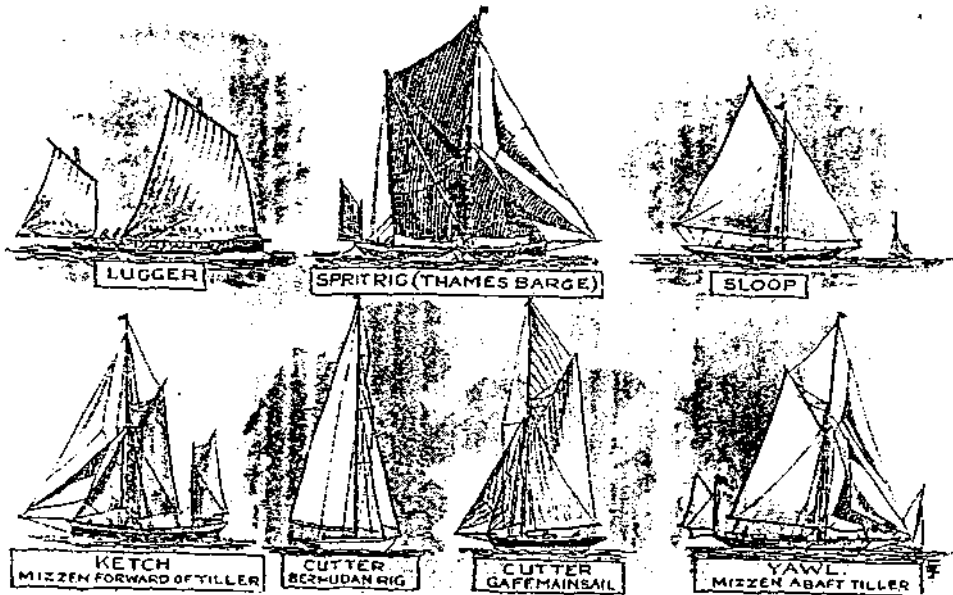
ACCOUNT OF THE CREW AND OF OTHER PARTICULARS REQUIRED BY LAW, IN RESPECT OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED VOYAGES OR EMPLOYMENT OF THE SAID SHIP.

Note.—These two columns are to be filled in by the Shipping Master.					Names of the MASTER and the Crew—Christian and Surnames to be set forth at full length (see Note 3).	Age.	Town and County where born.	No. of Fund Ticket (if any).	No. of Royal Naval Volunteer's Certificate.	Ship in which he last served and Port she belonged to, or nature of Employment.	Date and Place of Discharge from such Ship.		Date and Place of joining this Ship.		In what Capacity Engaged; and, if Mate, No. of his Certificate (if any).	Date, Place, and Cause of Death, or Leaving this Ship, also of Maiming or Hurt.					
Merchant Seaman's Fund Contributions.		Date.	Place.	Date.							Place.	Date.	Place.	Cause (see Note 3).							
Period.	Amount.																				
Months.	Days.	£.	s.	d.																	
					<i>William Burdige</i>	<i>64</i>	<i>Duron</i>			<i>Loveday Plymouth</i>	<i>26 Nov 46</i>	<i>Salcombe</i>	<i>Worcestershire</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>11 Dec 63</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>11 Dec 63</i>	<i>11 Dec 63</i>	<i>11 Dec 63</i>	<i>11 Dec 63</i>
					<i>James Stronach</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>Duron</i>			<i>Kingsbridge Down</i>	<i>13 May 63</i>	<i>Salcombe</i>	<i>Worcestershire</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>100</i>					<i>11 Dec 63</i>	<i>11 Dec 63</i>

became a Lieutenant Colonel in the Tank Corps - retiring - we are told -to found a mink farm.

But back to William the Mariner:- Philip's illustrations show the kind of vessel which William may have been sailing - but which one?

We know that at one time (1863) William was master of a vessel named "Loveday". This is shown on the Port Record of the voyages made by the Loveday - voyages made regularly between Salcombe and Plymouth - and what is the address of the owner? Why - our home port - West Hooe, Plymouth.



PARISH REGISTERS - WITHERIDGE NAMES EXTRACTED

CHURCHSTOW No Witheridge entries found

EAST PORTLEMOUTH Marriages

15.10.1799 John of Thurlestone and Catherine Lambie

MORELEIGH Marriages

22.10.1700 Susanna Witheridge and Paul Williams

SOUTH MILTON Baptisms

21.01.1699 Elizabeth, dau. of John and Mary
?? . ? 1703 Mary, dau. of John and Mary (Hobey?)
16.09.1733 Walter, son of William and Margery
27.12.1737 ?ne ??? of John and Anne
04.05.1740 John, son of John and Anne
25.09.1743 Mary, dau. of Jno and Anne
06.11.1748. Andrew, son of Jno and Anne
15.06.1766 William, son of William and Mary
18.09.1803 Anderw (sic) son of Anderw and Mary
04.01.1807 Thomas, son of Andrew and Abigail
07.05.1809 Mary, dau of Andrew and Abigail
01.03.1812 Allies, dau of Andrew and Abigail
23.07.1815 William, son of Andrew and Abigail (Labr. And Parish Clerk)
17.12.1826 Mary Ann, dau of John and Mary (Labr)
19.10.1828 John, son of John and Mary
27.13.1831 Eliza, dau of John and Mary
12.08.1832 Eleanour, dau of John and Mary Anne of Thurlestone (Labr)
16.03.1834 Thomas, son of John and Mary
23.10.1836 Eliza, dau of John and Mary
11.11.1838 Sarah Ann, dau of Thomas and Sarah of Sutton
29.12.1839 Alice, dau of John and Mary
08.08.1841 William Henry, son of Andrew and Sarah
10.12.1843 Jane Lake, dau of Andrew and Sarah
23.01.1862 John William, son of William Henry and Ann (Labr)
15.07.1870 Sarah Kate, dau of William Henry and Sarah Ann
03.01.1873 Ella Jane, dau of William Henry and Sarah Ann
21.03.1875 Stephen Lake, son of William Henry and Sarah Ann

SOUTH MILTON Marriages

09.07.1753 William (otp) and Mary Godwill of Aveton Gifford
22.05.1759 Sarah, and Nicholas Ball (botp) Witness William Witheridge
11.04.1763 Mary, and Edward Michamore
16.11.1763 Elizabeth, and William Oldriff
24.03.1801 Andrew, and Abigail Tabb (botp) Witness John Witheridge
12.01.1826 John, and Mary Luckham (botp)
07.10.1830 Andrew, and Sarah Lake (botp) Witness Mary Witheridge
19.06.1834 Mary, and James Moore (botp)

Burials

07.04.1710	Mary	10.12.1745	Mary
27.01.1748	John	11.03.1758	Margaret
05.05.1772	William (child)	07.02.1776	William
15 11.1779	Ann	05.07.1782	William
07.05.1786	Walter	10.06.1786	Elizabeth
16 12.1833	Eliza 2	03.01.1841	Andrew 63
18.01.1842	Alice 29	04.06.1842	John Lake 6
24.11.1844	Thomas 10	08.09.1859	Abigail 88
25.01.1867	John 65	01.01.1871	Mary 72
18.10.1882	Andrew 79	22.09.1886	Sarah 78
04.12.1910	Sarah Ann 70		of Sutton Cottages

THURLESTONE Baptisms

30.01.1774 John, son of John and Mary
20.05.1777 Andrew, son of John and Mary
15.09.1782 Mary, dau of John and Mary
10.08. 1800 William, son of John and Catherine
16.06.1805 John, son of John and Catherine
24.03.1811 Susan Lambal, dau of John and Catherine
05.04.1829 William George, son of William and Mary of Bantham, Mariner
30.01.1831 John, son of William and Mary of Bantham, Mariner
06.09.1832 Susan Lamble, dau of William and Mary of Bantham, Mariner
05.01.1834 Thomas, son of Andrew and Sarah of Bantham, Lab'er
02.02.1834 Isabella, dau of William and Mary of Bantham, Mariner
22.11.1835 Robert Ralph, son of William and Mary of Bantham, Mariner
25.05.1837 Catherine, dau of William and Mary of Bantham, Mariner
03.05.1840 George, son of William and Mary of Bantham, Mariner

THURLESTONE

Marriages

07.07.1766 John Witheridge and Mary Cawse (botp)
03.04.1828 Mary, and Benjamin Edward (botp)
06.06.1844 Ellen, minor, of Buckland, father William, Mariner, and John Bickford,
Ship's carpenter, Salcombe
30.12.1853 Ellen, spinster, of Buckland, father John, Lab'r and Richard Elliott Hanna
Hannafor.

Burials

13.11.1792 Mary
28.01.1805 John
23.08.1818 Catherine of Bantham, 50
26.08.1833 William, 24 years and 8 months.
30.01.1850 John of Kingsbridge 77

WEST ALVINGTON

(Not fully searched)

Baptisms

09.08.1731 Mary, dau of Andrew and Joan

Marriages

12.11.1668 Mary and Richard Trist

Burials

01.01.1728 Mary
19.03.1734 Andrew (Weatheridge)
29.09.1767 Jone of Milton (Could be 'Jane')

CHRISTMAS HOMECOMING

Home leave at last for every man
Serving in the Arakan.
Four years and more in sticky heat,
But now the Japs are in retreat.
To India's border by lorry we travelled,
Along jungle roads which slowly unravelled.
Then by river, air humid and shirts damp,
On to Calcutta and the leave transit camp.

From Howrah Station across the Central Plain
We travelled, it seemed, by the slowest train.
Arriving at last in the Port of Bombay,
And boarded a troopship where at anchor she lay.
Four weeks of confinement cheerfully endured,
Safe passage home the Navy ensured.
All had looked forward to stepping on ground
Awoke one dawn - Liverpool docks all around!

The bush hatted Army forgotten for years,
Welcomed without fanfare, only with tears
Of joy by wife, sweetheart or mother,
Mine praying I'd soon be joined by my brother.

Arriving home, how well I remember,
A very cold day - the tenth of December.
Unrecognised by many - they could not figure
Whether under my bush hat was me or a 'Digger'.
To Willoughton club father and I proceeded,
He announced my homecoming to all who heeded.
With drinks all round, hands shaken till white,
We both arrived home feeling quite tight.

To Mount Pleasant Chapel the very next day,
Went mother and I, where she knelt to pray
That war in the world would swiftly end
And nations all a hand of friendship extend
Since then I have travelled far from home,
But wherever I settle or chance to roam
I know where my heart will always be,
Tis the homestead and Chapel where Mam raised me.

H.A. PAYNE

A LOOK BACK TO A DAY IN MAY, 1997

by Brenda Dwyne

After a very successful Witheridge Society weekend, we said goodbye to everyone and left the Tiverton Hotel en route to Ermington - the village where Joyce, Richard, David, Philip, John and I all have our roots. I am really thrilled to have this opportunity. We are a party of nine - David and June, Graham and Joyce Browne and I, Kathy, Paul, Maureen and Richard. We stopped for a coffee break at the House of Marbles (where they make glass), near Bovey Tracey, and arrive in Ermington around lunch time.

My first impression of Ermington is that it is a beautiful little village and found out that it is kept this way by the local Council, due to its bylaws that no new buildings can be built. The houses are not even numbered. The village won awards for being the "Best Kept Village" in 1985 and 1986. In the town square, the Old Inn House, where Henry Witheridge and his family lived, sits on one side and the Crooked Spire Inn, where we had some lunch, on the other. Richard, who is the last Witheridge to be born in Ermington, then conducted a walking tour of the village, our first stop being the Parish Church of St. Peter and St. Paul or the "Church of the Crooked Spire" (1530). There are at least three different legends of why the spire is crooked! (One is that in the eighteenth century the most beautiful girl in the village, a Miss Bulteel, was being married, and as she came up the church path the spire leaned over to get a better look, and was never able to straighten itself up!).

The churchyard was unkempt and we found many Witheridge gravestones. The one I particularly wanted to see was the grave of my mother's oldest sister Evelyn, who died at age two months. My mother's parents died when she was a young girl and she did not talk much about them when I was growing up. The only memories I have of my grandparents are the few pictures we have of them. It was only last year that I first saw a picture of my mother kneeling at the side of this very grave. A lot of family history has been lost, unfortunately, but as I stood by the grave I tried to imagine my grandmother and what she must have been going through. We then went into the Church, which is quite lovely. Richard remembers being a choir boy here. There are some beautiful wood and stone carvings on the pulpit and the altar done by the three daughters of one of the ministers. I took a picture of the font and it made me wonder if my mother was baptized here.

After seeing the rest of the village, we went to Strode Manor Farm, which an ancestor of ours (Lion Witheridge) rented in 1580 (he may well have been there before then). This farm is listed, and the present owners have tried to keep as much of the house as possible in its original condition. There are the original doors and the original slate floors in the dining room and the dairy (now an office). The owners provided us with tea and cookies and showed us round the house and barns. Then, sadly it was time to leave for Plymouth.

WITHERIDGES OF NEW ZEALAND

by Velma Metcalfe

One hundred and fifty years of records show relatively few Witheridges living in New Zealand. Most relate to my family group; the descendants of John and Elizabeth Witheridge, who arrived in Auckland in 1864, and their New Zealand born sons, Joseph and James. I wrote of their lives in a story titled 'The New Zealand Connection' which appeared in the 1989 Autumn/Winter edition of The Witheridge Times, Vol 3 No. 3/4

In the late 1950's David and Eve Witheridge returned to settle in this country and the records show the birth of their three children, Brian, Susan and Anthony in the early 1960's and David's untimely death in 1979. David and Eve's story 'A New Zealand Family' appeared in the Winter 1996 edition of the magazine, Vol. 10 No.4.

There are only three entries which don't relate to either of these family groups. They are the 1891 marriage of George Witheridge, and the death of his wife, Sarah, in Invercargill in 1905, and the death of John Witheridge in Dunedin.

George Witheridge and his brother Thomas arrived here in 1875. George lived in New Zealand for approximately 30 years, but his elder brother's stay was brief. Census records show Thomas back with his family in the Camberwell area of Surrey in 1881. Further information about the family can be gleaned from my story 'Destination New Zealand, which appeared in the 1996 Spring issue of The Witheridge Times, Vol. 10 No. 1.

The discovery of the 1916 death of John Witheridge led me to investigate his life, which I wrote about in 'John Witheridge, Seaman'. This article appeared in Vol. 10 No. 1 Spring 1996 issue of the magazine. John also went by the name of John Pengelly Bussell. His origins remain a mystery.

There is one other person I know about, but he doesn't appear in the Birth, Death or Marriage registers. Richard Witheridge, aged 21, a farm labourer from Devon, arrived at Port Chalmers, Otago, on the ship Waitara in 1878. I believe he moved to Sydney, Australia where he married Annie McPhee in 1897. He died at Lismore, near the Queensland border, the following year. He was the son of William and Cecilia Witheridge, from the Tavistock branch of the family tree.

The indexes on the following pages were taken from the Registrar General's records, copies of which are held by the National Library, Wellington. They were compiled by Vel Metcalfe in April 1997 on behalf of New Zealand members, to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the formation of the Witheridge Society.

New Zealand Births 1840-1990

1866	William John			Ref 10412
1867	William James			Ref 144
1869	Annie			Ref 129
1871	Olivia Helen*			Ref 230
1873	Rosina E.*			Ref 143
1874	Joseph John			Ref 1008
1876	Rhoda			Ref 69
1880	William James*			Ref 43
1881	James William			Ref 1114
1884	Selina May			Ref 136
1885	Ivy Maud			Ref 1258
1910	Phoebe Elizabeth			Ref 4677
1912	Amy Irene			Ref 1721
1916	Gleneth Rhona			Ref 3542
1916	Loloma Gwendoline			Ref 1707
1917	Roland Adrian			Ref 1436
1920	Ian Lindsay			Ref 1902
1921	Delbridge James			Ref 17
1925	James Athol			Ref 69
1952	Gregory Dean			Ref 3317
1954	Delice Dawn			Ref 9034
1957	Gail Lillian		Auckland	Ref 9451
1960	Brian David	Evelyn J	Wellington	Ref 6058
1961	Susan	Evelyn J.	Wellington	Ref 13440
1964	Antony Charles	Evelyn J.	Blenheim	Ref 11663
1964	Peter John*	Ngairie J	Auckland	Ref 11254
1973	Aaron	Gladys	Auckland	Ref 1491
1988	Brett Del	Wendy A	Howick	Ref 21237

* In some instances information I have regarding year of birth doesn't tally with the Registrar General's Records, above. Those that differ are marked with *. Olivia Helen was born in 1870, Rosina Elizabeth 1872, William James 1879 and Peter John, 1963. Peter was adopted.

Deaths 1848 - 1990

1866	William John			Ref 66
1868	William			Ref 93
1881	William James			Ref 22
1905	Sarah Grace			Ref 1317

Deaths 1848-1990 continued

1906	Elizabeth		Ref 28	
1911	James		Ref 2390-	
1911	John		Ref 791	
1916	John		Ref 2561	
1932	James William		Ref 2071	
1940	Joseph John		Ref 44	
1944	Rosina Elizabeth		Ref 1117	
1954	Lillian Alice		Ref 8	
1971	James Athol	45	Auckland 1	Ref 2657
1978	Fanny Maria	94	Auckland 1	Ref 308
1978	Gladys Doreen	45	Auckland 1	Ref 12965
1979	David Barry	51	Christ Church 3	Ref 1478
1982	Ian Lindsay	62	Papakura	Ref 10500
1982	Roland Adrian	64	Auckland	Ref 6495
1983	Delbridge James	62	Auckland	Ref 517

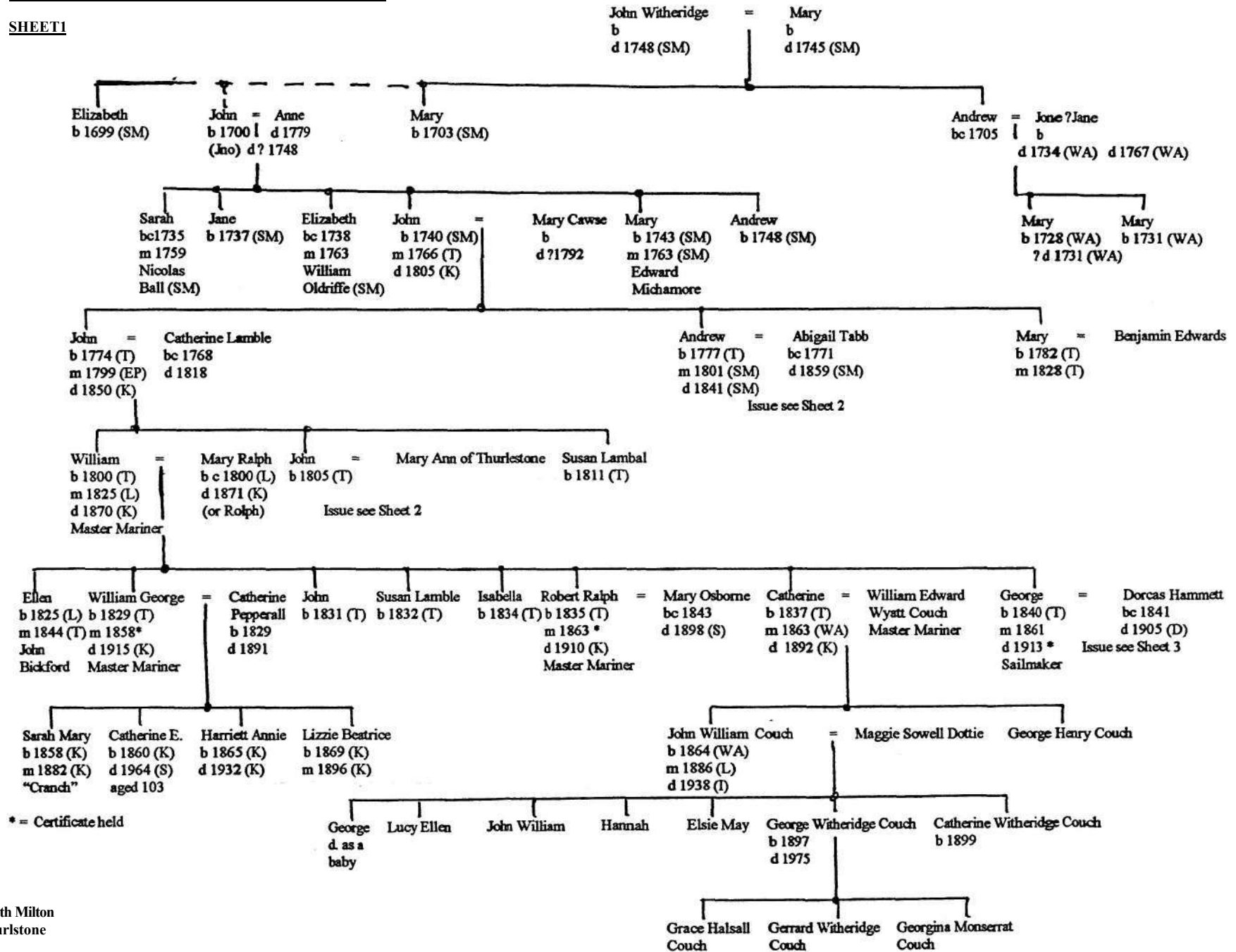
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1877	James		Ref 783
1891	George		Ref 2722
1892	Olivia Helen		Ref 948
1893	Annie		Ref 2121
1897	Rhoda		Ref 4649
1906	Ivy Maud		Ref 1534
1910	Joseph John		Ref 160
1915	Selina May		Ref 565
1916	William James*		Ref 4786
1933	Phoebe Elizabeth		Ref 596
1935	Amy Irene		Ref 9368
1940	Loloma Gwendoline		Ref 5789
1941	Gleneth Rona		Ref 6690
1950	Delbridge James		Ref 5042
1952	Ian Lindsay		Ref 5360
1954	James Athol		Ref 6548
1976	Delice Dawn	Bullard	Ref 20806
1984	Gregory Dean	Low	Ref 2607
1985	Peter John	Lusby	Ref 4249
1988	Antony Charles	Bryden	Ref 22698

* William James Witheridge married Lillian Alice Punch on July 3 1915.

SOUTH MILTON AND THURLESTONE FAMILY TREE

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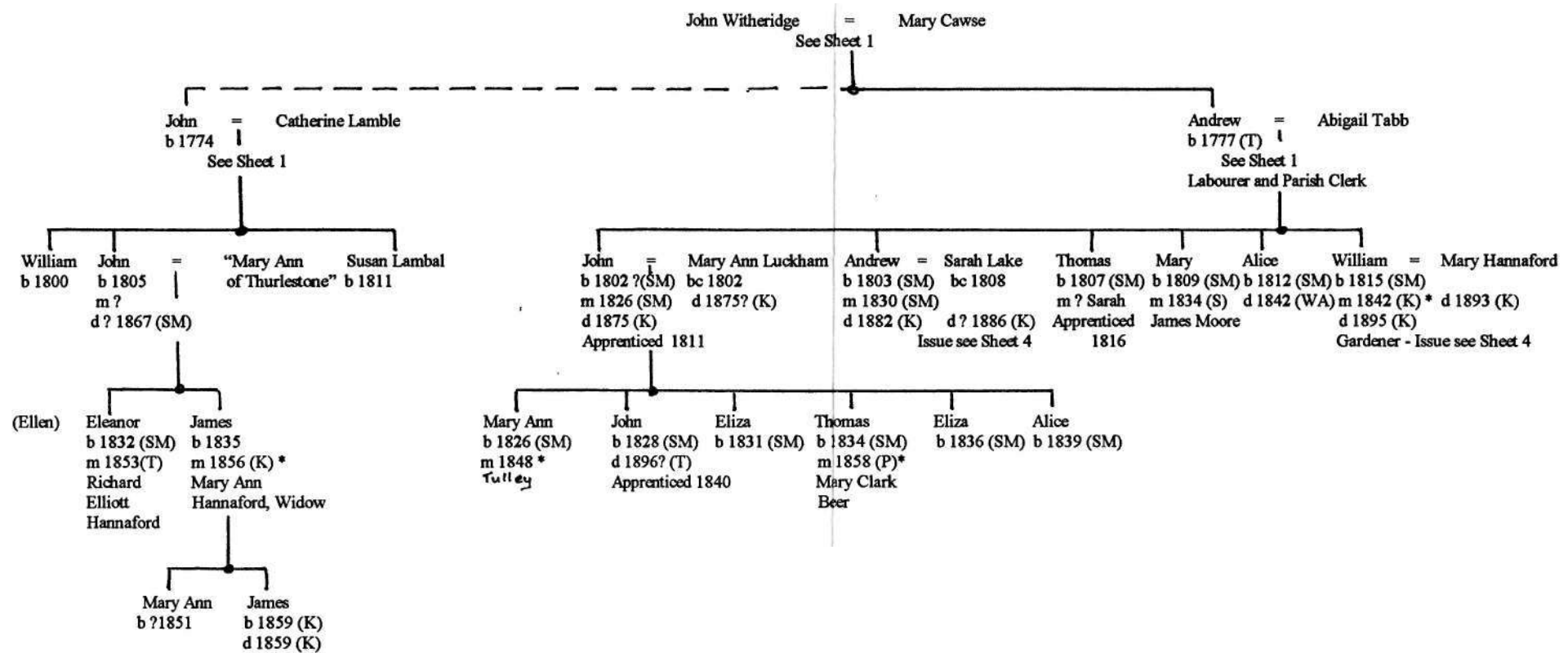


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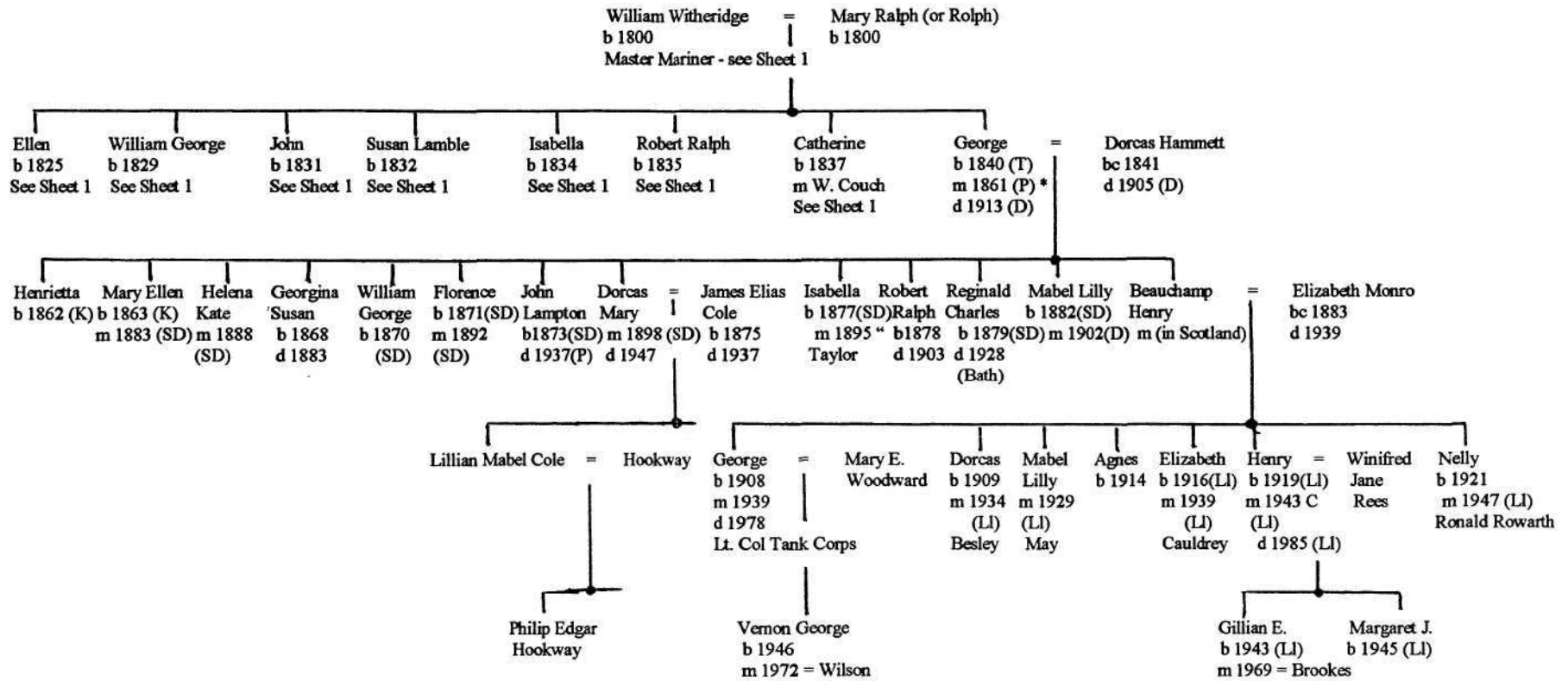
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Note:- William born 1815 and James born 1835 both married a "Mary Hannaford"

* = Certificate held

SOUTH MILTON AND THURLESTONE FAMILY TREE EXTENDED INTO STOKE DAMEREL AND LLANELLY

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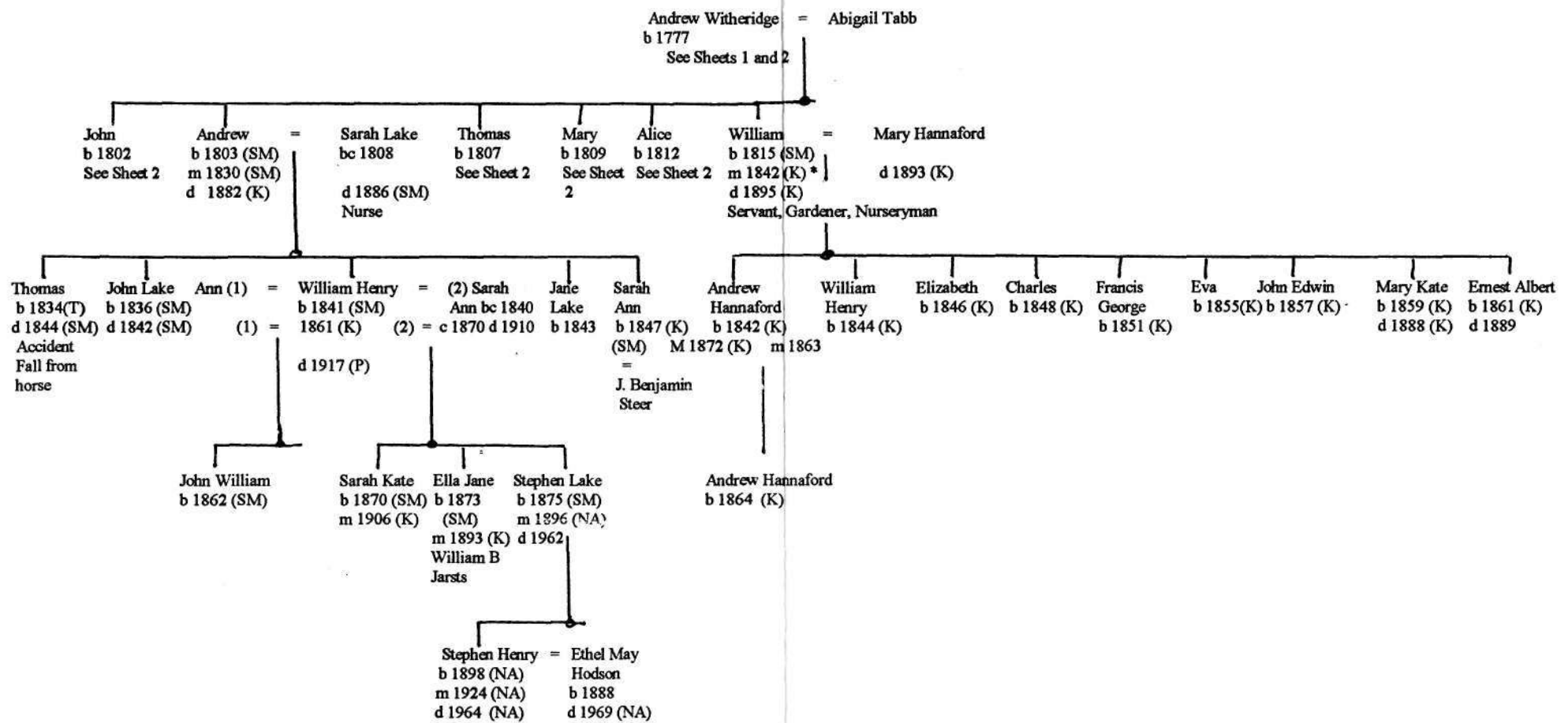


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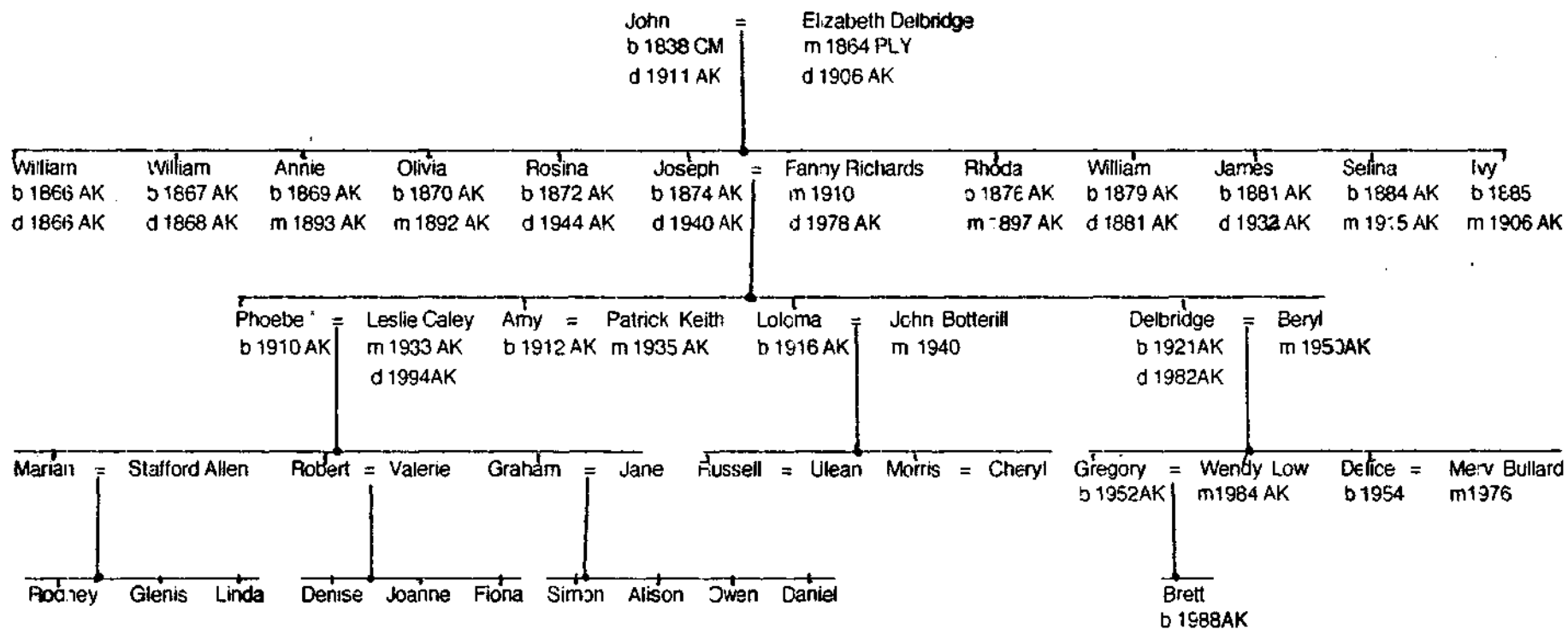


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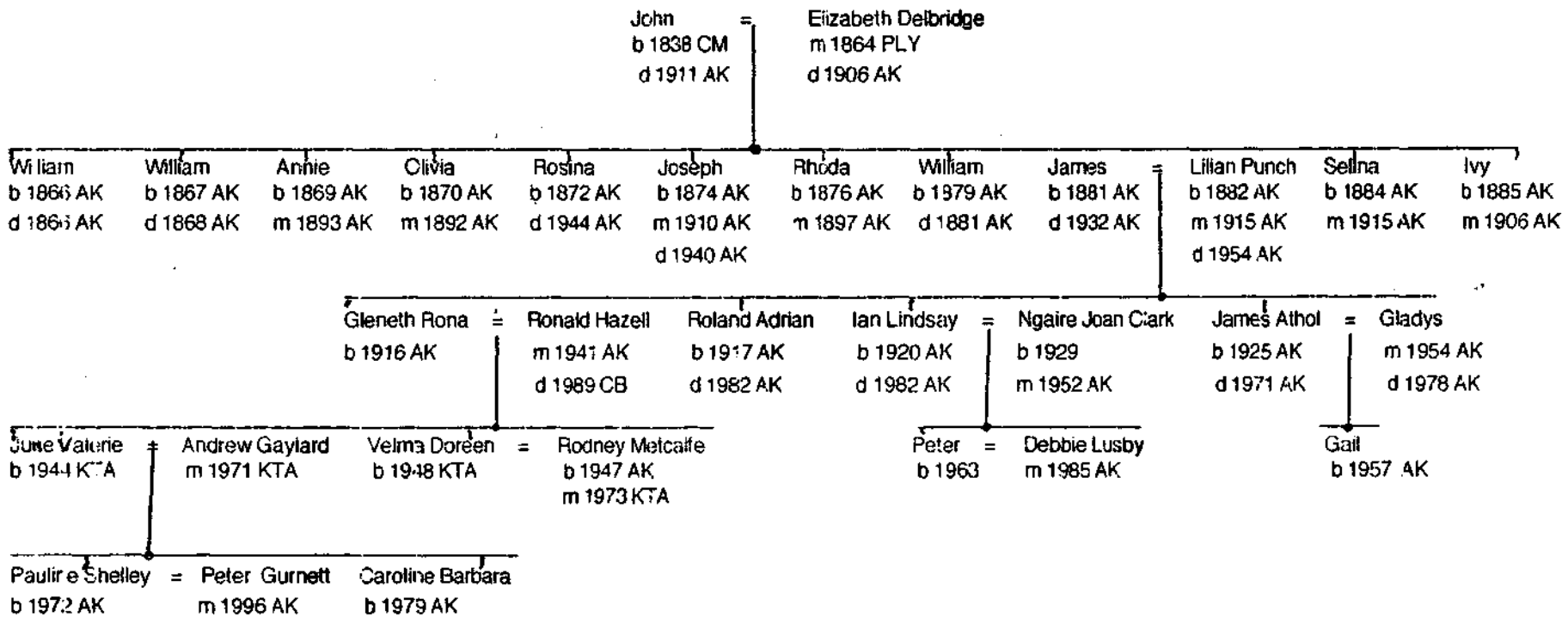
Descendants of Joseph & Fanny



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Descendants of James & Lillian



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