

THE PEIRCE FAMILY TREE OF HENFIELD & HORSHAM

This research has been carried out by Alan Barwick of Henfield Museum in 2020 using census records etc. available online. The family photographs come from a collection which was donated to Henfield Museum in 2009. Marriage certificates etc. would need to be purchased to verify marriages, and births of children.



Although it cannot be verified this is very likely to be George Peirce b. 1853 and his wife Esther b. 1851 photographed at Eastbourne c. 1910. Esther has the features of the young girl on page 8 of the book "A Penny for the Gas."



A family wedding c.1910. The woman second from the right in the front row looks like Esther in the above photo. So this might be the marriage of Harry Peirce and Hester Holland in 1907. It would be usual for her to be seated next to her son with the bride's parents being on the right.



This looks very much like the couple in the wedding photo above with their two children. Although the children look like two girls it wasn't unusual for baby boys to be dressed as girls, so this might be Irene and Ralph.



This is George again in 1908 with his greyhound called Ralph which according to the writing on the back of the photo he raced. The girl is unidentified but because she has a greyhound she is likely to be a daughter of George, perhaps Elsie who married Arthur Stentiford. She looks rather like the woman on page 17 of the book.



This is a doctored photo produced by the Henfield photographer Marjorie Baker for Alice Roast nee Peirce who wanted a photo showing her with her parents George Peirce b.1876 and mother Maria b.1874. This is the family who lived at 3, Croft Villas in the Edwardian period, and ended their days at 2, Park Road.

These two images may be Alice
Victoria Peirce b. 1907.



This is No.1 Park Road, Henfield which was
the site of Henfield's first telephone
exchange, and the neighbours to Alice
Peirce.



This card was sent by Ethel so it is reasonable to assume this is Ethel Upton nee Peirce with one of her two children.



There was no indication on the back of this card to say who it is, but it could be Harold Peirce who was killed in WW1.

The following family tree shows the Vinall family. This shows Ann Vinall b.1854 who married Charles Faulkner, and who is referred to on page 18 of the book.

FLIZA NOT
FLIZAGETH

ELIZA
18005/7/1811

HENRY
B 16/2/1809
D 11/1/1836

STEPHEN (one name) ESTHER
B 9/10/1811
D 24/8/1879

SUSAN
B 9/6/1822
D 20/3/1875
(NOT MARRIED IN 1861)

JANE
B 29/2/1824

HARRIET
B 11/6/1830
M JOHN PATRICK
10/12/1844
CANT FIND COUPLE
IN RECORDS OF
HENTON

JAMES B 1818 D 26 or 31/1/1884
MARRIED MARY ANN HOLLINGDALE
FROM HURTLEBURT B c1822
D 27/12/1904 MARRIED 29/10/1842
JAMES DIED 26/1/1884 (GRAVE NO. 572)
BURIED 31/1/1884

GEORGE
B 11/11/1812
PROB DIED
20/5/1815
AGED 3 MONTHS

ANN
BPD 22/4/1805
BPD 29/12/1807
(SEE SHEET 10)
SHOULD BE
FRANCIS

GEORGE
B 11/11/1812
PROB DIED
20/5/1815
AGED 3 MONTHS

THOMAS HOLLINGDALE (BRICKLAYER)
B 30/10/1847
MARRIED MARY ANN (FROM
WILTSHIRE)
B c1848

MARY JANE
BPD 20/8/1871

MARGARET?
ESTHER
LOUISE
BPD 9/11/1873

NOT IN HANFIELD
IN 1881 Census
OR 1891

WILLIAM (BRICKLAYER)
BPD 10/5/1857
(NOT MARRIED BY 1871)

JANE
B 1844

BAILEY JOHN SON
BPD 9/7/1871 D 1903

M FARMER & BROWNING
C 1900 DAUGHTER OF
ALBERT

MARY ELIZA HADON
B 1877 B 1930 BPD B 1882
D 1965 11/1/1930 BPD 11/1/1930
(MRS NEWBERY) SINGL
BPD 10/12/1876
(SINGLE IN 1930)

JOHN NORTH GREYRUE
WILLIE
JAMES B 1904 (CARPENTER)
KILLED IN WW2 19/11/1945
MARRIED LAURIE EVELYN
LUNNON 1932
(ADOPTED RICHARD)

RICHARD B 1944
MARRIED TRACE
2 BOYS FROM FIRST MARRIAGE
1 BOY FROM 2ND B 2002

GEORGE
B 1874
BPD 8/3/1874
(CARPENTER)
SINGLE IN 1931

KATE
B 1874
BPD 8/3/1873
SINGLE IN 1931

RICHARD (CARPENTER & GARDENER)
B 1877
D 1947
MARRIED MARGARET
ELLEN (AFTER 1921)
D 1965 AGED 86
NO ISSUE

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BPD 8/3/1874
(CARPENTER)
SINGLE IN 1931

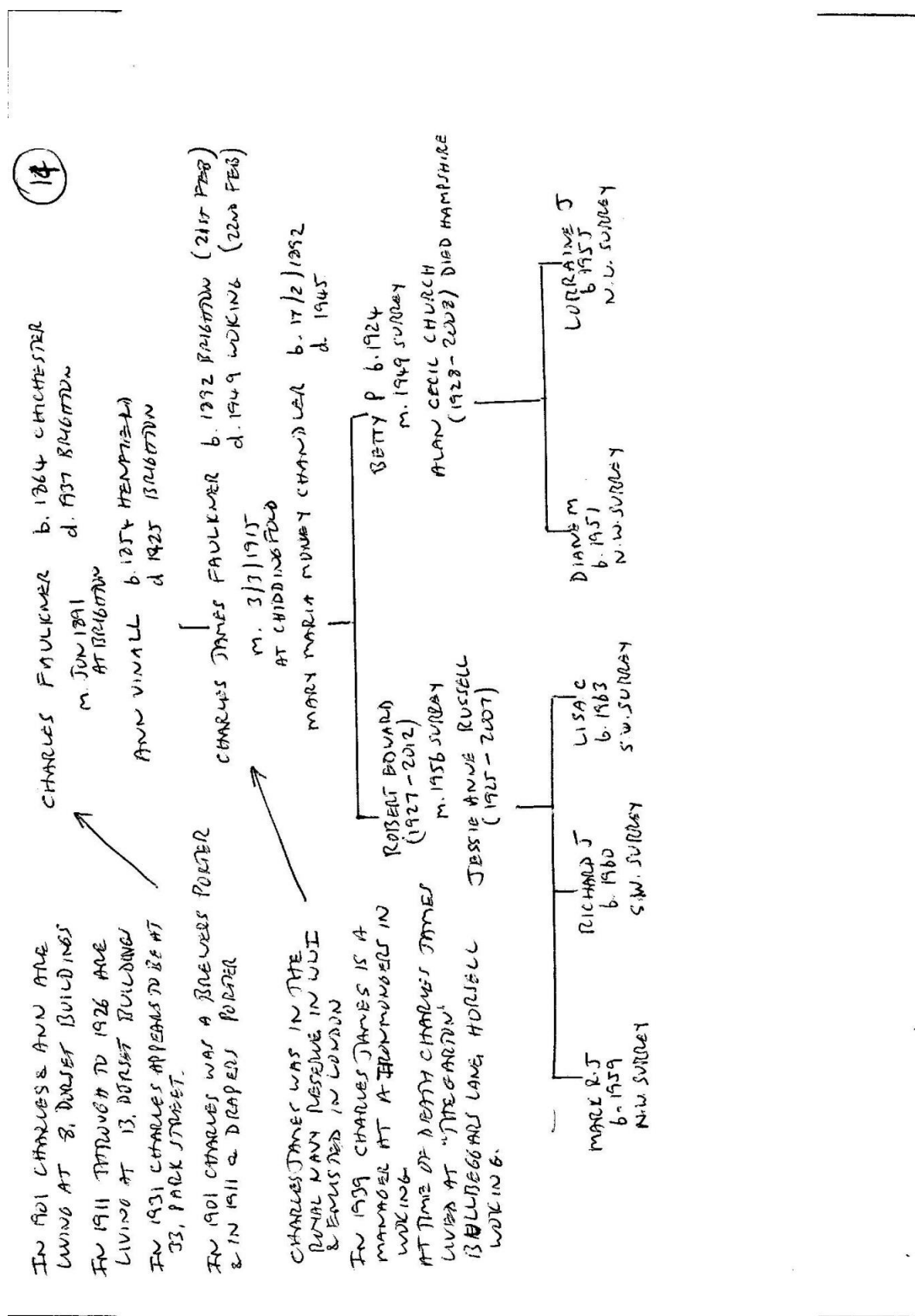
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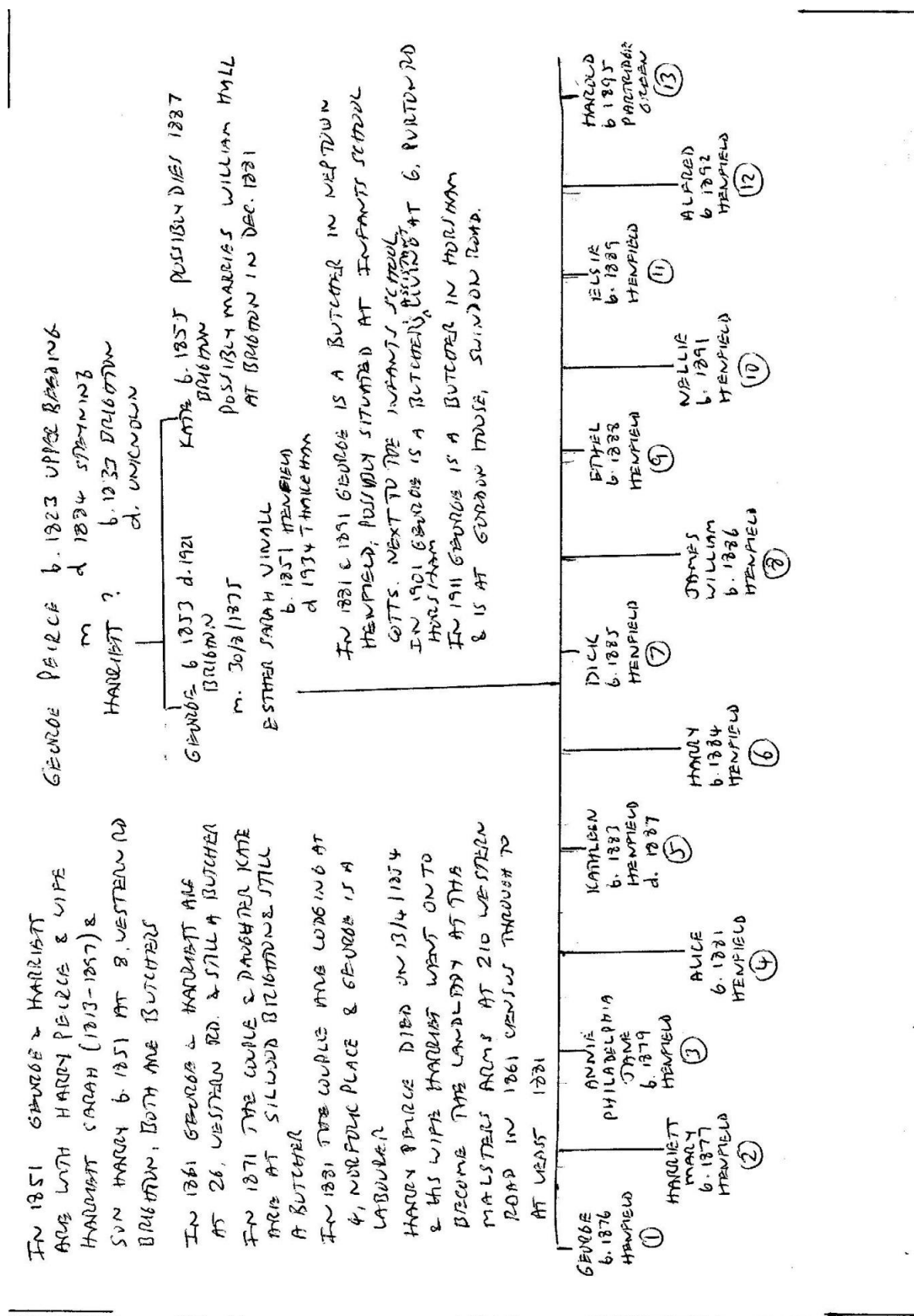
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The family tree below relates to Charles Faulkner and wife Ann.



The family tree below relates to the Peirce family. Separate trees follow for the 13 children.



(1)

GEORGE PEIRCE b. 1876 HENFIELD
d. 1923 HURSTON
m. 1904 HUNGERFORD

MARIA LAVINIA CLARK
b. 1874 RAMBURN WILTS
d. 1970 HENFIELD

ALICE VICTORIA b. 1907 HENFIELD
d. 1987 HENFIELD
m. 1939

JOHN HARRY WALTER
ROAST b. 1910
d. 1970

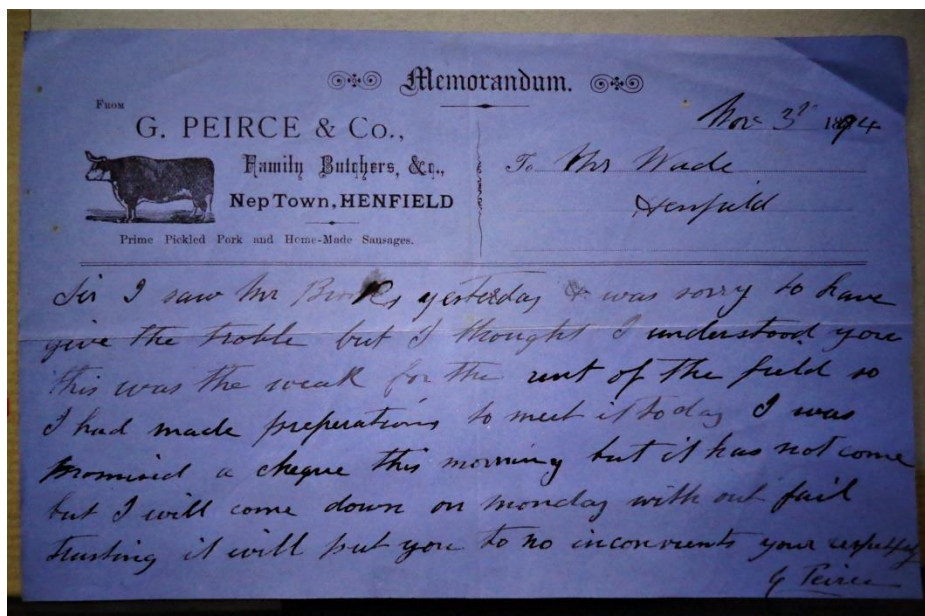
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IN 1891 GEORGE WAS A
BUTCHER'S ASSISTANT & LIVING WITH FATHER & MOTHER
IN 1901 GEORGE IS LIVING WITH MARK & ANN
BROWNING AT 15, SOUTHVIEW TERRACE HENFIELD &
IS LISTED AS A BUTCHER

IN 1908¹⁹¹¹ HE IS LIVING AT 3, CROFT VILLAS, CHURCH
STREET HENFIELD WITH WIFE & DAUGHTER & IS A BUTCHER

IN 1939 HIS WIDOW MARIA IS LIVING AT 2 PARK RD
HENFIELD.

IT WAS AT 2 PARK RD THAT DAUGHTER ALICE &
HUSBAND LIVED UNTIL THEIR DEATHS.



This letter dated 1894 is from George Peirce b. 1853 when he was in Nettle Town. He was renting one of the Gresham Charity fields just south of Henfield to graze his animals before they were killed.



The butcher's shop of George Peirce could have been the red building in the distance behind the gas lamp post. Now 2, Infants School Cottages.



These are postcards of George Gosden's tailors shop in Cowfold dated 1906 and 1907. It looks like it was in Station Road, the A272 leading west to the A24. I suspect it has been demolished as there is a lot of new development in this road.

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HARRIETT MARY PEIRCE b. HEMFIELD 1877
m. 1900 AT EASTBOURNE
d. 1973?

JAMES GILBERT JOHNSON b. 1872 DITCHLING COMMON
d. 1960?

GILBERT
ARTHUR
b. 1900 PEVENSEY
d. 1956 CANTERBURY
m. 1931 CARO

LILIAN PRISCILLA
STOCK
b. 1910 PRESW LANCE
d. 1993 CANTERBURY

STANLEY BERNARD
b. 1907 BRIMON
d. 1940 ENGLISH
CHANNEL

m. 1930 RUMFORD
ALICE CLARKE
b. 1900
d. 1982 SOUTHERN OCEAN

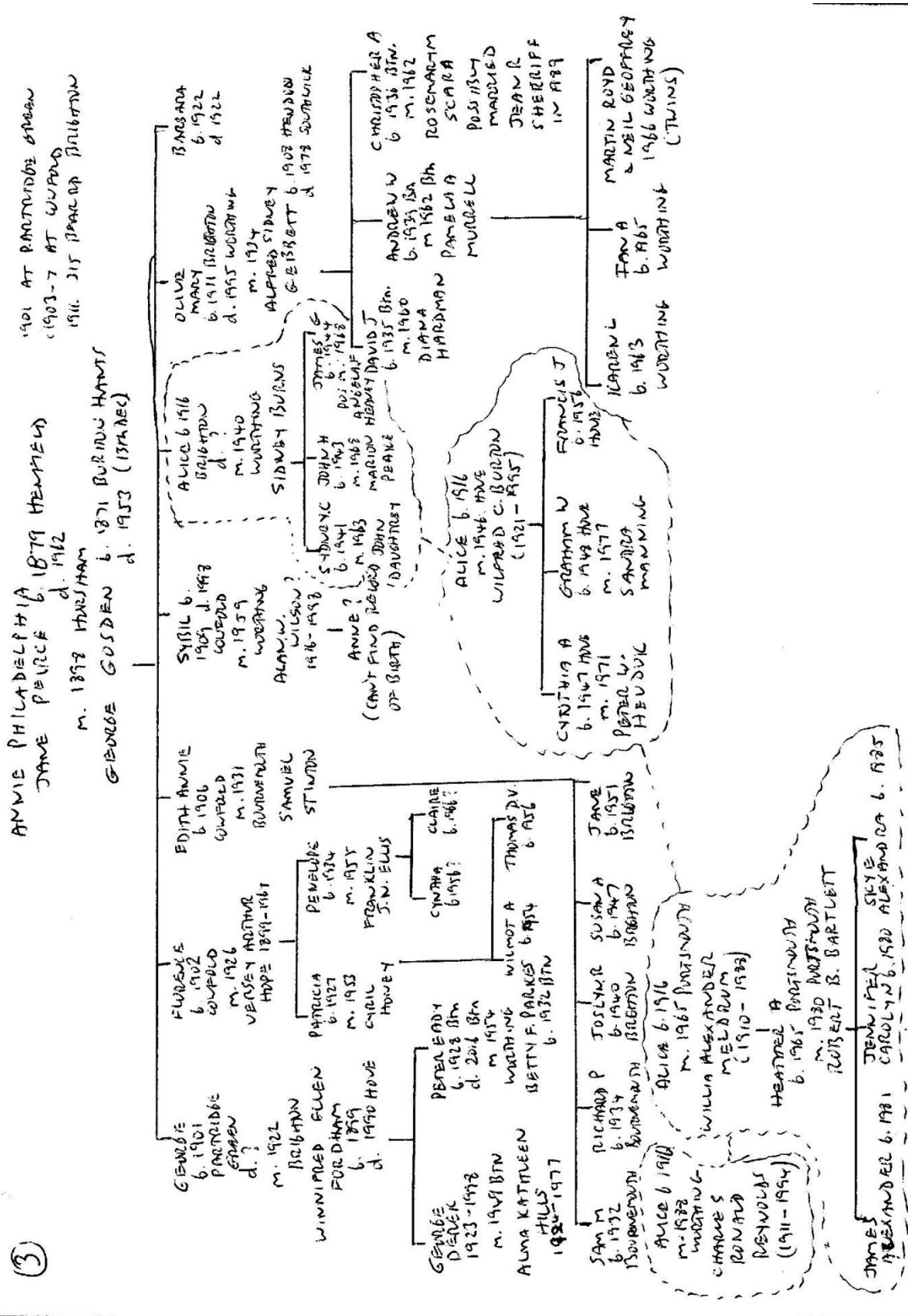
IN 1901 HARRIETT WAS LIVING AT 30 MARLBOROUGH VILLAS, WESTHAM NEAR EASTBOURNE. SHE USED THE NAME MARY RATHER THAN HARRIETT. IN 1911 THE FAMILY ARE AT 18, MARLBOROUGH HOUSE, WESTHAM. JAMES WAS A COMMERCIAL TRAVELLER & WAS NOT AT HOME IN 1901 OR 1911. IN 1911 HE WAS LODGING AT RAMSGATE.

STANLEY DIED ON WAR SERVICE IN THE ENGLISH CHANNEL ON 31/5/1940. AT THIS TIME HIS WIDOW ALICE WAS LIVING AT 28, BROOKLAND RD, RUMFORD.

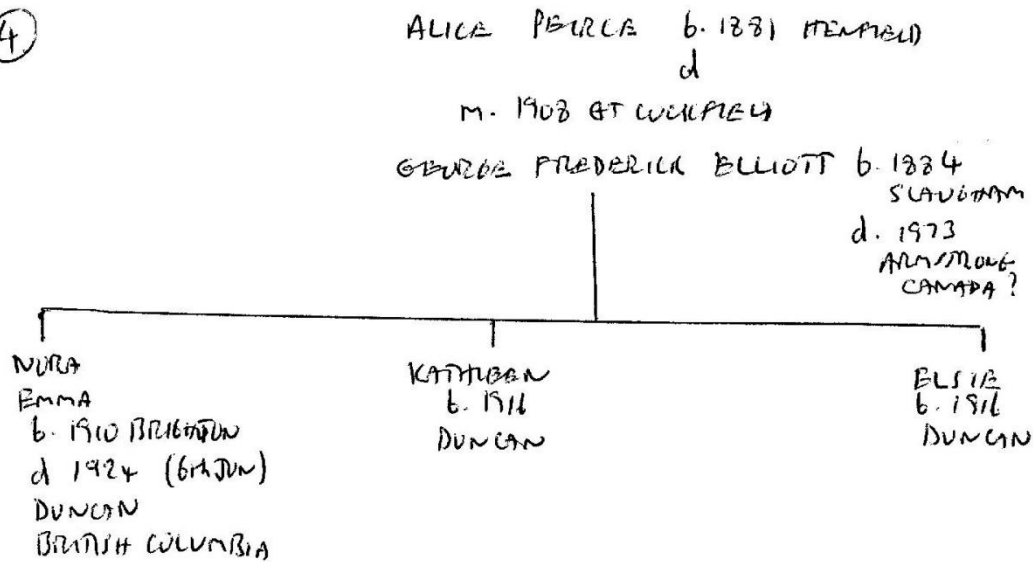
IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO VERIFY THE DEATHS OF HARRIETT OR JAMES. IT IS NOT CLEAR IF GILBERT OR STANLEY HAD ANY CHILDREN.

IN 1906 HARRIETT & FAMILY WERE LIVING AT 3, CROFT VILLAS, CHURCH ST., HEMFIELD.

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(4)



IN 1911 ALICE, GEORGE & NORA ARE AT NEW TREE COTTAGE AT SLAUGHTON, & GEORGE IS A DOMESTIC GARDENER. IN 1911 THE FAMILY GO TO CANADA. IN NOV 1915 GEORGE JOINS UP IN THE 88th BATTALION C.E.F. AT WHICH TIME HIS OCCUPATION WAS A PAINTER. HE HAD SERVED IN THE 4TH SUSSEX REG. WHILE STILL IN ENGLAND. THE FAMILY WERE ALIVE IN THE 1921 CENSUS. IN 1953 IT LOOKS LIKE GEORGE, ALICE & ELSIE (SINGLE) ARE AT OKANAGAN REBELSTORE, ARMAGH SOUTH CENTRE WHERE THEY WERE REGISTERED AS VOTERS. IN 1921 IT LOOKS LIKE GEORGE WAS A LABOURER ON THE RAILWAYS. NO RECORD CAN BE FOUND OF DEATH OF ALICE OR WHAT HAPPENED TO KATHLEEN & ELSIE.

No tree for 5 Kathleen Peirce as she died aged 4 years.

(6)

HARRY PEIRCE b. HENFIELD 26/5/1884
d. HURSHAM 27/4/1924
m. JUNE 1907

HESTER HELEN HOLLAND b. PURTSLADE
28/3/1875
d. HURSHAM 1960

IRENE MAY
b. 1908
d. 1965 HURSHAM
m. 1932

GEORGE WILLIAM
HILLIARD b. 1907
d. 1971

JOHN EDWARD b. 1936
m. 1959 HURSHAM

MAUREEN A. PROSSER
b. 1936 WORTHING?

RACHEL A. b. 1961
WORTHING.

RAULH HARRY (6th JUNE)
b. 1910
d. 1968 HURSHAM
m. 1934

BERTHA GWENDOLINE
DUFFIELD b. 1906 (6th JULY)
HURSHAM
d. 1977 HURSHAM

NO ISSUE

In 1911 HARRY, HESTER & FAMILY WERE AT THE SAGARS, MOH D,
DITCHLING WHERE HARRY WAS A JOURNEMAN BUTCHER.
AT THE TIME OF HARRY'S DEATH THE FAMILY WERE AT
~~36, KEMPSTON RD. HURSHAM~~ 25, QUEENS ST, HURSHAM
IN 1939 HESTER WAS WITH SON IN LAW GEORGE HILLIARD
AT 36, KEMPSTON RD. HURSHAM. GEORGE WAS A HEAVY GOODS
VEHICLE DRIVER. THE FAMILY WERE AT THE SAME ADDRESS
WHEN IRENE DIED ON 14/4/1965. GEORGE DIED AT BRUCE
WIDGE IN NEW STREET ON 9/2/1971. JOHN EDWARD WAS
A PROFESSIONAL MUSICIAN. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT JOHN EDWARD
& MAUREEN DIVORCED. IN 1939 RAULH IS AT 45, VILE DRIVE
IS A SLAUGHTERMAN.

THE KELLY'S DIRECTORY ENTRIES FOR PEIRCE THE BUTCHERS
AT HURSHAM ARE:

1913 NO ENTRY

1922 & 1924 HARRY PEIRCE 25 QUEENS ST,

1927 & 1930 PEIRCE BROS. " " "

1934 H. PEIRCE " " "

1938 NO ENTRY

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RICHARD PERCE b. 9/9/1885 HEMPSTEAD
d. 1960 HURSTMAN

m. 26/12/11 CORDHARTBOUR SURREY

ELSIE EDITH EDWARDS b. c.1889 HAMBLEDON KY
d. 1962 HURSTMAN

HILDA WINIFRED
b. 1912 (26th Oct.)
d. 31/1/2000 HURSTMAN

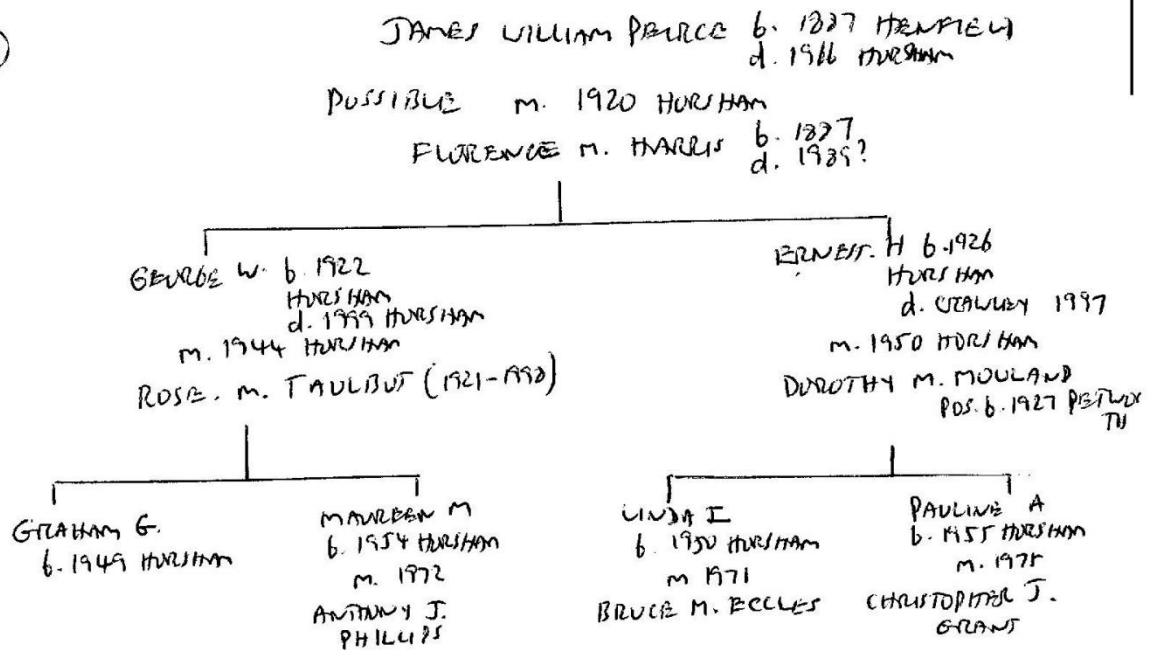
m. 1941 AT HURSTMAN

FREDERICK PERCY BUDGEN b. 1920
d. 1998 CRAWLEY

RICHARD F.
b. 1948

IN 1911 RICHARD WAS LODGING AT 3, NORFOLK RD. TOLNWOOD
AND WAS A BUTCHER. IN 1939 HE IS AT 25, ORCHARD RD,
HURSTMAN AND IS A FITTERS LABOURER IN AN ELECTRICAL
WORKS, HILDA IS A SHOP ASSISTANT. IN 1939 FREDERICK
BUDGEN WAS A CYCLE & RADIO ENGINEER, AND LIVING WITH
PARENTS AT 35, RUSHAMS RD, HURSTMAN.

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IN 1911 JAMES IS RECORDED AS WILLIAM JAMES & IS A BUTCHER AGED 24 YRS LIVING WITH FATHER GEORGE AT 4, FIELD COTTAGE, SWINDON ROAD, HURHAM.

IN 1939, JAMES WILLIAM IS LIVING AT 19, DAKESBATH RD HURHAM WITH FLORENCE & CHILDREN GEORGE WHO IS LISTED AS A BATTERY CHARGER & REPAIRER & ERNEST WHO IS AT SCHOOL. JAMES IS LISTED AS A GENERAL LABOURER.

THE PROBLEM WITH JAMES IS THE DOB GIVEN IN 1939 AS 12/2/75 DOESN'T AGREE WITH HIS ACTUAL BIRTH WHICH WAS 1827. THIS THROWS DOUBT ON HIS MARRIAGE TO FLORENCE, BUT NO OTHER RECORD OF MARRIAGE OR DEATH OF JAMES CAN BE FOUND. WOULD NEED TO OBTAIN HIS MARRIAGE CERT. TO CHECK THE DETAILS OF HIS FATHER. THE CERT. IS HURHAM DISTRICT, VOL. 2B, PAGE 788.

(9)

ETHEL PERCE b. HENFIELD 1888 (17th March)

d HOME 1962

m 1917 AT EASTBOURNE

WILLIAM UPTON b. 1881 (8th Dec)

d. 1965 HOME ?

KATHLEEN b. 1913 (15th July)
HURSHAM

JUDY b. 1914
THURHAM
d. 1940 WORTHING

IN 1901 ETHEL WAS STAYING WITH SISTER HARRIET AT WESTHAM, NR EASTBOURNE. IN 1911 SHE IS AT HURSHAM WITH FAMILY & WAS A DRESS MAKER. WILLIAM WAS A FARM LABOURER. IN 1939 THE FAMILY ARE AT SUMPTING. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHERE JUDY WAS IN 1939.

KATHLEEN MAY HAVE MARRIED ROBERT G. GIBBS AT BATTLE IN 1938, OR JOHN A. WILKINS AT HOME IN 1966, OR MAY HAVE REMAINED A SPINSTER & DIED AT WORTHING IN 1991.

(13)

HAROLD PERCE b. 1895 PARTRIDGE GREEN
d 1916 FRANCE

IN 1911 HAROLD WAS WITH PARENTS AT GORDON HOUSE, SUINDON RD. HURSHAM & WAS A PRINTERS APPRENTICE. HE INITIALLY JOINED THE HERTFORDSHIRE REG IN WW1 (NO. 5753) & LATER THE 8TH SERVICE BATTALION OF THE GLOS. REG. (NO. 39636) WHERE HE WAS A CORPORAL. HE WAS KILLED IN ACTION ON 18/11/1916 IN FLANDERS. HE IS BURIED IN THE COMMUNIST CEMETERY, THIEPVAL, FRANCE
GRAND REF. XII. A. 1.

(10)

NELLIE PIERCE b. 1891 HENFIELD
d. 1968 BRIBTON
m. 1915 AT HURSTHAM

HERBERT EDMOND SIMMONS
b. 1888 BRIBTON
d. 1978 BRIBTON

EVELYN
b. 1916 STAYNING
d. 1978 HURSTHAM

LESLIE
b. 1919 STAYNING
pos d. 2003 SEAFORD

HAROLD
b. 1922 STAYNING
pos d. 1993 HURSTHAM

pos. m. 1941 BRIBTON

GRACE F. TUBB b. 1923 BRIBTON
d. 1987 BRIBTON

MARION L
b. 1943 BRIBTON
m. 1960 BRIBTON

BEVERLEY A
b. 1947 BRIBTON
m. 1966 BRIBTON

BARRY J
b. 1948 BRIBTON
m. 1969 BRIBTON

JOHN W. SCHOFIELD

PAUL W. FLOWERS

VIOLET M. LITTLE
pos. d. 1946 & 2006

IN 1911 HERBERT WAS AT 38 EXETER ST, BRIBTON WITH FAMILY
& HE WAS A PLUMBER. IN 1939 HERBERT b. 14/2/1888, NELLIE
b. 31/11/1891 & LESLIE b. 8/3/1919 WERE LIVING AT 25, OLD STURHAM
RD, BRIBTON. BOTH HERBERT & LESLIE WERE PLUMBERS.

AT THE TIME OF HERBERT'S DEATH HE WAS LIVING AT
118, GARDEN HILL, BRIBTON. CANNOT BE 100% SURE THAT
LESLIE MARRIED GRACE TUBB. YOU COULD TRY WRITING TO
BEVERLEY FLOWERS WHO IS CURRENTLY AT 93, TUMULUS RD
BRIBTON.

(11)

ELSIE PEIRCE b. 19/5/1890 HENFIELD
d. 21/6/1969 WORTHING

m. 1925 DEVON
ARTHUR PHILIP STENTIFORD b. 7/7/1891
d. 1965 (13 MAY)

DERICK P

b. 1930
d. 2009 LITTLEHAMPTON

m. JUN 1954

SHIRLEY HOBBS

PAMELA J
b. 1955
WORTHING

m. 1985
GUTHRIE P. HARVEY

STEPHEN J
b. 1957
WORTHING

POSSIBLY
MARRIED AT
BARKING
IN 1980 OR/AND
BLACKPOOL 1989

NIGEL W
b. 1961
CHICHESTER
m. 1990

LORRAINE P
SHREEVE

ALLISON MARY
b. 1967
CHICHESTER
m. 1993
WORTHING

JOHN D.
JACKSON

ARTHUR WAS AN INSURANCE AGENT & AT TIME OF DEATH
WAS LIVING AT 29, WINDON RD, PULBROUGH. IN 1939
WAS AT 8, WINDON RD. SHIRLEY STENTIFORD WAS
LIVING AT CARLETON KENNEL, FORD RD, ARUNDEL IN 2004
& FLAT 23, STIMP FIELDS CLOSE LITTLEHAMPTON IN 2006

(12)

ALFRED PIERCE b. 1872 HENNING (ISRAHOL)
d. 1965 HURHAM
m. 1920 HURHAM

MILICENT JAMES b. 22/3/1890
d. 1979 HURHAM

DO NOT APPEAR TO
BE ANY CHILDREN

IT WOULD SEEM MILICENT WOULD HAVE MARRIED HERBERT L. JAMES AT MAIDENHEAD IN 1916 & HAD TWINS THELMA & PEGGY BORN 16/5/1916. IN 1939 ALFRED, MILICENT, THELMA & PEGGY ARE AT 33, KEMPSTON RD., HURHAM & WITH THEM IS RONALD G. PHILLIPS & GENERAL LABOURER BORN 16/7/1915.

PEGGY JAMES MARRIED RONALD G. PHILLIPS AT HURHAM IN SEPT 1941. PEGGY DIED IN HURHAM IN 2000 & RONALD IN 2003.

THELMA JAMES MARRIED FRED C. PHILLIPS, WHO WAS A GAS WORKER LABOURER & IN 1939 WAS LODGING AT 71, EAST ST., HURHAM, AT HURHAM IN 1942. ITS LIKELY FRED & RONALD WERE RELATED. THELMA DIED AT HURHAM IN 2010 & FRED IN 2009.