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## EARLY PERRENS IN WILTSHIRE

(variations in spelling — Beren, Berrum, Hannam, Parram, Parren, Parrin, Peram, Perem, Peren, Periam, Periem, Perim, Perin, Pering, Perion, Peron, Perram, Perran, Perren, Perriem, Perrim, Perrin, Perring, Perrum, Perryn, Peryn, Pirren)

Our Perren line has been traced back to the Wiltshire village of Allington, known as both Allington by Amesbury and Allington near Porton. It is also probable that there were links with other Perren families living in the nearby villages of Amesbury, Porton, Idmiston, and Newton Toney. However, as the existing Allington church registers only date back to 1655, further research has not been possible.

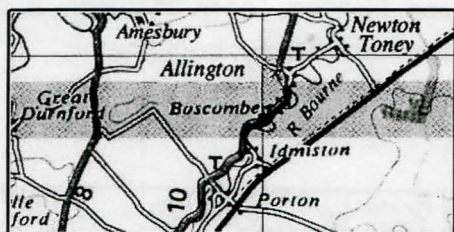
### South Wiltshire and North Hampshire



The above map shows the villages where the Perrens are known to have lived.

## RICHARD PERREN

It has not been possible to ascertain where the marriage of Richard and Mary Perren took place. The Phillimore Marriage Register Index states that the earliest Register of Marriages for Allington by Amesbury still in existence begins with an entry dated 11th April 1664, although this volume has the date 1598 on the cover. However, the few remaining Bishop's Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry record an additional seven Marriages between 1623 and 1636.



The International Genealogical Index lists baptisms for four children born to Richard and Mary Perren in Allington by Amesbury— **Marmaduke** 1656, **Anne** 1665, **Gilbert** 1669, and **Joan** in 1672. We learn from the will of widowed Mary Perren in 1710 that she and Richard also had another two daughters; one of whom was the wife of William Blake, and the other was Anne the wife of John Butler. The first of the children born to John and Anne Butler was baptised in Allington, but the other six children were baptised in Amesbury.

Mary Perren's will, which described her as "Widow of Amsbury" bequeathed twenty shillings each to her sons Marmaduke and Gilbert, and her married daughters Anne Bishop and Joan Blake. Her granddaughter Elizabeth Butler was to receive £20 "*and my apanel and Such houshold goods as I dy possit of Exsept a Bed which is my Son Gilberts*". The other nine grandchildren were to receive legacies in varying specified amounts ranging from 5 shillings to £5 each.

## GILBERT PERREN

The family line continues with Gilbert Perren baptised 1669, son of Richard and Mary, who married Anne Moore in Allington in 1696. The Phillimore Marriage Register Index states that this marriage was amongst *the first 20 entries in the earliest surviving Marriage Register for Allington by Amesbury, which were recorded in Latin by Nathanael Forster, Rector*. Gilbert and Anne's six children were also baptised at Allington — **Mary** 1697, **Gilbert** 1698, **Richard** 1700, **Anne** 1701, **Duke** 1703, and **James** in 1705.



Two of their sons, Gilbert and Richard later moved a little further south in Wiltshire to the parish of Downton. Gilbert died intestate in Bodenhams, parish of Downton, in 1761, and his brother Richard was appointed Administrator of his estate.

The villiage of Downton in Wiltshire is a large parish just north of the New Forest and very close to the Hampshire border. The parish includes the hamlets of Bodenhams, Charlton and Redlynch.

## RICHARD PERREN

Richard, who was baptised in 1700 the son of Gilbert and Anne, married Jane ... Baptisms of seven of their ten children are listed in the parish register of Downton — **Richard** 1726, **Richard** 1727, **Jane** 1728, **James** 1730/1, **Elizabeth** 1733, **James** 1735, and **John** 1742/3. No baptism entries have been found for their other three children — **Ann**, **Nanny** (also known as Ann), and **William**. The burial register for Downton lists their eldest child Richard being buried in 1726/7, their daughter Ann being buried in 1739, and their son Richard being buried in 1749. It is assumed that their son James born 1730/1 also died young.

## JAMES PERREN

James Perren was baptised on 10th December 1767, the fifth of eleven children born to James Perren and Elizabeth née Kimber. He married Mary Wort in Downton, on 18th August 1789. The couple were non-conformist and ten of their eleven children were baptised at South Lane Particular Baptist Church in Downton **James** 1789, **Sally** 1794, **John** 1796, **Stephen** 1798, **Elizabeth** 1800, **Lydia** 1801, **Sydney** 1803, **Mary Ann** 1806, **Henry** 1808, and **Jane** 1812. There was no baptism entry for their eldest daughter **Sarah**. Their eldest child James was additionally baptised at the Parish Church five days after the Baptist ceremony.

His will dated 6th April 1823, stated that he was a carpenter, and gave detailed instructions as to how his possessions were to be distributed. His daughters Lydia and Jane were to jointly inherit the dwelling house and woodhouse and 14 rod of land. Lydia was to inherit *"the bed that she lieth upon"*, and Jane was to inherit *"the bed that I lieth upon and the Clock"*.

His son James was to inherit *"the Land that is wher the well is it is to com from the Road Leading to hamptworth in Line with the frunt of the Dwelling house ..... and thurty pounds of the money that is left me of Mr John Kimber to Bild him a house upon the land"*. He was also to inherit *"the bed that he Lieth upon with the bed and bedsteed and beding .... and a biding place with my Daughter Lydia and my Daughter Jane Perren as long as he shall Bide Peaceable or is Convenseny"*.

The rest of the land was to be divided, as specified, amongst his children — John, Stephen, Sidney, Henry, and his married daughter, Sarah Brenton. Money was also to be invested for his children who were under age.

His son John, then living at New Sarum [Salisbury], left an unwitnessed testamentary paper dated 14th November 1837, which was proved as a will in February 1838. This will gave detailed instructions for his burial *"in the Church yard at Downton wher all my kindred lie. That Messrs. Beacher, Parker, Eastman, P. Moore, S. Moore, and Grace be the Bearers. That Mr. Adams be respectfully requested to attend and superintend the funeral. That the shell be stout and pitched throughout and filled up with dry saw dust, and a stout coffin covered with black cloth. That I may not be kept many days after death. That Messrs. Beacher & Parker be paid 3/6 each as a remuneration for the loss of a day's work. Mr. Barry has consented to the loan of his cart to convey my body to the King's Arms near the Church, wher it will be drawn in, to wait the appointed time to meet the clergyman at the Church Hatch, the bearers to be refreshed at the King's Arms. That the Bearers return to my house and be refreshed before they separate. That the Church fees be paid by Mr. Adams. I wish that the Bearers each have a pair of gloves. Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. Cobden to have each a pair of Gloves and a Bonnet with a small silk Hankef.*

*Mrs. Perren to have the bed, bedding and furniture, the night table, 4 blue chairs, round mahogany table, small oval teatray, tea cups and saucers, cups, silver table and tea spoons. A tidy coffin the colour of the wood to be provided at her decease"*.

## WILLIAM PERREN

William Perren was baptised on 11th January 1775 in Downton, Wilts, the eighth of eleven children born to James Perren and Elizabeth née Kimber. His elder brother James inherited all the property owned by his father, and William appears to have been in a far less wealthy position.

On 11th October 1795 William married Sarah Eldridge in Downton, Wiltshire. William's occupation was that of a labourer, and it appears that the couple left Downton after their marriage. There are no

From the Letters of Administration relating to his brother Gilbert, dated 16th June 1761, we know that Richard was a shepherd. Richard was appointed Administrator of his brother's estate and bound "*to make or cause to be made a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said Deceased ... before the last day of September next ensuing ... And further do make or cause to be made a true and just Accompt of his said Administration at or before the last Day of June 1762 if req.*". If these were not carried out, then the sum of "*Seven hundred pounds of good and lawfull Money of Great Britain*" would have to be paid to the Archdeaconry of Sarum [Salisbury].

Richard was buried in Downton on 23rd January 1772, and his will dated 11th January 1772, stated that he was a labourer from Charlton in the parish of Downton. His wife Jane was appointed executrix, and was to inherit "*all my fether beds beds quilts rugs blankts shets pilows. and all his wearing aparell and I give two my wife all my other hoiuse goods and furnicher to have and in joye after my decease and I give and bequeath two my wife the thirds being my part in the housh at Lorgoshul Late my Brother Gilbert Perem*". After Jane's decease, all the goods were to pass to his youngest child, John, who was also a shepherd. The other five of his children were to inherit one shilling each, namely — Jane Moody, James, Elizabeth Gould\*, Ann Luce\*, and William. [\*These surnames were spelt Gold and Lewis in the Downton marriage register].

## JAMES PERREN

James Perren was baptised in Downton, Wiltshire on 16th April 1735, the sixth of ten children born to Richard and Jane Perren. By the time of his marriage, James was the eldest surviving male child.

On 17th February 1761, James Perren married Elizabeth (Betty) Kimber in Downton. James and Elizabeth had eleven children, of whom all but the youngest are shown in the baptismal register for Downton — **Nanny** 1762, **Richard** 1763, **Betty** 1764, **Sarah** 1766, **James** 1767, **John** 1770, **Mary** 1771, **William** 1775, **Katherine** 1777, **Thomas** 1782, and **Stephen** (died infant 1790).

James' will dated 20th March 1804, gave his occupation as Yeoman of Redlynch within the parish of Downton, and stated that his wife Elizabeth was to inherit his possessions, and property as follows — "*all that my Messuage or Tenement Garden orchard piece of land and premises now in my own occupation situate and being at Redlynch aforesaid with the appurtenances together with one other Messuage or Tenement Garden and premises therunto adjoining now in the occupation of John Woodley with the appurtenance*". The John Woodley referred to in the will was the husband of James' daughter Betty.

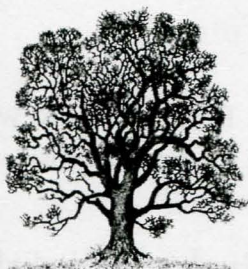
The will also made provision that if his wife "*should at any time or times hereafter be reduced to want by sickness or misfortunes then that my said Son Thomas Perren and his Heirs do pay unto his Mother the said Elizabeth Perren the Sum of Two Shillings and Six Pence per week during her life*". After his wife's death, his son Thomas was to inherit the property.

His wife Elizabeth died in 1806, and her will dated 1st February, described her as widow of Redlynch within the Parish of Downton. Bequests were made to "*my Granddaughter Sarah Perren the Daughter of my Son James Perren my Sett of blue and white China and as to the Residue and Remainder of my Estate and Effectts after The Payment of my just Debts, my Funeral Expences and the Charges of proveing this my last Will and Testament I give devise and bequeath the same and every Part thereof unto my Son James Perren*".

baptismal entries in Downton for any of their children, but there is a burial entry for **Joseph** buried infant 1803 son of William and Sarah. There are baptismal entries for two of their children in the register for Landford in Wiltshire: **Sarah** Pirren 1802, and **Elizabeth Eldridge** Perren 1809. Their daughter **Mary** was baptised in Bramshaw in Hampshire in 1814.

William and Sarah had a son called **William** born circa 1812 but it is not known where he was born. When this son marries in 1835 he is described as William Perren of Romsey, but we were unable to find a christening entry for him in Romsey.

William is shown as a widower on the 1851 Census (and no wife is shown on the 1841 Census). It is not known when his wife Sarah died, but there is no likely record of a death at St. Catherine's House from the start of records in mid 1837 to 1841, so it is assumed she must have died before civil registration records started.



On both the 1841 Census and the 1851 Census, William is listed, living with his married son William and family, in Bramshaw, Hampshire. Bramshaw is situated on the northern edge of the New Forest, which is still one of the largest areas of open land in the south of England, covering 145 square miles. It was created in 1079 as a royal hunting ground for William the Conqueror, but took on a new importance from the 17th century as a source of timber for England's growing navy. William's occupation is given as woodman on the 1841 census, when he was aged 66, but as a retired woodman on the 1851 Census. The Wiltshire/Hampshire county boundary runs through Bramshaw, and William stated, incorrectly, on the Census that he was born in Hampshire whereas he had been born in Wiltshire.

The 1852 Hampshire Trade Directory described Bramshaw as *"a village 6 miles west of Redbridge station*



*81 from London 7 south-west of Romsey station 5 north-west of Lyndhurst and 11 from Southampton. The population is about 700; the principal part are employed in agriculture. The church, a small neat edifice, situated on the northern extremity of the village, on an acclivity partially obscured with trees, is an ancient building with square brick tower, windows neatly glazed and painted, and mantled with ivy. The living is in the gift of the Dean and Chapter of Salisbury, the incumbent is the Rev. Mark Cooper, A.M. There is a small Wesleyan chapel and a Baptist chapel; also a Free school. Sir Henry Poulett is lord of the manor".*

William was buried on 24th November 1856, aged 81 years, at Bramshaw, having died at the New Forest Union Workhouse. This Workhouse (built 1725) was situated at Ashley in the parish of Ringwood. Deaths of inmates in the Workhouse would appear in the Ringwood burial registers, but obviously the Perren family had made provision for their father to be returned to Bramshaw for his burial.

## WILLIAM PERRIN

It is not known where he was born, but he was born circa 1812, the son of William Perrin and Sarah née Eldridge. He had an elder brother Joseph Perrin who died as an infant, two older sisters Sarah Pirren and Elizabeth Eldridge Perren, and a younger sister Mary Perrin. His occupation was initially shown as a labourer, but from from 1841 he is listed as a woodman of the New Forest.

On 10th March 1835 he married Sophia Whitehorn at Bramshaw Parish Church, in Hampshire (New Forest). William Perren is described as being of Romsey, and Sophia Whitehorn as being of the parish of Bramshaw. The marriage witnesses were James Barter and Ann Barter. Neither the bride or groom, or the witnesses were able to sign their names. William and Sophia had 9 children, all christened in Bramshaw

WILLIAM	bapt. 30th July	1837
JOHN	bapt. 21st April	1839 (born 20th March 1839)
SOPHIA	bapt. 10th January	1841
ANN	bapt. 1st May	1842
ELIZA	bapt. 1st October	1844
SARAH	bapt. 4th May	1845
SIDNEY	bapt. 7th October	1847 (PRIVATE BAPTISM*)
MARY	bapt. 6th January	1850
ELIZABETH	bapt. 6th February	1853

[\* A private baptism was one conducted in the house and not in the church. Private baptisms were sometimes favoured by wealthy families, but otherwise could indicate that the infant was considered frail with a short life expectancy.]

The family appear on the 1841 and 1851 censuses for Bramshaw. Their eldest daughter Sophia died in Bramshaw in 1850. We know they are still in Bramshaw in 1853 for the christening of their daughter Elizabeth. William's father, William Perrin, was buried in Bramshaw in 1856, having died aged 81 at the New Forest Union Workhouse.

By 1861 the whole family have moved to the Isle of Wight. On the 1861 Census, William and Sophia and three of their children, William, Mary, and Elizabeth, are living at 20 Clarence Road in Whippingham.

The Isle of Wight Tithe map of 1840 shows that the only buildings in the area which became Clarence Road were two little cottages in a field near the present School Hill. The town had not expanded southwards, the river bank being close to the present Clarence Road, and arable and pastureland extended beyond this point. The purchase of Osborne by Queen Victoria in 1845 began a new era in the history of East Cowes. By the 1860s there had been some development on the eastern side and southern end of Clarence Road but it was not until the mud had been reclaimed that shipbuilding sheds were erected on the river side of the road. A Bible Christian Chapel was built in Clarence Road in 1859, and new National Schools were built in Clarence Road in 1861.

East Cowes had its own gasworks from the 1840s to the mid 1950s which was situated in Clarence Road opposite the junction with Yarborough and Osborne Roads. There was an acrid smell from the Retort House, and it made the surrounding area grimy. When his daughter married in 1867, William gave his occupation as Assistant at a Gas House — it is not known whether he ever worked at the gasworks at East Cowes, or whether he had already moved to Shanklin by 1867 and was working at the gasworks there.

The 1861 Census shows William is working as a brickyard labourer, and his eldest son William is described as a brickmaker's labourer. In 1866 his second eldest son, John, described himself as a brickmaker. East Cowes Park Brickworks were situated south of Clarence Road, on the river side of Kingston Road between Minerva Road and the Cemetery.

Elizabeth, their youngest daughter, died in 1863 and is buried in the churchyard at Whippingham. The other daughters were doubtless working in domestic service, and Ann is shown on the 1861 Census as working as a housemaid for a family in Northwood.

The first of their children to marry was their second eldest son, John, who married Ellen Stallard in Chale in 1865. Eliza married Isaac Draper, an agricultural labourer in 1866; Sarah married George Titheradge, a solicitor's clerk in 1867; Mary married John Power, a soldier in 1872; Sydney married Mary Dunkinson in 1873. Ann married Thomas Dyer in 1873 — his occupation was originally a commercial carrier, and later the toll gate collector in Chale. The only surviving grown-up child for whom a marriage has not been found is their eldest son William.

Although neither William nor Sophia were able to sign their names when they married in 1835, they both signed their names as witnesses to the marriage of their daughter Sarah in 1867.

William and Sophia appear on the 1871 Census for Clarendon Road, Shanklin, when his age is given as 56 and hers as 53 (some inaccuracies in ages are quite common in the early census returns, especially when the people concerned were illiterate). They also give their place of birth as Bramshaw — but in fact this is only where they married and where all their children were christened. They have a boarder living with them, Blanch Titheradge, aged 14 who was born in Portsmouth. William and Sophia's daughter Sarah married George Titheradge in 1867 in Northwood.

In Nikolaus Pevsner's book "The Buildings of England" there is a description of Shanklin — "*The old church and the manor house lie nearly half a mile away from the C19 centre, which is the centre of Shanklin as a seaside resort. The beginnings of this development were late. In 1846 Lord Jeffery still wrote "The village is very small and scatterry." In 1855 there were still mostly thatched cottages and low picturesque villas. The railway reached Shanklin in 1862. The Esplanade was built about 1865. Development down there was only one row deep. Behind rose the steep cliff. The lift was originally built in 1891*".

William's occupation is given as labourer on the 1871 census. His occupation when his daughter Sarah married in 1867 is given as assistant at Gas House; he may well have worked for the gasworks in Landguard Road, Shanklin — construction of which started shortly after February 1865, and was almost completed by the end of the year. With the opening of the railway line from Ryde to Shanklin in 1864, there was rapid expansion in the size of Shanklin which was originally only a small village, there would have been plenty of work available for a labourer in Shanklin during the 1860s and 1870s.

William died aged 67, on 16th November 1879, in Chale. He is described as labourer to a gas company. The cause of death was extreme general debility, and typhoid fever 20 days. The death was registered on 18th November 1879 by T. Dyer, son-in-law, present at the death, Chale.

## SOPHIA WHITEHORN

She was christened on 23rd January 1814 as *Sophia* — *illegitimate daughter of Leah Whitehorn, abode Minstead, occupation Labourer*. Minstead's 13th century church, with its rubble-and-daub walls and gabled windows looks more like a row of cottages. Inside are a triple-decker pulpit, a double row of galleries, and a pew fireplace. Her father may have been Thomas Whitehorn. In the Minstead parish registers there are baptismal entries for eight children born to Thomas and Leah Whitehorn — George 30th January 1814, Thomas 1816, George 1817, Charlotte 1821, Robert 1823, James 1826, Ann 1828 and Jane 1833. The baptism entry for George is only seven days after that of Sophia, and although no marriage entry has been found for Leah and Thomas she may have been his common-law wife.

Sophia Whitehorn married William Perren in 1835 and had nine children — all details as for William Perren above. She is shown on the 1841 and 1851 Censuses for Bramshaw, Hampshire, on the 1861 Census for 20 Clarence Road, Whippingham, and on the 1871 Census for Clarendon Road, Shanklin. The 1851 Census gives her occupation as woodman's wife, and the 1871 Census lists her as labourer's wife, which indicates that a percentage of her time was spent helping her husband in his work.

She died aged 66, on 28th July 1880 on the Isle of Wight, in The Workhouse, Carisbrooke of paralysis a year after her husband. On the Isle of Wight, the only hospital facilities were in the Workhouse, so a death there does not necessarily indicate straitened circumstances. Her death was registered by Sarah Rackett.

## CHILDREN OF WILLIAM & SOPHIA PERREN

### WILLIAM PERREN

William Perren was baptised on 30th July 1837 in Bramshaw, Hampshire, the eldest of nine children born to William Perren and Sophia née Whitehorn. He appears on the 1841 Census for Bramshaw aged 5 years, and on the 1851 Census for Bramshaw described as aged 13 and a woodman. By 1861 the family had moved to the Isle of Wight, and he appears on the Census with his parents, at 20 Clarence Road, East Cowes, when he is listed as aged 24 and a Brickmakers's labourer (and incorrectly shown as nephew, probably due to a transcription error by the enumerator).

William is not shown on the 1881 Census for the Isle of Wight and may be living on the mainland at that time.

**JOHN PERREN born 1839 — see separate notes**

### SOPHIA PERREN

Sophia was baptised on 10th January 1841 in Bramshaw, Hampshire, the third of nine children born to William Perren and Sophia née Whitehorn. The 1841 Census lists her as a baby aged 7 months. She was buried in Bramshaw on 11th April 1850 aged 9 years.

### ANN PERREN

Ann was baptised on 1st May 1842 in Bramshaw, Hampshire, the fourth of nine children born to William Perren and Sophia née Whitehorn. She is listed on the 1851 Census for Hill Cottage, Bramshaw, and is described as a scholar aged 9 years. By 1861 the family had moved to the Isle of Wight, and she is listed as a housemaid, aged 20 and unmarried, in the household of William Whaler, sculptor and builder, and his six children.

On 7th July 1873 she married at the Isle of Wight Register Office

THOMAS DYER 30 bachelor comr. carrier Shorwell

father — William Dyer, farm labourer

ANN PERRIN 29 spinster Shanklin

father — William Perrin, gen. labourer

Witnesses: Edward Hawker and Ellen White

On the 1881 Census, Thomas and Ann are listed living at the Toll Gate in Chale. Thomas, described as a cripple, is the Toll Gate Collector, and Ann is described as Collector's wife.

## ELIZA PERREN

Eliza was baptised on 1st October 1844 in Bramshaw, Hampshire, the fifth of nine children born to William Perren and Sophia née Whitehorn. She is listed on the 1851 Census for Hill Cottage, Bramshaw, as a scholar aged 7 years. By 1861 the family had moved to the Isle of Wight, and Eliza, aged 19 and unmarried, is listed at 11 Carvel Lane, Northwood, working as a domestic servant for Mrs. Ann Perry, a lodging house keeper. Eliza's brother Sidney is also working there as an errand boy.

She married on 10th October 1866 at Arreton Parish Church

ISAAC DRAPER 24 bachelor labourer Arreton

father — William Draper, labourer

ELIZA PERRIN 23 spinster Perreton (farm in parish of Arreton)

father — William Perrin, labourer

Witnesses: Jhon Peern [sic] and Harriet Butcher

By 1871 Isaac and Eliza Draper are living at Shorwell. Isaac is described on the Census as an agricultural labourer, and their daughter Harriet is 4 years old. On the 1881 Census, the family are living at Poplar Cottage, Shorwell, together with their children George W. aged 9, Elizabeth aged 6, Fanny aged 5, Harry aged 3, and Ellen aged 7 months.

## SARAH PERREN

Sarah was baptised on 4th May 1845 in Bramshaw, Hampshire, the sixth of nine children born to William Perren and Sophia née Whitehorn. She is listed on the 1851 Census for Hill Cottage, Bramshaw as a scholar aged 5 years. On 11th December 1867 she married at Northwood

GEORGE TITHERADGE 38 widower solicitor's clerk Northwood

father — Christopher Titheradge, Inspector of Dock Yards

SARAH PERREN 28 spinster Northwood

father — William Perren, assistant at Gas House

Witnesses: William Perren and Sophia Perren

There is no entry for George or Sarah Titheradge on the 1881 Census for Isle of Wight

## SIDNEY PERREN

Sidney was baptised on 7th October 1847 in Bramshaw, Hampshire, the seventh of nine children born to William Perren and Sophia née Whitehorn. He is listed on the 1851 Census for Hill Cottage, Bramshaw, aged 2 years. By 1861 the family had moved to the Isle of Wight, and Sidney is listed on the Census at 11 Carvel Lane, Northwood. He is described as 14, unmarried, and working as an errand boy for Mrs. Ann Perry, a lodging house keeper. His older sister Eliza is working as a domestic servant at the same address. On the 1871 Census he is listed as a lodger in the household of David Snelling, a smith by trade. Sidney is described as 23, unmarried, and a mason's labourer.

On 1st June 1873 he married at Ryde Parish Church

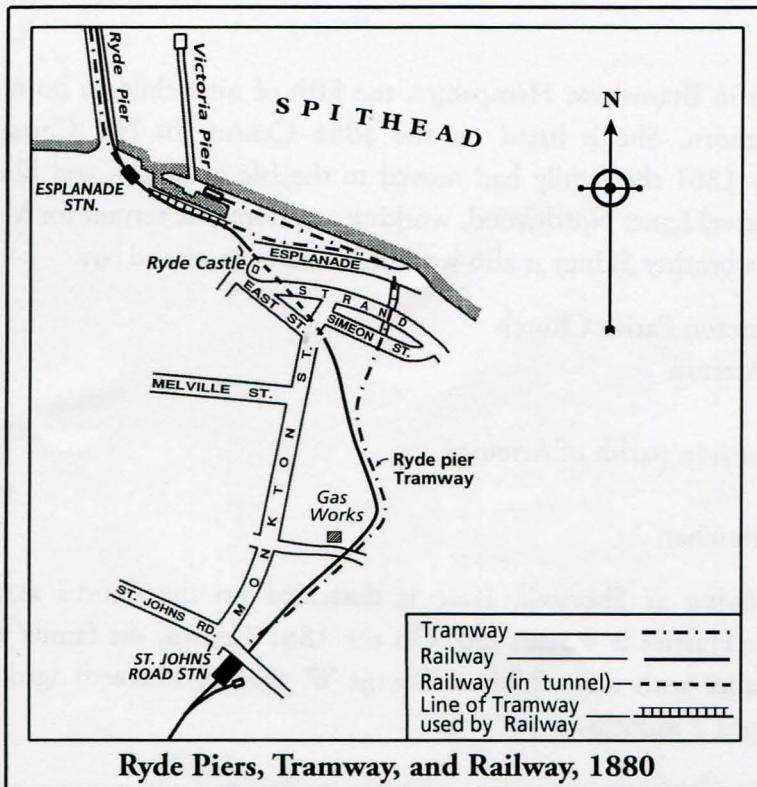
SYDNEY PERRIN Full bachelor labourer Ryde

father — William Perrin, labourer

MARY DUNKINSON Full spinster Ryde

father — John Dunkinson, labourer

Witnesses: George Prashell and Mary Power



Sidney and Mary's daughter Louisa Sophia was baptised at Ryde All Saints on 30th November 1873, and their daughter Ellen was baptised at Ryde Holy Trinity on 2nd November 1879. Sidney is described at a labourer on both of these entries, and as living at 9 Surrey Street on the latter. On the 1881 Census the family are living at Gass Lane, near Monkton Street, in East Ryde. Sidney is now working as a Plate Layer on the Isle of Wight Railway. The Census lists their daughters Louise aged 7, Elizabeth aged 6, and Ellen aged 19 months. The 1891 Census lists the family at 22 Monkton Street, with Sidney still working as a Plate Layer. Their daughter Ellen, now aged 12, is still living at home. Their daughter Elizabeth, now aged 17, is

working as a general servant for the Daish family at 279 Melville Street in Ryde. Louisa Sophia Perren, their eldest daughter married Walter Vardy at Ryde Holy Trinity Church on 26th August 1897.

In 1888 the Isle of Wight Trade Directory lists Sidney Perrin at 22 Monkton Street, and in 1895 the entry reads "apartments", 22 Monkton Street. Sidney Perren died aged 50 in the Isle of Wight in the March quarter 1898. His wife Mary is listed in the Trade Directories for 1900 and 1908 living at 3 Surrey Street in Ryde. Mary Perren died aged 78 in the Isle of Wight in the September quarter 1922.

## MARY PERREN

Mary was baptised on 6th January 1850 in Bramshaw, Hampshire, the eighth of nine children born to William Perren and Sophia née Whitehorn. She is listed on the 1851 Census for Hill Cottage, Bramshaw, aged 1 year. By 1861 the family had moved to the Isle of Wight, and Mary is listed, aged 11, living with her parents at 20 Clarence Road, East Cowes.

On the 27th November 1872 she married at St. Saviours Church, Shanklin

JOHN POWER 30 bachelor soldier St. Saviours, Shanklin

father — Nicholas Power, farmer

MARY PERREN 23 spinster St. Saviours, Shanklin

father — William Perren, labourer

Witnesses: Sydney Perren and Mary Dunkinson

There is no entry for either John or Mary Power on the 1881 Census for Isle of Wight.

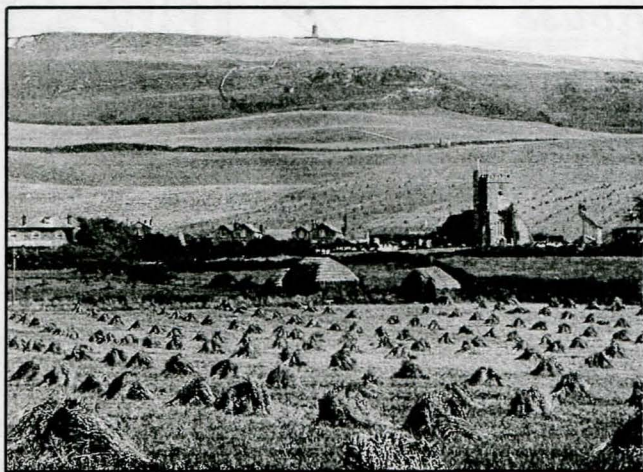
## ELIZABETH PERREN

Elizabeth was baptised on 6th February 1853 in Bramshaw, Hampshire, the youngest of nine children born to William Perren and Sophia née Whitehorn. By 1861 the family had moved to the Isle of Wight and she is listed on the Census, aged 8, a scholar, living with her parents at 20 Clarence Road, East Cowes. She was buried at Whippingham churchyard on 15th December 1863 aged 11 years.

## JOHN PERREN

He was born on 20th March 1839 in Bramshaw, Hampshire, and baptised on 21st April 1839 in Bramshaw Parish Church in Hampshire, the second of nine children born to William Perren, woodman, and Sophia née Whitehorn.

John Perren appears on the 1841 Census for Bramshaw aged 3 years, and on the 1851 census for Hill Cottage, Bramshaw when he is listed as 12 years old and a woodman.



St. Andrew Church from the south west

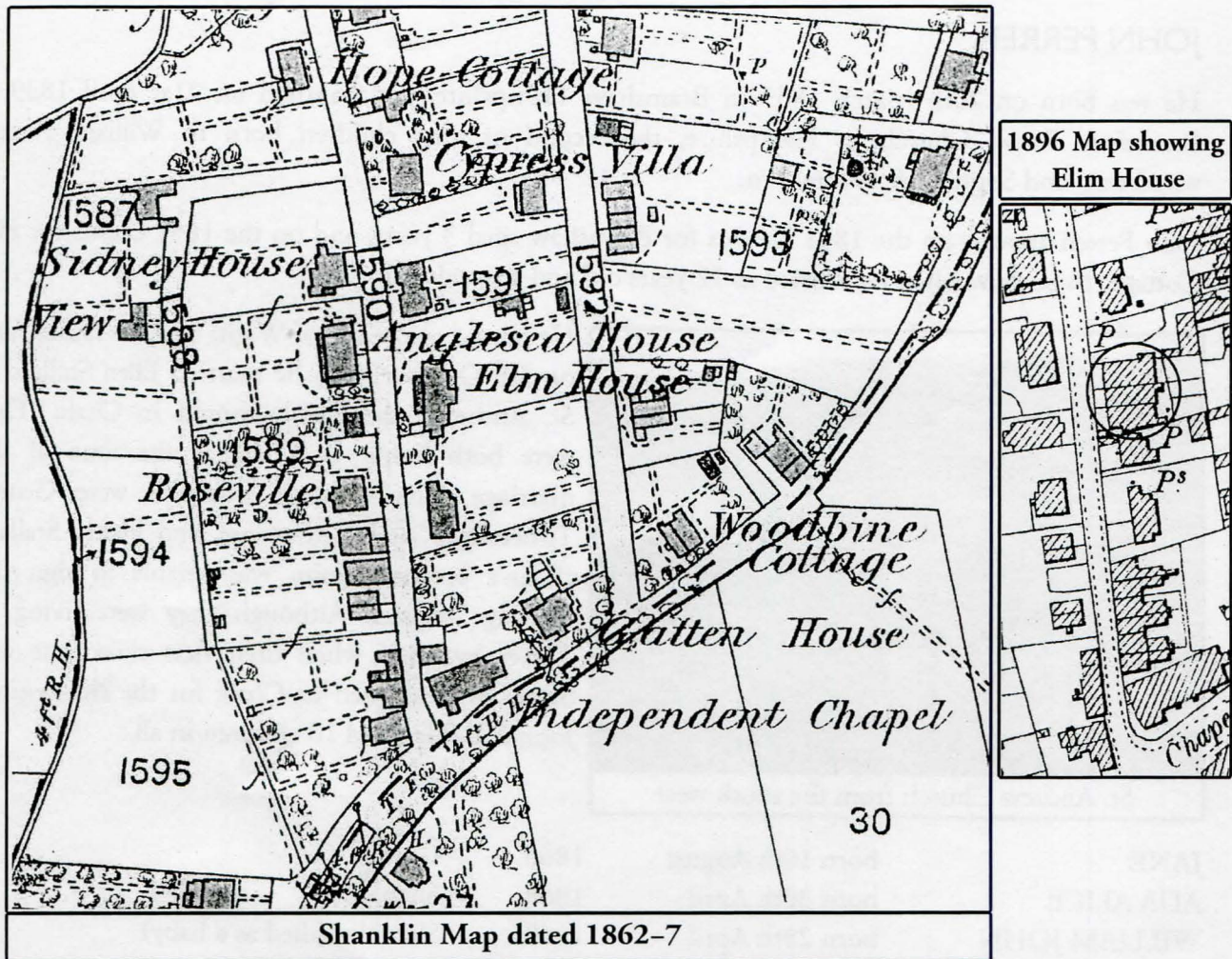
He moved to the Isle of Wight with his family, and on 5th October 1865 he married Ellen Stallard at St. Andrews, the parish church in Chale. They were both living in Chale at the time of the marriage. The marriage witnesses were George Titheradge, Sarah Titheradge, and Henry Stallard (Ellen's brother). John was unable to sign the marriage register. Although they were living in Cowes by 1866 when their first child Jane was born, they returned to Chale for the christening. John and Ellen had 10 children in all.

JANE	born 10th August	1866	Cowes
ADA ALICE	born 30th April	1868	Shanklin
WILLIAM JOHN	born 29th April	1869	Shanklin (died as a baby)
MINNIE ELLEN	born 5th October	1870	Shanklin
ANNIE LOUISA	born 2nd December	1871	Shanklin
HARRY	born 20th July	1873	Shanklin
NELLIE	born 17th September	1876	Shanklin
JOHN	born 8th October	1878	Shanklin
JULIA ELIZABETH	born 9th January	1882	Shanklin
GEORGE HERBERT	born 31st January	1889	Shanklin

In the christening entry for his eldest child Jane at Chale Church, his occupation is given as brick-maker of Cowes. It is known that his father William, and brother William, both living in Clarence Road, East Cowes, were also brick-makers, presumably at the nearby East Cowes Brickworks.

John, Ellen and the family are shown on the 1871 Census for Landguard Road, Shanklin, when John is described as aged 32 and a baker. On the 1881 Census for Landguard Road he is listed as aged 42 and a general labourer. On the 1891 Census for Landguard Road he is described as aged 51 and a gardener.

John registered the birth of his daughter Julia Elizabeth in 1882 but was still unable to sign his name. He appears to have done a number of jobs — general labourer, gardener, labourer and baker. Their daughter Nellie and husband Thomas emigrated to Canada. Their other daughters all went into domestic service. Their sons, John and Harry were butchers, whilst George Herbert was an upholsterer.



It has been suggested that the family house at 25 Landguard Road, Shanklin (now demolished) was itself used as a bakery. This house situated in what is now called Landguard Road, was known by the family as Elim House. However, as shown on the above map, an earlier house on the site was referred to as Elm House. There are also inconsistencies in Trade Directories for 25 Landguard Road — some giving the spelling as Elm House and others as Elim House.



Ellen's parents, Levi and John Stallard, and four of her younger brothers and sisters, were also living at Elim House by 1871, having moved there from Chale Green.

John died on 15th February 1907 apparently of a heart attack. His widow Ellen was afterwards said to have remarked "he should never have been up that tree". He was buried on 20th February 1907 in Shanklin Cemetery Plot J 1272, (the same as his wife Ellen who died in 1930). There is no memorial stone on the grave. This photograph of John and Ellen Perren was taken in the garden behind Elim House.

## Children of John Perren and Ellen née Stallard

### JANE PERREN (known as Jin)

Jane Perren was born on 10th August 1866 in Cowes, the eldest of ten children born to John Perren and Ellen née Stallard. She was baptised at Chale on 30th September 1866 — *PERREN Jane, daughter of John & Ellen of Cowes, brickmaker.*



The 1871 Census for Landguard Road, Shanklin lists Jane as a scholar, aged 5. There was little choice of employment and, like her sisters and most girls of the time, she went into domestic service after leaving school. On the 1881 Census, she is shown, aged 14, still living at home in Landguard Road, Shanklin and working as a domestic servant. On the 1891 Census, Jin is shown, aged 24, as a living-in servant. She was working, at a house called St. Peters in Hill Street near the Railway Station in Sandown, as a parlourmaid for a solicitor, James Wooldridge and his wife, who also employed a housekeeper and a housemaid. This picture shows Jin as a bridesmaid at her sister Nellie's wedding in 1900.

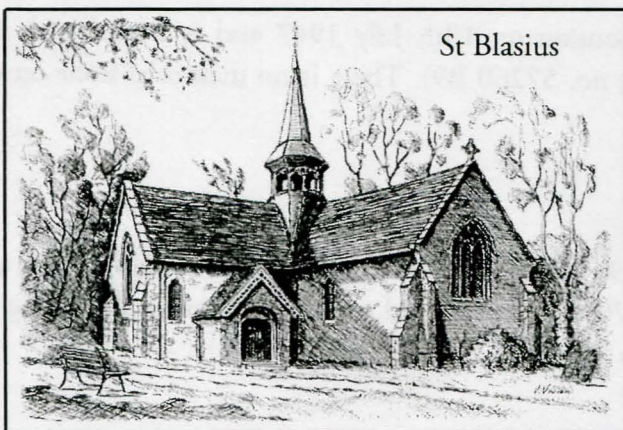
Jane was a witness for her sister Nellie's wedding in 1900. In later years Jin and her mother took in visitors during the summer months, but they never cooked on a Sunday. The family attended church three times on a Sunday — morning, afternoon and evening. Jin's niece Min Lauterwasser remembered that when staying there she was not even allowed to knit on a Sunday.

Of the girls in the family, Jin was the most old-fashioned. Her sister Ada's son Jack Lauterwasser remembered that when he was on holiday on the Island in 1935, when people were starting to dress in a much more casual way e.g. men wearing shorts, his auntie Jin joined him on the beach wearing a long black skirt, high-necked blouse, and black hat. Jin did not marry.

She died on the 23rd February 1952 at 25 Landguard Road, Shanklin, and her death was registered by her widowed sister Julia Elizabeth Dilks who was living with her. On her death certificate she is shown as a Housekeeper (domestic). The funeral service was held at St. Paul's Church in Regent Street, Shanklin. She is buried in Shanklin Cemetery Plot R 4458. There is no memorial stone on her grave.

### ADA ALICE PERREN

Ada Alice Perren was born on 30th April 1868 in Shanklin, the second of ten children born to John Perren and Ellen née Stallard. She was christened at St. Blasius Church in Shanklin on 28th June 1868:



*PERRIN Ada Alice, daughter of John & Ellen of Gatten, labourer.* Ada is shown on the 1871 Census for Landguard Road, Shanklin, aged 3 years.

On the 1881 Census she is the only one of the children not living with their parents at Landguard Road — she is listed, aged 12 years, as living at Warren Villa in Queens Road, Shanklin, as under-housemaid, one of three servants working for a widowed lady, Mrs. Henrietta Ley, and her three adult unmarried daughters.



The 1891 Census shows Ada living at 150 High Street, Ryde, together with her sister Nellie, both working as servants for a young draper Arthur Hill, other members of his family who were also employed in the business, and three draper's assistants.

This picture of Ada was probably taken about 1890 (the photographer, Frank Nicholls, High Street, Shanklin, was in business from at least 1880 onwards). Her future husband Johann Jakob Lauterwasser is known to have worked at the Ocean Hotel, Sandown, which Nikolaus Pevsner described in his book "The Buildings of England" as "*Probably the best individual building in Sandown*".

On 25th February 1902 Ada and Johann Jakob married at Southwark Register Office, London. The marriage witnesses were E. Lauterwasser (her husband's sister-in-law Emily), and P.C. Hammond. Their address at the time of marriage was 253 Waterloo Road, Southwark. This is where their first child **Charles Edward** was born on 30th March 1902.

By 1903 the family had moved to 1 Clarks Buildings, off St. Giles High Street, where Johann now ran a general store. Their 3 other children were born here — **John Jacob** on 19th June 1904; **Ida Jane** (who died 3rd September 1906 aged 7½ months and is buried in Hendon Park Cemetery Plot no. 7649 D10); and **Wilhelmina Carolina** born 20th June 1909.

In 1911 the family moved to 48 Old Street where Johann now ran a sausage and mash shop. In 1916 Johann, a German national, was interned in Alexandra Palace as a German prisoner, and he was compulsorily re-patriated to Germany at the beginning of 1917. Ada continued to run the sausage and mash shop for a time with the help of her sister Julia Elizabeth (Bett) who came up from the Isle of Wight. Eventually it became difficult to get supplies, the shop was sold, and Ada and the children moved to various furnished rooms in the Highbury Barn area of North London — initially at 84 Kelvin Road, London N.5. Ada went out to work as a cook in a house in Highbury New Park.

By 1923 when her husband returned from Germany, they were living at 15 Highbury Park. However, after about a year, Ada and her husband decided to live apart. She and the children eventually found a flat in the Drayton Park area; this was subsequently found to be condemned, and they were re-housed by the Council at 37 Goldie House, Hazelville Hill, London.

In the early 1940s she lived for a short while with her married son Charles in Hillrise Road, Islington, and subsequently had a rented room in Hornsey Rise Gardens close to her son, daughter in law Grace, and grandson Bernard.

Ada died at the North Middlesex Hospital in London on 13th July 1947 and is buried with her husband at Hendon Park Cemetery, London (plot no. 57260 B9). There is no memorial stone on the grave.

## WILLIAM JOHN PERREN

William John Perren was born on 29th April 1869, the third of ten children born to John Perren and Ellen née Stallard. He died on 5th November 1870, and was buried on 8th November at Brading — the parish register entry reads "*William John Perren of Shanklin aged 18 months*".

## MINNIE ELLEN PERREN (known as Min)

Minnie Ellen was born on 5th October 1870 in Shanklin, the fourth of ten children born to John Perren and Ellen née Stallard. She was christened at St. Saviour Church in Shanklin on 27th November 1870 — *PERRIN Minnie Ellen daughter of John & Ellen of Gatten, baker.*



Min is shown on both the 1871 and 1881 Censuses for Landguard Road, Shanklin, and was a witness for the marriage of her sister, Julia Elizabeth in 1908. She did not marry and like her sisters she was in domestic service — her death certificate shows her occupation as cook (domestic).

She died at Elim House, Landguard Road, Shanklin, on 3rd July 1926. Her death was registered by her brother Harry Perren who was living at 9 Oatlands, Garfield Road, Shanklin and is buried in Shanklin Cemetery Plot J 1174 (the same as her sister Annie Louisa). There is no memorial stone on her grave.

The calendar book entry at Somerset House gives the following entry regarding the Letters of Administration granted on her estate “*PERREN Minnie Ellen of Elim House Landguard-road Shanklin Isle of Wight spinster died 3 July 1926 Administration Winchester 7 September to Ellen Perren widow Effects £141 7s.*”

## ANNIE LOUISA PERREN

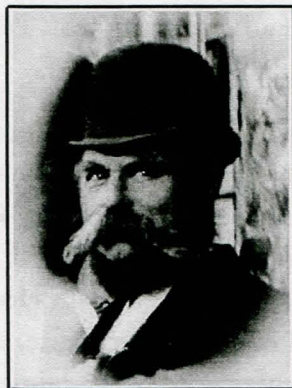
Annie Louisa Perren was born on 2nd December 1871 in Shanklin, the fifth of ten children born to John Perren and Ellen née Stallard. She was christened at Christ Church Sandown on 4th February 1872 — *PERRIN Annie Louise, daughter of John & Ellen of Gatten, Baker.*

Annie is shown on the 1881 Census for Landguard Road, Shanklin. She did not marry, and her occupation was not given on her death certificate.

She died on 18th March 1903 at Elim House, Landguard Road, Shanklin, and her death was registered by her aunt, Julia Stallard living at Elim House. She was buried at Shanklin Cemetery on 23rd March 1903 Plot J 1174 (the same as her sister Minnie Ellen). There is no memorial stone on her grave.

## HARRY PERREN

Harry Perren was born 20th July 1873 in Shanklin, the sixth of ten children born to John Perren and Ellen née Stallard. He was christened at Christ Church Sandown on 10th August 1873 — *PERREN Harry, son of John & Ellen of Gatten, Baker.*



He is shown, aged 6, on the 1881 census for the family home in Landguard Road, Shanklin as a scholar. On the 1891 census for Landguard Road, when aged 18, his occupation is given as butcher's assistant. Later documents describe him as a butcher (journeyman). This picture was taken at his sister Nellie's wedding in 1900.

Harry is believed to have served in the Boer War, but we have been unable to trace his attestation and discharge papers. His nephew, Jack Lauterwasser, remembers that he lost an eye in action, and later had a glass eye. Harry may have been treated in the Frank James Hospital in East Cowes which was utilised as a Convalescent Home for invalided soldiers from the South African War.

He married Mabel Annie Burt [who had been baptised at Shanklin on 5th October 1873, the daughter of Henry and Harriet Burt of Shanklin, mason]. The marriage took place on 25th July 1910 at the I.o.W. Register Office, and the witnesses were his married sister Julia Elizabeth Lee and her husband William Lee [whose real name was subsequently found to be Herbert Dilks].

Isle of Wight Directories for the 1920s and 1930s list his address as 9 Oatlands, Garfield Road, Shanklin. He is not shown under the Trade section indicating that he did not run his own business. Harry and Mabel appear not to have any children, however, Harry's nephew, Jack Lauterwasser, believed they had a daughter called Cath.

Harry was buried on 16th January 1941 in Shanklin Cemetery, Plot No. P 3723 [the same as his wife Mabel Annie — she was buried 25th January 1956]. There is no memorial stone on his grave.

## NELLIE PERREN

Nellie Perren was born on 17th September 1876 in Shanklin, the seventh of ten children born to John Perren and Ellen Stallard. She was christened at Christ Church Sandown on 5th November 1876 — *PERREN Nelly daughter of John & Ellen of Gatten, Labourer.*

She is shown on the 1881 Census, aged 4, living with her parents in Landguard Road, Shanklin. The 1891 Census shows Nellie living at 150 High Street, Ryde, together with her sister Ada, both working as servants for a young draper Arthur Hill, other members of his family who were also employed in the business, and three draper's assistants.



On 1st October 1900 she married Thomas George Bannister at St. Paul's Church in Regent Street, Shanklin. The marriage witnesses were her sister Jane Perren, and William Henry Bannister. Her husband was a grocer from Ventnor. A family wedding photograph was taken beside the family home in Landguard Road, Shanklin. Nellie and Thomas emigrated to Canada, and by 1908 her husband was working for a grocer's shop in Winnipeg, Manitoba. They are believed to have had 2 children — **May** and **Eva**. Nellie died in Winnipeg, Canada aged 82 years, on 16th August 1959, Chapel Lawn Memorial Gardens, 4000 Portage Ave., Winnipeg, Manitoba R3K OV7.

[Full details of her life in Canada are shown in the file for Thomas George Bannister].

## JOHN PERREN (known as Jack)

John Perren was born on 8th October 1878 in Shanklin, the eighth of ten children born to John Perren and Ellen née Stallard. It is not known where he was christened but it may have been at St. Pauls Church in Regent Street, Shanklin whose records were destroyed by bombing in World War II.



He is shown on the 1881 Census, aged 2, living with his parents in Landguard Road, Shanklin, and on the 1891 Census, aged 10, as a scholar. He became a butcher — killing cattle in the slaughter house, and selling meat from a cart. On 23rd April 1900 he married Agnes May Herbert [who had been baptised at All Saints, Ryde on 29th October 1875, the daughter of Fanny and William Henry Herbert, cab driver]. The marriage took place at the I.o.W. Register Office, and the witnesses were Alice Maud Mary Boyce, and Henry Boyce. At the time of the marriage, Agnes May was living at St. Avens, Sandown.

John and Agnes May had two children, **Elsie May** born 25th November 1902, and **May Alice Selina** born 23rd May 1904, both of whom were christened at St. John the Evangelist Church in Sandown. The Isle of Wight Directory for 1904 gives his address as 3 Cross Street, Sandown. The 1910 Directory lists him living at 3 Garfield Road, Shanklin. The Directories for 1912 and 1914 show him at 7 Oatlands, Garfield Road, Shanklin.

He died on 14th September 1916, and was buried on the 16th September 1916 at Shanklin Cemetery, Plot J 1404. There is no memorial stone on his grave. His nephew, Jack Lauterwasser, believed that he was treated in St. Thomas's Hospital, London, following an operation for the removal of gall-stones, but it is known that his death was registered in the Isle of Wight.



His widow Agnes May subsequently re-married in the Stourbridge registration district near Birmingham, in the June quarter of 1926. Her second husband, a widower, was George Vallender who was born about 1870 the son of William Vallender, engine driver, and Fanny née Toogood. His parents had married at St. Thomas Church in Ryde on 25th December 1870 but no baptism has been found for George at the Isle of Wight Record Office.

George Vallender is shown on the 1881 Census for St. Helens living with his parents and brothers and sisters. By 1891 George had married Emily J. ... and they are shown on the Census as living at 21 Upper St Johns Road, Ryde, with George, aged 20, listed as a locomotive cleaner [the same occupation as his brother William Oliver]. It is known that George became an engine driver, like his father, working on the Island's steam trains. We do not know whether George and Emily had any children, although no baptisms are listed up to 1900 at the Isle of Wight Record Office, nor the date of Emily's death.

Agnes and George lived at Ryde, together with Agnes' daughter Elsie May Perren until Elsie's marriage in April 1927. George died on the Island in the March quarter of 1960 aged 88. Agnes May died in the March quarter 1963 at Rowley Regis registration district near Birmingham aged 87.

## JULIA ELIZABETH PERREN (known as Bett)

Julia Elizabeth Perren was born on 9th January 1882 in Landguard Road, Shanklin, the ninth of ten children born to John Perren and Ellen née Stallard. It is not known where she was christened but it



may have been have been at St. Paul's Church in Regent Street, Shanklin whose records were destroyed by bombing in World War II. The 1891 Census lists her, aged 8, living with her parents at Landguard Road. This picture shows Bett as a bridesmaid at her sister Nellie's wedding in 1900,

On 24th August 1908 she married William Lee [whose name was subsequently found to be Herbert Dilks] at the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel in Freshwater. Her husband was a gunner in the Royal Garrison Artillery, who had fought in the Boer War, and was now based at Golden Hill Fort in Freshwater. Her address at the time of marriage was Valentine Mount, Freshwater Bay. The marriage witnesses were her brother George Perren, and sister Minnie Ellen Perren. [In 1931, the marriage certificate was officially amended to show her husband's real name of Herbert Dilks]. She was a witness for the marriage of her brother Harry Perren in 1910.

Bett's husband, Herbert, had left the Army shortly after their marriage. He re-enlisted at the beginning of World War I, giving Bett as his next of kin, and stating that her address was 1 Eastern Terrace, Milford-on-Sea.

In 1917 she went up to London to help her sister Ada whose husband had been interned as a German prisoner of war. Together they managed to keep the sausage and mash shop in Old Street running until it became too difficult to obtain supplies. After Herbert left the Army, the couple lived in London in Victoria Street, where he worked as a caretaker and lift attendant in a block of offices; Bett helped by doing some cleaning in the same block. After Herbert retired, the couple returned to the Isle of Wight in order to look after her unmarried sister Jane, who was not well, in the family house in Landguard Road. Bett and Herbert did not have any children.

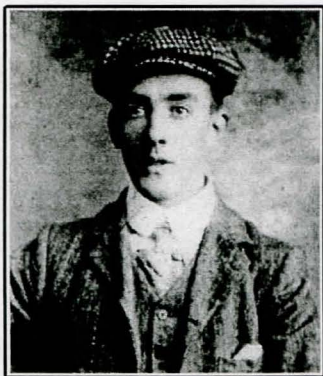
Herbert died at Landguard Road. Bett continued to live in Landguard Road with her sister until her sister's death. She subsequently moved to 19 The Medeway in Lake, near Sandown.

She died on 22nd February 1962, and her death was registered by her nephew Charles Lawter (the son of her sister Ada) of 11 Rathcoole Avenue, London N8. The funeral service was held at Lake Methodist Church by the Rev. Robinson. She is buried in Shanklin Cemetery Plot P 3745 (the same as her husband Herbert). There is no memorial stone on her grave.

The calendar book at Somerset House gives the following entry regarding her estate "*DILKS or DILKES Julia Elizabeth of 19 The Medeway Lake Sandown Isle of Wight widow died 22 February 1962 Administration (with will) London 31 July to Charles Edward Lawter journeyman carpenter Effects £139 11s. 2d*".

## GEORGE HERBERT PERREN

George Herbert Perren was born on 31st January 1885, the last of ten children born to John Perren and Ellen née Stallard. It is not known where he was christened but it may have been at St. Paul's Church in Regent Street, Shanklin whose records were destroyed by bombing in World War II.



The 1891 Census lists him, aged 6, living with his parents at Landguard Road, Shanklin. He was a witness to the marriage of his sister Julia Elizabeth in 1908. His occupation was upholsterer (journeyman), and he is listed in the 1924 and 1933 Cowes Street Directories as Herbert Perren living at 23 Albert Street. In the 1935 Directory he is listed as living at 56 Albert Street.

George Herbert died at 56 Albert Street, Cowes on 24th May 1935 and his death was registered by his sister-in-law Laura E. Walker, 2 Heathside, Albert Road, Shanklin. He is buried in Northwood Cemetery in the Isle of Wight, plot. no. 8888, concreted section.



## BANNISTER

### GEORGE HENRY BANNISTER

George Henry Bannister was born in 1841 in Godshill, Isle of Wight, the son of Henry and Jane Bannister. He appears on the 1861 Census for Havens Bush, Ventnor living with his parents and his six brothers and sisters. His occupation was then given as agricultural labourer. He married Ellen Fanny Fenn (born Aylesbury, Herts) in December quarter 1864 in the Berkhamstead registration district.

On the 1871 Census he is shown living with his wife, and two children, at 21 West Street Ventnor. His occupation was then listed as stonemason. By 1881 the family were living at Steephill Farm just outside Ventnor, and he was listed as a builder. This Census shows all four of his children — Mary Lucy (also known as Polly), William Henry, Thomas George, and Albert Francis Bannister. The family were still living at Steephill Farm in 1891, with George Henry listed as a builder & contractor on the census.

He was buried at Ventnor cemetery 15th March 1915 in Plot F-919. His wife was buried in the same grave on 8th April 1916, aged 74.

### THOMAS GEORGE BANNISTER



Thomas George Bannister was born on 4th September 1874 at 21 West Street, Ventnor, the third of four children born to George Henry Bannister, builder and mason, and Ellen Fanny née Fenn. His father was born to a large family in Ventnor, and several of his aunts and uncles remained in Ventnor. Bannister is a fairly common Isle of Wight name. Both the 1881 and 1891 censuses show the family living at Steephill Farm near St. Lawrence. On the 1891 census, then aged 16, Thomas' occupation is shown as a clerk in a wine merchant's office. At the time of his marriage in 1900 his occupation is given as grocer.

On the 1st October 1900 he married Nellie Perren at St. Paul's Church, Regent Street, Shanklin. Marriage witnesses were William Henry Bannister (Thomas' brother) and Jane Perren (Nellie's sister). The above picture has been extracted from the wedding photograph which was taken at Landguard Road, Shanklin beside Nellie's family house. This photograph shows Nellie's parents and her brothers and sisters. It is also believed to show Thomas' parents, and his brothers and sister.

Thomas and Nellie emigrated to Canada after their marriage, but the date of their departure is not known. The boat trip to Canada would have taken between 27 and 32 days. It is not known whether they had a job lined up in Canada before they emigrated, but the Canadian authorities advertised in the Isle of Wight newspapers of the time encouraging emigration.

By 1908 Thomas Bannister was working as a clerk for W.H. Stone a large grocers with its main store at 648 Main Street, and from 1923 until his retirement in 1955 he worked as a clerk with Hardy & Buchanan who were very well established grocers. Thomas and Nellie lived at several addresses in Winnipeg.

The couple are known to have had two daughters — **May** Bannister and **Eva** Bannister. May Bannister worked as a clerk for Milton's Bakers in 1912, and as a clerk with W.H. Stone from 1913 to 1917. A Miss M. Bannister is listed in 1918 as a nurse in the General Hospital. Eva Bannister worked as a clerk for the Hudson's Bay Co. from 1923 to 1935.

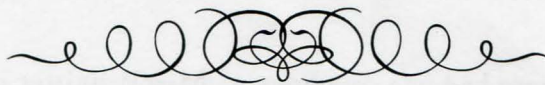
Thomas retired in 1955. His wife Nellie died on the 16th August 1959, aged 82 years. Thomas died in Winnipeg, Canada aged 94 years on 1st January 1969 — Chapel Lawn Memorial Gardens, 4000 Portage Ave., Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3K OV7.

### Henderson's Directory, Winnipeg — BANNISTER entries

1906	Two T. BANNISTERS — employed by Canadian National Railway				
1908	Thomas G.	BANNISTER	Clerk	W.H. Stone	650 Main Street
1909	Thomas G.	BANNISTER	Clerk	W.H. Stone	578 Dudley
1912	Thomas G.	BANNISTER	Clerk	W.H. Stone	843 Carlaw
1912	May	BANNISTER	Clerk	Milton's Bakers	843 Carlaw
1913	Thomas G.	BANNISTER	Clerk	W.H. Stone	843 Carlaw
1913	May	BANNISTER	Clerk	W.H. Stone	843 Carlaw
1913	J.G.	BANNISTER	Shipper	W.H. Stone	843 Carlaw
1914	J.G.	BANNISTER — no longer listed			
1916	Thomas G.	BANNISTER		W.H. Stone	10-650 Main Street
1918	Thomas G.	BANNISTER		W.H. Stone	10-650 Main Street
1918	May*	BANNISTER — no longer listed			
1920	Thomas G.	BANNISTER		W.H. Stone	843 Carter
1923	Thomas G.	BANNISTER	Clerk	Hardy & Buchanan	843 Carter
1923	Eva	BANNISTER	Clerk	Hudson's Bay Co.	843 Carter
1923-30	Thomas G.	BANNISTER	Clerk	Hardy & Buchanan	843 Carter
1923-30	Eva	BANNISTER	Clerk	Hudson's Bay Co.	843 Carter
1935	Eva	BANNISTER — no longer listed			
1950**	Nellie	BANNISTER			843 Carter
1955	Thomas G.	BANNISTER	Retires		785 Hector
1955	Nellie	BANNISTER — no longer listed			
1965	Thomas G.	BANNISTER	Personal Care Home		123 Mayfair
1968	Thomas G.	BANNISTER	Personal Care Home		123 Mayfair
1969	Thomas G.	BANNISTER — no longer listed			

\* May Bannister — no listings in directory after 1917 but a Miss M. Bannister is listed in 1918 as Nurse in General Hospital

\*\* In 1950 the Directory began listing spouses.



## DILKS

### GEORGE DILKS

George Dilks was born c.1851, in Sandiacre, Derbyshire, the eldest son of Mary and William Dilks, an agricultural labourer. On the 1861 Census, aged 10, he is listed as an iron ticker. George married Elizabeth Nadin at the Parish Church in Nottingham on 21st August 1870:

GEORGE DILKS\*, 20, Bachelor, labourer, Wollaton Street

Father: William Dilks, dec., labourer

ELIZABETH NADIN, 23, spinster, Wollaton Street

Father: Elias Nadin, labourer

Witnesses: John Benson\* and Elizabeth Dilks\* (\* unable to sign names)

Elizabeth Nadin, who was born c.1849 in Sandiacre, was the eldest child of Elizabeth and Elias Nadin, listed as an iron maine filler.

By the time of the Census in 1871, George and Elizabeth are listed as living with George's widowed mother in Ilkeston, together with George's younger brothers and sisters. However, it appears that on the Census day, Elizabeth was in fact visiting her parents in Sandiacre, as she is also listed there, with her 3 month old daughter Emma.

### HERBERT DILKS alias WILLIAM LEE

He was born on 2nd March 1872 at Sandiacre, Derby. the son of George Dilks, labourer, and Elizabeth Dilks née Nadin. Herbert's mother died in December quarter 1878 when he was six years old. On the 1881 Census, Herbert then aged 9 is listed incorrectly as Herbert Nadin and is shown living with his grandparents, Elias and Elizabeth Nadin, at Barbadoes, Sandiacre. His older sister Emma is listed as living with her father and widowed grandmother, in Stanton, Derbyshire.

Another of the several families who lived in Barbadoes, were the Lee family. It is not known if they were related to either the Dilks or Nadins, but Jane and Henry Lee, a miner, had five sons of a similar age to Herbert, namely, Henry, Thomas, William, Hedley, and Edwin. Also living in Sandiacre were an older married couple, Edward and Hannah Lee.

Herbert Dilks joined the Army in 1890 when he was 18, giving his current occupation as labourer in the iron trade. He was described as being 5ft. 9¾in. tall, weighing 146 lbs., and being of fresh complexion with brown eyes and dark brown hair. His religious denomination was Wesleyan. He enlisted with the 3rd Battalion of the Grenadier Guards at Derby, and served three years with them. The Regimental Archivist for the Grenadier Guards described Herbert as "having a hectic time" with the Regiment. His Army record lists a number of offences such as — *Drunk in the Barrack room ... Fighting in the Barrack room ... Playing cards in a Barrack room ... Wilfully missed swabbing ... Missed paying an extra parade ... Bad order for Battelion parade ... Not having his shirt repaired when ordered ... Attempting to deceive an Officer ... Telling his Pay Sergt. a falsehood ... Wilfully missing showing articles ... Being continually idle and dirty ... Not having his trousers repaired when ordered.* In March 1893 he was transferred to the Class B Reserve, but was finally struck off for absence on 1st October 1896.

At some period between March 1893 and October 1896, Herbert appears to have taken on the alias of William Lee. A photograph of him in Army uniform, taken in Aldershot, has been identified by the National Army Museum, and corroborated by the Grenadier Guards Archivist, as probably showing a

private in the Army Service Corps c.1895. It would appear that he served with them whilst on the Reserve List of the Grenadier Guards, and that the regimental number 4335 quoted in the Army documents relating to his alias of William Lee, refers to this period of service.

In October 1896, a fortnight after being struck off the Reserve List by the Grenadier Guards, Herbert enlisted with the Royal Artillery at Bury. His current occupation was given as labourer, but he now stated that his name was William Lee who had been born in 1875 in Stanton, Derbyshire, that his father was Edward Lee, labourer, and that his next of kin were his elder brother Healy Lee [sic Hedley?], and younger brother Thomas Lee. It is not known whether he assumed the persona of a real person who had perhaps died, or whether his new details were entirely fictitious.

He was posted to the Royal Artillery Depot at Seaforth, near Liverpool, on 19th October 1896, when he was described as being 5ft 9¾ inches tall, and weighing 146 lbs. The following year he was posted to the 39th Company, and spent nine months with them before being posted abroad.

On the 29th October 1897 he embarked on the S.S. "Spartan" for service with the 22nd Company in Jamaica. He spent four years there, moving several times between the towns of Port Royal, and Newcastle, and once in service at Greenwich Ridge. During his stay, he was admitted six times into the R.U. Hospital there, suffering from different fevers, and on one occasion from an injury to his elbow, incurred off duty, which a Board of Inquiry feared might incapacitate him from further Army service.

Leaving Kingston, Jamaica on 20th December 1901, he embarked on the S.S. "Sicilia" for South Africa, arriving in Durban on 20th January 1902, where he served as a gunner in the Boer War, gaining the Queen's South Africa Medal (inscribed No. 16804 GNR. W. LEE 63RD CoY R.G.A.). The Royal Garrison Artillery manned the Heavy and Light (Mountain) guns in the Field Army and also the fixed guns of the Coast Defence forts. The 63rd Company operated in South Africa as a Heavy Battery, armed with the 4.7 inch gun, or the 6 inch howitzer.

A photograph of Herbert taken in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, has been identified by the National Army Museum as showing him in an *"undress uniform consisting of a blue wool serge frock (with an unofficial pocket on the left breast). The pillbox cap, though discarded by the infantry in 1868, was retained by the Royal Artillery until 1902"*. Another photograph of Herbert, showing him in dress uniform wearing his Queen's South Africa Medal, must have been taken between 1902 and 1905, as the peakless cap he is wearing, known as a Broderick, was only issued between these years.

After nine months in South Africa, in September 1902, he left in the hired transport S.S. "Sardinia" for Malta, where prisoners from the Boer War had been guarded by Militia Regiments. Herbert served for three years in Malta, deciding in March 1904 to extend his Army Service to cover a period of 12 years. During this time, he spent another two occasions in hospital for severe eczema and fever.



Returning from Malta to England in September 1905, he was then stationed with the 33rd Company at Golden Hill Fort, Freshwater in the Isle of Wight (one of the Palmerston fortifications completed in 1867) manning the heavy coast defence guns, being discharged from the Army after this first period of Engagement on the 16th October 1908, as a Royal Garrison Artillery Reservist. Photographs exist of Herbert in three different Royal Garrison Artillery uniforms. The first shows him in the tropical dress of the R.G.A. with three inverted chevrons on the lower left sleeve which signify Long Service/Good Conduct "Stripes". Another shows him in the "walking-out"

dress of the R.G.A. (this uniform has a belt slung diagonally across the chest with pouches on it). The last photograph shows Herbert in the working dress of the R.G.A. The medal ribbon seen in the photographs is that of the Queen's South Africa Medal. It is thought by the Royal Artillery Historical Trust that these photographs were taken in the period 1902–1910.

Just before completing his Army service, on 24th August 1908, Herbert (but still using the name William Lee) married Julia Elizabeth Perren at the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, Freshwater. She was then living at Valentine Mount, Freshwater Bay. Marriage witnesses were Julia's brother George Perren, and her sister Minnie Ellen Perren. Later, in 1910, Herbert (still using the alias William Lee) was a witness, with his wife Julia, to the marriage of Julia's brother Harry Perren in the Isle of Wight.

At the beginning of World War 1, Herbert (still known as William Lee), was called up for re-enlistment with the Royal Garrison Artillery. He enlisted at Lymington, and was attested at Brockenhurst on 27th October 1914, giving his current occupation as carman, and age as 39 years 7 months. He was now described as having brown eyes, grey hair, and weighing 168 lbs., his next of kin being his wife Julia Elizabeth who was then living at 1 Eastern Terrace, Milford-on-Sea.

Herbert was posted initially to Fort Rowner, Gosport on 27th October 1914, and four days later to R.G.A. Portsmouth Western. One month later, he was posted on to the 33rd Company at Golden Hill Fort on the Isle of Wight, where he stayed for eighteen months. In May 1916 he was posted to Woolwich, and after joining the 10th A.A. Company, and receiving Anti-Aircraft training, embarked for Egypt on 13th September 1917.

Arriving in Alexandria on 27th September, he served initially for one month with the 120th A.A. Company, and was then posted to the 103rd Company, with whom he stayed, before embarking on the H.T. "Indirra" on the 30th January 1919, for demobilization in England. In recognition of his World War I service, he was awarded the British War, and Victory Medals both inscribed No. 279335 GNR W. LEE R.G.A.

He was demobilized at Wimbledon on the 23rd March 1919, giving his permanent address as 15 Highbury Park, Islington, London N5. Other members of his wife's family had previously lived at this address. On leaving the Army he worked in London as a caretaker/lift attendant in an office block in Victoria Street.

The Board of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea were responsible for all Army pensions, and a duplicate copy of his World War I Army Attestation Document is date-stamped 6th December 1930 by them, about the time when Herbert's assumed alias would have been 55 years old, and therefore entitled to receive an additional Army pension. The facts relating to his actual name and real date of birth appear to have come to light at that time.

On 5th August 1931 his marriage certificate was officially corrected by the Registrar to show his real name to be Herbert Dilks. in view of "*a statutory declaration made by Margaret Nadin the aunt of the man married*". Margaret Nadin's husband, Elias, is believed to be the younger brother of Herbert's mother Elizabeth. The Registrar on the Isle of Wight, and the Registrar in London, at the Central Registry Office, have stated that this type of official correction is quite an unusual occurrence.

After Herbert retired, the couple returned to the Isle of Wight, living at the family house in 25 Landguard Road, Shanklin, with his wife's sister Jane Perren. He died there, aged 69, on 30th August 1941, and is buried in Shanklin Cemetery, plot no. P 3745 (same as his wife Julia Elizabeth). There is no memorial stone on his grave.

## ARMY RECORD

### Private Herbert DILKS

First Regimental number was **2364**. Grenadier Guards, 3rd Battalion Derbyshire Foot Guards

Enlisted on a Short Service at Derby into the Grenadier Guards 24th March 1890

Transferred to Class B Reserve 24th March 1893

Struck off for Absence 1st October 1896

Although not officially discharged from the Grenadier Guards until 23rd March 1902, Herbert appears to have lived under the assumed alias of William Lee from 1893 onwards.

### Alias Private William Lee

Second Regimental number was **4335**. A photograph dated by the National Army Museum as c.1895 has been identified by them, and corroborated by the Grenadier Guards Archivist, as probably showing Herbert in the uniform of a Private in the Army Service Corps. It would appear that Herbert served with them whilst on the Reserve List of the Grenadier Guards.

### Alias Gunner William LEE

Third Regimental number was **16804**. Royal Artillery (*Became Royal Garrison Artillery 1st Jan. 1902*)

Enlisted on a Short Service at Bury into the Royal Artillery 17th October 1896

Posted to No 2 Depot Seaforth 19th October 1896

Posted to 39 Company Leith Hort 15th December 1896

### JAMAICA

Embarkation S.S. "Spartan" for Jamaica 29th October 1897

Posted to 22 Coy Newcastle, Jamaica 23rd November 1897

Port Royal, Jamaica 9th April 1898

Newcastle, Jamaica 24th February 1898

Port Royal, Jamaica 6th January 1900

Newcastle, Jamaica 9th May 1900

Port Royal, Jamaica 17th September 1900

Greenwich Ridge, Jamaica 29th March 1901

Newcastle, Jamaica 28th August 1901

### SOUTH AFRICA

Embarkation S.S. "Sicilia" for South Africa 20th December 1901

63rd Coy Durban, South Africa 20th January 1902

Pietermaritzburg, South Africa (photograph)

### Boer War — Queen's South Africa Medal

awarded Cape Town, South Africa 15th September 1902

### MALTA

Embarkation S.S. "Sardinia" for Malta 22nd September 1902

Extended Service to complete 12 years with the Colours 5th March 1904

Hospital, Valetta, Malta 25.7 to 4.8 1904

### ENGLAND

Posted to No 3 Depot 5th September 1905

Posted to 33 Coy, Golden Hill Fort, Isle of Wight 22nd September 1905

Marriage to Julia Elizabeth Perren, Freshwaster, Isle of Wight 24th August 1908

**Discharged** on the termination of his first period of Engagement 16th October 1908

**Alias Gunner William LEE**

Fourth Regimental Number was **279335** Royal Garrison Artillery

Re-enlisted at Lymington into the R.G.A. Army Reserve 26th October 1914

Attested at Royal Garrison Artillery, Brockenhurst 27th October 1914

Posted to Fort Rowner Gosport, No. 2 Depot R.G.A. 27th October 1914

Posted to R.G.A. Portsmouth Western 31st October 1914

Posted to R.G.A. 33 Forts, Golden Hill, Isle of Wight 26th November 1914

Posted to P.O.C. Woolwich 27th May 1916

Posted to R.G.A. No 2 Depot 7th June 1916

Posted to R.G.A. 42 Coy 11th July 1916

Posted to Depot A.A. (Anti Aircraft) 22nd August 1916

Posted to 10 A.A. Coy 23rd October 1916

Posted to AA Training Depot Bostall Heath 5th June 1917

**EGYPT**

Embarked Southampton for Egypt 13th September 1917

Disembarked Alexandria, Egypt 27th September 1917

Posted to 120th AA Coy, Egypt 8th October 1917

Posted to 103 Coy, Egypt 29th October 1917

**ENGLAND**

Embarked H.T. "Indirra" Alexandria for U.K. for demobilization 30th January 1919

**Demobilized** Wimbledon, Surrey 23rd March 1919

**1914-1918 War — British War Medal and Victory Medal**

awarded R.G.A. Record Office, Dover 10th February 1920

Duplicate of 1914 Attestation Document stamped Royal Hospital, Chelsea 6th December 1930

Marriage Certificate annotated with change of name to Herbert Dilks 5th August 1931

**Boer War — Queen's South Africa Medal**

Medal inscribed with No. 16804 GNR. W. LEE 63RD CoY R.G.A.

with single bar across ribbon, South Africa 1902

**Medal Roll** WO 100 / 145 Queen's S.A. Medal : Public Record Office, Kew

Regimental No. 16804 — William Lee

Queen's South Africa Medal, Cape Town, South Africa 15th Sept. 1902

63rd CoY (late 22nd Sow. Div.) R.G.A.

**1914-1918 War — British War Medal and Victory Medal**

Both Medals inscribed: No. 279335 GNR W. LEE R.A.

**Medal Roll** WO 329/1 1914-18 War Medals: Public Record Office, Kew (S.A. WAR)

**Microfiche** LEE William R.A. Corps. — R.G.A. Rank — gnr. Reg. No. 279335 and 16804

Victory Medal Roll RGA/235B Page 13635

British War Medal Roll RGA/235B Page 13635 19/D/844

**Medal Roll Book** WO 329/304: Royal Garrison Artillery — Roll of Individuals entitled to Victory Medal and/or British War Medal granted under Army Orders 266 and 301 of 1919.

279335 Gnr LEE William Base Details R.G.A. 279335 GNR.

R.G.A. Record Office Dover dated 10th Feb. 1920 signed C. Sterling, Lieut.

## Herbert Dilks — Army Uniforms



Army Service Corps  
c.1895



Royal Garrison Artillery  
Undress Uniform 1902  
Pietermaritzburg, South Africa



Royal Garrison Artillery  
Dress Uniform c.1904



Royal Garrison Artillery  
Working Dress 1908



Royal Garrison Artillery  
Walking-Out Dress 1908



Royal Garrison Artillery  
Tropical Dress 1908





# DOWNTON

1761

**JAMES PERREN**  
(YEOMAN)  
bapt.1735 16 APR  
DOWNTON (WILTS)  
WILL 1804

M

**ELIZABETH KIMBER**  
WILL 1806

**NANNY PERIM**  
bapt.1762  
6 JAN

**RICHARD PERRIM**  
bapt.1763  
26 FEB

**BETTY PERRIM**  
bapt.1764  
7 DEC

**SARAH PERIEM**  
bapt.1766  
15 JUN

**JAMES PERRIM**  
bapt.1767  
10 DEC

**JOHN PERRIM**  
bapt.1770  
22 MAR

**MARY PERRIEM**  
bapt.1771  
25 NOV

**WILLIAM PERRIN**  
bapt.1775  
11 JAN

**KATHERINE PERRIN**  
bapt.1777  
31 MAR

**THOMAS PERRIN**  
bapt.1782  
15 MAY

**STEPHEN PERRIN**  
bur. infant  
1790

All Baptised in DOWNTON

(CARPENTER)  
died 1798

M  
1795  
WEST KNOYLE

JONATHAN  
SIMS

M  
1798  
DOWNTON

JOHN  
WOODLEY

M  
1789  
DOWNTON

MARY  
WORT

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M  
1795  
DOWNTON

SARAH  
ELDRIDGE

M  
1795  
DOWNTON

WILLIAM  
WEEKS

JOSEPH HUMBY  
PERRIN

**SARAH PIRREN**  
bapt.1802  
LANDFORD

**JOSEPH PERRIN**  
Buried infant 1803  
DOWNTON

**ELIZABETH ELDRIDGE PERRIN**  
bapt.1809  
LANDFORD

**WILLIAM PERRIN**  
born circa  
1812

**MARY PERRIN**  
bapt.1814  
BRAMSHAW



\* See additional Tree for continuation of the Perren line remaining in Downton

1789  
**JAMES PERRIM** M **MARY WORT**  
 bapt. 1767  
 WILL 1824

<b>JAMES PERREN</b>	<b>SARAH PERREN</b>	<b>SALLY PERREN</b>	<b>JOHN PERREN</b>	<b>STEPHEN PERREN</b>	<b>ELIZABETH PERREN</b>	<b>LYDIA PERREN</b>	<b>SYDNEY PERREN</b>	<b>MARY ANN PERREN</b>	<b>HENRY PERREN</b>	<b>JANE PERREN</b>
bapt. 1789 10 NOV		bapt. 1794 21 AUG	bapt. 1796 18 FEB	bapt. 1798 5 JAN	bapt. 1800 5 APR	bapt. 1801 19 DEC	bapt. 1803 22 AUG	bapt. 1806 ? JUN	bapt. 1808 1 OCT	bapt. 1812 8 APR

All Baptised at South Lane Particular Baptist Church Downton

M 1814	M	M 1816	M 1822	M 1823	M 1823	M 1829				
<b>CHARLOTTE GAUNTLETT</b>	<b>JOHN BRENTEN</b>	<b>MARY KING</b>	<b>ELIZABETH GOULD</b>	<b>JAMES HARRISON</b>	<b>MARY WEEKS</b>	<b>GEORGE HARRISON</b>				
MARY		ROSE ANNA	JOHN STEPHEN							

This family remained in Downton and is not a continuation of our direct line. It is shown because reference is made in a will.

1795  
DOWNTON

**WILLIAM PERRIN**  
bapt.1775 11 JAN  
DOWNTON (WILTS)

M

**SARAH ELDRIDGE**

**WILLIAM PERRIN**  
born c.1812

1835  
M  
BRAMSHAW

**SOPHIA WHITEHORN**  
bapt.1814 23 JAN  
MINSTEAD (HANTS)

**WILLIAM  
PERREN**  
bapt.1837  
30 JUL

**JOHN  
PERREN**  
bapt.1839  
21 APR

**SOPHIA  
PERRAN**  
bapt.1841  
10 JAN

**ANN  
PERRAN**  
bapt.1842  
1 MAY

**ELIZA  
PERRIN**  
bapt.1844  
1 OCT

**SARAH  
PERRIN**  
bapt.1845  
4 MAY

**SIDNEY  
PERRIN**  
bapt.1847  
7 OCT

**MARY  
PERRIN**  
bapt.1850  
6 JAN

**ELIZABETH  
PERRIN**  
bapt.1853  
6 FEB

All Baptised in BRAMSHAW (HANTS)

bur.1850  
BRAMSHAW

bur.1863  
E. COWES  
(IOW)

1865  
M  
CHALE  
**ELLEN  
STALLARD**

1873  
M  
NEWPORT  
**THOMAS  
DYER**

1866  
M  
ARRETON  
**ISAAC  
DRAPER**

1867  
M  
NORTHWOOD  
**GEORGE  
TITHERADGE**

1873  
M  
RYDE  
**MARY  
DUNKINSON**

1872  
M  
SHANKLIN  
**JOHN  
POWER**



1865

**JOHN PERREN**  
born 1839 20 MAR  
BRAMSHAW (HANTS)  
died 1907

M  
CHALE

**ELLEN STALLARD**  
born 1844 1 DEC  
CHALE  
died 1930

<b>JANE PERREN</b> bapt. 1866 CHALE died 1952	<b>ADA ALICE PERREN</b> bapt. 1868 SHANKLIN died 1947	<b>WILLIAM JOHN PERREN</b> born 1869 SHANKLIN died 1870	<b>MINNIE ELLEN PERREN</b> bapt. 1870 SHANKLIN died 1926	<b>ANNIE LOUISA PERREN</b> bapt. 1872 SANDOWN died 1903	<b>HARRY PERREN</b> bapt. 1873 SANDOWN died 1941	<b>NELLIE PERREN</b> bapt. 1876 SANDOWN died 1959	<b>JOHN PERREN</b> born 1878 SHANKLIN died 1916	<b>JULIA ELIZABETH PERREN</b> born 1882 SHANKLIN died 1962	<b>GEORGE HERBERT PERREN</b> born 1885 SHANKLIN died 1935
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1902  
M  
SOUTHWARK  
REG. OFFICE

**JOHANN JAKOB LAUTERWASSER**  
b 1869 d 1945



1910  
M  
I.O.W.  
REG. OFFICE

**MABEL ANNIE BURT**  
b 1873 d 1956

1900  
M  
SHANKLIN

**THOMAS GEORGE BANNISTER**  
b 1874 d 1969

1900  
M  
I.O.W.  
REG. OFFICE

**AGNES MAY HERBERT**  
b 1875 d 1963

1908  
M  
FRESHWATER

**HERBERT DILKS (WILLIAM LEE)**  
b 1872 d 1941

