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**Descendants of  
Roger Dixon**

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1-**Roger Dixon** died in 1662 in Rokeby, Yorkshire.

Roger married someone. He had one son: **Edward**.

2-**Edward Dixon** was born in 1629 and died in 1713 at age 84.

Edward married someone. He had one son: **Christopher**.

3-**Christopher Dixon**<sup>1</sup> was born in 1662 and died on 5 Mar 1728 at age 66.

Noted events in his life were:

- He was baptized on 22 Feb 1662 in Rokeby, Yorkshire.

Christopher married **Elizabeth Grainger**,<sup>1</sup> daughter of **Henry Grainger** and **Elinor Temple**, on 1 Mar 1691 in Raby, Staindrop, County Durham. Elizabeth was born in 1656 and died in 1727 at age 71. They had three children: **Anne**, **Joseph**, and **Joshua**.

4-**Anne Dixon**<sup>1</sup> was born in 1692 in Raby, Staindrop, County Durham, died on 12 Feb 1718 in Raby, Staindrop, County Durham at age 26, and was buried in FBG Raby.

General Notes: Died of smallpox which she contracted on the 7th of February 1718

4-**Joseph Dixon**<sup>1</sup> was born on 7 Jul 1695 in Raby, Staindrop, County Durham.

Noted events in his life were:

- He had a residence in Catterick Bridge, Yorkshire.

Joseph married **Mary**. They had one son: **William**.

5-**William Dixon**<sup>2,3</sup> was born on 8 Aug 1731 in Catterick Bridge, Yorkshire and died on 11 Aug 1777 in Raby, Staindrop, County Durham at age 46.

William married **Sarah Coates**,<sup>2,3</sup> daughter of **George Coates**<sup>2</sup> and **Dorothy Cartmell**,<sup>2</sup> on 30 Apr 1754. Sarah was born on 7 Feb 1730 in Durham and died on 8 Aug 1808 in Wolviston Mill, Norton on Tees, County Durham at age 78. They had six children: **Ann**, **Joshua**, **George**, **Elizabeth**, **Joseph**, and \_\_\_\_\_.

6-**Ann Dixon**<sup>3</sup> was born on 27 Feb 1755 in Raby, Staindrop, County Durham and died in Died Young.

6-**Joshua Dixon**<sup>3</sup> was born on 9 Jan 1757 in Raby, Staindrop, County Durham, was christened on 6 Dec 1787, died on 9 Jul 1789 in Staindrop, County Durham at age 32, and was buried on 11 Jul 1789 in Staindrop, County Durham. He had no known marriage and no known children.

Noted events in his life were:

- He worked as a Woolcomber in Raby, Staindrop, County Durham.
- He was a Quaker but disowned for being, "very disorderly" on 26 Apr 1785 in Staindrop MM.

6-**George Dixon**<sup>2,3,4</sup> was born on 7 Jun 1759 in Raby, Staindrop, County Durham and died on 28 Dec 1831 in Staindrop, County Durham at age 72.

Noted events in his life were:

- He worked as a Woolcomber in Staindrop, County Durham.
- He was a Quaker but dis-owned for marrying-out on 29 Jul 1783 in Staindrop MM.

George married **Mary Bowron**,<sup>2,3,4</sup> daughter of **Ralph Bowron**<sup>3</sup> and **Sarah**,<sup>3</sup> on 10 May 1783. Mary died on 27 Jun 1815 in Staindrop, County Durham. They had one son: **Ralph**.

General Notes: Ted Milligan, in *British Quakers in Commerce and Industry*, calls her Brown... but it is Bowron.

7-**Ralph Dixon**<sup>2,4,5,6</sup> was born on 3 Nov 1785 in Staindrop, County Durham, died on 30 Mar 1854 in Staindrop, County Durham at age 68, and was buried in FBG Staindrop.

General Notes: The Annual Monitor 1855/56 implies that at the time of his marriage, he was engaged in military service in Spain and Portugal. At that time, she and her husband appear, according to the

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account, to have been Wesleyan Methodists. By the time they settle in Staindrop, they are Quakers. Ralph wasn't a birthright Quaker, because his father had been disowned for marrying out. So he had to apply for membership.

The Annual Monitor 1904/05 is more expansive and explains that he served in the Peninsular War under Wellington and was wounded at Talavera, sent home, recuperated at Woolwich Hospital and when discharged was awarded a pension..... which becoming a good Quaker again.... it transpires he declined.

Noted events in his life were:

- He worked as an Apprentice shoemaker in 1797 in Staindrop, County Durham.
- He worked as a Miller, Druggist & Grocer in Staindrop, County Durham.
- He worked as a Soldier, who fought in the Peninsula Wars.
- He worked as a Quaker elder.

Ralph married **Ann Booth**<sup>2,4,5,6</sup> in 1808 in Ireland. Ann was born in 1790 in York, Yorkshire, died on 2 Dec 1854 in Staindrop, County Durham at age 64, and was buried in FBG Staindrop. They had eight children: **John, George, Sarah, Elizabeth, Robert, Mary, Ann, and Joseph.**

Noted events in their marriage were:

- They were Methodists before 1817.
- They were admitted to the Society of Friends about 1818 in Darlington MM.

General Notes: She lost her father when young and her mother re-married a sergeant from the 31st regiment of Foot; an alcoholic.

Ralph Dixon wrote of her, "She was a prudent and industrious young woman and a better wife than I deserved or had any reason to expect."

8-**John Dixon**<sup>7</sup> was born about 1810 in Staindrop, County Durham.

Noted events in his life were:

- He worked as a Miller in Staindrop, County Durham.

John married **Isabella Leybourne**. They had one son: **John**.

9-**Dr. John Dixon**<sup>7,8,9</sup> was born in 1842 in Staindrop, County Durham, died on 15 Aug 1911 in Arisaig, Lochailort, Inverness-shire at age 69, and was buried on 18 Aug 1911 in FBG Winchmore Hill.

General Notes: Dr. John Dixon, 69 15 8mo. 1911

Highgate. Died at Arisaig, N.B. Of Westminster and Longford M.M. An Elder.

John Dixon, the son of John and Isabella Dixon, was born at Staindrop in 1842. He was educated at Ayton School, where his uncle, George Dixon, was then Head Master. He often would relate with much laughter, how one day, when he and several other boys were brought before his uncle, on account of some mischievous behaviour, George Dixon said, "Now Johnnie, I will start with thee, as I know thou art the worst ! " He left Ayton at an early age, but he always tried to keep up his association with the school, and with his old school-fellows. The following years were spent in his father's mills ; but he was not strong, and, owing to his chronic asthma, he found the atmosphere most trying. He, therefore, left home and started work in the offices of Joseph Pease, at Darlington. He always felt grateful to the Friends there for their kindly interest in the lonely, shy, young man, especially grateful to Joseph Pease, for his friendly help and advice in regard to his future.

For many years he had had a great desire to study medicine in order that he might be able to relieve pain and suffering. With this idea he had been quietly studying during the evenings, and at length, in spite of opposition from home he succeeded in passing the entrance examination for Edinburgh University. This finally decided the matter. He gave up his business and eagerly commenced his student life. At Edinburgh he qualified as L.R.C.P., and in 1872 took the degrees of M.B. and CM. He subsequently filled the post of Resident Physician at the Royal Infirmary, and worked for a time under both Simpson and Lister. He attended the Edinburgh meeting, and ever after retained a warm regard for Jane Miller and Eliza Wigham for their kindly interest in the students. He had a large circle of friends, with most of whom he kept in touch. During the last three years of his life he often recurred to these happy student days. Friends made then seemed to grow specially dear to him and during his recent summer holidays in Scotland, he welcomed the opportunity of visiting some of them again. He had a truly wonderful gift of remembering faces and names ; once known they never seemed forgotten. On leaving Edinburgh, he became Resident Surgeon to the London Temperance Hospital, a post he was the first to fill.

In 1874 Dr. Dixon was married to H. Edith Gurney, then a Sister at the Royal Free Hospital, to whom he had been introduced by a mutual friend, who felt that their aims in life had much in common. She was not a Friend, but became so soon after their marriage. He then settled in the North-East of London, where he entered on general practice. His professional skill and thoroughness, combined with great charm of manner and with unselfishness, rapidly brought him success, and it soon became necessary for him to take a partner. While still in practice, he filled the post of visiting surgeon to the French Protestant Hospital, Victoria Park Road, and later, that of surgeon to the Mildmay Mission Hospital, at Bethnal Green.

For some time, however, he had specially desired to do something for the Jews. His heart had warmed to them through treating many of them professionally at the Mildmay Hospital, and through the teaching of Mr. John Wilkinson, who had started a Mission to them in the East End. In August, 1877, he wrote to Mr. Wilkinson, " Will you and your wife join me and my wife in prayer that the Lord would direct me as to my future. I have had it laid on my heart to become a Medical Missionary." " Yes," was the reply, " we will, and if the Lord should honour me by allowing me to establish a

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Medical Mission in the interest of His people Israel, and that you should be the first Medical Missionary, we will rejoice together." Later on the two men met, and united in prayer to God for £500 as a token that they were acting in accordance with His Will. £300 was speedily sent in, and special prayer was made for the remaining £200. At a meeting in the suburbs of London, Mr. Wilkinson gave an address on the Jewish Mission, mentioning his desire for a Medical Branch. No collection was taken, but an announcement was made that anyone wishing to help might communicate with Mildmay. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson hurried off to the station afterwards, but missed their train. Whilst waiting for the next, two ladies came up and said, ' We have been much interested in your desire for a Medical Mission. It is so Christ-like, and Our Lord was a Medical Missionary. You must have it. How much do you need ? " When they learned that only £200 was required, they gladly undertook to contribute that amount, thus making it possible in 1880 to found the Medical Mission to the Jews, with John Dixon at its head. It was with the full support and approval of his wife, and in spite of the fact that he then had three little children, that he gave up his large and growing practice to become a Medical Missionary, thus sacrificing not only a considerable income, but the certainty, it may safely be said, of distinction in his profession. Thus it was that amidst the teeming population of Whitechapel he found, for over thirty years, his life work. It was said after his death, that the text, " Faith, Hope Charity, and the greatest of these is Charity," seemed to typify Dr. Dixon. He himself lived "love" to all with whom he came in contact. He found it impossible to refuse any really needy case, and he always made others' wants his own. No day's work was too hard, or too exacting, but an appeal for help would find him ready to pay a call of sympathy, or to visit some sick bed, and his presence at the bedside was better than medicine. Of few could it be more truly said " I was sick and ye visited me."

His enthusiasm for his professional work was well exemplified in his decision when over sixty years of age, to spend a six months' furlough in the study of medicine at Vienna, and in his keen interest, up to the time of his death, in the work of the "Polyclinic " in London. His interests were always whole-heartedly in missionary work abroad. For many years he was a member of the Board of the Friends' Foreign Mission Association, and in the autumn of 1886 he visited India with Albert J. Crosfield, as a deputation from that body. He also accompanied the late Isaac Sharp in some of his travels, visiting Brumana, Constantinople, India and Japan, thus meeting many of the workers abroad, and having his sympathy drawn out to them in the difficulties they had to contend against. He also on two or three occasions travelled in the Holy Land, and visited some of the stations belonging to various Missionary societies. When he was away from home in England, he made a point when possible of attending Meeting, and encouraging the members present. For his own meeting at Holloway he felt a deep concern, and although he did not very often speak, his genial presence and his warm welcome to strangers will be much

missed. He had a feeling that no Meeting was healthy unless it concerned itself with foreign mission- work, and with this object he regularly on the first Sunday in the month, either arranged that a missionary should speak after the Meeting for Worship, or that a letter from abroad should be read. Unless he had a previous engagement he would never refuse any appointment to visit new members or to attend Monthly or Quarterly Meetings, or to serve on a Committee.

He was the most humble and unselfish of men, content to go quietly on his way, doing good when he could, not wanting or expecting praise, always with a happy smile for everyone and his keen sense of humour and happy disposition, made it a joy just to be with him. His interests were wide and varied, and included work amongst foreign students. Home Mission work, the causes of Peace and Temperance, the Purity Crusade, the Anti-Opium Society, and lately the Young Friends' Movement. He was a great Bible student, regularly studying for an hour or two in the early morning, as well as at other times. He had many times felt the inspiration derived from attendance at the Keswick Convention, and longed that others might share it.

In April, 1908, after a painful illness lasting over six months, his wife was called to the life beyond. The long strain of her illness aged him considerably. And about a year after he had a bad attack of influenza and bronchitis, and it was found his heart was in a precarious condition. He was told by a specialist that unless he gave up a great deal of his work it would kill him. His reply was that he would never retire, unless he became a burden and a hindrance to the work, and that he should prefer to die in harness. Nor did his family find it easy to restrain his activity. As time went on he had occasional heart attacks, and for the last two years his friends knew that any time during such an attack he might be taken home. He himself simply waited for the call. In a letter written at Easter, he wrote, ' I feel I am westering. I only wish to stay here as long as it is His Will." The extreme heat of last summer tried him much, but he kept on with his work till the commencement of the holidays ; and he was able to pay his longed-for visit to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Doncaster, near Lochailort, in the North-West Highlands of Scotland, where he had been during the two previous summers, and where he had revelled in the beauties of mountains and sea. He had been with the Doncasters a fortnight, and he seemed stronger for the change. But on August 15th, at sunset, while he was on the sea-shore, the call came. Suddenly becoming unconscious, he never rallied, and two hours later he quietly passed away. The funeral was at Winchmore Hill, on August 18th, when his remains were laid beside those of his wife.

On September 14th, a Memorial Meeting was held at the Mildinay Medical Mission, when the large hall was filled with Jews. Though many will mourn his loss, few can do so more than his beloved Jews, amongst whom he had laboured so long and so lovingly. The following extracts are from letters received from those who were with him during his last fortnight.

" I feel indeed that it was a high privilege to be near him during those two happy weeks, and I shall never forget the happy expression in his eyes on his last day with us. He seemed so heavenly in spirit, so ready for the quick Home call, that to my mind, there remains only a sense that the shortness of the passage from the beauty of the earth to the greater blessedness above was most fitting and sweet. .... It was just like opening a door from a happy earth to a happier heaven, for him to go as he did. And your dear Mother was on the other side of the door, as well as the Saviour whom he loved and served so well. I shall prize, all the rest of my life, the privilege of having been with him and you at the last moments of his conscious life, and the remembrances of his smile, when I came up to where you were. . . . The gates of heaven opened at the sun-setting, and with his face to it, he entered into glory."

Noted events in his life were:

- He was awarded with LRCP BM CM.
- He was a Quaker.
- He was educated at the Friends' School, Great Ayton.
- He worked as a Corn Miller in Staindrop, County Durham.
- He worked as an office clerk for Joseph Pease in Darlington, County Durham.
- He was educated at Edinburgh University.

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- He worked as a Resident Physician. Edinburgh Royal Infirmary after 1872 in Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland.
- He worked as a Resident Surgeon to the London Temperance Hospital in London.
- He worked as a General Practitioner after 1874.
- He worked as a Visiting Surgeon to the French Protestant Hospital after 1874 in Victoria Park Road, London.
- He worked as a Visiting Surgeon and Head Physician to the Mildmay Mission in Bethnal Green, London.
- He worked as a Head of the Medical Mission to the Jews in 1880.
- He worked as a Member of the Board of the Friends' Foreign Mission Association.
- Miscellaneous: He visited India with Albert Joseph Crosfield (1852-1931), 1886.
- He was educated at Hospitals in Vienna to further his medical knowledge about 1900 in Vienna, Austria.

John married **Harriet Edith Gurney**,<sup>7,8,9</sup> daughter of **Thomas Gurney** and **Margaret Day Hanson**, in 1874. Harriet was born in 1846 in Battersea, London, died on 6 Apr 1908 in Highgate, London at age 62, and was buried in FBG Winchmore Hill. They had eight children: **Edith Mary, John Howard, Samuel, Samuel, Thomas Gurney, Gertrude Hanson, Winifred Gurney, and Ruth Gurney**.

Noted events in her life were:

- She worked as a Nursing Sister at the Royal Free Hospital before 1874 in London.
- She was a member of the Church of England but after marriage, a Quaker.
- She worked as a Quaker Minister.

10-**Edith Mary Dixon**<sup>10,11</sup> was born on 14 Feb 1877 in Hackney and died on 8 Sep 1959 in Hampstead at age 82.

Edith married **Sir George Masterman Gillett**,<sup>10,11</sup> son of **George Gillett**<sup>4,10,11,12,13,14,15,16</sup> and **Hannah Elizabeth Rowntree**,<sup>4,10,11,12,13</sup> on 22 Sep 1898 in Westminster.

George was born on 22 Sep 1870 in 314 Camden Road, London and died on 10 Aug 1939 in Hitchin, Hertfordshire at age 68. They had five children: **George, John Gurney, Ronald Brodie, Eustace Stephenson, and Edith Winifred**.

General Notes: Originally elected as a Labour MP; was a junior Minister in the Labour Government. Announced his support of the Government and was appointed to the National Government. Re-elected in the 1931 general election; defeated standing for re-election in 1935.

Noted events in his life were:

- He worked as a MP.
- He worked as a Served on the committee of the Friends' Ambulance Unit in 1914-1919.

11-**Dr. George Gillett**<sup>10,11,17,18,19,20,21,22</sup> was born on 20 Aug 1899 in Islington, London and died on 27 Dec 1982 in Hendon, Middlesex at age 83.

General Notes: GEORGE GILLETT (1913-17) is working with the F.W.V.R. in a hospital at Sermaize, expecting to be moved up towards Verdun. *Bootham magazine - December 1918* GILLETT.-On 27th December, 1982. Dr. George Gillet (1913-17) aged 83 years.

Noted events in his life were:

- He was awarded with MRCS LRCP.
- He was educated at Bootham School in 1913-1917 in York, Yorkshire.
- He was educated at University College, London.
- He was educated at University College Hospital, London in 1919-1924 in London.
- He worked as a Clerk of Friends' House PM in 1926-1927.
- He worked as a Physician.

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George married **Winifred Clare Bryan**<sup>10,11,18,19,20</sup> on 22 Jan 1927 in Chelsea. Winifred was born on 9 Jan 1900 in Southwark, London and died in Sep 1999 in Coventry, Warwickshire at age 99. They had two children: **Monica Gurney** and **George Bryan**.

Marriage Notes: GILLETT-BRYAN.-On January 22nd, George Gillett (1913-7), to W. Clare Bryan.

### 12-Monica Gurney Gillett

Monica married **Christopher Michael Southall**. They had one daughter: **Angela Monica**.

### 13-Angela Monica Southall

### 12-George Bryan Gillett

George married **Margaret Adeline Bottoms**. They had two children: **Susan Adeline** and **Jane Elizabeth**.

### 13-Susan Adeline Gillett

### 13-Jane Elizabeth Gillett

11-**John Gurney Gillett**<sup>10,11,17,22,23,24,25,26</sup> was born on 15 Apr 1901 in Islington, London and died on 19 Jan 1936 in Hampstead, London at age 34.

General Notes: GILLETT.-On January 19th, in London, John Gurney Gillett (1914-17), aged 34 years.

Noted events in his life were:

- He was educated at Bootham School in 1914-1917 in York, Yorkshire.
- He worked as a Farmer in Dec 1918 in Worcestershire.
- He was educated at University of Reading in 1923-1924.
- He worked as a Farmer in Minster Lovell, Oxfordshire.

John married **Frances Mary Gedge**<sup>10,22,23,24,25</sup> on 9 Mar 1929 in Hendon, Middlesex. Frances was born in 1905 in York, Yorkshire and died in 1968 at age 63. They had two children: **Joan Frances C.** and **Christopher John Gurney**.

Marriage Notes: GILLETT-GEDGE.-On March 9th, in London, John Gurney Gillett (1914-18), to Frances Mary Gedge, of York.

12-**Joan Frances C. Gillett**<sup>10,11,24</sup> was born on 7 Jun 1931 in Headington, Oxford, Oxfordshire and died in 1931.

General Notes: GILLETT.— On 7th June, to Mollie and John Gurney Gillett, a daughter.

### 12-Christopher John Gurney Gillett

Christopher married **Joan Mary Howling**. They had three children: **John Gurney**, **Roger Harwood**, and **Tamsen Louise**.

### 13-John Gurney Gillett

### 13-Roger Harwood Gillett

### 13-Tamsen Louise Gillett

Tamsen married **Dominic Sebastian Lush**.

11-**Ronald Brodie Gillett**<sup>11,27,28</sup> was born on 5 Aug 1902 in Islington, London and died on 23 Nov 1965 in Marylebone, London at age 63.

General Notes: Old Scholars will be very sorry to hear of the death of Ronald Brodie Gillett on 23rd November, 1965. Those who were at Bootham during the First World War and in the years immediately after it will remember the big part which the four Gillett brothers, the sons of Sir George M. and Lady Gillett, took in the life of the School. The brothers were all together at

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Bootham in the summer term of 1917. Ronald, the third brother, was lively and gay, prominent in games and with considerable skill in the workshop. He gained his 1st XI colours in football and was a good swimmer, and was a great help in the Lads' Club. He was a Reeve during his last two terms. On leaving School, he entered his family's banking business in the City of London, Gillett Brothers Discount Company, Limited, and in 1936 married Hjördis Arvidson, of Sweden. He became the Secretary of the Company and in 1946 was appointed Chairman, a position which he held till his death. From 1963 to 1965 he was also Chairman of the London Discount Market Association, the channel through which the discount market maintains official contact with the Bank of England. One of his colleagues in the Company, C. J. B. Chalkley (1927-30) tells us that Ronald Gillett was 'unquestionably one of the best known and most popular figures in the City of London, and one of its most respected leaders', and, in a warm tribute, The Times said of him: 'He was one of the Market's most senior figures, and perhaps its most original and articulate mind. His ideas were all his own, and bore the mark of careful and continual thought. They seemed to owe something to his dissenting, Quaker background, and so, too, did his exceptional kindness and gentleness of manner.'

*A.N.P. (Anthony Pim)*

GILLETT.— On 23rd November, 1965, suddenly in a Nursing Home, Ronald Brodie Gillett (1916-20), aged 63 years.

Noted events in his life were:

- He was educated at The Downs School in 1912-1916 in Colwall, Malvern, Herefordshire.
- He was educated at Bootham School in 1916-1920 in York, Yorkshire.
- He worked as a Chairman and Secretary, Gillett Brothers Discount Company Ltd., Bankers in London.
- He worked as a Chairman of the London Discount Market Association in 1963-1965.

Ronald married **Hjördis Otilia Arvidson**<sup>10,11,27</sup> on 19 Dec 1936 in Swedish Church, Copenhagen, Denmark. Hjördis was born on 1 Aug 1915 and died in 1965 at age 50.

Marriage Notes: GILLETT-ARVIDSON.—On December 19th, at the Swedish Church, Copenhagen, Ronald B. Gillett (1916-20), to Hjördis Arvidson.

11-**Eustace Stephenson Gillett**<sup>10,11,29,30</sup> was born on 5 Dec 1903 in Islington, London and died on 18 Jan 1981 in Henley on Thames, Oxfordshire at age 77.

General Notes: GILLETT.—On 18th January, 1981, at his home in Henley, Eustace S. Gillett (1917-21), aged 77 years.

Noted events in his life were:

- He was educated at Bootham School in 1917-1921 in York, Yorkshire.
- He was educated at Queen's College, Oxford in 1926-1929.
- He worked as a Solicitor in London.
- He worked as an Assistant Clerk, Golders Green PM in 1933.

Eustace married **Doreen Margaret Catleugh**. They had two children: **Belinda Jane** and **Jonathan Andrew Gurney**.

### 12-Belinda Jane Gillett

Belinda married **Hugh Crawford Fitzwilliams**. They had two children: **Polly Alexandra** and **Benjamin Hugh**.

### 13-Polly Alexandra Fitzwilliams

### 13-Benjamin Hugh Fitzwilliams

### 12-Jonathan Andrew Gurney Gillett

### 11-Edith Winifred Gillett

Edith married **Oliver Massingham**,<sup>10,11,22,31,32,33,34</sup> son of **Henry William Massingham** and **Nellie Snowden**, on 26 May 1934 in FMH Jordans, Buckinghamshire. Oliver was born on 9 Nov 1900 in London and died on 31 Mar 1947 at age 46. They had four children: **Dorothy**, **Gillian May**, **Anne Tessa**, and **Jane Elizabeth**.

General Notes: Massingham.— On 31st March, Oliver Massingham (1912-17), aged 46 years.

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Noted events in his life were:

- He was educated at Bootham School in 1912-1917 in York, Yorkshire.
- He worked as an officer of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.
- He resided at Vale House in 1935 in Vale of Health, Hampshire.

### 12-Dorothy Massingham

Dorothy married **Christopher Edward Alfred Sweatman**. They had three children: **Peter, Richard, and David**.

#### 13-Peter Sweatman

#### 13-Richard Sweatman

#### 13-David Sweatman

### 12-Gillian May Massingham

Gillian married **John Edmund Maltby Lawson**. They had three children: **Simon John, Judith Ann, and Sarah Jane**.

#### 13-Simon John Lawson

#### 13-Judith Ann Lawson

#### 13-Sarah Jane Lawson

### 12-Anne Tessa Massingham

Anne married **Claus Peter Karl Hans Overdyck**. They had two children: **Kim Adele and Caroline Anne**.

#### 13-Kim Adele Overdyck

#### 13-Caroline Anne Overdyck

### 12-Jane Elizabeth Massingham

## 10-John Howard Dixon

10-**Dr. Sir Samuel Gurney-Dixon**<sup>9</sup> was born on 6 Jul 1878 and died on 30 Apr 1970 at age 91.

General Notes: Adopted the additional surname of Gurney in 1911.

GURNEY-DIXON, Sir Samuel

Kt 1942; JP; MA, MD (Cantab)

Born 6 July 1878; s of late John Dixon and Harriet Edith, d of Thomas Gurney; adopted additional surname Gurney by Deed Poll, 1911; m 1918, Hilda, d of late Professor J. H. Poynting, FRS, JP, and widow of Capt. John Chamberlain, MC, Birmingham; two d (and one d decd); died 30 April 1970

Senior Pro-Chancellor, 1952– 66, Chairman of Council, 1952– 57, University of Southampton (formerly a Vice-President (Chairman of Council, 1936– 52) University College, Southampton); President, Association of Education Committees, 1946– 47, 1947– 48; a Vice-President, County Councils' Association, 1952– 64 and of National Foundation for Educational Research, since 1947  
EDUCATION

Leys School; Trinity College, Cambridge (Cambridge Univ. Swimming Teams, 1900– 01; Pres. CU Swimming Club, 1902); St Bartholomew's Hosp., London. MRCS ; LRCP  
CAREER

Served European War, 1914– 17, with 19th Field Ambulance, France, Capt. RAMC (despatches twice). JP (Hants), 1926. Member Hampshire County Council, 1923; Alderman, 1928– 65; Vice-Chm., 1938– 48; Chairman: Hampshire Education Cttee, 1929– 47; Educn Cttee of County Councils Assoc., 1937– 48; Central Advisory Council for Education (England), 1948– 56; Southern Regional Council for Further Education, 1947– 52; Vice-Chm., Nat. Advisory Council on Education for Industry and Commerce, 1948– 51; President, Union of Educational Institutions, 1951; Founder Member, British Ship Adoption Society, 1936 (Vice-Pres. 1962) and of Association of Agriculture; Chairman Hampshire Rivers Board of Conservators, 1938– 50; Member Burnham



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Committee, 1933– 53; a Director, Nat. Camps Corp. (Camps Act, 1939), 1939, Chm. Bd, 1949– 58; Governor: Leys School, Cambridge (and Rep. on GBA), 1942– 56; Ottershaw School, Surrey, etc. Hon. LLD (Southampton)

### PUBLICATION

The Transmutation of Bacteria, 1919

### RECREATION

Fishing

### CLUBS

Athenæum, Oxford and Cambridge

### ADDRESS

Aldermoor, Stoney Cross, Lyndhurst, Hants  
Cadnam 2227

Noted events in his life were:

- He was awarded with MA MD MRCS LRCP.
- He worked as a Senior pro-Chancellor, University of Southampton.
- Miscellaneous:

Samuel married **Hilda Poynting**,<sup>9</sup> daughter of **Prof. J. H. Poynting**, on 10 Dec 1918 in Essex Church, Notting Hill Gate, London. Hilda was born in 1885 and died in 1974 at age 89. They had three children: **Ann Freeland**, **Elizabeth Brodie**, and **Janet**.

Noted events in her life were:

- Miscellaneous: Her first husband was John Chamberlain, her second was Samuel Gurney-Dixon.

11-**Ann Freeland Gurney-Dixon**<sup>35</sup> was born in 1922 and died in 1953 at age 31.

Ann married **Maj. Charles Beale**,<sup>35</sup> son of **Edmund Phipson Beale**. Charles was born on 7 Jul 1913 in Woodbourne Road, Edgbaston Birmingham, Warwickshire and died in 1989 at age 76. They had one son: **Hugh Gurney**.

Noted events in his life were:

- He worked as a Solicitor.
- He worked as a Pro-Chancellor of the University of Birmingham.

### 12-Prof. Hugh Gurney Beale

Hugh married **Jane Wilson Cox**, daughter of **Nathan Cox**. They had three children: **Ned**, **Thomas**, and **Martha**.

### 13-Ned Beale

### 13-Thomas Beale

### 13-Martha Beale

### 11-Elizabeth Brodie Gurney-Dixon

Elizabeth married **Eric Charles Ratcliffe**. They had five children: **Julia Maureen**, **Piers Gurney**, **Samuel**, **Arthur John**, and **Kim Louise**.

### 12-Julia Maureen Ratcliffe

### 12-Piers Gurney Ratcliffe

### 12-Samuel Ratcliffe

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12-Arthur John Ratcliffe

12-Kim Louise Ratcliffe

11-Janet Gurney-Dixon

10-Samuel Dixon

10-Thomas Gurney Dixon

10-Gertrude Hanson Dixon

10-Winifred Gurney Dixon

Winifred married **George Norman Dixon**,<sup>36</sup> son of **George Dixon**<sup>36,37</sup> and **Martha Ann Newton**,<sup>36,37</sup> George was born on 7 Jan 1880 in White House, Great Ayton, Yorkshire.

Noted events in his life were:

- He worked as a Landscape Architect.
- He resided at Howe End in Far Sawrey, Cumbria.
- He was engaged.

10-Ruth Gurney Dixon

8-**George Dixon**<sup>2,4,7,36,38,39,40</sup> was born on 10 Feb 1812 in Staindrop, County Durham and died on 16 May 1904 in Great Ayton, Yorkshire at age 92.

General Notes: Death has removed many whose names and faces are well remembered in connection with the School, and in the fullness of time He claimed our dear Friend George Dixon. His warfare was accomplished; he remained to see the work to which he had devoted, with ceaseless attention, the best years of his strenuous life, growing and flourishing. The seed which he had planted had under God's care so thriven in his own lifetime that he was able to see a development unsuspected but none the less pleasing.

The name of George Dixon, is, like those of Jonathan Backhouse and Thomas Richardson, and other Quaker worthies, indissolubly linked with the history of Ayton School. Jonathan Backhouse saw with concern that the children of those connected with the Society of Friends in the North of England were drawing away from the Society instead of towards it. The scheme grew in his mind to establish such a school as had been already formed at Penketh and Rawdon, wherein such children might be suitably educated. Thomas Richardson set all financial difficulties to rest by his generous offer of a site and by his donation.

George Dixon was the chosen man to superintend the new school. His early years had been passed in farming. This was in the future to stand him in good stead. After his marriage with Alice Swinburn he had developed and cultivated a taste for teaching, and had had six years' practice at Darlington and Shildon. In him the founders saw and chose a man who would carry out their designs in the spirit as in the letter. Accordingly George Dixon visited Brookfield, Penketh and Rawdon, and reported on the conditions of the life and work which he found there.

On a basis similar to that on which these institutions were founded Ayton School was opened in 1841 with George and Alice Dixon as Master and Mistress respectively.

It is not our purpose here to trace the history of the School. We are not concerned with its steady improvement, with its gradual alteration as its needs grew more varied, with its appeal to a wider community, with its development in touch with modern educational ideas. But we are concerned with the driving force behind and the guiding hand.

Until 1857 George Dixon laboured alone as master. He found his work, though hard, congenial and he adapted himself to his conditions. In 1857 his son Ralph assisted him in teaching, thus leaving him more freedom for administrative work.

In 1864 he resigned his position as Superintendent, which he had so long held with conspicuous success, for he felt it laid upon him to visit and help the freed slaves in the United States. Of his labours there we cannot speak, but they were carried out with that same unswerving fidelity to a lofty ideal which had characterised his work at Ayton.

On his return from the States he settled once again at Ayton, and remained constantly in close touch with the School. To the end he showed the liveliest interest in all concerning the School, and no one could have fostered with a more loving care the branches to which he was devoted No trouble was too great for him to take; no detail was too small to see to.

His interest with regard to the Scholars manifested itself chiefly in two directions: Temperance and Natural History.

He was an enthusiastic temperance worker, supporting the cause of total abstinence with a strenuous advocacy by precept and example. He delighted in supplying literature on the question, in stimulating interest, in obtaining pledges, in forwarding the cause he had so much at heart in any way. Many Old Scholars look back with heartfelt thankfulness to his lessons which have so influenced their lives for good.

His domain in Natural History was wide, but perhaps his keenest interest was in Botany. His early outdoor training had instilled in him a great love for plant life as indeed it had for all outdoor pursuits. He knew the plants in the neighbourhood thoroughly and was constantly at hand ready and anxious to help those scholars who were interested in his favourite occupation. Besides lectures and verbal assistance he contrived object lessons to both boys and girls by keeping constantly before them the flowers and plants as they flourished from January to December.

In a record, brief and incomplete as this must necessarily be, we can only touch on the salient points of his life and character. Those who knew him will ever remember his upright straightforwardness,

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his unswerving purpose, his instinct for the right in word and deed, his love for his work, his capacity, his vigour, his active mind set in an active body, his firm, almost severe will, his resolute devotion to duty, which to him, inspired by a higher will than his, was no longer Duty but Service. In serving man he served his God.

[http://www.aytonoldscholars.org/archives/archives\\_staff/archives\\_staff\\_george\\_dixon.htm](http://www.aytonoldscholars.org/archives/archives_staff/archives_staff_george_dixon.htm)

Noted events in his life were:

- He worked as a trainee teacher, Skinnergate School in Darlington, County Durham.
- He worked as a First Superintendent of Ayton School 1841 To 1866 in Great Ayton, Yorkshire.
- He worked as a Quaker Elder.
- He emigrated to America 10 Feb 1866 to 1884.

George married **Alice Swinburn**,<sup>2,36,40</sup> daughter of **John Swinburn** and **Dorothy Stackhouse**, on 11 Feb 1834 in FMH Sunderland. Alice was born on 22 Jan 1805 in Sunderland, County Durham, died on 25 Mar 1865 in Great Ayton, Yorkshire at age 60, and was buried on 30 Mar 1865. They had six children: **John, Ralph, Catherine, Alice, Sarah Ann, and George**.

Noted events in her life were:

- Miscellaneous: Alice Dixon's funeral.

9-**John Dixon**<sup>36,41,42</sup> was born on 8 Dec 1834 in Shildon, County Durham and died on 23 Apr 1918 in Great Ayton, Yorkshire at age 83.

Noted events in his life were:

- He worked as a Cabinet maker in Great Ayton, Yorkshire.

John married **Louisa Wilson**<sup>36,41</sup> on 14 Sep 1859 in Melksham, Wiltshire. Louisa was born on 13 Oct 1834 in Bristol, Gloucestershire and died on 12 Jul 1913 in Fingrinhoe, Essex at age 78. They had five children: **Louisa Ann, Henrietta, Alfred Stackhouse, Alice Marion, and Caroline**.

Noted events in her life were:

- She had a residence in Great Ayton, Yorkshire.

10-**Louisa Ann Dixon**<sup>36</sup> was born on 28 May 1860 in Great Ayton, Yorkshire and died on 13 Feb 1937 at age 76.

10-**Henrietta Dixon**<sup>36</sup> was born on 1 Jan 1863 in Great Ayton, Yorkshire and died on 22 Nov 1941 at age 78.

Noted events in her life were:

- She worked as a Schoolmistress of Great Ayton.

10-**Alfred Stackhouse Dixon**<sup>36</sup> was born on 24 Jan 1865 in Great Ayton, Yorkshire and died on 20 Jul 1929 at age 64.

Noted events in his life were:

- He worked as a Marine engineer of Great Ayton.

Alfred married **Elizabeth Mary Harbottle**, daughter of **John Harbottle** and **Mary Hutton**. Elizabeth was born on 10 Apr 1866 in Great Ayton, Yorkshire and died on 29 Dec 1935 at age 69. They had six children: **Constance Mary, Leslie Frank, Percy John, Winifred Louisa, Alfred Stackhouse, and Leonard Arthur**.

11-**Constance Mary Dixon** was born on 25 Jun 1886 in Great Ayton, Yorkshire.

11-**Leslie Frank Dixon** was born on 25 Mar 1896 in Great Ayton, Yorkshire and died on 29 Dec 1972 in Stockton on Tees, County Durham at age 76.

11-**Percy John Dixon** was born on 12 Apr 1890 in Middlesbrough, Yorkshire.

11-**Winifred Louisa Dixon** was born on 27 Jun 1903 in Thornaby on Tees, County Durham and died on 30 Nov 1991 in Northallerton, Yorkshire at age 88.

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11-**Alfred Stackhouse Dixon** was born on 14 Nov 1892 in Great Ayton, Yorkshire.

11-**Leonard Arthur Dixon** was born on 23 Jul 1905 in Stockton on Tees, County Durham.

10-**Alice Marion Dixon**<sup>36</sup> was born on 16 Sep 1867 in Great Ayton, Yorkshire.

Alice married **Edward Oscar Wakefield** in 1903 in FMH Great Ayton. Edward was born on 26 Feb 1874 and died on 16 Mar 1956 in 736 Redondo Avenue, Salt Lake City, Utah, USA at age 82.

Noted events in his life were:

- He worked as an owner of the Lady Gay Co., clothing shop in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA.

10-**Caroline Dixon**<sup>36,43,44</sup> was born on 28 Oct 1869 in Great Ayton, Yorkshire.

Noted events in her life were:

- She worked as a Schoolmistress of Great Ayton.

Caroline married **Thomas Burlingham Grubb**,<sup>37,42,43,44,45,46</sup> son of **Jonathan Grubb**<sup>4,16,47</sup> and **Elizabeth Burlingham**,<sup>4,16,47</sup> on 18 Jul 1899 in FMH Great Ayton. Thomas was born on 24 Jul 1848 in Sudbury, Suffolk and died on 16 Feb 1931 at age 82. They had four children: **Edward Dixon**, **Stanley**, **Eileen Susanna**, and **Gerald Burlingham**.

General Notes: GRUBB.-On 16th February, Thomas Burlingham Grubb (1862-64), aged 82 years.

Noted events in his life were:

- He was educated at Bootham School in 1862-1864 in York, Yorkshire.
- He worked as a Flax merchant and Miller in Long Melford, Suffolk.
- He had a residence in 1891 in Alvechurch, Worcestershire.
- He was a Quaker.

11-**Edward Dixon Grubb** was born in 1900 and died in 1972 at age 72.

Noted events in his life were:

- He worked as an Engineer.
- He worked as an Author.

11-**Stanley Grubb** was born in 1902.

11-**Eileen Susanna Grubb**<sup>43</sup> was born on 8 Dec 1903 in Fingringhoe, Colchester, Essex.

General Notes: GRUBB.-On the 8th December, 1903, Caroline, wife of Thomas Burlingham Grubb (1862-4), a daughter, who was named Eileen Susanna.

11-**Gerald Burlingham Grubb**<sup>44</sup> was born on 4 Sep 1906 in Fingringhoe, Colchester, Essex.

General Notes: GRUBB.-On the 4th September, 1906, at Fingringhoe, Colchester, Caroline, the wife of Thomas B. Grubb (1862-64), a son, who was named Gerald Burlingham.

Noted events in his life were:

- He worked as an Architect.

Gerald married **Gladys Beatrice Nichol**. They had one son: **Robert Buchanan**.

12-**Robert Buchanan Grubb-Nichol**

Robert married **Anne Bristow**.

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**9-Ralph Dixon**<sup>2,4,36,39,46,48</sup> was born on 14 Jan 1836 in Bishop Auckland, County Durham, died on 1 Jul 1916 in Highfield, Great Ayton, Yorkshire at age 80, and was buried in FBG Ayton.

General Notes: Ralph Dixon, of Highfield, Great Ayton, died on the first of July, 1916, after only a few days' illness, aged eighty years and a half. He was born 4th January, 1836, at Bishop Auckland, and came with his parents to settle at Great Ayton in 1841, when his father was appointed the first superintendent of the newly-founded North of England Agricultural School there. The mother of Ralph Dixon was Alice Swinburn, who was not originally a Friend; her father was a shipowner of Sunderland, and her great-great-uncle was the Reverend Thomas Stackhouse, M.A., author of the well-known Commentary of the Bible.

Ralph Dixon was educated at Ackworth School, and later went to the Flounders Institute. After being for some years the head teacher and virtual superintendent of Ayton Friends' School, he was appointed superintendent in 1865, on his father retiring in order to go to America. He retired from this post in 1896, but carried on as a gentleman farmer at the School Farm until his death, renting it and employing a hand to live in the premises. He continued to live at Chestnut House, which had been built for him adjoining the School premises, until 1898, when the house became the School Sanatorium. He then moved to Raby Cottage, a house built by and belonging to his uncle, Robert Dixon of Meynell Hall, Ingleby.

In the year 1907 he built Highfield, his residence at Great Ayton, and the remaining years of his life and that of his wife were very largely spent in planting and tending the beautiful garden surrounding the house. Like his father, who lived to be ninety-two, he was in full possession of his mental and physical powers until the time of his death, with only the loss of activity due to a short illness.

Ralph Dixon was always a very keen naturalist and wrote a book on shells. As a practical farmer all his life and an instructor of agriculture to his pupils at the School, he made a study of agriculture on scientific lines and was well known as a good and up to date farmer in the district. Like his father he was an expert botanist, and from his "seed room" for many years the village people obtained their vegetable and flower seeds. In his phaeton and pony trap he and his family and friends visited the countryside for many miles round Ayton, the dales and villages of this part of Cleveland, and a great number of their inhabitants being well known to him personally. He held by examination a lecturer's diploma, 19th in honours in the United Kingdom in scientific agriculture, and organized classes for the local farmers whom he instructed for a number of years. He was also associated with Lord de Lisle in farmers' classes at Ingleby, three miles away.

In addition to his scientific interests, the study of language and dialect was a great pleasure to Ralph Dixon. Local dialects interested him as being closer to the Anglo-Saxon than the current English of to day. He had a fair knowledge of French, Latin, and Hebrew, and was especially interested in the Hebrew race through his life-long friendship with his cousin Dr. John Dixon, of the Mildmay Mission to the Jews in London. Furthermore he learnt the Norwegian language, and made a tour in Norway in the latter part of the 60's, having a very rough and adventurous time there visiting the Norwegian Friends then in Stavanger and elsewhere. During part of the time he spent in Norway he was the guest of Asbjorn Kloster, of Stavanger, the founder of the total abstinence movement in Norway who had visited Ayton School for several months in 1850 in order to study English teaching methods and the English language, and had there first heard of total abstinence.

Asbjorn Kloster's sons were later educated at Ayton School, and his public statue is to be seen in Stavanger. One of his sons called on Ralph Dixon at Great Ayton a few years before his death.

In 1885 Ralph Dixon visited Hamburg, Hanover and the Rhine, and the Friends in Minden and Piermont; and in the spring of 1901 he made a second visit to Norway with his eldest daughter and was much interested in remarking the changes which had taken place in more than thirty years.

He was appointed a Minister of the Society of Friends in early life, this being an honorary recognition accorded to those members of the Society who speak frequently and acceptably in their meetings. He frequently exercised his gift in this respect within the boundaries of Guisborough Monthly Meeting, but he was of a retiring disposition, and never felt called upon to seek a wider field, except at Hawes and in Wensleydale.

Ralph Dixon's faith was simple and evangelical, but of the quiet old-fashioned type. His natural trend was more practical and scientific than literary or critical, and while he was among the first in the district to take up and practise successfully photography, the magic-lantern, acetylene gas, and new farm instruments and methods, the application of scientific theories to religious questions did not trouble him as it has troubled so many Friends during the last generation. To him an intelligent acceptance of the Bible, read in accordance with the quiet doctrines of evangelical Quakerism, sufficed; but he was very liberal minded with regard to others and laid most stress on the virtue of their lives and the genuineness of their convictions. He abhorred hypocrisy and sanctimoniousness and pride, but freely recognised opinions different from his own.

His sermons were usually expositions of biblical passages with the object of showing the infinity of God's love for us, of pointing out the simplicity of the way of salvation, and of exhorting us all to live honourably before men and God. They were not so personally striking or dramatic, nor were they so embellished with literary references or historical examples as are the addresses of some Quaker ministers, nor did they enter the realms of Mysticism or Higher Criticism; but they were simple, straightforward and humble, and revealed an extremely intimate acquaintance with the Bible, a broad appreciation of Nature and of Humanity, familiarity with the experiences of the early Quakers and of missionaries and philanthropists, and the general information at the disposal of a well-informed mind.

Although possessing much of the vigour and enthusiasm and progressiveness of his father, he had not his self-assertion. He was reserved, reticent, and shy, and did not seek new friends, or accept public positions. He was not a ready conversationalist, but had the courage to speak where he felt it necessary. He was nevertheless always very ready to organise meetings or entertainments for those whom he felt he could help in Ayton and the neighbouring villages, and many much appreciated magic lantern shows, temperance meetings, bible-meetings, pleasant Sunday afternoon meetings, social teas, excursions, farmers' classes, mothers' meetings, &c., owed their conception and management to him and his wife. At these times he could be thoroughly comfortable, and enjoyed himself as much as anyone. He was so essentially humble that no one could ever feel "patronised," and this was no doubt the reason why he was so much respected by the country people although he was not rich and gave away little of a material nature.

The heavy responsibilities which he took on becoming superintendent of a large boarding-school when only twenty-nine years of age no doubt produced a certain sternness in the interest of discipline, but those who knew him at all well in later life knew how extraordinarily warm-hearted, generous, affectionate and forgiving he really was, although always in the most secret and quiet way possible. He valued his honour and good name very considerably, but he seemed to have no worldly pride whatever and would show no increased respect or deference to people of wealth or social position, in fact, his manner was probably less gracious to peer, baronet, or wealthy Quaker than to a farmer or tradesman. He enjoyed telling stories and anecdotes of his earlier days and experiences to his children and grandchildren and was often humorous and always most matter of fact in his conversation.

In politics he was a Liberal of the old school and not at all in agreement with socialistic tendencies, but he was never a keen politician. He hated all war and preparations for war and did all he could for the cause of peace. While deeply lamenting the present war he took no extreme pacifist view and thought that young men ought to help their country in non-combatant ways. It is interesting; to remember that his grandfather and namesake was fighting a hundred years ago in Spain against the French, and that now one of his grandsons is fighting in this war on the same side as our former

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hereditary enemy.

When it is recollected that Ralph Dixon was superintendent of Ayton School for over thirty years, and that his father and he together were consecutively in charge for considerably over half-a-century, it is more easy to realise how his name and memory are inseparably connected with it in the minds of hundreds of his old scholars. His father presumably sat in the ministers' gallery of Ayton Meeting on becoming superintendent in 1841, and either father or son sat there without any break for exactly seventy-five years.

The life of a head master of a Quaker boarding school is not usually filled with incident sufficiently important to warrant narration in a biographical sketch. The careful guardianship of the youth of both sexes and the judicious supervision of their education require a man of honour and wisdom, of discretion and energy, and of intelligence and adapt ability. These qualities were displayed in no small degree by Ralph Dixon during the thirty years of his Superintendence. The work which he thus accomplished is of great importance to the nation, and the recognition accorded to men who hold such positions seems hardly proportionate. But Ralph Dixon certainly did not seek public recognition; he merely sought to do his duty.

One or two incidents with regard to his school life may be mentioned. The school swimming bath was originally a linseed vat in what is now the Station Road; when this had to be given up the scholars bathed in the open river for a time, but Ralph Dixon was anxious to convert some old tan pits in the School garden into a proper bath. Some difficulty was experienced, so he and the older boys made the present swimming bath and laid the cement with their own hands. Contrary to the expectation of the School Committee he was able to collect sufficient money to erect the gymnasium and lecture hall to commemorate the school jubilee. His father, George Dixon, had started the school museum with curios obtained by his friend Isaac Sharp in Greenland, Labrador, and other parts of the world, and Ralph Dixon was much interested in adding to it. Besides his keen interest in botany, he interested the scholars in astronomy, and persuaded Joseph Pease, M.P. for Darlington, to present the School with a valuable telescope.

The principal patrons of the School with whom he came into contact were Thomas Richardson of Cleveland Lodge, Great Ayton, and of Richardson, Overend and Gurney, bankers of London, the founder of the School; John and Henry Richardson of Langbaugh Hall, Great Ayton; Edward Pease of Darlington, founder of the first railway, John Pease of Cleveland Lodge and of Darlington; his son Joseph Pease, his grandson Sir Joseph Whitwell Pease, Bart, of Hutton Hall, and his great-grandson Sir Alfred E. Pease, Bart., of Pinchinthorpe House; and Jonathan Backhouse Hodgkin of Cleveland Lodge and of Darlington. The scholars have filled many useful positions in all parts of the world and space does not permit of naming any here. Further information may be obtained from the History of Ayton School published in the year 1891 and written by Ralph Dixon and his father.

[http://www.aytonoldscholars.org/archives/archives\\_staff/archives\\_staff\\_ralph\\_dixon.htm](http://www.aytonoldscholars.org/archives/archives_staff/archives_staff_ralph_dixon.htm)

Noted events in his life were:

- He worked as a Superintendent of Ayton School.
- He worked as a Quaker Minister.

Ralph married **Elizabeth Fox**,<sup>2,4,36,39,46,48</sup> daughter of **David Fox**<sup>4,37,38,39,48,49,50</sup> and **Rebecca Payne**,<sup>4,37,38,39,48</sup> on 6 May 1858 in FMH Dewsbury. Elizabeth was born on 10 Jul 1834 in Dewsbury, Yorkshire, died on 6 May 1914 in Highfield, Great Ayton, Yorkshire at age 79, and was buried in FBG Ayton. They had eight children: **Katharine, Arthur Edwin, Alice Elizabeth, Ellen Swinburne, Emily, Edith Mary, Gulielma Maria**, and **Charles Fox**.

General Notes: Information from John Pumphrey, 31/3/2011 also provided

Elizabeth Dixon nearly 80 6 5 1914 Great Ayton, Yorks. Wife of Ralph Dixon. A Minister. Elizabeth Dixon, daughter of David and Rebecca Fox, was born at Dewsbury in 1834. She was educated at Ack worth, and for a short time at a private school, and she began her career as a teacher at Ayton when in her eighteenth year, thus commencing her connection of upwards of 60 years' duration with the school in the Cleveland Hills. In 1858 she was married to Ralph Dixon, son of the Superintendent, George Dixon, who succeeded to his father's position shortly after his marriage. Elizabeth Dixon's services as mistress of the household for many years were greatly valued. She always took a loving interest in the children who came to the school, especially the " new-comers " and the " leavers," inviting them to tea, and seeking to get into personal touch with each one. Her Sunday afternoon readings, alternately with boys and girls, were favoured times, never to be forgotten by them in after years. She frequently took part in the vocal service of Meetings for Worship, and her gift in the ministry was early recognised by Friends. She often remarked how great was the sense of responsibility she felt in Meeting, when she looked at the children's faces ranged before her. Her ministry was greatly appreciated, and no one who listened to her simple evangelical addresses could fail to be struck by her exceptional store of memorised Scripture and sacred poetry. During the last two years of her life, when threatened with blindness, and quite unable to read a word, it was a great joy to her to be able to repeat many chapters, and even whole books, of the Bible. Ayton Particular Meeting will greatly miss her faithful ministry and fellowship in worship. One Friend writes : - " I cannot imagine what Ayton Meeting will be like without our dear friend, but her loving messages, calling us all to be faithful, will long be remembered." And another says : - " Her face itself was a benediction ; even as a small boy, I was conscious it did me good to look at her in the gallery." E. D. used to say that she never remembered the time when she was not a Christian. She showed forth the Divine Grace not only with her lips, but in her life ; and members of a Corresponding Bible Class of ladies, and many of those with whom she came in contact in domestic service and in the ordinary business of everyday life, have written acknowledging the helpful influence of association with her. One of these writes : - " I owe to her all that is best in me." For more than half a century, generations of Ayton scholars have had the inestimable benefit of being the objects of her earnest solicitude for their individual and collective welfare. There is abundant evidence that this loving thought has been both fruitful and appreciated. The causes of Temperance, Peace, the Bible Society, Foreign Missions, Adult Schools and Mothers' Meetings were all dear to her large and loving heart, and she freely gave ungrudging service to them. With activities many and varied, she was never for a moment idle, until through failing sight some of her favourite pursuits had to be relinquished, a trial which she bore with unflinching cheerfulness. She loved to entertain Friends travelling in the ministry and Missionaries on deputation work, and many of these speak warmly of her great kindness and hospitality. The Meetings for Worship held once a month in the old Meeting-house in Bilsdale claimed her loving ministry. Often, in spite of physical weariness, she would take the long drive in order to give help and sympathy to the dalespeople, in whom she took such a kindly interest. She had much joy in life, and was a great lover of Nature, this being especially shown in the keen interest she took in her garden, and her great love of flowers. From the many loving messages of appreciation, sent to her family after her decease, we can only quote the following : - " The remembrance of her cheerful Christ-like spirit will be a cherished possession in the years to come." " Her face itself a benediction." " Surrounded with an atmosphere of love, which made itself felt by

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all with whom she came in contact." " The memory of such a pure and fragrant life is one of the influences at work in our struggle against the forces of evil . . . Oh indeed, we do thank God for such a life." " I shall ever remember with grateful appreciation the kindly interest which she took in me when at Ayton School, and shall always have pleasing recollections of her unfailing sympathy and kindness. As a true and devoted ' Mother in Israel ' her memory will be blessed." After a long and painful illness, borne, as was characteristic of her, with wonderful resignation, she passed away on the 56th anniversary of her wedding day. It was a matter of great thankfulness to her and to her children that out of nine of them (one son was away in Africa) eight were able to be with her during her last illness. Her two daughters, Katharine Dixon and Gulielma Clark, whom she had " lent to the Lord " for service in the Indian Mission field, were, in His ordering, at home, able to minister to her needs, and to have the never to be forgotten privilege, which was shared by many others, of witnessing the patient, trustful cheeriness with which she awaited the summons. " It cannot be long now," she said shortly before the end, " a little text has been given me : ' Come, for all things are now ready ; ' " and thankfulness was expressed that, through the finished work of her Saviour, she was joyfully ready for the home call. And, in the concluding words of the Testimony of Guisborough Monthly Meeting ; - " Now that she has left us we realise more than ever that she was for all these years ' a faithful steward of the manifold grace of God,' in life and word and deed. We thank our Father in Heaven for her bright example, and for the help He gave us through her instrumentality, and pray for grace to follow, in faithful devotion, the Lord she so dearly loved."

Noted events in her life were:

- She was educated at Ackworth School.
- She worked as a Teacher. Ayton School in Great Ayton, Yorkshire.
- She was a Quaker.

10-**Katharine Dixon**<sup>36,39</sup> was born about 1860 in Great Ayton, Yorkshire.

Noted events in her life were:

- She worked as a Quaker Missionary in India.

10-**Arthur Edwin Dixon**<sup>36</sup> was born on 31 Dec 1860 in Great Ayton, Yorkshire.

Noted events in his life were:

- He worked as a Mining Engineer in Hampson's Collieries, Waschbank, Natal, South Africa.

Arthur married **Mary Elizabeth Russell**.

10-**Alice Elizabeth Dixon**<sup>2,36</sup> was born on 10 Dec 1861 in Great Ayton, Yorkshire and died in Feb 1945 at age 83.

Alice married **William Henry Thistlethwaite**,<sup>2</sup> son of **Jeremiah Thistlethwaite**<sup>2,51,52</sup> and **Rachel Peacock**,<sup>2,52</sup> on 29 Jul 1886 in Great Ayton, Yorkshire. William was born on 24 Dec 1863 in Great Ayton, Yorkshire and died on 26 Jul 1944 at age 80. They had two children: **Bernard** and **Helen**.

Noted events in his life were:

- He was educated at Ackworth.
- He had a residence in Harborgill, Great Ayton, Yorkshire.

11-**Bernard Thistlethwaite**<sup>2,41,48,53</sup> was born on 18 Sep 1888 in Great Ayton, Yorkshire and died on 19 Oct 1960 in Kensington, London at age 72.

Noted events in his life were:

- He was awarded with FRHistS.
- He was educated at Leighton Park, Reading.
- He worked as a Worked with Sir Nicholas Waterhouse in Germany and London.
- He worked as a Genealogist and Author.

Bernard married **Katharine Standing**,<sup>41,48</sup> daughter of **Herbert Fox Standing**<sup>4,48</sup> and **Lucy Anne Glynn**,<sup>4,48</sup> on 12 Oct 1912 in FMH Ayton. Katharine was born about 1886 in Madagascar. They had seven children: **Arthur William Pendarves**, **Alice Doreen**, **Lucy Catherine Swinburne**, **Christopher Anthony Michael**, **Margaret Helen Rachael**, **Rose Christine Cecilia**, and **Elizabeth Clare Teresa**.

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12-**Arthur William Pendarves Thistlethwaite**<sup>41,48</sup> was born on 13 Aug 1913 in Paris, France and died on 17 Aug 1913 in Paris, France.

12-**Alice Doreen Thistlethwaite**<sup>48</sup> was born on 1 Nov 1914 and died in Feb 2003 in Sedgemoor, Somerset at age 88.

12-**Lucy Catherine Swinburne Thistlethwaite**<sup>48</sup> was born in 1916.

12-**Christopher Anthony Michael Thistlethwaite**<sup>48</sup> was born on 16 Oct 1920 in Chapel En Le Frith, Derbyshire and died in Nov 2003 in Leicester, Leicestershire at age 83.

12-**Margaret Helen Rachael Thistlethwaite**<sup>48</sup> was born in 1922 in Chapel En Le Frith, Derbyshire and died in 1964 at age 42.

12-**Rose Christine Cecilia Thistlethwaite**<sup>48</sup> was born in 1925.

12-**Elizabeth Clare Teresa Thistlethwaite**

11-**Helen Thistlethwaite** was born on 20 Mar 1889 in Great Ayton, Yorkshire and died in 1988 at age 99.

Noted events in her life were:

- She was educated at Polam Hall, Darlington.

10-**Ellen Swinburne Dixon**<sup>22,36,54</sup> was born on 12 Dec 1864 in Great Ayton, Yorkshire and died in 1950 in Scarborough, Yorkshire at age 86.

Ellen married **Arthur Pumphrey**,<sup>4,22,54</sup> son of **George Richardson Pumphrey**<sup>4,22</sup> and **Hannah Maria Sewell**,<sup>4,13,22,55,56</sup> in 1889. Arthur was born on 25 Aug 1862 in Bradford, Yorkshire and died on 19 Dec 1899 in Heron Court Road, Bournemouth, Dorset at age 37. They had four children: **Dorothy, Stanley, George Stanley, and Margaret Richardson.**

Noted events in his life were:

- He was educated at Bootham School in 1877-1979 in York, Yorkshire.
- He worked as a Pharmaceutical Chemist in Weston-super-Mare, Somerset.

11-**Dorothy Pumphrey**

11-**Stanley Pumphrey**

11-**George Stanley Pumphrey**<sup>22,57,58,59,60</sup> was born on 16 Nov 1892 in Weston-super-Mare, Somerset and died in 1970 at age 78.

Noted events in his life were:

- He was educated at Bootham School in 1908-1910 in York, Yorkshire.
- He was educated at University of Manchester.
- He worked as a Schoolmaster in Eastbourne, East Sussex.
- He worked as a Member of the Friends' Ambulance Unit in 1915-1918 in France.
- He worked as a Science master, Friends' School, Saffron Walden in Saffron Walden, Essex.
- He worked as a Clerk to Thaxted MM after 1932.
- He resided at Darnholm, Summerhill Road in 1935 in Saffron Walden, Essex.
- He worked as a Quaker Elder.

George married **Winifred Mary Loveless**,<sup>22,57,58,59,60</sup> daughter of **Pleasance J.**, on 12 Apr 1923 in FMH Malton. Winifred was born in 1889 in Diss, Norfolk and died in 1960 at age 71. They had two children: **Margaret Elizabeth** and **Rachel Mary.**

Marriage Notes: PUMPHREY-LOVELESS.-On April 12th, at Malton, G. Stanley Pumphrey (1908-10), to Winifred Mary Loveless, of Diss.



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### SILVER WEDDING

Pumphrey-Loveless.— On 12th April, 1923, at the Friends' Meeting House, Malton, Yorkshire, George Stanley Pumphrey (1908-10), to Winifred Mary Loveless.

Noted events in her life were:

- She was educated at The Mount School in 1904-1907 in York, Yorkshire.

12-**Margaret Elizabeth Pumphrey**<sup>58</sup> was born on 26 Jun 1924 and died on 1 Feb 2007 at age 82.

General Notes: PUMPHREY.-On June 26th, Winifred, wife of G. Stanley Pumphrey (1908-10), a daughter, who was named Margaret Elizabeth.

### 12-Rachel Mary Pumphrey

11-**Margaret Richardson Pumphrey**<sup>54</sup> was born in 1895 and died on 10 Nov 1908 in Ackworth School, Pontefract, Yorkshire at age 13.

Ellen next married **Benjamin Leefe**<sup>4</sup> in 1903 in Scarborough, Yorkshire. Benjamin was born in 1849, was christened on 24 Oct 1849 in New Malton, Yorkshire, and died in 1933 at age 84. They had one son: **Raymond Arthur**.

General Notes: Is he related to Harry Leefe? who married Emily and father of Ivy Victoria Leefe

Noted events in his life were:

- He worked as a Jeweller in Malton, Yorkshire.

11-**Raymond Arthur Leefe** was born on 12 Mar 1904 in Malton, Yorkshire and died in Jan 1997 in Ryedale, Yorkshire at age 92.

10-**Emily Dixon**<sup>4</sup> was born on 16 Oct 1867 in Great Ayton, Yorkshire and died in 1954 at age 87.

Noted events in her life were:

- She was educated at The Mount School in Aug 1884-Jun 1886 in York, Yorkshire.

Emily married **Wilfred Marriage Brown**,<sup>4</sup> son of **Edgar Marriage Brown**<sup>4,17,22,46,61,62</sup> and **Agnes Knight**,<sup>4,17,46,61</sup> Wilfred was born on 16 Dec 1870 in Weston-super-Mare, Somerset and died on 17 Nov 1950 in "Hillcrest", Trewartha Park, Weston-super-Mare at age 79. They had five children: **Wilfred Maurice**, **Charles Reginald "Rex," Evelyn Marjorie**, **(No Given Name)**, and **Agnes Winifred**.

Noted events in his life were:

- He worked as a Grocer and restaurant proprietor of Weston super Mare. MD of Brown Brothers Stores.

11-**Wilfred Maurice Brown**<sup>4,24,63,64</sup> was born in 1894 in Weston-super-Mare, Somerset and died in 1969 at age 75.

General Notes: Resigned membership. Became officer in the Somerset Light Infantry.

Noted events in his life were:

- He was educated at Bootham school, York.
- He worked as a Grocer of Weston super Mare, Brown Bros. Stores.

Wilfred married **May Rosalie Newall**. They had five children: **Arnold Newall**, **Leonard Newall**, **Cynthia Mary Newall**, **Bernard Maurice Newall**, and **Christopher Edgar Newall**.

12-**Arnold Newall Brown**<sup>4,63</sup> was born on 6 Jan 1919 in Weston-super-Mare, Somerset and died in 1927 at age 8.

General Notes: BROWN.-On the 6th January, 1919, at Weston-super-Mare, May Rosalie (Newall), wife of W. Maurice Brown (1908-11), a son, who was named Arnold Newall

12-**Leonard Newall Brown**<sup>4,64</sup> was born on 5 Nov 1920 in Weston-super-Mare, Somerset, died on 8 Feb 1942 in Kiel, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany at age 21, and was buried in Kiel War Cemetery, Grave 4. C. 8., Kiel, Germany. The cause of his death was Killed in action.

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General Notes: BROWN.-On the 5th November, 1920, at Weston-super-Mare, to May Rosalie, the wife of Wilfred Maurice Brown (1908-11), a son.

Noted events in his life were:

- He worked as a Sergeant (Obs), RAF.

12-Cynthia Mary Newall Brown<sup>4</sup> was born in 1923.

12-Bernard Maurice Newall Brown<sup>4</sup> was born in 1926 and died in Died in Infancy.

12-Christopher Edgar Newall Brown

11-Charles Reginald "Rex" Brown<sup>4,22,62,65,66,67,68</sup> was born in 1897 in Weston-super-Mare, Somerset and died on 28 Sep 1979 at age 82.

General Notes: Served with the FAU in WWI.

BROWN.-On 28th September, 1979, Charles Reginald Brown (REX) (1911-13), aged 82 years.

Noted events in his life were:

- He was educated at Bootham School in 1911-1913 in York, Yorkshire.
- He worked as a Member of the Friends' Ambulance Unit in 1914-1918.
- He worked as a Restaurant proprietor. Brown Bros. In Weston-super-Mare, Somerset.
- He had a residence in 5 Ridgeway, Worlebury, Weston-super-Mare, Somerset.

Charles married **Ruth Robinson Goodbody**,<sup>4,22,65,66,67</sup> daughter of **Charles Arthur Goodbody**<sup>4,22,69</sup> and **Ruth Charlotte Crowley**,<sup>4,22</sup> on 6 Sep 1922 in FMH Swarthmore Hall, Nutley, Plymouth, Devon. Ruth was born on 18 Nov 1899 in Plymouth, Devon and died in 1983 at age 84. They had one son: **Peter Dixon**.

Marriage Notes: BROWN - GOODBODY. - On September 6th, at Plymouth, Charles R. Brown (1911-13), to Ruth Robinson Goodbody of Plymouth.

**SILVER WEDDING**

Brown-Goodbody.— On 6th September, 1922, at Swarthmore Hall, Friends' Meeting House, Plymouth, Charles Reginald Brown (1911-13), to Ruth Robinson Goodbody.

**GOLDEN WEDDING** BROWN-GOODBODY.— On 6th September, 1922, at Swarthmore Hall Friends Meeting House, Nutley, Plymouth, Charles Reginald (Rex) Brown (1911-13) to Ruth Robinson (Robin) Goodbody (The Mount 1915-17). (5 Ridgeway, Worlebury, Weston-super-Mare, Somerset.)

12-Peter Dixon Brown<sup>4</sup> was born on 30 Jan 1924 in Weston-super-Mare, Somerset and died in 1982 in Islington, London at age 58.

11-Evelyn Marjorie Brown<sup>4</sup> was born in 1901.

Evelyn married **David Gower Tregelles**, son of **Thomas Smith Tregelles** and **Hannah Margaret Thompson**,<sup>22</sup> David was born in 1899 in Cardiff, Wales. They had two children: **David Michael** and **Anthony Arnold**.

12-David Michael Tregelles

12-Anthony Arnold Tregelles

11-Brown<sup>4</sup> died in Died in Infancy.

11-Agnes Winifred Brown<sup>4</sup> died on 25 Jan 1975 in Paignton, Devon. She had no known marriage and no known children.

Noted events in her life were:

- She had a residence in 3 Barton Gardens, Paignton, Devon.

10-Edith Mary Dixon<sup>22,36,44,46,70,71,72</sup> was born on 19 Dec 1869 in Great Ayton, Yorkshire.

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Noted events in her life were:

- She was educated at The Mount School in Aug 1888-Jun 1889 in York, Yorkshire.
- She was a Quaker.

Edith married **Martyn Pumphrey**,<sup>22,44,70,71,72,73</sup> son of **Thomas Pumphrey**<sup>4,7,22,74,75,76</sup> and **Emma Richardson**,<sup>4,22,74,77</sup> on 13 Jul 1893 in FMH Great Ayton. Martyn was born in 1868 in Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland and died on 7 Oct 1945 in Nunthorpe, Middlesbrough, Yorkshire at age 77. They had five children: **Ruth, John Leslie, Roland, Thomas, and Bevan**.

Marriage Notes: GOLDEN WEDDING Pumphrey-Dixon.-On 13th July, 1893, at the Friends' Meeting House, Great Ayton, Martyn Pumphrey (1880-86), to Edith Mary Dixon.

General Notes: Pumphrey.--On 7th October, at his home, at Nunthorpe, Middlesbrough, Martyn Pumphrey (1880-86), aged 76 years.

Noted events in his life were:

- He was educated at Bootham School in 1880-1886 in York, Yorkshire.
- He worked as a Sugar Miller, W & M Pumphrey Ltd. In Thornaby on Tees, County Durham.
- He resided at Meadowcroft in 1935 in Nunthorpe, Middlesbrough, Yorkshire.

11-**Ruth Pumphrey** was born on 26 Jan 1897 and died in Oct 1985 at age 88.

Noted events in her life were:

- She was educated at The Mount School in Sep 1912-Mar 1914 in York, Yorkshire.

Ruth married **Norman Gaudie** in 1932 in Stokesley, Yorkshire. Norman was born in 1887 in Sunderland, County Durham and died in 1955 at age 68.

Noted events in his life were:

- He worked as a Footballer, playing Centre Forward for Sunderland.

11-**John Leslie Pumphrey**<sup>22,27,32,78</sup> was born on 2 May 1900 in Saltburn, Yorkshire and died in Nov 1987 at age 87.

Noted events in his life were:

- He was educated at Bootham School in 1912-1916 in York, Yorkshire.
- He worked as a Sugar Miller in Thornaby on Tees, County Durham.
- He had a residence in 1922-1931 in Alberta, Canada.
- He resided at Alberta, Acklam Road in 1935 in Acklam, Middlesbrough, Yorkshire.

John married **Annie Ashman**<sup>22,78</sup> in 1924. Annie was born in 1898 and died in 1934 in Middlesbrough, Yorkshire at age 36. They had one son: **Thomas Leslie**.

12-**Thomas Leslie Pumphrey**

John next married **Helen Kay**. They had one son: **John Richardson**.

12-**John Richardson Pumphrey**

John married **Marguerite**.

11-**Roland Pumphrey**<sup>20,22,25,70,79,80</sup> was born on 27 Oct 1904 in Glasgow, Lanark, Scotland and died in Jun 1994 in Claro Registration District, Yorkshire at age 89.

General Notes: PUMPHREY.'97On the 27th October, 1904, at Glasgow, Edith wife of Martin Pumphrey (1880'976), a son.

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Noted events in his life were:

- He was awarded with FRGS AIIA.
- He was educated at Bootham School in 1919-1922 in York, Yorkshire.
- He worked as a Farmer in Pateley Bridge, Yorkshire.

Roland married **Sarah Eleanor Nicholson**,<sup>79</sup> daughter of **Arthur Lees Nicholson** and **Margaret Fox Bentley**,<sup>4,48</sup> on 30 Jun 1927 in Woodbury, Gloucester County, New Jersey, USA. Sarah was born on 22 Jun 1901 in Westville, New Jersey, USA, died on 28 Aug 1928 in Ulverston, Cumbria at age 27, and was buried in FBG Great Ayton. They had one daughter: **Margaret Fox**.

Marriage Notes: PUMPHREY-NICHOLSON.-On June 30th, at Woodbury, New Jersey, Roland Pumphrey (1919-22), to S. Eleanor Nicholson, of Westville, New Jersey, U.S.A.

Noted events in her life were:

- She was educated at Westtown School in West Chester, Pennsylvania, USA.

### 12-Margaret Fox Pumphrey

Margaret married **Nelson Monroe Jenkins Jr.**, son of **Nelson Monroe Jenkins** and **Lucille M. Ruetenik**, in 1953. Nelson was born on 17 Jun 1928 and died on 6 Aug 2011 in Belton, Anderson County, South Carolina, USA at age 83. They had three children: **Michael Jay**, **Laura Jean**, and **Elizabeth Anne**.

### 13-Michael Jay Jenkins

Michael married **Judith Anne Diedrich**.

### 13-Laura Jean Jenkins

### 13-Elizabeth Anne Jenkins

Roland next married **Eleanor Cresswell Brigham**<sup>20,22,25,80</sup> on 9 Sep 1931. Eleanor was born on 2 Nov 1902 and died in 1984 at age 82. They had two children: **Jean Cresswell** and **Donald Richardson**.

### 12-Jean Cresswell Pumphrey

### 12-Donald Richardson Pumphrey

11-**Thomas Pumphrey**<sup>44</sup> was born on 23 Oct 1906 in Glasgow, Lanark, Scotland and died in 1979 in North Walsham, Norfolk at age 73.

General Notes: PUMPHREY.-On the 23rd October, 1906, at Glasgow, Edith, the wife of Martyn Pumphrey (1880-86), a son.

11-**Bevan Pumphrey**<sup>71</sup> was born on 28 Apr 1912 in 7 Tinto Road, Pollokshaws, Glasgow, Lanarkshire and died on 8 May 2005 at age 93.

General Notes: He was a neighbour of Joseph Gurney Pease and his wife Shelagh in the early 1950's, when they lived at Sunny Cross, Brass Castle Lane, Nunthorpe.

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Ex-JP and Rotary stalwart dies at 93

May 13 2005 By Evening Gazette

Bevan Pumphrey, former Teesside businessman, Rotarian, magistrate and traveller, has died aged 93.

A Quaker, Mr Pumphrey was brought up in Great Ayton and attended the Friends School there. His family had a long connection with the village and three years ago he presented a seat to the parish council to be sited on High Green, looking towards the cottage in which his mother was born.

He was formerly chairman and managing director of W&M Pumphrey Ltd, the Thornaby sugar millers.

In 1957 he was presented to the Queen and Prince Philip when they visited Teesside.

He joined Middlesbrough Rotary Club in 1939, was president in 1952 and was made an honorary member when he moved to Sussex in the 1980s. He became a Paul Harris Fellow - the highest Rotary honour - in 1989 and later moved to Kent.

Mr Pumphrey was appointed a magistrate in Middlesbrough in 1952 and served for 30 years.

In 1931, when he was 19, he worked as a volunteer in digging a pipeline and building a dam in Labrador.

Mr Pumphrey's firm had business connections with Czechoslovakia. One of his most bizarre experiences was when, on a visit to Prague in 1948, he was asked by the intelligence service to pass a message on microfilm to the Czech underground, which he did.

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He leaves a widow, Jacqueline, in Tenterden, Kent.

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PUMPHREY.<sup>97</sup>On the 28th April, 1912, at 7 Tinto Road, Pollokshaws, Glasgow, Edith M. , the wife of Martyn Pumphrey (1880-86), a son.

Noted events in his life were:

- He worked as a JP.
- He was educated at Leighton Park.

Bevan married **Marjorie Alderson**, daughter of **Matthias Alderson**, on 24 May 1934. Marjorie was born on 12 Sep 1908 and died in 1981 at age 73.

Bevan next married **Jacqueline Delzenne**.

10-**Gulielma Maria Dixon**<sup>39,48</sup> was born in 1874 in Great Ayton, Yorkshire and died in 1963 in Hamilton, Waikato, New Zealand at age 89.

Noted events in her life were:

- She worked as a Quaker Missionary in India.

Gulielma married **George Edward Clark**,<sup>48</sup> son of **William Clark** and **Elizabeth Bell**, in Lahore, Punjab, Pakistan. George was born in 1873 in South Stockton, Yorkshire and died on 21 Jan 1953 in Hamilton, Waikato, New Zealand at age 80. They had three children: **Elizabeth Joyce**, **Gulielma**, and **Stephen**.

11-**Elizabeth Joyce Clark**<sup>48</sup> was born on 12 Mar 1908 in Hoshangabad, Madhya Pradesh, India and died on 28 Aug 2007 in Hamilton, Waikato, New Zealand at age 99.

Elizabeth married **Frank Archibald McMillan**<sup>48</sup> on 24 Jul 1929 in Central Baptist Church, Hamilton, New Zealand. Frank was born on 17 Aug 1907 in Bush Hill Park, Enfield, London and died on 6 Apr 1992 in Hamilton, Waikato, New Zealand at age 84. They had three children: **Peter Frank**, **Stephen Bruce**, and **David Ian**.

### 12-Peter Frank McMillan

Peter married **Hazel Elizabeth Heath**. They had three children: **Jonathan Peter**, **Alan Craig**, and **Dorothy Elizabeth**.

### 13-Jonathan Peter McMillan

Jonathan married **Sarah Floyd**. They had three children: **Samantha Gillian**, **Lydia Louise Petra**, and **Katrina Hazel**.

### 14-Samantha Gillian McMillan

### 14-Lydia Louise Petra McMillan

### 14-Katrina Hazel McMillan

### 13-Alan Craig McMillan

Alan married **Tracey Elizabeth Picton**. They had two children: **Thomas John Peter** and **James Alan Heath**.

### 14-Thomas John Peter McMillan

### 14-James Alan Heath McMillan

### 13-Dorothy Elizabeth McMillan

Dorothy married someone. She had one daughter: **Stevie-Rae Georgia Elizabeth**.

### 14-Stevie-Rae Georgia Elizabeth McMillan

Dorothy married **Robert Michael Penny**. They had two children: **Billy Jackson** and **Jacob Peter Robert**.

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14-**Billy Jackson Penny**

14-**Jacob Peter Robert Penny**

12-**Stephen Bruce McMillan**<sup>48</sup> was born on 19 Aug 1935 in Suva, Fiji and died on 10 Aug 2001 in Hamilton, Waikato, New Zealand at age 65.

Stephen married **Colleen Anne Grubb**.

Stephen next married **Carol Anne Grimmer**. They had five children: **Kathryn Lois, Murray, Graeme, Jennifer Ruth, and Raewyn Elizabeth**.

13-**Kathryn Lois McMillan**

Kathryn married **Murray Pinkerton**. They had two children: **Arron** and **Regan**.

14-**Arron Pinkerton**

14-**Regan Pinkerton**

13-**Murray McMillan**

Murray married **Bronwyn Harnett**. They had two children: **Emma Louise** and **Liam Daniel**.

14-**Emma Louise McMillan**

14-**Liam Daniel McMillan**

13-**Graeme McMillan**

Graeme married **Rachael Poole**. They had two children: **Ian Craig** and **Megan Mckayla**.

14-**Ian Craig McMillan**

14-**Megan Mckayla McMillan**

13-**Jennifer Ruth McMillan**

Jennifer married **Anthony Head**. They had two children: **Joseph** and **Miriam**.

14-**Joseph Head**

14-**Miriam Head**

13-**Raewyn Elizabeth McMillan**

Raewyn married **Michael Rhys Humphrey**. They had two children: **Benjamin James** and **Rebecca Anne**.

14-**Benjamin James Humphrey**

14-**Rebecca Anne Humphrey**

12-**David Ian McMillan**

David married **Sheryl Jennet Haddock**. They had three children: **Leanne Joy, Stephen David, and Karen Joy**.

13-**Leanne Joy McMillan**

Leanne married **Stephen David McAdams**. They had three children: **Jacob, Thomas David, and Samuel John**.

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14-**Jacob McAdams**

14-**Thomas David McAdams**

14-**Samuel John McAdams**

13-**Stephen David McMillan**

Stephen married **Shellie Ruth Day**. They had three children: **Alisha, Noah**, and **Sarah Kate**.

14-**Alisha McMillan**

14-**Noah McMillan**

14-**Sarah Kate McMillan**

13-**Karen Joy McMillan**

Karen married **Dean Colin McNatty**. They had two children: **Talia Kate** and **Levi Dean**.

14-**Talia Kate McNatty**

14-**Levi Dean McNatty**

11-**Gulielma Clark** was born on 12 Jun 1911 in Pachmarhi, Madhya Pradesh, India, died in Dec 2006 in St. Joan's Resthome, Hamilton, Waikato, New Zealand at age 95, and was buried on 3 Jan 2007 in Newstead Cemetery, Hamilton, Waikato, New Zealand.

Noted events in her life were:

- She worked as a Christian Missionary.

Gulielma married **Rev. Walter John Ringer**, son of **Walter Ringer** and **Ida Blanche Hagan**, before 1943. Walter was born on 27 Jun 1904 in 120 Warwick Road, Kensington, London, died on 26 Aug 1985 in 47 Tranmere Road, Hamilton, Waikato, New Zealand at age 81, and was buried on 29 Aug 1985 in Newstead Cemetery, Hamilton, Waikato, New Zealand. They had four children: **Wilbur Steven, John Martin, Muriel Jocelyn**, and **Christine Marilyn**.

Noted events in his life were:

- He worked as an Officer of the Coldstream Guards.
- He worked as a Christian Missionary in North West Frontier, India (now Pakistan).

12-**Dr. Wilbur Steven Ringer**

Wilbur married **Meryl Walters**. They had two children: **Huw James** and **Bethan Elin**.

13-**Huw James Ringer**

Huw married **Joanne Claire Parker**. They had three children: **Ellen Frances, Kate Elizabeth**, and **Jack Edward**.

14-**Ellen Frances Ringer**

14-**Kate Elizabeth Ringer**

14-**Jack Edward Ringer**

13-**Bethan Elin Ringer**

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Bethan married **Stephan Alexander Mang**. They had two children: **Katharina Faith** and **Natascha Erin**.

14-**Katharina Faith Mang**

14-**Natascha Erin Mang**

12-**John Martin Ringer**

12-**Muriel Jocelyn Ringer**

Muriel married **Andrew Collins**. They had three children: **Anna Louise**, **James**, and **Miriam**.

13-**Anna Louise Collins**

Anna married **Ross Thomson**. They had two children: **Philip** and **Jamie John**.

14-**Philip Thomson**

14-**Jamie John Thomson**

Anna next married **Erik Janssen**. They had two children: **Callum** and **Leo Alexander**.

14-**Callum Janssen**

14-**Leo Alexander Janssen**

13-**James Collins**

James married **Susanne Lois Fickling**. They had one daughter: **Annelise**.

14-**Annelise Collins**

13-**Miriam Collins**

12-**Christine Marilyn Ringer**

Christine married **Christopher Angelo**. They had two children: **Rebecca** and **Susannah**.

13-**Rebecca Angelo**

Rebecca married **Steven Caske**. They had two children: **Johnny Dean** and **Kody Joshua**.

14-**Johnny Dean Caske**

14-**Kody Joshua Caske**

13-**Susannah Angelo**

11-**Rev. Stephen Clark**<sup>48</sup> was born on 15 May 1913.

Stephen married **Marjorie Gwenyth Harries**. They had four children: **Judith Elma**, **Roger Stephen**, **Jonathan Richard**, and **Murray Edward**.

12-**Judith Elma Clark**

Judith married **Rev. William Bruce Richmond**. They had two children: **Rosemary Jane** and **Jennifer Judith**.



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### 13-Rosemary Jane Richmond

Rosemary married **Vaughan Grant Woodward**. They had three children: **Christopher Grant**, **Matthew Bruce**, and **Ryan Vaughan**.

14-**Christopher Grant Woodward**

14-**Matthew Bruce Woodward**

14-**Ryan Vaughan Woodward**

### 13-Jennifer Judith Richmond

Jennifer married **Dahlson Forsyth**. They had two children: **Caela Judy** and **Lachlan Graeme**.

14-**Caela Judy Forsyth**

14-**Lachlan Graeme Forsyth**

Jennifer next married **John**.

### 12-Roger Stephen Clark

Roger married **Pamela Joan Spence**. They had two children: **Stephen William** and **Josephine Helen**.

#### 13-Stephen William Clark

Stephen married **Emily Olsen**. They had three children: **Charlie Jack**, **Frankie Marie**, and **Billie June**.

14-**Charlie Jack Clark**

14-**Frankie Marie Clark**

14-**Billie June Clark**

#### 13-Josephine Helen Clark

Josephine married **Stefan James Calcott**. They had three children: **Benjamin William**, **Lucy Joan**, and **Jensen James**.

14-**Benjamin William Calcott**

14-**Lucy Joan Calcott**

14-**Jensen James Calcott**

### 12-Jonathan Richard Clark

Jonathan married **Judith Alison May Booth**. They had three children: **Tracey Anne**, **Richard Bax**, and **Maree Helen**.

#### 13-Tracey Anne Clark

Tracey married **Gregory Thorpe**. They had three children: **Antonia Gwenyth**, **Robbie Gregory**, and **Simon Gareth**.

14-**Antonia Gwenyth Thorpe**

14-**Robbie Gregory Thorpe**

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14-Simon Gareth Thorpe

13-Richard Bax Clark

13-Maree Helen Clark

12-Murray Edward Clark

Murray married **Jennifer Ellen Lincoln**. They had two children: **Amanda** and **Cameron**.

13-Amanda Clark

Amanda married **Lee Vickers**. They had one son: **Harry**.

14-Harry Vickers

13-Cameron Clark

Cameron married **Sarah Elizabeth Kirkpatrick**. They had two children: **Hannah Jen** and **Max Steven**.

14-Hannah Jen Clark

14-Max Steven Clark

10-Charles Fox Dixon<sup>48</sup> was born on 2 May 1875 in Great Ayton, Yorkshire.

Charles married **Sara Anderson**. They had three children: **Arthur Edwin**, **John**, and **Ralph**.

11-Arthur Edwin Dixon

11-John Dixon

11-Ralph Dixon<sup>48</sup> was born in 1899.

Ralph married **Kathleen Priestly**. They had two children: **Margaret** and **Ian**.

12-Margaret Dixon

12-Ian Dixon

Charles next married **Margaret Hudson**.

9-Catherine Dixon was born on 4 Nov 1837 in Bishop Auckland, County Durham and died in Died in Infancy.

9-Alice Dixon<sup>4,42</sup> was born on 22 Aug 1839 in Bishop Auckland, County Durham and died on 25 Jan 1918 in Darlington, County Durham at age 78.

Noted events in her life were:

- She was educated at The Mount School (Castlegate) in Jan 1856-Dec 1856 in York, Yorkshire.

Alice married **David Fox**,<sup>4,42,81</sup> son of **David Fox**<sup>4,37,38,39,48,49,50</sup> and **Rebecca Payne**,<sup>4,37,38,39,48</sup> on 10 Aug 1865. David was born on 4 Mar 1840 in Dewsbury, Yorkshire and died on 9 Jul 1901 in Darlington, County Durham at age 61. They had four children: **Arthur Payne**, **Charles Ewart**, **Helen Julia**, and **Basil**.

Noted events in his life were:

- He was educated at Ackworth.

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- He worked as a Grocer, Tea dealer and Cafe proprietor in Darlington, County Durham.

10-**Arthur Payne Fox**<sup>4,48,82</sup> was born on 24 Aug 1866 in Darlington, County Durham and died on 2 Jan 1945 in West Southbourne, Bournemouth, Dorset at age 78.

General Notes: Fox.-On 2nd January, at West Southbourne, Bournemouth, Arthur Payne Fox (1881-82), aged 78 years.

Noted events in his life were:

- He was educated at Bootham School in 1881-1882 in York, Yorkshire.
- He worked as a Cafe proprietor in Leamington Spa, Warwickshire.

Arthur married **Laura Parker Stanley**<sup>22,48</sup> on 2 Jul 1895 in Leamington, Warwickshire. Laura was born on 10 Nov 1857 in Offchurch, Warwickshire and died on 2 Jul 1895 in Leamington Priors, Warwickshire at age 37.

10-**Charles Ewart Fox**<sup>4,22,48,83</sup> was born on 3 May 1868 in Darlington, County Durham, died on 20 Dec 1937 in Darlington, County Durham at age 69, and was buried in FBG Skinnergate, Darlington, County Durham.

General Notes: Fox.-On 20th December, at Darlington, Charles Ewart Fox (1882-84), aged 69 years.

Noted events in his life were:

- He was educated at Bootham School in 1882-1884 in York, Yorkshire.
- He worked as a Grocer and Cafe proprietor in Darlington, County Durham.

Charles married **Fannie McDermid**<sup>22</sup> in 1918. Fannie was born in 1870 and died in 1959 in Darlington, County Durham at age 89.

10-**Helen Julia Fox**<sup>4,48</sup> was born on 18 Jan 1872 in Darlington, County Durham.

Noted events in her life were:

- She was educated at The Mount School in Aug 1886-Dec 1888 in York, Yorkshire.

Helen married **Joshua Cory Badcock**<sup>48</sup> on 28 Apr 1899 in Darlington, County Durham. Joshua was born on 23 Dec 1856 in Barnard Castle, County Durham and died on 8 Mar 1946 in Bentley House, Yarm, Yorkshire at age 89.

10-**Basil Fox**<sup>4,22,48</sup> was born on 19 Sep 1873 in Darlington, County Durham and died on 5 Aug 1922 in 1 Polam Avenue, Darlington, County Durham at age 48.

General Notes: Fox.-On August 5th, at Darlington, Basil Fox (1887-89), aged 48 years.

Noted events in his life were:

- He was educated at Bootham School in 1887-1889 in York, Yorkshire.
- He worked as a Grocer and Cafe proprietor in Darlington, County Durham.

Basil married **Mary Hind**<sup>48</sup>. Mary was born about 1876 in Darlington, County Durham. They had two children: **Basil Maurice** and **Cecil David**.

11-**Basil Maurice Fox**<sup>22,48</sup> was born in 1899 in Darlington, County Durham and died in 1960 in Hendon, Middlesex at age 61.

Basil married **Doris Hughes Moffett**<sup>48</sup> in 1923 in Darlington, County Durham. Doris was born in 1893 in Carlisle, Cumbria.

11-**Cecil David Fox**<sup>22</sup> was born in 1905 in Darlington, County Durham.

9-**Sarah Ann Dixon**<sup>38</sup> was born on 7 Dec 1844 in Great Ayton, Yorkshire and died on 19 Mar 1884 in Great Ayton, Yorkshire (AM gives 18th) at age 39.

9-**George Dixon**<sup>36,37</sup> was born on 4 Jul 1846 in Great Ayton, Yorkshire and died in 1923 in Wendover, Buckinghamshire at age 77.

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Noted events in his life were:

- He worked as a Land Agent & Surveyor.
- He resided at Howe End in Far Sawrey, Cumbria.

George married **Martha Ann Newton**,<sup>36,37</sup> daughter of **Thomas Newton** and **Mary Hanson**,<sup>84</sup> on 5 May 1875 in Todmorden, Calderdale, Yorkshire. Martha was born on 27 Dec 1850 in Todmorden, Calderdale, Yorkshire and died in 1922 in Wendover, Buckinghamshire at age 72. They had eight children: **Ethel Mary**, **Alice Swinburn**, **George Norman**, **Ellen Muriel**, **Sara Grace**, **Henry Einar**, **Hugh Ravensford**, and **Edith Swinburn**.

Noted events in her life were:

- She worked as an Of Todmorden.

10-**Ethel Mary Dixon**<sup>36</sup> was born on 16 Dec 1875 in White House, Great Ayton, Yorkshire.

10-**Alice Swinburn Dixon**<sup>36,37</sup> was born on 27 Sep 1877 in White House, Great Ayton, Yorkshire, died on 31 Mar 1880 in Great Ayton, Yorkshire at age 2, and was buried on 3 Apr 1880 in FBG Ayton.

10-**George Norman Dixon**<sup>36</sup> was born on 7 Jan 1880 in White House, Great Ayton, Yorkshire.

Noted events in his life were:

- He worked as a Landscape Architect.
- He resided at Howe End in Far Sawrey, Cumbria.
- He was engaged.

10-**Ellen Muriel Dixon**<sup>4</sup> was born on 10 Dec 1881 in White House, Great Ayton, Yorkshire and died in 1972 in Wensleydale, Yorkshire at age 91.

Ellen married **Herbert Dennis**,<sup>4</sup> son of **Edward Thomas West Dennis**<sup>4</sup> and **Emily Jane Willifer**, on 16 Jun 1908. Herbert was born in 1881 in Scarborough, Yorkshire and died in 1966 in Northallerton, Yorkshire at age 85. They had two children: **Joan Melodie** and **Mary**.

Noted events in his life were:

- He worked as a Schoolteacher in Stramongate School, Kendal..
- He worked as a Headmaster of Ayton School.

11-**Joan Melodie Dennis** was born on 9 Sep 1914 in Ayton School, Great Ayton, Yorkshire.

11-**Mary Dennis** was born on 12 Nov 1917 in Ayton School, Great Ayton, Yorkshire.

10-**Sara Grace Dixon**<sup>22,29,36,85,86,87</sup> was born on 12 May 1885 in White House, Great Ayton, Yorkshire and died on 1 Jul 1975 in Glossop, Derbyshire at age 90.

Sara married **Rowland Miall**,<sup>22,29,36,85,86,88</sup> son of **Prof. Louis Compton Miall** and **Emily Pearce**, on 6 Sep 1911 in FMH Colthouse, Hawkshead. Rowland was born on 5 May 1879 in Leeds, Yorkshire and died on 23 Mar 1955 in Scarborough, Yorkshire at age 75. They had three children: **Rowland Leonard**, **William Einar**, and **Nancy Margaret**.

Marriage Notes: MIALL-DIXON.-On the 6th September, 1911, at Colthouse, Hawkeshead, Rowland Miall (1891-6), of Letchworth, to Sara Grace Dixon, of Far Sawrey, Windermere. SILVER WEDDINGS.

MIALL--DIXON.— On September 6th, 1911, at the Friends Meeting House, Colthouse, Hawkshead, Rowland Miall (1891-6), to Sarah Grace Dixon.

General Notes: MIALL.-On 23rd March, 1955, at Scarborough, Rowland Miall (1891-96), aged 76 years.

Noted events in his life were:

- He was educated at Bootham School in 1891-1896 in York, Yorkshire.
- He worked as a Scientific Instrument maker in 1935.

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- He worked as an Educationalist.

**11-Rowland Leonard Miall**<sup>22,47,86,89,90,91,92,93</sup> was born on 6 Nov 1914 in 73 Corringham Road, Golders Green, London and died on 24 Feb 2005 in Maryfield Cottage, High Street, Taplow, Buckinghamshire at age 90.

General Notes: MIALL.-On the 6th November, 1914, at 73 Corringham Road, Golders Green, London, N.W. , Sara Grace (Dixon), wife of Rowland Miall (1891-6), a son.-----

Miall joined the European Service of the BBC in early 1939. He took charge of broadcasts in German until 1942, when was seconded to the Political Warfare Executive and sent to work on psychological warfare in New York and San Francisco. He returned to London in 1944, and then worked in the Psychological Warfare Division of SHAEF in Luxembourg.

He returned to the BBC in 1945, and was briefly a special correspondent in Czechoslovakia. He became the BBC's American correspondent from 1945 to 1953, covering nearly all of the Harry Truman's presidency, and the first year of Dwight D. Eisenhower's. Although based in Washington, D.C., he visited all of the then 48 U.S. states. His radio broadcasts made his voice a familiar feature of BBC news coverage.

In June 1947, he reported a speech at Harvard by George Marshall, on reconstruction in Europe. Ernest Bevin, then British Foreign Secretary, heard the broadcast, and was spurred to press ahead with what became the Marshall Plan for the nations of Europe to rebuild their economies after the war.

When Miall returned the London, he served head of "television talks" - documentaries and current affairs - at BBC television from 1954, assisted by Grace Wyndham Goldie and based at Lime Grove. During that period, programmes such as Monitor, Tonight and The Sky at Night were created; Panorama was relaunched; and David Attenborough began his wildlife broadcasting career.

Miall was promoted to assistant controller at the BBC in 1961, in charge of the planning for the new BBC television channel, BBC2, which began broadcasting in 1964. He was appointed OBE in 1961.

After a period as Assistant Controller for Programme Services, Television, Miall returned to America in 1966 to run the BBC's New York office, in charge of editing news coverage and also selling BBC costume dramas to American television channels. He returned to London in 1971 to become controller of overseas and foreign relations. He was involved in the establishment of the Commonwealth Broadcasting Association. He retired in 1974.

Miall, (Rowland) Leonard (1914– 2005), broadcaster and television executive, was born on 6 November 1914 at 73 Corringham Road, Golders Green, London, the elder son of Rowland Miall (1879– 1955), scientific instrument maker, and his wife, Sara Grace, née Dixon (1885– 1975). He was a scholar at Bootham School, York, and went on first to Freiburg University, where he studied German, and then to St John's College, Cambridge, where he read economics and law. In 1936 he was president of the Union and editor of the Cambridge Review. In a profile of Miall, Granta predicted that he would end up in the BBC.

After lecturing in the United States and serving for two years as secretary of British-American Associates, in 1939 Miall joined the BBC's newly formed German Service as its first talks producer. His colleagues then included Hugh Greene, the future director-general of the BBC, Patrick Gordon Walker, the future foreign secretary, and Marius Goring, the actor. There were tensions over what should be broadcast to Germany in wartime: the BBC sought editorial independence, while the government's black propaganda units sought control. Miall honed his diplomatic skills during those years. In 1942 he was seconded to the political warfare executive and sent to the United States, first as director of news in San Francisco and then as head of the office in New York. His affection for America never ceased. After returning to Europe in 1944, he worked as personal assistant to the deputy director-general of the political warfare executive and then, briefly, in the psychological warfare division of the Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force in Luxembourg. On 18 January 1941 he had married Lorna Barbara Rackham (1916– 1974), the 24-year-old daughter of George John Rackham, mechanical engineer. They had three sons and one daughter.

Miall rejoined the BBC in 1945 and, after a brief spell as special correspondent in Czechoslovakia, became the corporation's Washington correspondent. He was a skilled broadcaster, reporting on American affairs with authority. He knew the powerful people in Washington, and he was on good terms with opinion formers like Edward R. Murrow and James Reston. He had a gift for spotting the importance of a story. Never was this more true than in 1947, when he heard of General George Marshall's speech at Harvard on reconstruction in war-ravaged Europe. Americans were sympathetic to Europe's plight, Marshall said, and he urged the European nations to set up a concerted plan. Because Ernest Bevin, the British foreign secretary, heard Miall's broadcast, diplomatic action followed swiftly and the Marshall plan was born. Years later Dean Acheson, by then the secretary of state, said: 'It was a good thing that Leonard did not lose his voice that night' (private information).

In 1954 Miall returned to London and was appointed head of the quaintly named television talks, a department which under his leadership went on to be responsible for such programmes as Panorama, Tonight, Monitor, Zoo Quest, Gallery, The Sky at Night, Face to Face, and many other documentaries and programmes ranging from science to gardening. It was a heady time for television and for those who worked in the shabby offices in Lime Grove studios, London. Miall was in charge of a group of talented people who went on to command the heights in broadcasting, Huw Wheldon, David Attenborough, Donald Baverstock, and Alasdair Milne among them. On screen the reporters— who included Richard Dimbleby, James Mossman, Robert Kee, and Alan Whicker— showed craftsmanship of the highest order. Miall encouraged them with a friendly nod usually; a gentle admonition occasionally. Egos were pushed to one side, pressure from Broadcasting House as well as the political parties was fielded deftly. But it was too good to last.

One Friday morning in 1962 (the year after he was appointed assistant controller, current affairs and talks, and appointed OBE) Miall was summoned by the director-general, Hugh Greene, his wartime colleague, and told that he would be replaced by his deputy, Grace Wyndham Goldie, fourteen years his senior. Greene offered him a post in Scotland, but such was the affection in which Miall was held in the television service that a job was created for him within forty-eight hours. By the Monday morning Miall had an office in Television Centre as special assistant to the director of television (Kenneth Adam), with the task of planning the start of BBC2, then three years away. So well did he buckle down to this administrative job that within a year he was promoted to assistant controller, programme services.

In 1966 the BBC showed its wisdom by sending Miall back to New York as its American representative. For the next four years he was a fine ambassador for the BBC and for Britain. He had always cared for the United States, he had many friends in the television networks there and in Washington, and he entertained stylishly, but modestly. Back in London, Miall spent the last three years of his BBC career as controller of overseas and foreign relations, a roving job that took him around the world, advising foreign broadcasters on what the BBC was all about. Because he was such a likeable person with a natural charm, he opened many doors and made new friends.

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With the exception of war service Leonard Miall's entire working life was spent in the BBC and even after his formal retirement in 1974 he continued to work for the corporation part-time as its research historian. He prepared the material for three of Asa Briggs's books about the BBC, and in 1994 he published *Inside the BBC*, a book of profiles of twenty-five personalities from Lord Reith to Sir Robin Day. These were short but witty essays, reflecting the urbanity of the author. He continued to write, because it was his hobby, and his name was often seen under some of the obituaries in *The Independent*.

Of middling height, slightly stooped, Miall had a visual resemblance to Alastair Sim, and his stories were illuminated by his genuine enjoyment in telling them. His first wife, Lorna, having died in 1974, on 10 October 1975 he married Sarah Greenaway (Sally) Bicknell (1918–2010), rally driver and novelist, former wife of Nigel Bicknell, RAF officer, and daughter of Gordon Leith, architect. He died at his home, Maryfield Cottage, High Street, Taplow, Buckinghamshire, in the Chiltern hills, on 24 February 2005, of bronchopneumonia and cerebral vascular disease. He was survived by his wife, Sally, and the four children of his first marriage.

Paul Fox

Noted events in his life were:

- He was educated at Bootham School, York in 1928-1932 in York, Yorkshire.
- He was educated at University of Freiburg in Freiburg im Breisgau, Baden-Wurttemberg, Germany.
- He was educated at St. John's College, Cambridge.
- He worked as a Broadcaster and administrator at the BBC in 1939-1974.

Rowland married **Lorna Barbara Rackham**,<sup>47,89,90,91,92</sup> daughter of **George John Rackham**, on 18 Jan 1941 in Marylebone Register Office. Lorna was born in 1916 and died on 7 Aug 1974 in Taplow, Berkshire at age 58. They had four children: **Roger William**, **Tristram John**, **(No Given Name)**, and **(No Given Name)**.

Marriage Notes: Miall-Rackham.-On 18th January, 1941, at Marylebone Register Office, London, Rowland Leonard Miall (1928-32), to Lorna Rackham.

### 12-Roger William Miall

Roger married **Philippa J. Rhodes**. They had two children: **Gregory** and **Helen Barbara**.

### 13-Gregory Miall

### 13-Helen Barbara Miall

Roger next married **Anne Davies**.

### 12-Tristram John Miall

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Rowland next married **Sally Greenaway Leith**.

11-**Dr. William Einar Miall**<sup>60,94</sup> was born on 10 Oct 1917 in Home Of William Littleboy, Selly Oak, Birmingham and died on 5 Jun 2004 in Staveley, Cumbria at age 86.

General Notes: W. E. Miall was a pioneer in research on blood pressure. Largely as a result of Professor George Pickering's influence at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, in London in the early 1950s, Miall carried out a series of population-based studies in South Wales and Jamaica, which confirmed the unimodal distribution of blood pressure, and showed the graded relationship between pressure and the risk of cardiovascular disease.

William Einar Miall, epidemiologist: born Selly Oak, Warwickshire 10 October 1917; Epidemiologist, Medical Research Council Pneumoconiosis Research Unit, Llandough 1952-62; Director, Epidemiological Research Unit, Jamaica 1962-71; scientific staff, MRC Epidemiology and Medical Care Unit, Northwick Park Hospital and Secretary, MRC Working Party on the Mild Hypertension Trials 1971-83; married 1948 Mary Scott (died 2000; four sons, one daughter); died Staveley, Cumbria 5 June 2004.

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His work culminated in the Medical Research Council's two hypertension trials in the 1970s and 1980s, using several hundred GP practices, which led to the establishment of the General Practice Research Framework.

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Bill Miall was born in 1917 in Selly Oak, near Birmingham, into a Quaker family with roots in Yorkshire. In 1939 he registered as a conscientious objector, joined the Friends Ambulance Unit and served in Norway, Finland and Greece. He was captured in Greece and transferred to a transit camp in Salonika, where he met Archie Cochrane, one of the legendary figures in the development of randomised controlled trials that were to play such a large part in his later work. When Miall was repatriated in 1944 he entered St Mary's Hospital Medical School, qualifying in 1950, and became George (later Sir George) Pickering's house physician.

This was at the time that Pickering's view that blood pressure follows a single, unimodal distribution was becoming accepted over Sir Robert Platt's view of two separate distributions. But both Pickering and Platt had worked on hospital patients who were often selected for reasons to do with their blood pressures.

Miall realised that unselected, free-living population groups would need to be studied. This led him to join the MRC Pneumoconiosis Research Unit in South Wales, where he renewed his association with Cochrane. Here, he organised meticulous surveys of the mining communities in the Rhondda Fach. This work, with the statistician Peter Oldham, confirmed Pickering's view and showed that there is a graded relationship between pressure and the risk of stroke and heart attack.

In 1962 Miall was appointed Director of the Medical Research Council's Epidemiological Research Unit in Jamaica, where he continued his work on blood pressure and, with Professor Ed Kass, on the role of urinary infection on blood pressure. In 1971 he joined Tom Meade in the MRC Epidemiology and Medical Care Unit at Northwick Park Hospital in Harrow, Middlesex. Until the 1950s or 1960s, there were very few acceptable treatments for significant hypertension. In the late 1960s, small trials in the United States had shown that agents with fewer side effects than those previously available undoubtedly reduced strokes and other complications in patients with serious or moderate hypertension. Would it be worthwhile to detect those with "mild hypertension" and to treat them with the better tolerated agents that were by then available?

Prompted by Colin Dollery, then Professor of Clinical Pharmacology at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School, the MRC set up a working party under Stan Peart's chairmanship, of which Miall's old colleagues Geoff Rose, Tony Lever, Mike Hamilton and Archie Cochrane were also members, Miall himself becoming the scientific secretary. A trial on mild hypertension had to be large. Eventually, a proposal went forward to the MRC where it was agreed that a trial in 18,000 participants should go ahead.

How were many thousands of healthy participants to be recruited? Strange as it now seems, the idea of using general practices to recruit patients was almost an afterthought, though in fact it proved very effective. The first hypertension trial was carried out in 176 general practices in people aged between 35 and 64; a second trial in older people needed 226 practices. The main results were published in the British Medical Journal in 1985 and 1992 respectively. Taken together, the two trials showed a considerable reduction in strokes due to treatment and a smaller, less certain, reduction in heart attacks.

Miall's immense contributions were, first, in recruiting the general practices, ensuring their standards, bringing many nurses into research through their training and supervision by Greta Barnes, and, day by day, personally checking the numerous entry and follow-up records and heart tracings involved. Secondly, the general practices in the hypertension trials formed the beginning of the MRC's General Practice Research Framework, now one of the jewels in the Council's crown, and consisting of over 1,000 practices throughout the United Kingdom responsible for research on a wide variety of topics.

Bill Miall continued his interests in hypertension and its management after retirement. An MRC grant enabled him to write a book with Gillian Greenberg about the first MRC trial, published in 1987, *Mild Hypertension: is there pressure to treat?*

He retired to the Lake District where he continued as an enthusiastic oil painter and took up sculpture, the wood near his house becoming a family sculpture park. In 1997, Miall underwent surgery for colon cancer, about which one of his family concluded that "a semi-colon is better than a full stop".

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### ATTEMPTED ESCAPE

The following letters from William Miall and Alan Greenwood have passed through both German and British censorship :<sup>97</sup>From Miall. " Mostly in a spirit of adventure, partly because of a desire to be really doing something again, and partly for the usual reasons, George and I jumped from a train in a tunnel and started making our way to the Swiss frontier. Walking at night, getting lost in towns and villages, sleeping in barns when we could find them, waking frozen and stiff and shivering after sleeping on a foot of snow, after five nights we crossed the frontier, tired out and soaking wet but indescribably happy. After two hours plodding across country over moors and bogs we decided we could safely risk going down to the road, and within half an hour, to our great disappointment, we found ourselves again in German territory, an " enclave " in Switzerland which belongs to some old German family. We were arrested and returned." From Greenwood. " We escaped by jumping from the train as it passed through a tunnel<sup>97</sup>not a pleasant way, but the only damage was a cut lip for Bill and a cut and bruised knee for myself. Altogether we were free for five days, travelling by night about sixty miles. After the second night we were so cut up that we had to rest the third in a barn. On the fifth night we crossed over, getting through the guards more by luck than good management. We walked due south, guiding by the Pole Star, thinking all the time about home in a few weeks and all that would mean. Then we saw a small village down in the valley and went down to find its name. It was fatal, and we walked into a small German estate a few kilometres wide inside the Swiss frontier. Only about six miles to a British Consul and counting ourselves perfectly safe. Still it was an experience." *Bootham magazine - July 1942*

Noted events in his life were:

- He was awarded with FRCP.
- He was educated at Ackworth School in 1927-1929 in Pontefract, Yorkshire.
- He was educated at The Downs School in 1929-1931 in Colwall, Malvern, Herefordshire.
- He was educated at Bootham School in 1931-1936 in York, Yorkshire.
- He worked as an Epidemiologist.
- He worked as a member of The Friends' Ambulance Unit in 1939-1944.

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William married **Mary E. Scott**<sup>60,94</sup> on 11 May 1948 in Ranmoor Parish Church, Sheffield, Yorkshire. Mary was born in 1920 and died in 2000 at age 80. They had five children: **Alan Hugh, Stephen, Sally, Rowland Christopher, and Lawrence.**

Marriage Notes: Miall-Scott.-On 11th May, 1948, at Ranmoor Parish Church, Sheffield, William Einar Miall (1931-36), to Mary Edith Scott.

**12-Prof. Alan Hugh Miall**

**12-Stephen Miall**

Stephen married **Sue.**

**12-Sally Miall**

Sally married **Paul.**

**12-Prof. Rowland Christopher Miall**

Rowland married **Stephanie Mary Nunn.** They had one son: **Jack David.**

**13-Jack David Miall**

**12-Dr. Lawrence Miall**

**11-Nancy Margaret Miall**<sup>87</sup> was born on 10 Apr 1920 in Chiltern Croft, Wendover, Buckinghamshire.

General Notes: MIAIX.-On the 10th April, 1920, at Chiltern Croft, Wendover, Sara Grace (Dixon) Miall (1891-96), a daughter.

Nancy married **Thomas Scott.**

**10-Henry Einar Dixon**<sup>36,95</sup> was born on 29 Jan 1887 in White House, Great Ayton, Yorkshire, died on 19 Sep 1916 in Somme, France. Killed in action at age 29, and was buried in Contay British Cemetery, Contay, Albert, France. Grave I.C.25. The cause of his death was Annual Monitor gives Shell Shock. His Gt. Nephew, believes he died in a trench collapse.

General Notes: During the First World War Henry fought in the 3rd Battalion of the 1st Canadian Division and was killed in the Battle of the Somme on 19 September 1916. He was interred in the War Graves Cemetery at Contay, 7 miles west of Albert.

Noted events in his life were:

- He was a Quaker.
- He emigrated to Canada.
- He worked as a Soldier of the 3rd Battalion, Canadian Infantry (Central Ontario Regiment).

**10-Hugh Ravensford Dixon**<sup>36</sup> was born on 27 Jan 1891 in White House, Great Ayton, Yorkshire.

Hugh married someone. He had one son: **Kay.**

**11-Kay Dixon**

Kay married someone. He had one son: **Hugh Richard.**

**12-Hugh Richard Dixon**

**10-Edith Swinburn Dixon** was born on 12 Sep 1893 in White House, Great Ayton, Yorkshire and died on 24 Feb 1974 at age 80.

Edith married **Hammond Beaconsfield Jenkins**, son of **Thomas Mutlow Jenkins** and **Rosa Mary.** They had one daughter: **Winifred Mary.**

**11-Winifred Mary Jenkins** was born on 23 Jan 1913 and died on 10 Sep 2000 at age 87.



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Noted events in her life were:

- She was awarded with CBE.
- She worked as an Economist.

Winifred married **Prof. Sir John Richard Nicholas Stone**<sup>96</sup> in 1936. The marriage ended in divorce in 1940. John was born on 30 Aug 1913 in London and died on 6 Dec 1991 in Cambridge at age 78.

Noted events in his life were:

- He was awarded with CBE.
- He was awarded with the Nobel Prize for Economics in 1984.
- He worked as an Economist and "Father of the National Income Accounting."

Winifred next married **Sir Patrick George Hamilton 2nd Bt.** on 17 Oct 1941. Patrick was born on 17 Nov 1908 and died on 10 Jan 1992 at age 83.

George next married **Eunice Hathaway Congdon**,<sup>40</sup> daughter of **William Congdon** and **Lydia Hathaway**, on 14 Nov 1866 in New Garden, Guilford County, North Carolina, USA. Eunice was born on 11 Jan 1821 in Leicester, Worcester County, Massachusetts, USA and died on 27 Feb 1907 in Hampton, Virginia, USA at age 86.

General Notes: Of New Bedford, Massachusetts.

Noted events in her life were:

- She worked as a Mistress of the Butler School, Hampton, Virginia.

8-**Sarah Dixon**<sup>97</sup> was born in 1819 in Staindrop, County Durham, died on 7 Oct 1878 in Staindrop, County Durham at age 59, and was buried in FBG Staindrop.

8-**Elizabeth Dixon** was born in 1823 in Staindrop, County Durham and died on 20 Jun 1887 in Staindrop, County Durham at age 64.

8-**Robert Dixon** was born in 1827 in Staindrop, County Durham and died in Apr 1903 in Great Ayton, Yorkshire at age 76.

Noted events in his life were:

- He worked as a Manager of the Coke Dept., Joseph Pease & Partners.

Robert married **Elizabeth Bowes**, daughter of **John Bowes** and **Mary**.

Robert next married **Sarah Nichols Pope** in 1880. Sarah was born in 1822 in Salem, Massachusetts, USA and died in 1886 at age 64.

Noted events in her life were:

- She worked as a Quaker schoolteacher.

8-**Mary Dixon**<sup>6</sup> was born in 1829 in Staindrop, County Durham and died on 4 Sep 1849 in Staindrop, County Durham at age 20.

8-**Ann Dixon** was born in 1831 in Staindrop, County Durham.

8-**Joseph Dixon**<sup>98</sup> was born in 1833 in Staindrop, County Durham and died on 26 Mar 1915 in Carrolltown, Texas, USA at age 82.

6-**Elizabeth Dixon**<sup>3</sup> was born on 20 Dec 1762 in Raby, Staindrop, County Durham and died on 27 Jan 1832 in Wolviston Mill, Norton on Tees, County Durham at age 69.

Elizabeth married **John Moon**<sup>3</sup> on 19 Jul 1798 in Stockton on Tees, County Durham. John was born in Mar 1749 in Guisborough, Yorkshire and died on 28 Oct 1849 in Norton on Tees, County Durham at age 100. They had three children: **Elizabeth**, **John**, and **Mary**.

Noted events in his life were:

- He had a residence in Wolviston Mill, Norton on Tees, County Durham.

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7-**Elizabeth Moon**<sup>3</sup> was born on 2 May 1799 in County Durham, was christened on 21 Mar 1802 in Guisborough, Yorkshire, died on 28 Jun 1803 in Wolviston Mill, Norton on Tees, County Durham at age 4, and was buried on 28 Jun 1803 in Norton on Tees, County Durham.

7-**John Moon**<sup>3</sup> was born on 23 Oct 1801 in Houghton-le-Spring, County Durham and died in 1822 at age 21.

7-**Mary Moon** was born on 24 Mar 1805 in Wolviston Mill, Norton on Tees, County Durham and died in 1884 at age 79.

Mary married **John Watson**,<sup>3</sup> son of **Joseph Watson**<sup>4</sup> and **Hannah Temple**,<sup>4</sup> on 24 Mar 1825 in County Durham. John died in 1849 in Mississippi, USA. They had four children: **John William, Alfred, Richard, and Elizabeth Ann.**

Noted events in his life were:

- He emigrated to America on 14 Nov 1836.

8-**John William Watson** was born on 7 Jun 1830 in Wolviston Mill, Norton on Tees, County Durham, died on 9 Jan 1919 in North Meadows Cottage, Norton on Tees, County Durham at age 88, and was buried in FBG Norton, County Durham.

General Notes: The late John William Watson was born at Wolviston Mill, near Stockton-on-Tees, on June 7th, 1830. He was the eldest son of John Watson, whose wife, Mary Moon, was a near relative of the families, Dixon, Coates, Manners, etc.

J. W. Watson at the age of ten years entered Ayton School, of which he was the first scholar. In those days there was no railway to Ayton, and it was the custom of the family to break the journey at Middlesbrough, where they had relatives. At fourteen years of age, he became an assistant teacher at Ayton, and remained there until he reached manhood, working very harmoniously with George Dixon the Superintendent, who was his mother's first cousin. Long walks over the moors helped their leisure hours to pass pleasantly, both of them being enthusiastic botanists, conchologists, etc. John Watson formed a warm attachment to Ayton which he retained through life, and he gained the hearty respect and affection of those amongst whom he laboured. For four years he was a student at the Flounders College, Ackworth, and from there he became a teacher at Ackworth School. Here he met Anne Wood, also a teacher there, whom he eventually married. She was descended from a family of Huguenot refugees, another of whose descendants was Mary Howitt, the poetess.

John and Anne Watson had two children, a daughter and son, the latter of whom died in childhood.

John Watson left Ackworth in 1869 and became an Art Master. He had the two schools of Art in Middlesbrough and Stockton, and was considered a successful teacher of both water-colour and oil painting. He also taught in many private schools and was for many years drawing-master at Ayton, where his cousin, Ralph Dixon, had become Headmaster. In 1871 J.W.W. and family removed from Middlesbrough to Redcar, where he had built himself a house. His large garden was a source of perpetual interest and pleasure.

Having given up painting as a profession, he removed in 1905 to Norton-on-Tees, where he opened a small school for boys. Later he lived at North Meadows Cottage a house situated on a small estate of which he was part owner. Here he died in his eighty-ninth year on the 9th of January, 1919, of old age, which was hastened by an attack of bronchitis. He was buried in the ancient Friends' Burial Ground at Norton.

John W. Watson was a man of some learning, having studied Greek, Latin, and Hebrew languages, as well as French, German, and Scandinavian. He also took an interest in many sciences, and his conversation was at all times instructive and entertaining.

*Ayton School Magazine 1919*

Noted events in his life were:

- He was educated at Friends School Ayton in 1840 in Great Ayton, Yorkshire.
- He worked as an Assistant teacher, Ayton School in 1844.
- He was educated at The Flonders Institute in Ackworth, Pontefract, Yorkshire.
- He worked as a Teacher, Ackworth School before 1869 in Ackworth, Pontefract, Yorkshire.
- He worked as an Art teacher, Middlesbrough School of Art after 1869 in Middlesbrough, Yorkshire.
- He worked as an Art teacher, Stockton School of Art after 1869 in Stockton on Tees, County Durham.
- He worked as a Drawing master, Ayton School in Great Ayton, Yorkshire.
- He had a residence in 1871-1905 in Redcar, Yorkshire.
- He had a residence in 1905-1919 in North Meadows Cottage, Norton on Tees, County Durham.
- He worked as a Schoolmaster in 1905 in Norton on Tees, County Durham.

John married **Anne Wood**. They had two children: **Gertrude** and **John Malcolm**.

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9-**Gertrude Watson**<sup>3</sup> was born in 1861 in Ackworth, Pontefract, Yorkshire.

Noted events in her life were:

- She had a residence in 1881 in Kirkleatham, Redcar, Yorkshire.

9-**John Malcolm Watson** was born in 1866 in Ackworth, Pontefract, Yorkshire.

8-**Alfred Watson**<sup>3</sup> was born on 25 Feb 1832 in Wolviston Mill, Norton on Tees, County Durham.

Noted events in his life were:

- He worked as a Grocer in Norton on Tees, County Durham.

Alfred married **Jane Frances Bulmer**,<sup>3</sup> daughter of **Richard Bulmer** and **Elizabeth**, in 1865 in Stockton on Tees, County Durham. Jane was born on 17 Jun 1841 in South Shields, County Durham and was christened on 14 Jul 1841 in St. Hilda's, South Shields, County Durham. They had seven children: **Richard Neville**, **John Frederick**, **Charles Bertram**, **Joseph Henry**, **Alfred**, **Ada M. E.**, and **Frances M.**

9-**Richard Neville Watson** was born in 1858 in Norton on Tees, County Durham.

9-**John Frederick Watson** was born in 1867 in Norton on Tees, County Durham.

9-**Charles Bertram Watson** was born in 1869 in Norton on Tees, County Durham.

9-**Joseph Henry Watson** was born in 1870 in Norton on Tees, County Durham.

9-**Alfred Watson** was born in 1872 in Norton on Tees, County Durham.

9-**Ada M. E. Watson** was born in 1873 in Norton on Tees, County Durham.

9-**Frances M. Watson** was born in 1875 in Norton on Tees, County Durham.

8-**Richard Watson**<sup>3</sup> was born in 1834 in Wolviston Mill, Norton on Tees, County Durham and died on 11 Aug 1919 at age 85. Another name for Richard was John Richard Watson.

Richard married **Sarah Jane Peacock**,<sup>3</sup> daughter of **Peacock**, on 20 May 1868. Sarah was born in 1848. They had seven children: **Ernest**, **Richard**, **(No Given Name)**, **(No Given Name)**, **(No Given Name)**, **(No Given Name)**, and **(No Given Name)**.

9-**Ernest Watson**<sup>99</sup> was born in 1875 in Norton Mill, Stockton on Tees, County Durham and died in 1967 at age 92.

Noted events in his life were:

- He worked as a Quaker Missionary at the Friend's Mission in Sehore, India.

Ernest married **Ethel Spence Brown**,<sup>99</sup> daughter of **Charles Brown**<sup>4,22,62,83,100</sup> and **Eleanor Tennant**,<sup>4,100</sup> on 3 Oct 1907 in FMH Manchester. Ethel was born on 8 Feb 1881 in Stockton on Tees, County Durham. They had two children: **Nora Jean** and **Henry Vasio**.

Noted events in her life were:

- She was educated at Ackworth school in 1896.

10-**Nora Jean Watson** was born on 29 Jan 1910 in Rasulia, Hoshangabad, India.

10-**Henry Vasio Watson**<sup>99</sup> was born in 1910 in Darlington, County Durham and died on 22 Apr 1917 in Darlington, County Durham at age 7.

9-**Richard Watson**

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8-**Elizabeth Ann Watson**<sup>3</sup> was born on 15 Aug 1836 in Wolviston Mill, Norton on Tees, County Durham.

Elizabeth married **Thomas Peacock**, son of **Peacock**. They had no children.

6-**Joseph Dixon**<sup>3,4,101</sup> was born on 10 Jul 1765 in Raby, Staindrop, County Durham and died on 19 Nov 1851 in Stockton on Tees, County Durham at age 86.

Noted events in his life were:

- He worked as a Grocer & Draper in Stockton on Tees, County Durham.
- He worked as a Grocer and Draper in Norton on Tees, County Durham.

Joseph married **Hannah Simpson**,<sup>3,4,101</sup> daughter of **James Simpson**<sup>4</sup> and **Margaret Dixon**,<sup>4</sup> on 19 Jun 1795 in Pickering, Yorkshire. Hannah was born on 19 Jun 1773 in Kirkbymoorside, Yorkshire and died on 30 Jan 1842 in Stockton on Tees, County Durham at age 68. They had seven children: **Rachel, Hannah, Sarah, Joseph, Margaret, William, and Simpson**.

Noted events in her life were:

- She was educated at York Quarterly Meeting, Girls School. (Later became The Mount School) in 1789 in York, Yorkshire.

7-**Rachel Dixon**<sup>4,101,102</sup> was born on 5 Jun 1796 in Stockton on Tees, County Durham and died on 29 Aug 1876 in Halstead, Essex at age 80.

Noted events in her life were:

- She was educated at Ackworth School.
- She worked as a Drapers assistant in 1810 in Stockton on Tees, County Durham.
- She worked as a Drapers Assistant before 1822 in York, Yorkshire.
- She worked as a Grocer 1822 To 1835 in York, Yorkshire.
- She worked as a Baby-linen provision merchant 1836 To 1839 in Pontefract, Yorkshire.
- She worked as an employee of William and Edward Brady 1839 To 1854 in Dewsbury, Yorkshire.
- She had a residence about 1854-1856 in Huddersfield, Yorkshire.

Rachel married **Joseph Awmack**,<sup>4,101</sup> son of **Joseph Awmack**<sup>4,103</sup> and **Mary Collier**,<sup>4</sup> on 19 May 1822 in York, Yorkshire. Joseph was born on 3 Sep 1780 in York, Yorkshire and died on 24 Mar 1836 in Walmgate, York, Yorkshire at age 55. They had six children: **Henry Collier, John, Mary, Ellen, Eliza H., and Edwin**.

Noted events in his life were:

- He worked as a Grocer before 1835 in York, Yorkshire.

8-**Henry Collier Awmack**<sup>101,104</sup> was born on 17 May 1823 in Fossgate, York, died on 26 Dec 1897 in Long Island, New York at age 74, and was buried in Newtown.

General Notes: In 1856 moved to America where he re-married to an Englishwoman.

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Noted events in his life were:

- He worked as a Grocer.

Henry married **Hannah Puckrin**,<sup>104</sup> daughter of **William Puckrin**<sup>105,106,107</sup> and **Mary Ward**,<sup>106</sup> on 16 May 1848 in Wakefield. Hannah was born on 17 Dec 1813 in Whitby, Yorkshire and died on 29 Oct 1854 in Halifax, Yorkshire at age 40. They had two children: **Mary Mercy** and **Joseph Henry**.

Noted events in her life were:

- She had a residence in Hawsker, Whitby, Yorkshire.
- She was educated at Ackworth School in 1826-1828.

9-**Mary Mercy Awmack**<sup>38,101</sup> was born on 6 May 1849 in Wakefield, Yorkshire and died on 13 Nov 1883 in Worcester, Worcestershire at age 34.

Mary married **William Weaver**<sup>38</sup> in 1874 in Reading, Berkshire. William was born on 21 May 1821 and died on 30 Nov 1880 at age 59. They had one son: **George Bernard Dawson**.

Noted events in his life were:

- He had a residence in Worcester, Worcestershire.

10-**George Bernard Dawson Weaver** was born on 3 Jan 1877 in Worcester.

General Notes: NOTICE is hereby given, that the Partnership heretofore subsisting between us, the undersigned, George Bernard Dawson Weaver and John Brightwen Alexander, carrying on business as Manufacturers of Electrical Insulators, at 127, Pomeroy-street, New Cross, S.E., and elsewhere, under the style or firm of EBONESTOS MANUFACTURING COMPANY, has been dissolved by mutual consent as from the twenty-ninth day of September, 1924. All debts due and owing to or by the said late firm will be received or paid by the said George Bernard Dawson Weaver. — As witness our hands this 19th day of December, 1924.

GEORGE BERNARD DAWSON WEAVER.

JOHN B. ALEXANDER.

Noted events in his life were:

- He worked as a Woodcarver in London.
- He worked as an Electrical Insulator manufacturer before 1924.

9-**Joseph Henry Awmack**<sup>41</sup> was born on 13 Mar 1851 in Wakefield, Yorkshire, died on 4 Sep 1921 in Harrogate, Yorkshire at age 70, and was buried in FBG Adel, Leeds.

Noted events in his life were:

- He worked as a China & Glass Dealer of Leeds.

Joseph married **Anna Tutty**,<sup>41</sup> daughter of **Henry Tutty**<sup>4</sup> and **Mary Gray**,<sup>4,108</sup> in 1880. Anna was born on 21 Jul 1851 in Reading, Berkshire, died on 8 Jan 1913 in Huby, Harrogate, Yorkshire at age 61, and was buried in FBG Adel, Leeds. They had five children: **Henry Frank**, **Mabel**, **Wilfred**, **Ernest**, and **Ethel**.

Noted events in her life were:

- She resided at Colchester.

10-**Henry Frank Awmack** was born on 21 Nov 1881 in Leeds, Yorkshire.

Noted events in his life were:

- He worked as a China & Glass Dealer in Leeds, Yorkshire.

Henry married **Elizabeth Dudley**, daughter of **Guildford Dudley**, in 1906. Elizabeth was born in 1873 and died in 1945 at age 72. They had one son: **(No Given Name)**.

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10-**Mabel Awmack** was born on 12 Jul 1883 in Leeds, Yorkshire.

10-**Wilfred Awmack** was born on 10 Aug 1884 in Leeds, Yorkshire.

Wilfred married **Florence Brook**.

10-**Ernest Awmack**<sup>4</sup> was born on 7 Aug 1886 in Leeds, Yorkshire and died on 28 Jan 1951 in Burley in Wharfedale, Yorkshire at age 64.

Noted events in his life were:

- He worked as a China & Glass Dealer in Leeds, Yorkshire.

Ernest married **Marjorie Coleman Parker**,<sup>4</sup> daughter of **George Willcox Parker** and **Emily**, in 1919. Marjorie was born in 1889 and died in 1978 at age 89. They had three children: **(No Given Name)**, **(No Given Name)**, and **(No Given Name)**.

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10-**Ethel Awmack** was born in 1889 in Leeds, Yorkshire.

Henry next married **Annie Baker**. Annie was born on 11 Dec 1891 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

8-**John Awmack**<sup>101,109</sup> was born on 4 Feb 1825 in York, Yorkshire and died on 10 Mar 1851 in Dewsbury, Yorkshire at age 26.

8-**Mary Awmack**<sup>54,101</sup> was born on 9 Oct 1826 in York, Yorkshire and died on 10 Dec 1908 in Reading, Berkshire at age 82.

General Notes: In the 1851 census for Ayton, she describes herself as a cousin of George Dixon, the head of household.

Noted events in her life were:

- She was educated at Ackworth School.
- She worked as a School Governess at Great Ayton.
- She worked as a Headmistress of her own school about 1854-1856 in Huddersfield, Yorkshire.

Mary married **William Knight**,<sup>54,110</sup> son of **Joseph Knight**<sup>74,111</sup> and **Hannah Giblin**,<sup>74,111</sup> on 10 Mar 1870 in Worcester. William was born on 8 Jul 1798 in Halstead, Essex and died on 24 Dec 1874 in Halstead, Essex at age 76.

Noted events in his life were:

- He worked as a Watchmaker of Halstead.

8-**Ellen Awmack** was born on 29 May 1828 in York, Yorkshire and died in 1829 at age 1.

8-**Eliza H. Awmack**<sup>101</sup> was born on 25 Mar 1830 in York, Yorkshire, died on 26 Jun 1878 in Leeds, Yorkshire at age 48, and was buried in FBG Adel, Leeds.

Eliza married **Joseph Harrison Knight**, son of **John Knight** and **Hannah**. Joseph was born on 20 Nov 1826 in Coggeshall, Essex, died on 30 Jan 1890 in Leeds, Yorkshire at age 63, and was buried in FBG Adel, Leeds. They had ten children: **Frederick Harrison**, **Joseph John**, **Sarah Eliza**, **Rachel Hannah**, **Gertrude**, **Lewis Edwin**, **Emily**, **Charles Ernest**, **Clara**, and **Kate**.

General Notes: JOSEPH HARRISSON KNIGHT, Deceased. [Pursuant to the Statute 22nd and 23rd Vic., cap. 35. ALL creditors and others claiming against the estate of Joseph Harrison Knight, late of No. 11 Clarendon-place, Leeds, in the county of York, and formerly of No. 13, Albion-street, Leeds, Jeweller (who died on the 30th January last, and whose will, with one codicil thereto, was proved in the Wakefield District Registry of the Probate Division of the High Court of Justice, on the 26th day of February, 1890. by Joseph John Knight and Rachel Hannah Knight, the executor therein named), are requested to send written particulars of their claims to the undersigned, before the 27th September next; after which date the said executors will forthwith distribute the assets of the deceased, having regard only to claims of which they shall they have had notice.— Dated 13th August, 1890.

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FORD and WARREN, 61, Albion-street, Leeds, Solicitors for the Executors.

Noted events in his life were:

- He worked as a Watchmaker & Silversmith in 13 Albion Street, Leeds, Yorkshire.
- He had a residence in 11 Clarendon Place, Leeds, Yorkshire.

9-**Frederick Harrisson Knight**<sup>47</sup> was born on 4 Jun 1854 in Leeds, Yorkshire, died about 10 Nov 1933 about age 79, and was buried on 13 Nov 1933 in Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.

Noted events in his life were:

- He worked as a Silversmith and Wholesale jeweller.

Frederick married **Stewart Muir**, daughter of **David Muir** and **Margaret Hay**, on 11 Jul 1882 in Timperley, Cheshire. Stewart was born on 21 Oct 1854 in Sanday, Orkney, Scotland. They had one daughter: **Margaret Stewart**.

Noted events in her life were:

- She had a residence in Timperley, Cheshire.

10-**Margaret Stewart Knight** was born on 4 Oct 1885 in Leeds, Yorkshire.

Noted events in her life were:

- She had a residence in 1911 in Stockton on Tees, County Durham.

Frederick next married **Marian Hilda Creasser**<sup>47</sup> before 1895. Marian was born in 1876 in Leeds, Yorkshire and died in 1932 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA at age 56. They had four children: **Frederick Harrison, Edmund, Eric Mowbray**, and **Noel**.

10-**Frederick Harrison Knight** was born on 31 Jan 1895 and died on 28 Jul 1918 at age 23.

10-**Edmund Knight** was born on 30 Jun 1896 and died on 29 Jul 1918 at age 22.

10-**Maj. Eric Mowbray Knight**<sup>47</sup> was born on 10 Apr 1897 in Menston, Leeds, Yorkshire and died on 15 Jan 1943 in Surinam. In a plane crash in the jungle. at age 45. Another name for Eric was Richard Hallas.

General Notes: Knight, Eric Mowbray [pseud. Richard Hallas] (1897– 1943), author and journalist, was born on 10 April 1897 in Menston, near Leeds, the third of the four sons of Frederick Harrison Knight, a prosperous but profligate Quaker wholesale jeweller, and his wife, Hilda Marion Creasser (1876?– 1919?). The elder Knight disappeared in 1899, reputedly killed in the South African War but suspected of having absconded to Australia, leaving his family in penury. Hilda Knight secured a post as governess in a noble household in St Petersburg, remaining there for some years before emigrating to the United States, where she remarried. Eric was sent to live with relatives in Leeds and later in Skircoat Green. A pupil at the Bewerley Street School in Leeds until the age of thirteen, he had become a 'half-timer' the previous year while working as a bobbin-setter in a worsted mill, and later worked in an engineering works, a glass-blowing factory, and a spinning mill. In 1912 the family was reunited in Philadelphia, but Knight soon left home to work in a lumber yard and carpet mill before attending the Cambridge (Massachusetts) Latin school and the Boston Museum of Fine Arts School.

Shortly after marrying Dorothy Noyes Hall of Boston on 28 July 1917, Knight enlisted in Princess Patricia's Canadian light infantry, later seeing action as a signaller in Flanders and in France. After the war Knight, by now the father of three daughters, tried unsuccessfully to establish himself as a painter and as a journalist. In the 1920s he served as an artillery specialist with the US army reserve at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, subsequently settling in Philadelphia, where he found employment as a film critic on the Public Ledger between 1928 and 1934. Estranged from his first wife by 1929, Knight married the writer and editor Jere Brylawski (1907– 1996) on 2 December 1932.

A six-month stint in Hollywood as a screenwriter whose scripts were never adopted left Knight with a distaste for the American film industry. The Knights then cultivated an alfalfa ranch in southern California before returning to the east, where they eventually bought and renovated Springhouse Farm, a ramshackle stone house attached to a working farm in Pleasant Valley, Pennsylvania. On the basis of a handful of published stories and an unimpressive first novel, *Invitation to Life* (1934), Knight resolved to devote himself fully to writing. His first short story had been published in 1930, and for the next twelve years his fiction appeared regularly in American magazines, especially the *Saturday Evening Post* and *Esquire*. Many of these stories were reminiscences of Yorkshire village life, usually laced with local dialect and frequently involving a whimsical character named Sam Small, the protagonist of his novella *The Flying Yorkshireman* (1938).

*Knight's Song on your Bugles* (1937) was a quasi-autobiographical proletarian novel recounting the struggles of a gifted young Yorkshireman to reconcile artistic fulfilment with working-class solidarity; though favourably reviewed, it was a commercial failure. The next year he published a contemporary thriller set in Los Angeles, *You Play the Black and the Red Comes Up*, under the

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pseudonym Richard Hallas. In 1938 the Saturday Evening Post commissioned Knight to report on industrial conditions in distressed areas of Yorkshire. His first-hand account, expressing outrage at the closing of mines and factories, also inspired his fourth novel, *The Happy Land* (1940), published in England as *Now we Pray for our Country*. In 1940 he agreed to expand a previously published short story into a juvenile novel, the enduringly popular *Lassie Come Home*, the story of a resourceful and loyal sheep dog. The original film, starring Roddy McDowall and Elizabeth Taylor (1943), was followed by six sequels, six television series, and was updated and remade in 1994.

Despite disenchantment with British industrial and diplomatic policies and his assimilation to American life, Knight responded to the advent of war as a patriotic Yorkshireman. His last and most successful novel, *This above All* (1941), acclaimed as one of the finest novels of the war, was both a realistic love story that transcended class boundaries and a debate about whether Britain, weakened by social stratification and deficient leadership, deserved to win. During the second half of 1941 *This above All* was the best-selling novel in America and was quickly adapted into a popular Hollywood film starring Tyrone Power and Joan Fontaine.

For the first time Knight achieved literary fame and financial security. He lectured extensively on behalf of the British war effort and was interviewed in the media. He travelled to England late in 1941 to report on conditions in wartime London, to broadcast about America to British audiences, and to collaborate with Paul Rotha on the documentary film *World of Plenty* for the Ministry of Information. Knight was commissioned in the American army after being recruited by Frank Capra to provide scripts for the military propaganda series *Why we Fight* and for *Know your Ally—Britain*, among the most significant documentary films ever produced. In addition he wrote *A Short Guide to Great Britain*, an orientation manual distributed to American soldiers before embarkation.

Although Knight always regarded himself as a British expatriate, his accent retaining traces of his Yorkshire background, his personal and professional identity was increasingly American, and at the end of 1942 he became a citizen. On 15 January 1943 Knight, recently promoted to the rank of major in the army special services division, was killed when a transport plane on which he was travelling to Cairo crashed in the Surinam jungle. In 1944 he was posthumously awarded the Legion of Merit for his role in explaining the war to American soldiers. Although his only lasting monument is *Lassie Come Home*, its name immortalized as his never was, Knight merits recognition for his contribution to greater Anglo-American understanding.

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Noted events in his life were:

- He worked as an Author and journalist.

Eric married **Dorothy Noyes Hall**.

Eric next married **Jere Brylawski**<sup>47</sup> on 2 Dec 1932. Jere was born in 1907 and died in 1996 at age 89.

10-**Noel Knight** was born in 1898 and died in 1900 at age 2.

9-**Joseph John Knight** was born on 10 Jan 1857 in Leeds, Yorkshire, died on 29 Aug 1914 in Pool, Leeds, Yorkshire (28th in AM) at age 57, and was buried in FBG Adel, Leeds.

Noted events in his life were:

- He worked as a Silversmith.

Joseph married **Anna Maria Watson** in 1881. Anna was born in 1860, died on 21 Oct 1930 at age 70, and was buried in FBG Adel, Leeds. They had two children: **Perry Marshall** and **Elsie Eliza**.

Noted events in her life were:

- She worked as an Of Tunstall, Stafford.

10-**Perry Marshall Knight**<sup>22</sup> was born in 1882 in Perry, New York, USA and died in 1954 in Leicestershire at age 72.



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Noted events in his life were:

- He was educated at Bootham School in 1896-1898 in York, Yorkshire.
- He worked as a Farmer, Barnes Hill Farm in Northowram, Halifax, Yorkshire.

10-**Elsie Eliza Knight** was born in 1884, died on 12 Apr 1963 at age 79, and was buried in FBG Adel, Leeds.

Noted events in her life were:

- She was educated at The Mount School in May 1897-Jul 1899 in York, Yorkshire.

9-**Sarah Eliza Knight**<sup>112</sup> was born on 21 Aug 1860 in Leeds, Yorkshire and died in 1948 at age 88.

Sarah married **Josiah Newman**,<sup>22,42,63</sup> son of **Henry Stanley Newman**<sup>4,8,22,41,46,47,113,114,115</sup> and **Mary Anna Pumphrey**,<sup>4,8,22,41,46,47,113,114</sup> on 13 May 1891 in Leeds, Yorkshire. Josiah was born on 27 Sep 1866 in 14 Broad Street, Leominster, Herefordshire and died on 17 Feb 1919 in Sidcot, Winscombe, Somerset at age 52. They had one daughter: **Elsie Winifred**.

General Notes: NEWMAN.-On the 17th February, 1919, Josiah Newman, of Winscombe (1881-3), aged 52 years.

Noted events in his life were:

- He was awarded with FRHS.
- He was educated at Sidcot School.
- He was educated at Bootham School in 1881-1883 in York, Yorkshire.
- He worked as a Grocer in Leominster, Herefordshire.
- He worked as a Member of Leominster Town Council in 1887 in Leominster, Herefordshire.
- He worked as a Manager for A.G. Spalding & Bros., 520 Fifth Avenue, NY.
- He worked as a Founder of Golf magazine in 1893-1901 in New York, New York, USA.
- He worked as a Founder of the West Counties Graphic in 1901 in Bristol, Gloucestershire.
- He worked as a Served with the war Graves Commission in 1914-1918.

10-**Elsie Winifred Newman**<sup>112</sup> was born on 11 Aug 1892 in Leominster, Herefordshire.

9-**Rachel Hannah Knight** was born on 19 Dec 1858 in Leeds, Yorkshire, died on 31 Oct 1935 in Leeds, Yorkshire at age 76, and was buried in FBG Adel, Leeds.

Noted events in her life were:

- She worked as a Traveller & Linguist of Headingley.

9-**Gertrude Knight** was born in 1862 and died in 1868 at age 6.

9-**Lewis Edwin Knight** was born on 4 Jun 1864 in Leeds, Yorkshire and died in 1953 at age 89.

Noted events in his life were:

- He worked as a Silversmith.

Lewis married **Sarah Moss**. They had three children: **Edwin Harrisson, Norman**, and **Frank**.

10-**Edwin Harrisson Knight** died in Died in Infancy.

10-**Norman Knight**

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### 10-Frank Knight

9-**Emily Knight**<sup>22,42</sup> was born on 10 Jan 1866 in Leeds, Yorkshire.

Noted events in her life were:

- She was educated at The Mount School jn 1882-jun 1884 in York, Yorkshire.

Emily married **Thomas Walter Pumphrey**,<sup>22,24,42</sup> son of **Thomas Pumphrey**<sup>4,7,22,74,75,76</sup> and **Emma Richardson**,<sup>4,22,74,77</sup> on 28 Apr 1889 in Leeds, Yorkshire. Thomas was born in 1863 in Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland and died on 28 Apr 1931 at age 68. They had three children: **Aubyn Harrisson**, **Kenneth Richardson**, and **Christine Knight**.

General Notes: PUMPHREY.-On 28th April, Thomas Walter Pumphrey (1875- 80), aged 68 years.

Noted events in his life were:

- He was educated at Bootham School in 1875-1880 in York, Yorkshire.
- He worked as a Sugar Miller. W & M Pumphrey Ltd. In Thornaby on Tees, County Durham.
- He had a residence in Preston Patrick Hall, Milnthorpe, Cumbria.
- He worked as a Hon. Secretary to local branch NSPCC in 1892-1904.
- He worked as a Clerk to Darlington MM in 1904-1912.
- He worked as a Treasurer of Northern Friends Peace Board in 1921.

10-**Aubyn Harrisson Pumphrey**<sup>17,22,42,63</sup> was born in 1892 in Stockton on Tees, County Durham and died on 23 Oct 1918 in Paris, France at age 26. The cause of his death was Pneumonia, following Influenza.

General Notes: PUMPHREY.-On 23rd October, 1918, at Paris, of pneumonia, while serving with the F.W.V.R., Aubyn Harrisson Pumphrey, of Stockton-on-Tees (1905-10), aged 26.-----  
AUBYN HARRISSON PUMPHREY (1905-10) volunteered in 1914 for the work of the Friends' War Victims' Relief Committee in France, working at hut building in Sermaize, then in the agricultural and in the motor departments, being one of those who helped amid the gas shells in evacuating invalids and refugees from Rheims. In 1917 the Mission undertook recon- struction work in the Somme area, and he was asked to take charge of a saw mill near Noyon, which was to prepare timber for the adjoining department of the Oise ; this he set up himself, and ran with the help of a scratch team of French workmen, sometimes snatching a few hours at week-ends to join on his motor cycle the neighbouring Mission Equipe at Ham, though often he stayed to repair machinery which was at work all the week. When the German advance came, in March, 1918, he was busy day and night helping the civilians to evacuate, falling back with the American Red Cross to Compile , and working without rest, having to drive his car for days together in a gas mask. He was later asked to take charge of the motors of a mobile hospital near the front, looking forward to return when the pressure was less to the purely civiUan work of the F. W. V.R.C. as soon as he was needed there. More than once he was urged to take his overdue leave, but he steadily refused ; he could not go, he said, while the need was so great. Worn out thus, he came up to Paris in October with the influenza fever upon him ; he had not strength to resist the pneumonia that developed, and passed away in the British hospital on October 23rd, 1918. Keen on his work and the ideals beyond it, unsparing of himself, and withal so chivalrous, courteous and modest, his memory shines bright in the hearts of his friends. T. E. H.

Noted events in his life were:

- He was educated at Bootham School in 1905-1910 in York, Yorkshire.
- He worked as an Apprentice Sugar Miller in Stockton on Tees, County Durham.
- He worked as a Member of the Friends War Victims Relief Committee in France.

10-**Kenneth Richardson Pumphrey**<sup>20,22,31,116</sup> was born in 1895 in Stockton on Tees, County Durham and died on 8 Feb 1964 at age 69.

General Notes: PUMPHREY.-On 8th February, 1964, Kenneth Richardson Pumphrey (1908-12), aged 68 years.

Noted events in his life were:

- He was educated at The Downs School in 1906-1908 in Colwall, Malvern, Herefordshire.
- He was educated at Bootham School in 1908-1912 in York, Yorkshire.
- He worked as a Farmer in Preston Patrick Hall, Milnthorpe, Cumbria.

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Kenneth married **Joan Corder**,<sup>20,22,31,117</sup> daughter of **Herbert Corder**<sup>4,117</sup> and **Mary Grace Dymond**,<sup>4,117</sup> on 12 Oct 1929. Joan was born on 1 Dec 1899 in 1 Carlton Terrace, Sunderland and died in 1981 at age 82. They had two children: **Rachel Harrisson** and **Jennifer Dymond**.

Marriage Notes: PUMPHREY-CORDER.-On October 12th, Kenneth Richardson Pumphrey (1908-12), to Joan Corder.

Noted events in their marriage were:

- They had a residence in Preston Patrick Hall, Milnthorpe, Cumbria.

11-**Rachel Harrisson Pumphrey**<sup>20</sup> was born on 10 Jul 1931 and died on 15 Feb 2011 at age 79.

General Notes: PUMPHREY.-On 10th July, to Joan and Kenneth R. Pumphrey (1908-12), a daughter.

Rachel married **Frank Anderson**.

### 11-Jennifer Dymond Pumphrey

Jennifer married **Stephen Moxon Armitage**, son of **Arthur Moxon Armitage** and **Edna Muriel Carr**, in 1966. Stephen was born on 25 May 1937 and died on 12 Nov 1999 in Cumbria at age 62. They had two children: **Emma Louise** and **Henry Pumphrey**.

Noted events in his life were:

- He was awarded with MInstCE.
- He worked as a Civil Engineer.

### 12-Dr. Emma Louise Armitage

Emma married **Dr. William P. Reynish**, son of **Tim Reynish**, in May 1998 in Kendal, Cumbria. William died on 13 May 2001 in Pyrenees, France. In a mountain accident.. They had one son: **Felix**.

General Notes: William Reynish arrived in the Department of Internal and Geriatrics Medicine in Toulouse on August 1, 2000. He came to us from Edinburgh, where he had completed his postgraduate training in internal medicine, and had begun enthusiastically to specialize in the field of geriatric medicine. One of the problems we face in geriatric medicine is the difficulty of attracting young and gifted researchers. William Reynish was one such individual. In the space of just 9 months in this department, he was able to complete a longitudinal follow-up study of some 400 patients with Alzheimer's disease; he also contributed to the production of six peer-reviewed publications, including an invited editorial in the journal Age and Ageing, as well as the review article in this issue, which explores potential relationships between nutritional factors and Alzheimer's disease (1).

The numerous qualities of William Reynish greatly impressed all his colleagues in Toulouse: this included his enthusiasm for work, his sensitive nature, his diverse interests, his exacting scientific rigor, and his superb clinical ability. His efforts allowed this department to secure a significant financial grant from the European Commission in order to establish the European Alzheimer's Disease Consortium.

William Reynish died in an accident on May 13, 2001, in the Pyrenees. His death is an immeasurable loss for the world of geriatric medicine and our ongoing struggle against Alzheimer's disease. We can only hope that others will be able to continue those tasks that he had decided to undertake with so much passion and skill. To his wife, Dr. Emma Armitage-Reynish, to his son, Felix, and to his family, we offer our deepest sympathy at this time of their tragic loss.

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Noted events in his life were:

- He worked as a Physician & Gerontologist in Toulouse, France.

### 13-Felix Reynish

### 12-Henry Pumphrey Armitage

10-**Christine Knight Pumphrey**<sup>22,31,34,67,118</sup> was born on 22 Dec 1900 in Stockton on Tees, County Durham and died in Sep 1984 in Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk at age 83.

Christine married **Basil Taylor**,<sup>22,31,34,67,118,119</sup> son of **Joseph Henry Taylor**<sup>22,99,120,121,122,123</sup> and **Gertrude Cash**,<sup>22,99,123</sup> on 7 Jun 1922 in FMH Preston Patrick, Cumbria. Basil was born on 25 Jul 1893 in Middlesbrough, Yorkshire and died on 25 Nov 1975 in Braintree, Essex at age 82. They had one son: **John Hilary**.

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Marriage Notes: TAYLOR-PUMPHREY.-On June 7th, at Preston Patrick, Westmoreland, Basil Taylor (1909-10), of Great Ayton, to Christine Knight Pumphrey, of Preston Patrick.

### SILVER WEDDING

Taylor-Pumphrey.— On 7th June, 1922, at Preston Patrick, Westmorland, Basil Taylor (1909-10), to Christine K. Pumphrey.

**GOLDEN WEDDING** TAYLOR-PUMPHREY.— On 7th June, 1922, at the Friends Meeting House, Preston Patrick, Westmorland, Basil Taylor (1909-10) to Christine Knight Pumphrey (The Mount 1915-18). (Rogers, Boxford, Colchester, Essex.)

General Notes: TAYLOR.-On 25th November, 1975, Basil Taylor (1909-10), aged 82 years.

Noted events in his life were:

- He was educated at Ackworth School in 1905-1909 in Pontefract, Yorkshire.
- He was educated at Bootham School in 1909-1910 in York, Yorkshire.
- He worked as an Insurance Broker in 1911-1916 in Middlesbrough, Yorkshire.
- Miscellaneous: Conscientious Objector, 1916-1919.
- He worked as an Insurance Broker in 1919-1924 in Middlesbrough, Yorkshire.
- He had a residence in Great Ayton, Yorkshire.
- He worked as a Fruit Farmer from 1925 in Hordle, Hampshire.
- He resided at Tiptoe Fruit Farm in 1935 in Hordle, Hampshire.
- He had a residence in Rogers, Boxford, Colchester, Essex.
- He worked as a Secretary and President of various Adult Schools.

### 11-John Hilary Taylor

9-**Charles Ernest Knight** was born on 14 Oct 1872 in Leeds, Yorkshire, died on 6 Nov 1937 at age 65, and was buried in FBG Adel, Leeds.

Noted events in his life were:

- He worked as a Shopkeeper of Ilkley & York.

Charles married **Winifred Halliwell**. They had one son: **Sidney Halliwell**.

### 10-Sidney Halliwell Knight

9-**Clara Knight** died in Died in Infancy.

9-**Kate Knight** died in Died in Infancy.

8-**Edwin Awmack**<sup>4,56,114</sup> was born on 3 Aug 1835 in York, Yorkshire, died on 1 Dec 1891 in New York, NY, USA. (11th given in AM) at age 56, and was buried in FBG Reading.

Noted events in his life were:

- He was educated at Ackworth School.
- He worked as a Hardwareman in Reading, Berkshire.

Edwin married **Mary Barritt**,<sup>4,114</sup> daughter of **Earn Barritt**<sup>4,114,124,125</sup> and **Elizabeth Whitehead**,<sup>4,124,125</sup> on 17 Jun 1863. Mary was born on 20 Jun 1841 in Latchingdon, Essex and died on 31 May 1891 in Reading, Berkshire at age 49. They had five children: **Florence Emily**, **Mary E.**, **Alice E.**, **Edwin Barritt**, and **Sidney Harold**.

9-**Florence Emily Awmack**<sup>22,98,126</sup> was born on 9 May 1864 in Reading, Berkshire and died on 17 Feb 1950 in Reading, Berkshire at age 85.

Florence married **Sylvanus Arthur Reynolds**,<sup>4,22,98,126,127,128,129</sup> son of **Arthur Reynolds**<sup>4,38,97,127,130</sup> and **Fanny Clark**,<sup>4,97,130</sup> about 1895. Sylvanus was born on 23 Jul 1863 in Bridport, Dorset and died on 25 Mar 1953 at age 89. They had five children: **Eleanor Mary**, **Margaret Awmack**, **Elizabeth Barritt**, **Reginald**, and **(No Given Name)**.

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General Notes: REYNOLDS.-On 25th March, 1953, Sylvanus Arthur Reynolds (1877-78), aged 89 years.

Noted events in his life were:

- He was educated at Sidcot School in 1872-1877 in Sidcot, Somerset.
- He was educated at Bootham School in 1877-1878 in York, Yorkshire.
- He had a residence in Street, Somerset.
- He worked as a Chartered Accountant.
- He resided at Oakdene, 73 Northcourt Avenue in 1935 in Reading, Berkshire.
- He worked as a Hon. Secretary of Sidcot OSA for some years.

10-**Eleanor Mary Reynolds**<sup>4,127,128</sup> was born on 6 Aug 1896 in Reading, Berkshire and died on 10 Feb 1969 in West Bay, Bridport, Dorset at age 72.

10-**Margaret Awmack Reynolds**<sup>4,127,128</sup> was born on 5 Aug 1898 in Reading, Berkshire and died on 21 Nov 1969 in Rochester, Kent at age 71.

Margaret married **Oliver Samson**. They had two children: **Elizabeth A.** and **Rosemary J.**

11-**Elizabeth A. Samson**

11-**Rosemary J. Samson**

10-**Elizabeth Barritt Reynolds**<sup>4,98,126,127</sup> was born on 25 Mar 1903 in Reading, Berkshire and died on 6 Apr 1915 in Sidcot, Winscombe, Somerset at age 12.

10-**Reginald Reynolds**<sup>4,127</sup> was born in 1905 and died in 1958 at age 53.

10-**Reynolds**

9-**Mary E. Awmack** was born in 1867 in Reading, Berkshire.

9-**Alice E. Awmack** was born in 1868 in Reading, Berkshire.

9-**Edwin Barritt Awmack** was born in 1870 in Reading, Berkshire.

9-**Sidney Harold Awmack**<sup>22,62</sup> was born in 1877 in Reading, Berkshire.

Noted events in his life were:

- He was educated at Bootham School in 1893-1894 in York, Yorkshire.
- He worked as a Wholesale and retail fancy goods, china, glass, cutlery and hardware merchant in Reading, Berkshire.

Sidney married **Flora Frances Corp**. They had one son: **Harold Edwin George**.

10-**Harold Edwin George Awmack** was born in 1903 and died in 1950 in Berkshire at age 47.

7-**Hannah Dixon**<sup>101</sup> was born on 3 Sep 1797 in Stockton on Tees, County Durham and died on 11 Nov 1877 in Darlington, County Durham at age 80.

Noted events in her life were:

- She was educated at York Quarterly Meeting, Girls School. (Later became The Mount School) in 1810-1814 in York, Yorkshire.

7-**Sarah Dixon** was born on 2 Dec 1798 in Norton Mill, Stockton on Tees, County Durham, died on 16 Jan 1799 in Norton Mill, Stockton on Tees, County Durham, and was buried on 18 Jan 1799 in Norton Mill, Stockton on Tees, County Durham.

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7-**Joseph Dixon** was born on 22 Oct 1800 in Norton Mill, Stockton on Tees, County Durham and died on 16 Mar 1844 at age 43.

Noted events in his life were:

- He worked as a Flax Heckler in Duke Street, Whitechapel, London.

Joseph married **Catherine Ann Ridley**. They had one son: **Joseph**.

8-**Joseph Dixon** was born in 1835.

7-**Margaret Dixon**<sup>131</sup> was born on 20 Sep 1803 in Norton Mill, Stockton on Tees, County Durham and died on 9 May 1870 in Darlington, County Durham (19th also given) at age 66.

7-**William Dixon** was born on 27 Feb 1809 in Norton Mill, Stockton on Tees, County Durham, died on 25 Dec 1888 in London at age 79, and was buried in Abney Park Cemetery, Stoke Newington, London.

Noted events in his life were:

- He worked as a Cabinet Maker of London. Lute player.

William married **Sarah Ann Ridsdale** on 25 Dec 1837 in York, Yorkshire. Sarah was born on 13 Mar 1814 in Howden, Yorkshire, died on 9 Nov 1888 at age 74, and was buried in Abney Park Cemetery, Stoke Newington, London. They had ten children: **William Ridsdale, Benjamin, Sarah Ann, Margaret, Eliza, Hannah Maria, Charlotte, Henry, Emily, and Sarah Jane**.

Noted events in her life were:

- She worked as an of Hull.

8-**William Ridsdale Dixon** was born on 20 Sep 1838 in London, died on 3 Dec 1897 in Highbury New Park, London. at age 59, and was buried in Highgate Cemetery.

Noted events in his life were:

- He worked as a Builder of London.

William married **Harriet Lucy Moore**.

8-**Benjamin Dixon** was born on 1 Aug 1840 in London.

Noted events in his life were:

- He worked as a Perfumer of 27 Queen Elizabeth Walk, Stoke Newington.

Benjamin married **Clara Still**, daughter of **Still** and **Simpson**.

8-**Sarah Ann Dixon** was born on 7 Apr 1842 and died in Died in Infancy.

8-**Margaret Dixon** was born on 18 Jan 1844.

Margaret married **Charles Cleare**.

8-**Eliza Dixon** was born on 1 Jan 1846 and died in Died in Infancy.

8-**Hannah Maria Dixon** was born on 7 Nov 1847.

Hannah married **William Hibbard**.

8-**Charlotte Dixon** was born on 3 Oct 1849 and died in Died in Infancy.

8-**Henry Dixon** was born on 14 Aug 1851 and died on 18 May 1894 at age 42.

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Noted events in his life were:

- He worked as a Jeweller of London.

Henry married **Anna Maria Swales**.

8-**Emily Dixon** was born on 25 Oct 1853.

Emily married **John Doran**.

8-**Sarah Jane Dixon** was born on 27 Feb 1856 and died in Died in Infancy.

7-**Simpson Dixon** was born on 18 Mar 1812 in Norton Mill, Stockton on Tees, County Durham and died in 1869 in London at age 57.

Noted events in his life were:

- He had a residence after 1837 in London.

Simpson married **Emma Lindsay** on 26 Jul 1840 in London. Emma died on 3 Dec 1877 in London. They had one daughter: **Elizabeth**.

8-**Elizabeth Dixon** was born on 10 Jun 1842 and died in 1892 in Morocco at age 50.

Noted events in her life were:

- She worked as a Schoolmistress.

### 6-\_\_\_\_\_ **Dixon**

4-**Joshua Dixon** was born in 1702 in Raby, Staindrop, County Durham.

Noted events in his life were:

- He worked as a Quaker Minister.

Joshua married **Hannah Parking** in 1729. Hannah was born in 1696 and died in 1776 at age 80.

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