

The Williams' Family History



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Preface

I dedicate this short history to my wife Betsy, my late wife Pam and our children.

I am deeply indebted to my cousin Leslie who provided all the early history of the Williams Family (See "Leslie Alfred." on page 21). I would never have started without his A Search for a Genealogy, written in 1980 the text of which is included here.

I appreciate the input given to me from various sources.

As I start this, I do not know where it will lead. I am doing this to have something to pass on to my children and their children about how they inherited their name and their traditions.

The Williams family and their descendants are scattered all over the world. In this day of good transportation it is possible to visit some of ones relatives. That may not be possible for all in the future, so I am offering this as a small token of history.

If anyone who reads this has any additions or corrections please send them to me that I may update the history.

Williams Family Crest

An ancient family from Glamorganshire, Wales, with later branches seated in Herefordshire, London, Kent.

Arms: Per chevron gules and azure, in chief two boars' heads couped argent, and in base a bezant between four cross-crosslets in cross or. Crest: Between two cross-crosslets, a lion rampant regardant or, holding in the forepaws a battleaxe argent.

Motto: Hoeg fy mwyall

Preface

The Loves of Milton-Next-Gravesend.

The beginning of this search is a portrait of an elderly lady painted by an unknown artist and dated 1824 in the lower right hand corner. This is traditionally believed in the Williams Family to be, Ann, wife of Matthew Love of Milton-Next-Gravesend, Kent

Even if this assumption is correct, what evidence exists that the Loves were in fact ancestors of the present Williams family, and at what point did the name Williams enter the line?

Finding and identifying the chain of descendants of Matthew and Ann Love has posed an interesting challenge.

Matthew and Ann Love started their family with the birth of a son, William Pollard, baptized on February 17th, 1773. William survived to full manhood and on March 15th, 1798 commissioned a large bible, which he obviously intended as a "family bible".

Recorded in its pages are his and his brother's births. These entries therefore were made retrospectively and were not recorded at the time of their births by their parents. For some reason he did not record the births of his two sisters' although one, Ann Elizabeth, was over 21 years of age, and the younger girl, Charlotte, was eleven years old when William established his bible.

The fate of William and his brother Joseph is not known as no further records of them have yet been found. However, these were troubled times in England and living near Chatham both could possibly have joined the Royal Navy and moved well away from Kent or even have been lost at sea.

The implied early death of William might not be too wild a flight of imagination as the next entries in the bible, within a decade of the first entries, were recorded in a different hand and relate to John Matthew, John Joseph, and Matthew Henry Cope. The entries for John Matthew and Matthew Henry record the birth and death in one entry and this suggests the

possibility that the bible was not in the possession of Mrs. Cope (nee' Ann Elizabeth Love, b. October 13th, 1776) until after the death of Matthew Henry Cope on Friday the 8th of January 1808.

The birth and death of the child Julia Milner Cope, however, were recorded as two separate entries, which would suggest that the bible was in Mrs. Cope's possession when Julia was born on April 4th, 1809.

Unanswered, however is the question of why the birth of Julia Ann (b. July 17th, 1810) was not recorded in the bible by her parents. Perhaps they were too broken by the death of Julia Milner three weeks earlier to be bothered with keeping family records.

All the Cope children, except Julia (St. James's Piccadilly, December 31st, 1809), were baptized at St. James Clarkenwell (ref. Greater London Record Office P76/JS1/11&12 and in the family bible).

No records of a childhood death were found for John Joseph or Julia Ann so these children appear to have survived childhood.

Whatever the reason for omitting Julia Ann from the bible, the fact remains that the Copes had disastrous luck with their children. Of five known births found in the records, three died within eight to fourteen months of birth.

When the sex of a new baby permitted, it was given one name of an earlier dead child. For instance, their three sons were named John Matthew, John Joseph and Matthew Henry. Similarly, their daughters were named Julia Milner and Julia Ann.

The dates of the deaths were also found in the register of deaths for St. James' Clarkenwell, now also held at the Greater London Record Office and Library.

Neither John Joseph, Julia Ann nor any other unknown member of the Cope Family were ancestors of the present Williams family i.e. descendants of John Henry and Charlotte

Williams. John Henry's mother was a Clarissa Cowell and no surviving Cope could have been her mother. The Copes have only been included here, therefore, because parts of their family details are recorded in the bible, which they owned at some stage. They were also believed by some members of the Williams family to be their ancestors. They had, therefore, to be considered and eliminated from our family tree.

Nevertheless the fact remains that the portrait and the bible have been passed down over approximately the last 160 and 180 years respectively and are now in the possession of Mrs. Iris A. Williams, widow of the late Dr. A. H. Williams.

The question is raised as to how a family bible started in 1798 by a William Pollard Love of Gravesend, Kent and presumably passed to, or came to be passed, by inheritance, to Alfred Henry Williams who was born in Plumstead, Kent¹ and died in Watford, Hertfordshire.

The Williams'

John

Matthew and Ann Love had a second daughter, Charlotte, whose name does not appear in the family bible, but like her sister Ann Elizabeth, is recorded in the Parish register of Milton- Next-Gravesend. This lady became a Mrs. Williams, wife of Mr. John Williams, a mason.

Charlotte had twin boys, one of whom was named John Matthew.

Note: There is a tradition that the Williams' came from Tintern Abbey, County of Monmouth². It is possible that John Williams came to London looking for work.

¹ Later absorbed into the Greater London Council. The Greater London Council has now been dissolved.

² Henry VIII constituted Monmouth, geographically part of Wales, an English county in 1535. The people are of Welsh descent and the county was returned to the Principality of Wales in the mid 1970's and is now part of the County of Gwent.

John Matthew

John Matthew was born in Somers Town¹), Middlesex and was baptized on the 2nd October 1814 in St. Pancras Church². He was, therefore, only about 10 months old at the time of the Battle of Waterloo on Sunday the 18th of June 1815. Little is known about him apart from the fact that he served an apprenticeship since he describes himself on his children's birth certificates as a "stonemason journeyman".

He married a young widow, Mrs. Davis, who was a dressmaker. This lady was born on the 21st of September 1819 and her father, James Cowell, was a butcher with a shop in the High Street, Woolwich, Kent (1). She was Christened Clarissa Elizabeth Lucy at St. Mary Magdalene, Woolwich on 3rd of November 1819. She has at least two brothers, James William and William Robert (born. August 22, 1821 & August 15, 1823 respectively). As an adult she seems to have preferred to call herself Clara. The 1861 census, held in April, records her name as Clara (see table on page). Her maiden name of Cowell was obtained from her children's birth certificates.

This family lived for time in the Smithfield area of the City of London at 27 Cock Lane, a small street opposite the main gates of St. Bartholomew's Hospital. A number of children were born at the Cock Lane address. (See table on page)

All these children were born well before December 1860. On the 27th of December 1861 (the first winter of the American Civil War) a son, John Henry, was born to this couple at their Bethnal Green address, which was 50 Totty Street. Clarissa was 42 years old at that time. Fifty Totty Street was a small, two story uninteresting looking terraced house with a flat roof. It has now been demolished (early 1970s) though Leslie Williams saw it prior to demolition (48 had just been pulled down).

¹The area in London north of the Euston Road between Euston and St. Pancras Stations and south of Camden Town.

²From the Bishop's transcript for St. Pancras Church for 1814, held at the Greater London Record Office and Library.

At some point prior to John Matthew Williams' death, the family moved to 28 Kenilworth Road, Old Ford, Middlesex. This address is some 200 yards from 50 Totty Street.

John Matthew Williams died on the 13th June, 1876 at 28 Kenilworth Road at the age of 62 years. His occupation was still given as Stone Mason and the cause of death was pneumonia, 1 month. His widow, Clarissa who was present at his death, registered his death. The death is registered at Bethnal Green, Sub-district of Green in the County of Middlesex.

Clarissa Williams, nee' Cowell and widow of John Williams, builder, died on the 23rd of March 1886 at 85 Forest Road. Here daughter, Harriot Williams, who at that time was living in Clutha Villa, Downs Road, Clapton, registered her death. The cause of death was "Cerebral Apoplexy, Heart and Kidney Disease" and was certified by F. E. Cockell, Jr. M.R.C.S. The death certificate was issued in the Sub-district of Hackney in the County of Middlesex.

The 1861 Census showing the Williams' family at 50 Totty Street.

John Williams	Head	46yr	Stonemason	Middx. Somers Town
Clara	Wife	41yr	Dress Maker	Kent Woolwich
Francis	Son	20yr	Journeyman Stonemason	Middx. St. Sepul.
Eleanor	Daughter	16yr	Hair Net Maker	Middx. St. Sepul.
Charlotte	Daughter	13yr	Hair Net Maker	Middx. St. Sepul.
Angelina	Daughter	8yr	Scholar	Middx. St. Sepul.
Clara	Daughter	6yr	Scholar	Middx. St. Sepul.
Harriot	Daughter	4yr	-	Middx. Bethnal Green
Mary Ann	Daughter	1yr	-	Middx. Bethnal Green

John Henry

John Henry Williams' father died when John Henry was still young. Like his father and brother he too served an apprenticeship (around 4 years) but to learn "fancy cabinet making". His mother, Clarissa signed his apprenticeship papers, his father being dead, and Edward W witnessed their signatures. Enever. This apprenticeship was entered into on 22 June 1878 with a Mr. Robert Linton of 77 Haggerston Road, Shoreditch. John was released

from his apprenticeship a few months early on the 1st of February 1882 due to the death of Mr. Linton.

At the time of the signing, John Henry and his mother, Clarissa, were living at 28 Kenilworth Road, Old Ford, Middlesex.

Soon after completing his apprenticeship, John Henry married Charlotte Enever on the 16th of December 1883.

She was the daughter of a bricklayer, John Enever, and was born on the 4th of March 1864 at 146 Edmond Road, Bethnal Green.

At the time of their marriage both John Williams, the cabinet maker, and Charlotte Enever were living at the same address, 20 Woodland Street, Dalston, Middlesex(1). Their marriage took place at Holy Trinity Church in the Parish of Hackney. A younger sister Kate Enever and a George Henry Boddy were witnesses to the marriage. Living at the same address supports the hypothesis that on the death of John Matthew Williams, his widow, Clarissa gave up her own home and moved into nearby lodgings, and it is suggested here that the landlord at these lodgings was an Enever. In this way John and Charlotte came to know each other well. This young couple's first child Clara was born in 1884.

In spite of being a good cabinetmaker it appears that John preferred a regular income, even if small, and joined the Police Force on the 31st of January 1887.

Being a good cabinetmaker, however, his house was better furnished than his income could have provided. Many of his pieces of furniture are still in the possession of his descendants, e.g. a grandfather clock, a bureau and bookcase, a small bookcase (Mrs. Iris A. Williams) and a wardrobe made by John and as his wedding present to Charlotte (L. A. Williams).

John and Charlotte lived for some time at 91 Frederick Place, Plumstead, Kent (1) where a number of children were born.

Mrs. Charlotte Williams took in lodgers to supplement a police constable's income (28 shillings a week when Alfred Henry was born in 1889; information given by AHW.).

Frederick Place became unsuitable for the family and they moved to 1 Bowater Avenue, Godfrey Hill, Woolwich where Herbert Victor, Harold Arthur and Eva were born.

The two oldest sons, Frederick and Francis, joined the regular army as boy soldiers. Frederick who had had rheumatic fever at some stage developed an acute cardiac condition after chasing a cavalry horse, which bolted while in his care. He was discharged at an early age and died in 1906 while the family lived at Bowater Avenue. It was from 1 Bowater Avenue also that the third son, Alfred Henry, left home and sailed for Rangoon, Burma in August 1906.

After Alfred's departure, the tenth and last child Eva was born to John and Charlotte. This child died before she was two years old and was never seen by brother Alfred.

John Henry retired from the Metropolitan Police, B Division Victoria and Albert Museum on 4 February 1912 ¹after serving 25 years.

He received a pension of £56-12-4 per annum. Additionally, he was presented with a black marble clock with a French pendulum movement. This clock is now in the possession of L. A. Williams and was given to him by Mrs. I. A. William shortly after the death of Alfred Williams.

During the First World War, John Henry served as a Special Constable (information given by his son Harold Arthur).

When this service was over, attracted by the charm of the country, a thatched roofed cottage with roses growing around the door and a view overlooking the village green, what

¹Date inscribed on his presentation clock. His retirement certificate from the Police gives the 5th of February, 1912.

remained of the family moved to Belchamp St. Paul in Suffolk, where Harold attended the village school for a short time.

This move was not a great success and the Williams family returned to Plumstead and bought 21 Nithdale Road, which they were occupying by 1920.

It was at this address that John and Charlotte spent the rest of their lives together. during the years at Nithdale Road, John Henry has seasonal employment as a Purser on pleasure steamers sailing between Tower Pier and the resorts on the Essex and Kent coasts.

After a short illness , ¹John Henry died at the Woolwich Infirmary, intestate, on the 30th of March, 1925. His son Herbert V. Williams registered his death. The total cost of the funeral was a little over L21-0-0!

After the sale of the family home (Herbert V. purchased 21 Nithdale Road), Charlotte Williams moved to North London with her youngest, and still unmarried son, Harold who brought 7 Drylands Road, Crouch End, London, N.8. where they lived until the spring of 1931.

Mrs. Williams took a short tenancy on 2 Drylands Road, since at that time she was caring for five of her grandchildren while Alfred and Mabel were home on leave from India and their mother was training as a midwife.

After the return of this family to India, Charlotte went to live with her son Herbert at Nithdale Road until he sold that property and moved to "Tangmere" Eaglesfield Road, Plumstead where she lived until the autumn of 1934, when her son Alfred, who, having lost his wife (Mabel), returned to England and set up home first in Harrow and later (March 1936) in Watford, Hertfordshire.

¹Based on the cause of death given on the death certificate, and based on the advantage of hindsight, it is speculated here that John Henry might have been an undiagnosed diabetic.

It was at 54 Purbrock Avenue, Watford that Charlotte Williams (nee' Enever) died on the 25th of April, 1940. She was buried in the North Watford cemetery. Four of her sons (Frank (Francis), Alfred, Ernest and Harold) acted as bearers at her funeral. Being wartime, Ernest had rejoined his regiment and wore the uniform of a captain.

Among the possessions, which she left to her son Alfred, were the family bible and the black marble clock. The portrait of Ann Love, Alfred obtained later from his sister, Clara, which she in turn had bought when the family home was being sold up on the death of John Henry Williams.

Returning to the origins of these heirlooms, from the date on the portrait (1824) when Charlotte Williams (nee' Love) was 38 years old, it seems likely that it was she and her husband who commissioned the painting of her mother, Ann, who then in her seventies and probably living with Charlotte her youngest, and possibly only surviving child. It is also possible that Charlotte or her mother also owned the bible having inherited it from Ann Cope. These items, therefore, were owned by the Williams family and presumably have been willed through John Matthew to John Henry and so to Alfred Henry Williams.

Postscript:

As seen by a grandchild, Mrs. Charlotte Williams was a true Victorian Lady, but she was not stern and had a good sense of humour. She was deeply religious and had high standards by which she lived and she was totally selfless. While not highly educated she was very intelligent. She enjoyed the company of her family, including her grandchildren and was not a great visitor of others. She was a strong advocate of hard work and believed that "an idle mind was the Devil's Workshop".

Clara

Clara married H. Richardson, lived and died in Derby.

Frank

Frank lived in Erith, Kent, and died in Cromer, Norfolk.

Ethel

Ethel married J. A. Pullen and lived in Plumstead and died in Shirley, Surrey.

Eleanor

Eleanor Married T Morrish and worked at the Bank of England until she retired and moved to Cromer, Norfolk

Herbert

Herbert retired to Ramsgate, Kent

Harold

Harold married Elsie M. Walker and immigrated to Canada in the early fifties and retired to Grimsby, Ontario. He died in 1991.

Alfred Henry

Alfred Henry was the fourth child and third son of John Henry and Charlotte Williams and was born on the 24th of July 1889. He had the dubious distinction of being born with a "caul,"¹ which his mother preserved in alcohol.

At that time caul's could be sold to seafarers for as much as £5 as they were considered to be a lucky charm against drowning at sea. This caul is still with Alfred's family. Alfred was christened at St. James' Burrage Road Plumstead where he later became a chorister. The church is now a theater for modern works.

Alfred attended the Bloomfield Road School in Woolwich and was obviously a good pupil even at an early age. He gained a place at the Junior College, East London Technical College, Mile End Road and from that school in 1904 he gained a further scholarship to University College School, then in Gower Street, London W.C.1 From the age of 12 years he worked Saturdays as a shop-boy for Thomas Lipton's store in Woolwich and received five shillings for a fourteen hour day (8am to 10p.m.). Most of the money he gave to his mother for his keep and some was spent on fares getting to school.

He matriculated from University College School in 1906. The certificate for that was presented in a red leather wallet, which is now with Mrs. Iris A. Williams. Through his headmaster, H. J. Spencer, M.A., LL.D. he obtained a three plus three year contract with Oppenheimers of Rangoon, Burma. This firm was "General Merchants, Government Contractors, Engineers, Etc."

Alfred arrived in Rangoon in August 1906 and immediately set about learning Burmese at which he became fluent and won a prize of Rs300 awarded by the British Government to any young man who could learn the Language to interpreter standard within two years of landing in Burma. (Information given by "Jumbo"; Mr. Wilfred Donaldson, brother-in-law).

¹ Inner fetal membrane covering the head at birth.

During his early stay in Burma he met Mabel Blanche Donaldson, a schoolteacher, and the second daughter of William C. and Nina Donaldson. Mr. Donaldson was a missionary in Rangoon. Alfred and Mabel were married at the home of W. C. Donaldson on 2 June 1910 by Mr. Votaw, brother-in-law of the late President Harding of the USA. Their marriage is recorded at the Foreign Office, India Division, Whitehall, London.

They were both baptized into the Seventh Day Adventist Church in 1910 by Pastor H H Votaw. During those early six years they were so overwhelmed by the misery and hardships which afflicted the rural population of that country, they decided to undertake missionary work amongst the poorest of the poor villages along the Salween River. At the end of his original contract Williams was not persuaded by Mr. Oppenheimer's personal request to him to sign a further contract with their company.

On the completion of his contract with the Oppenheimers in 1912, Alfred and Mabel, and their daughter Nina born in Rangoon, returned to England. After a short home leave, when he worked as a temporary male nurse at the recently acquired Stanboroughs in Watford, to gain some elementary medical skills, which he augmented by a course designed for would be missionaries run by The Livingstone College at The Poplar Hospital in East London, for work in the villages of Burma. The family returned to Burma in 1913 and missionary work was undertaken in various parts of the country. In July 1914 a son, John Charles was born in Rangoon.

In 1915, Alfred was ordained to the ministry.. However while working for Oppenheimer's he had studied Accountancy and Mercantile Law, and this fact, and his dedication to his tasks, however menial, were soon noticed by the denominational bosses in India, some well known pioneers amongst them, who were looking for someone to take over their accounts. They invited him to join the work in Lucknow, which he did in 1915. The following years saw a number of moves for the young family. A daughter, Naomi Elsie, was born in Lucknow, India on April 2nd 1916. The hospital, in which she was born, the Bahlrampur, is adjacent to

the Residency, the scene of the siege of Lucknow (The Indian Mutiny). Mabel's Uncle Charles Bedford fought in the relief of Lucknow in 1857. In 1918 the family was again in Burma in Shan States where a son, Hugh Oliver, was born in Taung-gyi. As with his elder brother and sisters, his birth was not recorded at Somerset House, London. On leave in London in 1920 a daughter, Lorna Eleanor, was born in Woolwich. She was the only child of Alfred and Mabel born in England. By 1922 the family was in Poona, India where Leslie Alfred was born. Three years later in 1925 their last child, Ronald Henry, was born in the Sasson Hospital in Poona. Ronald was nicknamed "Buster" by the hospital staff because of his size at birth (12 1/2lb). From Poona the family spent a season in Mussoorie in the Himalayas while Alfred Henry was in the United States. From Mussoorie the family moved to Calcutta where their address was 19 Theatre Road. While in Calcutta, Buster, contracted diphtheria and collapsed and died suddenly on the morning of 10 February 1927. He was buried in the early morning of 11 February in Lower Circular Road Cemetery, Calcutta, India.

To the best of Leslie A. Williams's knowledge there are only two photographs of the complete family. One was taken at Salisbury Park, Poona and the second about a week before Buster died. This was taken in the garden of Theatre Road, Calcutta and is in the possession of L. A. Williams.

He attended the General Conference as an official delegate in 1920. By that date he had already signed contracts for the purchase of the land and development of Salisbury Park in Poona (where Leslie A Williams was born in 1922), and Vincent Hill School in Mussoorie.

After the death of Ronald Henry, Mabel was shattered and could not remain in Calcutta. A move to Lucknow followed after hill leave in Mussoorie. For two years in Lucknow Mabel ran a school for underprivileged Indian girls before returning to London in September 1929

On this visit to London, Mabel, at the age of 41 years, studied for and became a State Certified Midwife (S.C.M.). She was happy working with "other mothers and their babies" (quote from her gravestone). She returned to Lucknow with her family, apart from Nina and John who remained behind in London to continue their studies, in 1931 and opened a small maternity unit at 17 Abbotts Road. She devoted herself whole heartily to this venture, which was short-lived because on the afternoon of Sunday 22 January 1933 she became ill. The severity of her illness increased almost hourly and at about 5:30 am on Tuesday 31 January she died before even the nature of her illness had been fully diagnosed. Her funeral was during the afternoon of the same day and she was buried in the Paper Mills Cemetery, Grave No. 218 in the then new non-conformist section. R. E. Loasby conducted the service. Her death occurred at a time when medicine had no means of dealing with illnesses, which are now considered to be simple bacterial infections. The first sulphonamide, M&B, was launched in 1938, and changed the whole course of therapy ¹.

When Mrs. Williams died in Lucknow in January 1933 in the course of her duties as a midwife, working among the poor and needy, A H Williams felt India held little more for him. and after settling his affairs, which included a short visit to Burma to bid his in-laws farewell, This was 28 years after his first landing in Rangoon. During this period in the East, he learnt Burmese and Urdu fluently. He had been instrumental in opening several schools and village clinics. He wrote one children's book "Afoot and Afloat in Burma", Review and Herald Publishing Association, Washington DC). Additionally, he became a part-qualified accountant (1921).

With his children, Hugh, Lorna and Leslie, he sailed for London for the last time from Bombay on the RMS Ranchi, A P&O vessel on 11th August 1934 and arrived in London (King George V Dock), North Woolwich), on Friday 31 August 1934.

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L. E. H. Whitby, Lancet 26 May 1938

After setting up home at 49 Exeter Road South Harrow he married Iris Annie White, B. A. (Hons) in March 1935. The service was at Redlands Farm, Lighthorn, Warwickshire, the home of Mr. and Mrs. White. Iris was also a nurse and midwife and at the time was a tutor at Guys Hospital, London. She gave up her post at Guys and after a short spell of private practice in Harrow joined the staff of the Stanboroughs in Watford. Shortly after joining this staff she was appointed Matron, a post she held until she resigned during the Second World War. There was one son Stephen Fawcett, born on Monday 31 October 1938. Returning to the autumn of 1934, at the age of 45, Alfred entered Queen Mary's College (formerly East London Technical College) to study the 1st MB examination of the University of London. This he obtained in the summer of 1935.

Autumn 1935 saw him back at his old school campus when he entered University College, Gower Street to study for his 2nd MB, which he passed in the spring of 1937 (George VI's coronation year). From U.C.L. he entered Charing Cross Hospital in Chandos Place W.C.1. to complete his clinical studies. He qualified M.R.C.S. (Eng.), L.R.C.P. (London.) in January 1940. In the early years of the Second World he was a physician at Shrodells Hospital, Watford, but on the 1 December 1941 he set up his own practice, first at 54 Purbrock Avenue and later at 44 Sheepcot Lane. He finally retired from medical practice on 31 December 1961. During his years in practice, his fellow practitioners who elected him honoured him for a term, as the President of the Watford and West Hertfordshire Medical Association. He was a well-known and much respected doctor in Watford.

He enjoyed his retirement and was an active church member. Following a fall, his health steadily declined and he was reduced finally to a chair. His declining health was obvious to all (not least to himself) who visited him at his home in 46 Sheepcot lane, Watford. He died peacefully at 8:20 p.m. on Friday 22 March 1974, in the presence of his wife Iris, his daughters Nina and Naomi and his sons Hugh and Leslie. He was buried on 29 March 1974

along side his mother in the North Watford Cemetery, Section B Dedicated, grave No 1041.B.

Postscript:

He was a man of constant temperament, uncompromising on his principles and would defend vigorously what he believed to be right, but was always generous in his praise of the achievements of others, especially his children's and grandchildren's and was generous in his help to those in social and financial need. He credited others with living by his own high standards and never complained when some he helped let him down. He lived long enough to see and hold his only great-grandchild, Lynne Jane Walker, of whom he was very proud.

Nina

Nina, who never married, became a State Registered Nurse (gold Medalist of her year) and a State Certified Midwife. She also obtained a Tutor's diploma of the University of London. During the Second World War she was a theatre sister at various hospitals and had many casualties from Dunkirk through her theatre. Additionally, she served as a Home Sister and for many years as a ward sister. She served the World Health Organization in Pakistan, Lebanon and Saudi Arabia for a total of 10 years.

John Charles

John Charles served in the Second World War with the rank of Captain in the Royal Artillery. After the war he studied dentistry at the Royal Dental Hospital. He qualified L.D.S., R.C.S. (Eng.). He set up his practice in High Street, Bushey, Hertfordshire. He retired finally from the post of Regional Dental Officer for East Anglia.

Naomi Elsie

Naomi was also an S.R.N., S.C.M. and one time Assistant Matron Weston-Super-Mere general hospital, and Sister-in-Charge, Obstetric Hospital, University College Hospital,

London, W.C.1. She gave up nursing and studied and qualified L.D.S., R.C.S. (Eng.). Practiced mainly in the Schools Dental Service. She was made an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours list in 1980. She also did not marry.

Hugh Oliver

Hugh studied medicine at King's College, London, and at Charing Cross Hospital. Qualified M.R.C.S. (Eng.), L.R.C.P. (London.). Served as house surgeon in the orthopedic unit of the Luton and Dunstable Hospital. Took over as senior Partner from A. H. Williams. Also practiced for nine months in Ghana to gain wider surgical and general clinical experience. He was also one-time President of the Watford and West Hertfordshire Medical Association. He was a Hospital Practitioner in Obstetrics, a Member of the Hertfordshire Local Medical Committee and a Member of the Hertfordshire Family Practitioners Committee. Additionally, he was one-time Medical Director of the Stanboroughs Nursing Home.

Lorna Eleanor

Lorna trained at Charing Cross Hospital for the SRN certificate and at the Watford Maternity Hospital for the S.C.M. She returned to Charing Cross Hospital, first as a Home Sister, then as Sister of the orthopedic ward. Joined Watford Hospital Group and became Nursing Officer-Charge of Holywell Hospital. She Married Ernest Leslie Wilson in June 1962.

Leslie Alfred.

Leslie graduated from the University of London with a B.Sc. (Specials) in chemistry. He was awarded the Ph.D. degree at London, and was successively an Associate (1950) and Fellow (1961) of the Royal Society of Chemistry (F.R.S.C.). He was also a Chartered Chemist (C.Chem.). His working career was as a research scientist and Research Manager at Kodak Ltd.

He retired on April 30, 1982 and keeps himself busy by lecturing in universities.

He was awarded about 30 patents and published original research papers in the Journal of the Chemical Society and in the Journal of Organic Chemistry, some book reviews and material for inclusion in reference works.

Stephen Fawcett

Stephen graduated B.Sc (London). Carried out some post-graduate studies at the University of Surrey. Most of his working life was spent as a chemist to the Water Authorities.

Ernest Charles (Bill)

Ernest was born at 91 Frederick Place, Plumstead, Kent on July 16th 1895 and immigrated to Canada in 1912. He worked as a laboratory technician at Toronto University in the Department of Geology. He returned to England in 1914 on the Mauretania to join Kitchener's Army.

He joined the 2nd Dragoon Guards as a trooper and went to France early in 1915.

In 1917 he was commissioned in the field and transferred to the Indian Army where he joined the 37th Lancers (Baluch Horse). His commission is dated April 29, 1917¹.

It is known that he was in Rawalpindi in 1919². In addition, that he visited his bother Alfred and his wife Mabel at Lucknow in 1920.

He served on the North West Frontier where he took part in the Afghan War (3rd) of 1919 as a result of which he was invalided out of the army in 1921.

He started his political life in '21 when he helped Capt. Gee VC, in the famous by-election in East Woolwich, a Labour stronghold, where Capt. Gee defeated Ramsey Macdonald.

¹ See Photograph of Commission.

² Silver box engraved "S.T.C. Sports Rawalpindi 1919"

He married Annie Dorothy Goodall on November 3, '23 and they moved to Ottery St. Mary, Dorset where he tried poultry farming.

Ernest helped in the '22-'23 elections and in '24 moved to East Grinstead where he remained as Conservative agent for East Grinstead until he retired in '58.

From '24 to '28 they lived in "White Bungalow" in East Grinstead where Pamela was born. See "Pamela Mary" on page 17

In '28 they move to "Buxton", Cantelupe Rd, East Grinstead and in '33 to "Broad Oaks", Holtye Rd, East Grinstead where Raymond was born. See "Raymond Charles" on page 18

In '37 they moved to "Oathall Lodge", Haywards Heath.

Prior to the outbreak of War in '39, Ernest was recalled to the colours and was commissioned into the Sussex Regiment¹ in January.

His wife and son followed him around England during the early part of the war. In May of 1940, they were living near a Royal Air Force base at Shoreham, Sussex where Ernest was based being responsible for the anti invasion defenses of that area.

In '41, the family sold the Oathall Lodge to a branch of the Rothschild family and moved to "Sefton", Sunte Ave., Lindfield. Ernest was posted to Kenya to join the King's African Rifles but never made it out of port being pulled of the boat and posted to the 2nd Canadian Corps in November as Staff Captain (ADC) to Lieutenant-General MacNaughton, and later to Lieutenant-General Harry Crerar (commander in Chief of the 1st Canadian Army in Europe). The Canadians were headquartered in Lindfield, a mile from the new house. He remained

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Historic note: The Royal Sussex Regiment was formed in 1881 from the 35th and 107th Foot, and other militia and volunteer units. The 35th Foot had a history closely related to North America and New York State. Originally raised in Belfast by the 3rd Earl of Donegall in 1701, the regiment under Lieut.-Colonel George Munro had some heavy fighting against the French and Indians on the Canadian Frontier in 1756-7. It took part in the desperate defense of Fort William Henry on Lake George, NY and the subsequent massacre by the Huron Indians. This was a turning point in the French and Indian Wars. But retribution followed quickly as the regiment took part in the rout of the French at Louisburg in 1758 and the battle and capture of Quebec in 1759 where the regiment under Colonel Henry Fletcher met and totally defeated the famous French regiment, "The Royal Roussillon".

The regiment also took part in the Battle of Bunker Hill during the American Revolution in 1775.

with the Canadians during the Dieppe raid on August 19th, 1942 and then as they expanded the Canadian Corps to form the 1st Canadian Army in Europe.

At some point during '42 the family was in Bacton-on-Sea, Norfolk with the Canadians as they underwent training and regrouping after the Dieppe raid.

It was the Canadian 3rd division of the 1st Canadian Army under the British 2nd Army commanded by Lieutenant General Miles Dempsey was given the responsibility of taking Juno Beach on D-Day June 6th, 1944. Juno Beach stretched from St Aubin-sur-mer on the east to half way between the towns of La Riviere and Courseulles-sur-mer on the west.

He was the quintessential staff officer responsible for much of the pre D-day logistics of the 1st Canadian Army. He stayed in England with the Canadian headquarters until he was demobilized in May of 1945 to help with the General Election.

In '45, the family moved to "Hazlemere", Bolnore Rd, Haywards Heath, and in '48 to "Hill House", Church Rd, Haywards Heath.

He was Chairman of the Conservative & Unionist Association, '48, '49 and '50 when he helped to secure Churchill's return to power in '51¹

In '55 they moved back to East Grinstead to the "Nook", Cranston Rd.

In '58, Ernest retired and moved to 61A Grand Ave., Southborne, Hants in '59.

In '59 Central Office asked him to come out of retirement and help Mr. A. R. Wise as agent in the Rugby Division. Mr. Wise was returned as Member for Rugby and was the first Conservative to hold the seat since '35.

Briefly Ernest returned as temporary agent for Bournemouth West until a successor could be found for the former agent who resigned under a cloud.

¹Photograph of Winston, Woolton (Lord) and Williams.

In '63, they moved to "Oak Lodge", Elphinstone Rd, Highcliffe.

In '64 they moved to New Zealand where they lived in Papatoetoe and Howick returning to England in '66 to live at 30 Anvil Crescent., Broadstone, where they lived until Ernest died of a stroke on Mar 31, '72. Both his daughter Pamela who had come back from Australia and his son Raymond from the USA were present when he died. The funeral service was held on April 5th at St. John's Church, Broadstone.

After Ernest's death, his widow Annie moved to Australia to live near her daughter Pamela in Epping, N.S.W. She did not feel comfortable there and returned to England in '75 to share a flat in Broadstone with her sister Alice.

In '78, she went back to Australia and lived in a flat, which was built for her above Pamela and Bruce Harris' house at 6 Menzies Road, Eastwood, N.S.W. until her death in '81. She is buried in a beautiful setting amid gum trees near in the Northern Suburbs General Cemetery, North Ryde.

Postscript:

Ernest was a very even-tempered, dependable man with a keen sense of duty. It was this sense of duty that carried him through difficult times. To his son, he was always there when he was needed although there was never a close relationship between the two. Had he lived in a different culture without the "British reserve" things might have been closer between father and son. His grandchildren adored him.

Pamela Mary

Pamela was born on May 2nd, '25 to Ernest and Annie Williams. See "Ernest Charles" on page 15 She moved around with the family until 1942 when she started her training as a nurse at Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital. She becomes first a staff nurse and then a sister.

She married Bruce Fairgray Harris in 1949 at St. Wilfred's, Haywards Heath. See "Harris" on page 26

Raymond Charles

Raymond Charles Williams was born to Ernest and Annie Williams on May 17th, 1935 at Broad Oaks, Holtze Road, East Grinstead, Sussex.

He was a sickly child and had pleurisy and a lung drained by the age of two.

By 1938 the family had moved to Oathall Lodge, Haywards Heath. One of his earliest memories was having to climb a steep ladder and being pushed through a bathroom window because the family had been accidentally locked out of the house.

When the Second World War broke out, the family sold the house and moved to Sefton, Sunte Avenue, Lindfield. This was nominally the family home until the end of the war. But the family traveled around England following his father, who had been called up in 1935. (See "Ernest Charles" on page).

May 1940 the family was at Shoreham, Sussex during the evacuation from Dunkirk. One morning (May 14th) I came down to breakfast to find a woman, a man in uniform, and another man in pilot's jacket sitting at our kitchen table. It was Queen Wilhelmina, an aide and their pilot who had crash landed outside the house fleeing the Netherlands. My mother put on the kettle and made tea!

By August We had moved with my father to an army training camp at Duxhurst, Surrey where we stayed during the Battle of Britain. (The peak of the Battle of Britain came on September 13th when Hitler switched to night bombing) Raymond's most vivid memories were of the contrails of the dueling British and German fighter planes. Raymond can remember being bombed at night and on more than one occasion being shot at by German fighters during daylight raids. During this time I was machine gunned twice by German planes. They shot up anything that moved. On one occasion I and Pam were coming back

from tea with the local Lady of the Manor in a car that was strafed by a German plane. On another occasion, Ray was in a group of Army officers that was fired on by a passing German fighter.

In '41, we sold moved to "Sefton", Sunte Ave., Lindfield. At some point during '43 the family was in Bacton-on-Sea, Norfolk with the Canadians as they underwent training and regrouping after the Dieppe raid.

In 1943, Ray and his mother went to Blackpool to get away from the bombing. It was probably on this trip that Ray contracted poliomyelitis. The full extent of the disease was not known until they had returned to Sefton. Ray was paralyzed down the left side losing the use of his left arm and leg. His mother nursed him at home but it was a year before Ray decided that he was going to walk after hearing the doctor saying that he was never going to walk unaided again¹.

In 1944, the family remained at Sefton during the V1 raids and D-Day. The first V1 landed just outside our house blowing the front door in.

Ray can remember seeing the V1s (Doodle-Bugs) being chased by RAF "Spitfires" and "wing tipped" into the fields behind the house. A V2 landed on the local cinema during the Saturday morning matinee and killed a large number of my classmates.

In '45, the family moved to "Hazlemere", Bolnore Rd, Haywards Heath, and in '48 to "Hill House", Church Rd, Haywards Heath.

¹When Ray was at Lancing College later, he took up cross-country running and was very good at it for his age.

During this time Ray attended, somewhat intermittently, three preparatory schools, Hollingbury, Sharrow and finally Brunswick¹. He seemed to move schools after some disagreements between the headmasters and his mother.

In 1949 Ray passed the Common Entrance exam and went to Lancing College, Shoreham, Sussex entering Gibbs House in May. In many ways these were the happiest days Ray had known thus far in his life, as he discovered a love for things scientific, one of his teachers being a Dr. Goodear who had worked on RADAR during the War; in other ways things were not so happy as Ray was not very athletic nor a classical scholar, two things that counted for a great deal at any British Public School.

In 1953, Ray won a Student apprenticeship to the Woolwich Arsenal. He stayed there for 5 years and gained ONCs in Mechanical, Electrical and Production Engineering from Woolwich Polytechnic College.

During this time he lived at a student hostel called "Coed-Bel" in Chislehurst, Kent. During the years he was at Woolwich, he met Pamela Rosetta Lawler while he was teaching Sunday school on a local housing estate. They were married on December 15th, 1956 at St.

Barnabas, St. Paul's Cray. The Rev. John Sertin performed the marriage with an address by the local Baptist minister, the Rev. Christopher Steer

In September 1957, Ray joined IBM UK as a Customer Engineer and he and his wife Pam moved to Garston near Watford, Herts while he did his initial training. There they met most of Alfred Williams' family. They joined the Congregational Church in Garston.

On October 13, their son Roger Charles was prematurely born 6 weeks early at St. Albans.

In May of 1958, they moved to Whipnade near Dunstable as Ray was assigned to Vauxhall Motors (GM).

¹ Brunswick was a school that had relocated to Haywards Heath before the War from Brunswick Place in Brighton. When the school was in Brighton Winston Churchill attended it very briefly many years before.

Linda Anne, their first daughter was born on September 17th at the Luton and Dunstable Hospital.

In May of 1959, Ray was assigned to the Federal Systems Division working USAF bases in England. Initially Ray was assigned to work at the USAF Airbase at RAF Alconbury, Hunts near Cambridge.

In 1960, Ray was transferred to USAF Brize Norton near Oxford. In August of that year, he installed the first 4-wire telecommunications link in the UK linking USAF SAC bases to Omaha, Nebraska. Took part in the first transmission of data via satellite using the experimental "ECHO" satellite.

Their last child Beverley Mary was born on August 29th at the Churchill Hospital Oxford. It was during this time that Ray met his sister Pam's family for the first time. See "Pamela Mary" on page 17.

In April of 1961, Ray joined IBM UK Laboratories at Hursley, Hants, working on the I/O devices for IBM's first microprogrammed computer, the Scientific Computer and Modular Processor (SCAMP). It was not announced as a product but formed the basis for much of the IBM System/360. Worked on the S/360 Model 40 as the Lead Designer on the team that developed the Diagnostic System for worldwide testing of all the models of S/360. Developed basic programming techniques that are still in use today.

The family moved to Chandlers Ford, Hants, settling down at 11 Craven Road. During this time both Ray and Pam were active in the church and Scouts.

Ray was promoted to Staff Engineer in 1966 for his activities on the early S/360 series of computers. From 1963 to 1967 Ray made a number of trips to the States and in February of 1967 was transferred to the IBM development Laboratories in Poughkeepsie, NY. He worked on the design and coding of the S/360 model 44 and ST370, the System Test for the S/370 and 308X series. The S/360 model 44 was the basis for the 4TI computer used on the

Saturn, Shuttle and in naval avionics. Designed the channel identification architecture for the System 370.

The family settled down at 19 Long Meadow Drive, Staatsburg, Hyde Park, NY where they stayed until 1981.

During this time the family joined first St. James, Hyde Park and subsequently St. Margaret's, Staatsburg. Ray was a vestryman at both churches and later Senior Warden of St. Margaret's. Ray was licensed as one of the first Lay Readers in the diocese of New York.

During the first years while their children were involved, Pam and Ray were active in the Boy and Girl Scouts. Later both Pam and Ray joined the local volunteer rescue squad acted as instructors for the Red Cross and for the State in Emergency Medical Care.

In 1972, Ray was promoted to Advisory Engineer and transferred to the Data Processing Product Group (later known as the Information Systems and Technology Group). He published a paper on Reliability, Availability, and Recovery in System 370.

In 1978, Ray was promoted to Senior Engineer, and was granted a patent for Storage Protection. Worked on the effect of intermittent failures including alpha particles on single cell solid-state memories and its effect on the reliability and service cost of computer systems.

Additionally worked on testing and writing manuals for IBM's Generalized Markup Language (GML), the precursor of the Standardized Generalized Markup Language (SMGL) which has now evolved in to HTML and XML

In 1981, two of the children now being married (Roger and Linda), Ray and Pam sold the house in Staatsburg and moved with Beverley, now a senior in college, to a condominium at 54 Fox Run, Poughkeepsie, NY. This was very close to work for both Ray and Pam, who was a Customer Service Representative in a local bank.

Ray and Pam joined ChristChurch, Poughkeepsie where Pam sang in the choir and Ray was a Lay Reader and Lay Pastor.

In 1983, Ray had a career change, transferring to the IBM Communication Products Division in Raleigh, NC where he joined the Communications Programming Group as a Senior Programmer. He worked on Telecommunications System Design specializing in Local Area networks and Network Management. This was a welcome change and he was very happy with the move. He worked on the local area network system design with NetView and IBM NCP TOKEN RING attachment. Lead the design of the Service Point Command Interface and the requirements for the NetView/PC Host connection. Published a paper on Communications Link Management.

Pam and Ray joined ChristChurch in Raleigh, a very active down town church that emphasizes Christian Education. Pam has joined the choir and Ray has resumed his duties as a Lay Reader. They were both happy with the transfer moving into a large house with a swimming pool in North Raleigh. The house fills up with people visiting. The first Christmas they sat 12 people down to dinner. That was the year that Ray rebuilt the Traditional Christmas Village, which was a hit with both Jason and Heather.

In January '86, he transferred to the NetView/PC group with the responsibility for the system design as well as the responsibility for defining new uses for the product. This involved a number of joint studies with other companies. Granted Patents API/CS, Service Point Command Interface and Complex Link Management (Alert Correlation).

Chaired joint studies in end-to-end network management with non-IBM companies.

In January '87, he transferred to the Network Management Product Planning group taking his joint study work with him. The new responsibilities involved a great deal of travel around the States and in Europe. He traveled for some 45 weeks a year. He did a great deal of speaking to customers and at industry forums. He was on the faculty of the National

Education Forum. Transferred to Network Management Strategic Planning with responsibilities for physical network management and the carrier environment. Has been involved with Systems and network management for non-IBM equipment with other vendors. Has been deeply involved in OSI network management studies with non-IBM companies. Published papers on Systems and Network Management that still used as a standard text in Europe.

In January '88, Ray had his right hip replaced; it had been bothering him for some time. He recovered very quickly and the artificial hip did not slow him down much.

In December '88, he was promoted to "Senior Technical Staff Member" the highest technical level in IBM. This promotion was accompanied by a number of company awards in recognition of his work in Network Management.

In '89 Pam & Ray visited his sister Pam in Australia at their new home in the Blue Mountains.

In '91, Ray was named as one of "The most influential People in the Computing Industry" by Communications Week, a national trade journal. In the next ten years he became the second busiest traveler out of RDU. Having a second hip replacement slowed me up for about 10 weeks. I was working in the merging of computer and telecommunications technology.

In May of 1993, Ray was given the assignment to work with a group of vendors and users specify standards for systems management..

This meant traveling back to the UK once a month.

In 1993, Ray was listed in the "Who's Who of Global Business Leader".

In June of 1994, Pam and Ray went to the UK met up with Pamela and Bruce Harris and touring England, Wales and Scotland for two weeks. Then Pam and Bruce returned to Raleigh, NC for a visit.

At the end of 1994, Ray became program manager for management standards dealing with many other competing companies. This still involved a great deal of traveling. In 1995 Pam and Ray had another trip back to England.

In February 1996, Ray was transferred to Tivoli Systems; an Austin based company acquired by IBM as Director of Standards. He represented IBM and Tivoli at many standards organizations including being on the board of the Desktop Management Task Force, an industry consortium.

In 1997, Pam and Ray decided not to move the coast when Ray retired. Instead they decided to remodel the house on Cedarwood drive. They extended the dining room by 6 feet and installed doors between the Den and the Living Room. The next step was to add an office. In January 1998, Ray started to work from home.

By this time Ray was also Vice President for Technology for the Distributed Management Task Force (DMTF) and on the Board of Governors of the OpenGroup. Both these organizations were non-profit Computer Standards organizations.

In January 1999, Ray had his left hip replaced. He was back at work (from home) in week.

In 2000, Ray decided to keep working past the normal retirement age. In October Pam and Ray brought a vacation home in a retirement community at 524 Capeside Dr near Wilmington, NC.

Appointed to the Board of Directors of The Open Group and chairman of the Open Group Suppliers Council.

Co-authored a book on the Common Information Model (CIM) with others in the DMTF.

Lead the release of the CIM Schema v2.5, and LDAP Mapping by the DMTF.

Ray retired from IBM in August 2001. The transition to retirement was gradual as he stayed on with DMTF until the end of 2001. In October Ray had a bad traffic accident when a Mack truck ran a red light hitting the van that Ray was driving. In the process, the right hip replacement was dislodged and Ray had to undergo his third replacement to repair his right leg in February 2002.

In May of 2002, Pam and Ray sold the house in Raleigh and moved to a new house they had built in Carolina Beach, NC. There they kept busy with retirement things. They joined St James Parish, a downtown Wilmington Church. Ray is the Webmaster for St James and a number of other sites. Pam is busy sewing and Ray designed and built with help a floating dock and an irrigation system for the house. They both joined the choir at St James and serve on a number of Church organizations.

Ray was still doing consulting work with computers and web pages.

Pamela Rosetta -Wife- (Nee' Lawler)

Pamela was born on August 16,'37 to Charles and Rosetta Lawler (nee' Parfitt) at St. Thomas' Hospital, London (a true Cockney, born within the sound of "Bow Bells"). Her mother died within six months of her birth and her father remarried.

During the early part of the war, Pamela was evacuated to Cumberland.

The family moved to a new housing estate in St. Paul's Cray near Sidcup after the war.

She was educated at Honor Oak Grammar, Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar and Chislehurst and Sidcup Technical School prior to starting nursing training at Queen Mary's Hospital, Sidcup.

She met Raymond during this time while they were both working as Sunday school teachers on this estate.

She married Raymond on December 15,'56. See "Raymond Charles" on page 18.

When Ray and Pam moved to Raleigh, Pam started work for the Central Carolina Bank as a customer service representative and was very happy with her new job.

In July '87, Pam started as the Office Manager for HRW, a condominium management company.

In March of '88, Pam visited England for the first time since they had left in '67. Pam

retired from HRW in April 2002.

Roger Charles

Roger was educated in the Hyde Park district schools, graduating in 1975. Roger went on to the Rochester Institute of Technology graduating with high honors in 1979 with a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work.

In July 1979 he married Sherry Palmer, another graduate of RIT. See "The Palmer and Lindsay Families" on page 25. They lived in Jacksonville, Illinois where they both worked at the Illinois School for the Deaf. They have a daughter and a son.

Heather Jean was born on July 7th, 1981 (their second wedding anniversary). Brian

Charles was born on May 3rd, 1984.

In the fall of '84, Roger changed jobs joining a private counseling agency with special responsibility for the hearing impaired.

In August of '87, Roger and his family moved to Wilmington, NC where he took the position of Regional Consultant for the NC Council for the Hearing-Impaired. Later called the Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. It was great for Pam & Ray who used to visit them frequently, as it was only two hours from Raleigh. Sherry started work on her Masters Degree (MBA).

In August of 1990, Roger transferred to Greenville, South Carolina. In January 2000, they adopted Andrew Glenn aged 6. In January 2001, they adopted Caitlin Elizabeth Li Juan.

Heather Jean

Heather was born to Roger and Sherry Williams in Jacksonville, Illinois.

Heather is very bright and by two learnt to sign and as well talk. Her grandparents always had trouble when they called the house and she would answer the phone and then not know what to do next.

She is very much ahead in her schooling and mote more than a little precocious.

She graduated from Boston University Magna Cum Laude with a BSC in US Foreign Policy and National Security in 2003.

Heather Williams is a senior international/defense policy analyst at the RAND Corporation. She focuses on national security, Middle East regional issues, and intelligence policy and methodology.

Williams joined RAND from the National Intelligence Council, where she served as the deputy Intelligence Officer for Iran and the acting National Intelligence Officer for Iran. In her twelve years within the intelligence community, she has worked at the Defense Intelligence Agency, the Special Operations Intelligence Center, and the Department of Homeland Security/Transportation Security Administration. She served as a founding member of the Foreign Fighter Task Force and served three overseas tours supporting Special Operations Forces counterterrorism operations.

Williams holds an M.S. in strategic intelligence from the National Intelligence University and a B.S. in U.S. foreign policy and national security from Boston University, and she was a Pat Roberts Intelligence Scholar.

Brian Charles

Brian was Ray's only grandson to carry on the family name. His grandparents saw him on memorial weekend, 1984 when they visited Roger and his family in Jacksonville, IL.

Brian is also very bright and way ahead of his age in school.

Andrew Glenn

Glenn was born Glenn Rifer on August 3rd, 1993 and adopted January 13th, 2000

Caitlin Elizabeth LiJuan

Kate was born in China about 10 June 1994 and adopted January 9th 2001. She was abandoned at a train station in Wuhan when she was a toddler.

She was taken to a Chinese orphanage, where officials estimated she was about three years old. They assigned June 10 as her birthday. They gave her the name Shu Li Juan.

The orphanage did not give Kate, who is deaf, any training in sign language or communication skills.

Roger and Sherry Williams of Lyman read about Kate on the Deaf Adoption News Service, an online list of domestic and foreign children who need homes. Sherry Williams, who also is deaf, is a transition coordinator for high school students at the S.C. School for the Deaf and the Blind.

Roger Williams, who is hearing, works for the S.C. Department of Mental Health.

The Williams's began the paperwork process with Immigration and Naturalization Services in August 1998. Approval took almost two years, then the paperwork had to be sent to China- they were approved there in October.

Linda Anne (Lindsay)

Linda was also educated in the Hyde Park district schools, graduating in 1976. Linda went to Mount St. Mary's College in Newburgh NY for one year to study nursing and then transferred to the Dutchess Community College and graduated in 1979 with an Associate Degree in Child Care.

She married Robert Alfred Hanson in 1980 and lived in Poughkeepsie. They have one son, Jason Robert born on November 8th 1981. Raymond, her father, acted as the Lamaze coach during the delivery.

Linda worked as a childcare supervisor at the Anderson School, Staatsburg.

In '84 Linda, Robert and Jason moved to North Carolina and brought a large house trailer in Franklinton about 20 miles from her parents. She is working for the Wake County Juvenile system as the Educational Director.

Robert started to work for a service station the second day they arrived in North Carolina. They have not regretted the move from New York. He is now a long distance truck driver specializing in hazardous loads and is currently transporting cars in the Carolina's and Virginia.

Linda managed a manufactured homes development in Knightdale for a number of years.

In April, 1998 they moved into a house in Johnston County just across the border from Wake County.

Linda started to work as an Interior Designer for a local Market Garden. Linda currently works for Duke Community Health Care in Durham

Jason Robert

Jason had rough start to life in that Linda was "rear ended" while she was carrying him. It now appears that he broke both his legs "In Utero" below the knees. He was under the care of the Shiner's Hospital in Springfield, Massachusetts. One leg straightens itself out but the left one was scheduled to be broken and reset.

In July '84, he stepped off the couch and broke his left leg above the knee. He was put in traction and then in a body cast. In August his grandfather flew to New York and brought him down to Raleigh in the cast on his own to allow his parents to move down to North Carolina without him. He was very brave and did not complain at all during the whole time he was in the cast. The body cast (from his chest to the toes on the left leg and the knee on the right) did not slow him one bit. On one occasion he crawled out of the backdoor of the house at Cedarwood towards the swimming pool. He was saved by his grandparents Old English Sheepdog Megan who jumped in the pool and kept him from falling in. He would have gone to the straight to the bottom. He had the cast off in October.

Two weeks later his grandparents and his mother took him to the Shiner's Hospital in Greenville, South Carolina. There it was discovered that the previous break below the knee had been straightened out and did not need any further surgery.

In 1995 he started to play ice hockey and graduated from Ligon Middle School to East Wake High School.

He developed an interest in Fire Fighting and Emergency Medical Care. In 2003 he moved to Wilmington and lives with his grandparents at Carolina Beach while looking for employment with local fire companies.

In January 2004 he started work with the New Hanover County Fire Department.

Beverley Mary

Beverley was also educated in the Hyde Park district schools, graduating in 1978.

Beverley attended The University of Hartford, West Hartford, CN graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree (Cum Laude) in Special Education and Early Childhood. During her college years she was very active in college activities including soccer and Pep Band.

Beverley lived in Staatsburg and worked as a Special Education teacher for the Hyde Park School district.

In '87 Beverley moved down to North Carolina to finish off her Masters Degree in special education at NCSU. In September she became engaged to Tom Filer, a teacher in the Wake County School System.

Beverley and Tom were married on June 25th, 1988 at ChristChurch, Raleigh. The following week Tom was appointed as the Assistant Principal of Carroll Middle School.

Beverley then started to teach in the Wake County Schools at the Martin Middle School. In the fall of 1992 she became the Chairman of the Special Education at Martin.

She and Tom live on Piedmont Dr. in Raleigh with their dogs Nutmeg and Ginger.

When Matthew was on the horizon, Tom extended their house by adding a large walk-in closet over an office and computer room thus freeing up a room for Matthew.

She is currently a Special Education Teacher at Hillburn Elementary School in Raleigh

Matthew Charles

Matthew was born on August 27th at 11:27pm by emergency Caesarian Section after a very rough pregnancy. He weighed in at 6lb 11oz, 19 inches. The Rev Winston Charles baptized him on January 11th, 1998 at ChristChurch.

The Palmer and Lindsay Families

Information supplied by Sherry's grandmother, Helen.

William Lindsay and Elizabeth Lindsay were first cousins of pure Scots blood. During a rebellion of Scottish clans, they fled to the north of Ireland (probably either the 1715 or the 1745 Jacobite rebellion). They would not marry the Irish, to preserve the pure Scots blood. The clans married within their own families.

William Lindsay (Sherry's great grandfather), was born in County Armagh, Ireland to William and Elizabeth Lindsay.

Two of the Lindsay families immigrated to America and settled in Amsterdam, NY.

Since one family had 13 children and the other 17, who mostly became businessmen, Amsterdam was once alive with Lindsay's', who were very much respected in the community.

The Palmer family was Dutch and settled in Dutchess County, NY

Caroline O'Dell (Odell?) was a cousin to Governor O'Dell (Odell?) of New York State. Although Helen Amelia Lindsay was no relation to Charles Wesley Palmer, his uncle and aunt were her great uncle and great aunt because his Uncle William Palmer married her mother's Aunt Harriet Mutimer.

Jermiah Mutimer was born in London. His wife, Phoebe Allen, also English, was born in the States. Phoebe Allen died of "Black Diptheria" when she tried to help a family that no one else would go near because they all had the disease. When she died, her children were young, Francis was 7, Mary was 5 and George was 3. Jermiah went on a trip to England and brought back a Scottish bride to bring up his children.

The Harris Family

Bruce Fairgray

Bruce Fairgray was born in Auckland, N.Z. on March 7th 1921. During the Second World War he served with the 2nd N.Z. Division in the Artillery, rising to the rank of Captain.

He has earned MA (Oxford), BA and BD (N.Z.), Ph.D. (Auckland).

He returned to New Zealand in 1951 after his spell as a Rhodes Scholar at Balliol College Oxford with his wife Pamela, see "Pamela Mary" on page 17, and their newborn son Mark Fairgray (August 4,'50), and took a position as a member of the Classics Department of the University of Auckland. His research centered on the eastern provinces of the Roman Empire, and in particular on the works of Dio of Prusa.

During this time, their remaining three sons were born. Jonathan Charles (December 31,'53), Stephen Melville (January 1,'56) and Timothy James (September 7,'59).

In 1970, the family moved to Eastwood, N.S.W., Australia where Bruce joined the School of History, Philosophy and Politics at Macquarie University at North Ryde, N.S.W. as Associate Professor.

He has continued his interest in Greek and Roman coins and he shares in research on Greek papyri.

He is an associate editor of Prudentia and the Journal of Religious History

He was elected Head of School in 1976 and continued in that position until his retirement in '88.

Bruce and Pamela attended St. Andrew's, Lane Cove. Bruce was on the Anglican Diocesan Standing committee for Sydney.

In '88 they moved to Winmalee in the Blue Mountains, a few miles from Sydney. They spend their time in creating a native garden particularly camellias.

Pamela does a great deal of patchwork quilting. A number of her pieces have exhibited in Sydney.

In great forest fires of January 1994, fires swept around three sides of their house, stopping across the Hawkesbury Road from the house. In the fall of 1995, they moved to Adelaide, South Australia.

Mark Fairgray

Mark was born on August 4, 1950 in England

He married Eileen Gay Campbell, a "Kiwi" (a New Zealander), and they have four children.

Jennifer Amy born on March 29,'76 in England while Mark was teaching there.

David Fairgray born on April 22,'79. Paul Campbell born on September 21,'80. Linda Eileen born on August 17,'82.

Mark is a teacher and assistant housemaster at the Kings School. Parramatta, N.S.W.

Jonathan Charles

Jonathan was born on December 31,'53 in Auckland, New Zealand and is married to Elizabeth Ruth Shellard. Ruth was born in Tanzania to missionary parents.

They have two daughters, Johanna Ina (April 3,'80) and Catherine Ruth (August 27,'82). They live in Epping while Jonathan completes his doctorate.

Stephen Melville

Stephen was born on January 1st, '56 in New Zealand and is married to Leone Caryl Hevins (an Australian).

Stephen is a teacher and lived with Leone in Springwood, NSW. They have one Michael George born.

In 1993, they built an energy efficient house on a piece of land next to Pamela and Bruce Harris in Winmalee.

Timothy James

Timothy was born on September 7, '59 and married Fiona Salisbury Marsh (born in England) on

December 8th, '79 at Lakeside Road Uniting Church, Eastwood. They

have one son, Daniel Jon born on September 16th, '81

They lived in Sidney, N.S.W. while Timothy studied at Theological College.

He had his own parish at Helensburg in the Royal Forest Park south of Sidney.

In 1995, he and his family moved to Adelaide, South Australia where he was the rector of the largest parish in Adelaide.