

as 15 years. He was in his 16th year. He was also the youngest listed on the record. It states he was a member of the crew for Column ?Q.

HMS Repulse was one of seven Royal Sovereign-class pre-dreadnought battleships built for the Royal Navy in the 1890s. Assigned to the Channel Fleet, where she often served as a flagship, after commissioning in 1894, the ship participated in a series of annual manoeuvres, and the Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee Fleet Review during the rest of the decade. Repulse was transferred to the Mediterranean Fleet in 1902 and remained there until December 1903, when she returned home for an extensive refit. After its completion in 1905, Repulse was assigned to the Reserve Fleet until she was sold for scrap in 1911. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HMS_Repulse_\(1892\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HMS_Repulse_(1892))

William left the Repulse on 12th February 1904 during its refit period which seems a little odd. Gibraltar became a hugely important base for the Royal Navy from the 18th century onwards. This is because it controlled the Gibraltarian choke point to the Mediterranean Sea, which is only 14.3km wide. To this day, this passage is incredibly important for both military and importation, and up until around 20 years ago, the British military was Gibraltar's largest economy.

<https://www.findmypast.com.au/blog/new/gibraltar-military-marriages>

It does not appear that William's naval service during this period was involved in any wars.



Figure 1 Gibraltar 1870

| Date and Period of G. S. Engagements. | | Age. | Height. Ft. in. | Hair. | Eyes. | Complexion. | Wounds, Scars, Marks, &c. |
|---------------------------------------|--|------|--------------------|-------|-------|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| 28 August - 1903 - 12 yrs | | 28 | 5 4 | light | grey | fair | + on l forearm, dot on rt forearm |
| 28 August 1915 - 40 compl Vot 7 | | 18 | 5 7 1/2 | fair | " | fresh | " |

| Ships, &c., served in. | List and No. | Rating. | Sub-ratings. | | | Badges. | Period of Service. | | Character. | If Discharged, Whither, and for what Cause. |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------|----|-----------|--------------------|------------|----------------|---|
| | | | Rating. | From | To | | From | To | | |
| Pembroke I | 150 57 | S S B | | | | 8/27.8.02 | 10 May 00 | 7 Oct 00 | | |
| Repulse | 14 512 | " | | | | 8/26.3.11 | 18 Oct 00 | | U.S. | |
| " | 50 20 | S. S. A. | | | | 2 | 28 Aug 03 | 12 Feb 04 | 29.31.12.03 | |
| Pembroke I | 150 222 | " | | | | | 13 Feb 04 | 18 Apr 04 | 18.31.12.04 | |
| Caledonia | 50 60 | " | | | | | 19 July 04 | Jan 06 | 29.31.12.05 | |
| Ocean | 50 7 | " | | | | | 2 Jan 06 | 7 Jan 06 | 18.31.12.06 | |
| Pembroke | 150 67 | " | | | | | 8 Jan 06 | 23 Apr 06 | 19.31.12.07 | |
| These: | 50 3 | " | | | | | 26 Apr 06 | 8 May 06 | 18.31.12.08 | |
| Perseus. | 50 27 | I | | | | | 9 May 06 | 6 June 08 | 18.31.12.09 | |
| Perseus | 50 27 | " | | | | | June 08 | 3 Aug 08 | 18.31.12.10 | U.S. |
| Pembroke | 150 17 | " | | | | | 4 Aug 08 | | 18.31.12.11 | Supr. |
| Minerva | 50 1 | act. station | | | | | 11 Oct 10 | 14 Oct 10 | 18.31.12.12 | Supr. |
| " | 50 1 | Sl. Std. | | | | | 15 Oct 10 | | 18.31.12.13 | Supr. |
| Pembroke I | 150 59 | " | | | | | 15 Oct 11 | 29 May 12 | 18.31.12.14 | U.S. |
| Andromache | 50 10 | " | | | | | 30 May 12 | 2 Dec 12 | 18.31.12.15 | U.S. |
| Pembroke | 150 1 | " | | | | | 4 Dec 12 | 8 Mich 15 | | |
| Conquest | 50 1 | " | | | | | 9 Mich 15 | 14 June 15 | | |
| | | | | | | | 15 June 15 | 28 Mich 16 | 24 Ext. Rm. 16 | |

Figure 2 part of William John Grinton Jnr's naval record

William went on to serve in the Navy until 28th March 1916. He was serving on the Andromache when World War 1 broke out and served there until 8th March 1915. Ordered under the Naval Defence Act 1889, Andromache was built in 1890 at Chatham Dockyard.....In August 1914 she joined the Minelayer Squadron, after which she was reduced to harbour duties.
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HMS_Andromache_\(1890\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HMS_Andromache_(1890)).

William then served on the Pembroke ?1 / I from 9th March to 14th June 1915. Online forums suggest that there was never a HMS Pembroke 1 and HMS Pembroke is in fact a training establishment for the navy in Chatham. [ref: <https://www.greatwarforum.org/topic/3780-hms-pembroke/>]

HMS Pembroke was indeed a training establishment. It was the RN Barracks at Chatham. Building started in 1897 and was completed towards the end of 1902. If I remember rightly, the glassed-roofed drill shed was used to house men in WW1 and was hit by a bomb, causing many casualties.

HMS Pembroke II was RNAS Eastchurch, Sheppey, Kent - June 1913 to 01.04.18 when it was turned over to the RAF.

Shore stations were often named after a nearby main base but differentiated by the addition of 'II' or 'III' etc. Pembroke II moved to Chatham as an Accounting Base 1940-57.

These shore bases often moved (at least the name moved!). HMS Pembroke started life at Forth, then at Harwich before moving to Chatham. Also they could have units in several different locations at once. The following existed at various times 1919 to post-WW2

Pembroke III was in London

Pembroke IV was at Chatham/Great Yarmouth/Nore

Pembroke V was at Dover/London

Pembroke VI was at Chatham/Lerwick

Pembroke VII was at Grimsby

Pembroke VIII was at Humber

Pembroke X was at Lowestoft

The full details of the thousands of RN shore bases worldwide over the years are to be found in "Shore Establishments of the Royal Navy" by Lt Cdr B. Warlow RN. Published second edition in 2000 by Maritime Books ISBN 0 907771 73 4 (Tel 01579 343663)

We know then that William John Jnr was shore based most likely at least 5 times in his service:

- When he commenced 14th May-7th October 1900
- 13th February-18th June 1904
- 8th January -23rd April 1906
- 4th August 1908- no end date but it looks like 2 periods on shore 11th May-14th October 1910 after which he joins the Minerva.
- 9th March-14th June 1915.

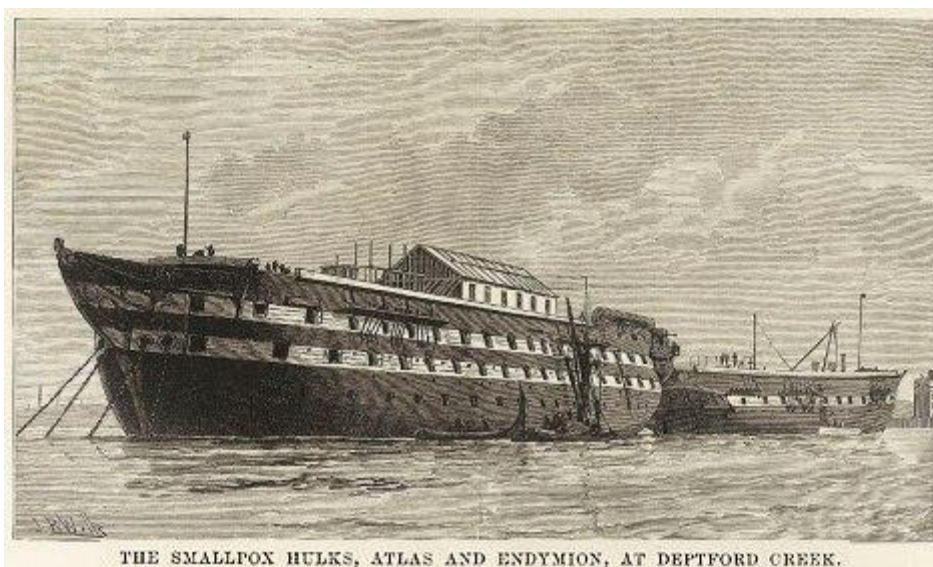
What was William doing then between 1908 and 1910?

He married **Mary Jane Price** [7/12/1880-1968] on 18th July 1905 at Christchurch Greenwich Kent. [GROS Vol 2a Page 2424]. She was the daughter of Samuel John Price and Ann Catherine Baker. She was 5 years older than William having been born the same year as his older step sister Eva Alice Grinton. Nana Eva Alice was a witness at the wedding. The 1881 census tells us Samuel was a sawyer born in Plumstead and Ann a sawyer's wife!

The 1901 census sees the Price family based in Greenwich in the ecclesiastical parish of Christchurch, municipal borough of Marsh living at what looks to be 71 St Andrews St. **Mary** is listed last after her 8 siblings even though she is 20 years old and the eldest. The reference suggests she is a worker on a smallpox ship or perhaps has smallpox and is on a ship. The census also confirms Samuel as a wood sawyer. The first word is very difficult to decipher but could be a ???maid.

| Mr | Mr | Mr | Mr | Mr | Mr | Mr | Mr |
|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Price | Samuel | Head | M | 39 | Wood | Robert | do |
| do | Ann | Wife | M | 39 | do | do | do |
| do | Samuel | Son | S | 16 | do | do | do |
| do | James | Son | S | 8 | do | do | do |
| do | Robert | Son | S | 6 | do | do | do |
| do | William | Son | S | 4 | do | do | do |
| do | Joseph | Son | S | 2 | do | do | do |
| do | Henry | Son | S | 10 | do | do | do |
| do | Jane | Daughter | S | 12 | do | do | do |
| do | Louisa | Daughter | S | 10 | do | do | do |
| do | Mary | Daughter | S | 2 | do | do | do |

The smallpox epidemic which began in 1881 placed great strain on available hospital beds in London. To ease the situation the Metropolitan Asylums Board (MAB) chartered two old wooden warships from the Admiralty to be converted into hospital ships; the Atlas, a 91-gun man-of-war built in 1860 and the Endymion, a 50-gun frigate built in 1865.



THE SMALLPOX HULKS, ATLAS AND ENDYMION, AT DEPTFORD CREEK.

By the end of the outbreak in August 1882, almost 1,000 patients had been treated aboard the 120-bedded Atlas, of which 120 had died.

Initially moored off Deptford Creek in Greenwich, the ships were moved away from the city in 1883 to new moorings at Long Reach, 17 miles from London Bridge, where they were joined by the former cross-Channel paddle steamer Castalia in 1884.

The three ships were moored in a line with the Endymion in the centre, and were connected to each other by a gangway which allowed for the movement and sway of the vessels.

Male patients were berthed on the Atlas which also had a chapel on deck; the Endymion was the administrative centre and also had a kitchen where all the food for the hospital ships was prepared. There were also living quarters for the Matron and some of the other staff on board. The Castalia housed around 150 female patients. Long Reach Pier connected the ships to the few service buildings on shore, which included accommodation for some of the nursing staff, storerooms and a laundry.

By 1893 the ships were in poor condition and proving costly to maintain. A fire broke out on Endymion in January 1902 and the ships were vulnerable to weather conditions. They were also at risk of collisions with other ships; indeed the Castalia was hit by SS Barrowmore in 1898. It was also proving difficult to restrain delirious smallpox patients from throwing themselves overboard.

It was decided to build a land-based smallpox hospital at Long Reach to replace the ships and provide more beds for patients. Building work on the Joyce Green Hospital began in 1901, just as another smallpox epidemic broke out in London.

The smallpox ships finally became redundant in 1903 when the Joyce Green and the other River Hospitals began to open. [<https://www.historic-uk.com/HistoryUK/HistoryofBritain/Smallpox-Hospital-Ships/>].

Eva Mary Grinton was born on 5th November 1906 at 7 Glenister Rd Greenwich, being their first born child. The fact that nanna Eva Alice was a witness at their marriage and they named their daughter Eva suggests Nanna and her brother were very close. William is listed as a steward in the Royal Navy.

| | | | | | | | |
|--------|---------|----------|--------------------------|---------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| | No. 656 | | Mrs. Elizabeth | | Chatham | | |
| No. 5. | Dec 2. | Eva Mary | William John & Mary Jane | Grinton | 7 Glenister Rd Greenwich. | Steward in R.N. | W. T. Money. |
| | No. 657 | | | | | | |

Eva Mary marries Leslie R Banks in 1935 in Medway Kent and Herbert Eneas Brading on 7th October 1950 in Rainham. There appear to be no children from either marriage. The 1939 Register tells us that Eva Mary Banks [overwritten by Brading] and her husband Leslie William an engine fitter and turner were living at 16 First Ave Gillingham and residing with them were Mary Jane and Violet Grinton [born Oct 2nd 1919 and married] . All the women have occupations as unpaid domestic duties. Violet is Eva Mary's sister in law. Eva Mary dies in March 2003 in Medway Kent.

William John Grinton III is born on 16th August 1909 at Luton Chatham, Kent. [GROS: Medway Vol 2a: 763] He marries **Violet Harvey** [2/10/1911-Nov 2000] on 2nd April 1911 at Chatham. William like his father, grandfather and great grandfather joins the navy on 16th August 1927 aged 12 years. Like his father he serves at shore base Pembroke from 5th January 1928 to 3rd August 1928 where it appears he may have left the navy. This Pembroke was Pembroke II presumably still at Chatham. Note he also had the distinctive blue grey eyes of the Grintons and fair complexion but was taller than his father.

There appear to be no children from this marriage.

M 39438 **M** 39438

Name in full } *William John Grinton* Date of Birth *16 August 1909*
Place of Birth *Chatham, Kent*
Occupation *Scholar.*

257284-W, 6117-B 109-2 Bkn.-11/24-W, & S, Ltd. (L)

| Date and Period of Engagements. | Age. | Height. | | Chest. In. | Hair. | Eyes. | Complexion. | Wounds, Scars, or Marks. |
|----------------------------------|------------|----------|----------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--|
| | | Ft. | In. | | | | | |
| <i>16 August 1927- 12 years.</i> | <i>26.</i> | <i>5</i> | <i>6</i> | <i>33.</i> | <i>LBro</i> | <i>Blue</i> | <i>Fair</i> | <i>Mole R. cheek Scar R. foot.</i> |

| Ship, &c., served in. | List. | No. | Rating. | Period of Service. | | If Discharged, whither and for what cause | Sub-ratings. | | | Character & Ability. | | | Remarks |
|------------------------|------------|------------|------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|---|--------------|------|----|-----------------------------------|--------------------|---|---------|
| | | | | From | To | | Rating. | From | To | C. | Date. | A. | |
| <i>Logard Pembroke</i> | <i>14a</i> | <i>857</i> | <i>Art. (1) App. (2)</i> | <i>3 Aug 28</i> | <i>Jan 28</i> | | | | | <i>US 15.8.17 6G 11.12.28</i> | <i>1st 2nd</i> | <i>P.S.T. 6-8-25 ① Over 1 yr 3-8-26 ② -- 2 yr 3-8-17 ③ -- 3 yr 3-5-25</i> | |

REGISTRATION F RIED
 to 25.10.
 1 J 1929
 CHECKED J.

Graced Medal 6-8-42.

| BADGES. | |
|---------|--------------------|
| No. | Granted. Deprived. |
| | |

William John III lived in Rainham as this 1982 directory shows

Grinsted R.A.G, 107 Pagitt St, Chatham..... Medway 811701
 Grinter M.W, 12 Lynors Av, Strood..... Medway 70299
 Grinton W.J, 4 Cozenton Clo, Rainham..... Medway 30371
 Grinyer D.H, 3 Constitution HI Snodland 241490
 Grinyer H.E, 3 Birling Rd..... Snodland 242163
 Grip Engineering Supplies Ltd, Power Tool Distribs,

It is here that he dies on 31st May 1984 as his probate record shows below.

GRINTON, William John of 4 Cobenton Clo Rainham Gillingham Kent died 31 May 1984 Probate Brighton 20 July £6297 84811038490

William John Jnr is only partially listed on the 1911 census- his location is scrubbed out and he is not named. Mary Jane is the head and she is living with the children at 1 Connaught Rd Luton Chatham. Perhaps this is because William appears on another census on his ship.

Only 4 years later William John Jnr dies on 28th August 1916. His naval record records the details:



He had been serving on the Conquest from 15th June 1915 and in an incident similar to his grandfather's he drowned as a result of capsizing in a blizzard. The Naval History Library of Plymouth Central Library stated that there was an incident where there was a loss of life aboard HMS Conquest during 1916: It "occurred on the evening of March 28 1916 when a cutter taking 40 libertymen back to the ship in a blizzard was lost with all hands". [thanks to Phil Grinton for the research reference].

Another account states: On 28 March 1916 aboard the ship's boat which was returning from shore leave was lost in a snow storm and foundered. All 39 on board were drowned off Harwich. <https://livesofthefirstworldwar.iwm.org.uk/community/718#:~:text=On%2028%20March%201916%20aboard,board%20were%20drowned%20off%20Harwich.>

William is listed here: <https://livesofthefirstworldwar.iwm.org.uk/lifestory/6212625>. He is buried at Walton-On-The-Naze (or Walton-Le-Soken) (all Saints) Churchyard Extension CWGC Cemetery/Memorial Essex United Kingdom. He was 30 years old.

By 1916 Eva Alice Grinton had been living in Australia for 3 years and had married John Joseph Smith. I wonder how she heard or if she heard about her step brother's death?

Mary Jane received a widows naval pension and appears not to have remarried.

We know that in 1939 she is living with her daughter and that she dies in 1968 in Chatham [GROS Vol 5 f Page 223]. Beyond that we don't know how Mary Jane lived her life after William died.

- George Grinton

George was born in the July-Sept quarter 1887 in Portsmouth. The 1901 census lists him as an errand boy and a worker, living with his family at 11 Liffler Rd, Plumstead. He was 14 years of age.



Figure 4 Liffler Rd Plumstead



Figure 3 House # 11

He married **Jessie Florence Maud Carter** [1886-1972] daughter of Benjamin Thomas Carter and Mary Ann Mills on 20th December 1908. The marriage was listed as non conformist and conducted at the Wesleyan Methodist Central Hall Plumstead. George is listed as Journeyman / Blacksmith and Jessie a dressmaker. They are living at the same address at the time of marriage 25 Oxford Terrace Wickham Lane Plumstead. George is 21 and Jessie 22 years of age. William John Grinton Jnr is listed as a skilled labourer.

Authorised Person for *The said Central Hall*

1908. Marriage solemnized at *the Wesleyan Methodist Central Hall, Plumstead* in the District of *Woolwich* in the County of *London*

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|-------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|------------|-----------------------|---|---|
| Citizen No. | When Married. | Name and Surname. | Age. | Condition. | Rank or Profession. | Residence at the time of Marriage. | Father's Name and Surname. |
| 10 | Twenty-sixth December 1908 | George Grinton | 21 years | Bachelor | Journeyman Blacksmith | 25, Oxford Terrace, Wickham Lane, Plumstead | William John Grinton (Skiller) Labourer |
| | | Jessie Florence Maud Carter | 22 years | Spinster | Dressmaker | 25, Oxford Terrace, Wickham Lane, Plumstead | Benjamin Thomas Carter Labourer |

Married in the *Plumstead Central Hall* according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the *Wesleyan Methodists* by *Certificate*

This Marriage was solemnized between us, *George Grinton* in the Presence of us, *Edna May Carter* And in the Presence of *J. Drain Castle*

Jessie F. M. Carter in the Presence of us, *Benjamin J. Carter* Authorised Person for *the said Central Hall*

George and Jessie had one daughter **Marjorie Jessie Grinton** born in the April-June quarter 1910 Woolwich London. **Marjorie** married Albert James Ahern in the October quarter of 1931. We know from the 1939 register that Albert was with the RFS Fire Service and Marjorie undertook domestic duties. It appears they were living with **George and Jessie** at 102 Alliance Rd Bexley. George is listed as General Smith. This register also tells us there is an under school aged boy **Edward George Ahern** born 20th May 1935. The year before the electoral register has **Marjorie and Albert** living at 125 Brixham Rd

Dartford. **Marjorie** dies on 14th October 1987 and is cremated on 22nd October 1987 in Kent. Her probate record is below:

AHERN, Marjorie Jessie of Highfield Southview Rd
Crowborough E Sx died 14 October 1987 Probate Brighton
21 December £15132 8751317479K

The 1911 Census has the family living at 40 Ingledeew Road, Plumstead. George is listed as a Blacksmith. In 1918 George and Jessie were living at 27 Saunders Rd St Nicholas Ward Parish of Plumstead according to the Electoral Registers. **George** dies on 2nd Sept 1958 as per his probate record below:

GRINTON George of 102 Alliance Road Plumstead London died
2 September 1958 at 28 Milton Road Welling Kent
Administration London 21 October to Jessie Florence
Maud Grinton widow. Effects £1530 Os. 10d.

He was buried on 5th September at Greenwich.

Jessie died 14 years later aged 85 years in the January quarter of 1972. She died in Dartford, likely living with her daughter.

- Rachael Maria E Grinton

Rachael was born in the July quarter of 1889 [GROS: Sheppey Vol 2a: Page 892] in Sheppey. She was named after her grandmother and aunt. We do not know what the E stands for. Not a lot is known about Rachael. In 1901 she is living with the family at 11 Liffler rd Plumstead and is not listed as a scholar in the census.

In 1908 she is admitted to Horton Asylum -1st February. She would have been 19 years old. She was discharged on 3rd November according to this record. Other records have different dates.

| | | | | | | |
|-------|---------|---------------------|----|------------|-----------|---|
| 65462 | Galden | thy Sam Gas Knight, | 31 | Kana | 14 Nov 08 | |
| 65463 | Grinton | - Rachel Maria | 1 | Feb Horton | 3 Nov 11 | 1 |
| 65464 | Grigor | - Wm | 3 | flam | 28 Aug 11 | 1 |

Figure 5 UK Lunacy Patient Admission registers 1846-1921

By 1911 she has been admitted to the Medway Union Poor Law House .She is listed as not being of able body and requiring an inform diet. She is single and a servant. This record tells us her religion is Church of England. She was discharged on 27th November 1911. She went from Horton Asylum to the Poor law House and then back to the asylum!



She dies in the July quarter of 1919 in Lewes [GROS: Sussex Vol 2b: Page 177]. We do not know if she ever got out of the asylums.

- Minnie Grinton

Minnie was born in Sheerness Sheppey the same as her sister on 8th June 1891. She was baptised at Holy Trinity Sheerness on 1st July of that year. This tells us where William John was stationed at the time. The family were living at 37 Richmond St Sheerness. In 1901 the census tells us she is living at 11 Liffler Rd Plumstead with the family.

Minnie Grinton in 1891

Kent Baptisms

Sheerness, Holy Trinity, Kent, England

Transcript of Minnie's record

| | |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| First name(s) | Minnie |
| Last name | Grinton |
| Baptism date | 01 Jul 1891 |
| Baptism year | 1891 |
| Place | Sheerness, Holy Trinity |
| Residence | 37 Richmond Street |
| Father's first name(s) | William John |
| Father's occupation | Sailor |
| Mother's first name(s) | Elena |
| Country | Kent |
| Country | England |
| Archive | Kent History & Library Centre |
| Archive reference | P254B/1/B/8 |
| Register type | Baptisms |
| Year range | 1891-1904 |
| Page | 7 |
| Record set | Kent Baptisms |
| Category | Life Events (BDMs) |
| Subcategory | Parish Baptisms |
| Collections from | England, Great Britain |

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Then in 1913 she marries **Charles Powell** in the July quarter in the Medway district. They had 3 daughters between 1914 and 1922:

- Constance Eileen Powell born 1914 Gillingham. She married Claude Herbert Wilson in 1936 in Victoria Australia.
- Gladys Powell born 1917 Medway.
- Patricia Powell born 1922 UK.

Minnie Grinton in 1913

England & Wales Marriages 1837-2005

Eastry, Kent, England

Transcript of Minnie's record

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Spouse's last name | Powell |
| First name(s) | Minnie |
| Last name | Grinton |
| Marriage quarter | 3 |
| Marriage year | 1913 |
| Registration month | - |
| Spouse's last name | Powell |
| District | Eastry |
| District number | - |
| County | Kent |
| Country | England |
| Volume | 2A |
| Volume as transcribed | 2A |
| Page number | 1682 |
| Record set | England & Wales Marriages 1837-2005 |
| Category | Life Events (BDMs) |
| Subcategory | Civil Marriage & Divorce |
| Collections from | Great Britain, England |

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There is a Minnie Powell who leaves the UK with her 4 year old daughter Irene in 1920 headed for Sydney? Is this our Minnie Powell? Is Irene Constance Eileen?

Minnie Powell in 1920

Passenger Lists Leaving UK 1890-1960

Sydney, New South Wales, Australia

Transcript of Minnie's record

| | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Title | MRS |
| First name(s) | Minnie |
| Last name | Powell |
| Gender | Female |
| Birth year | 1891 |
| Age | 29 |
| Age as transcribed | 29 |
| Occupation | H wife |
| Departure day | 25 |
| Departure month | 9 |
| Departure year | 1920 |
| Departure port | London |
| Departure country | England |
| Entry struck out | N |
| Destination port | Sydney |
| Destination | Sydney |
| State or territory | New South Wales |
| Country | Australia |
| Destination place - country | AUSTRALIA |
| Destination country | Australia |
| Ship name | Euripides |
| Ship official number | 133648 |
| Ship registered tonnage | 9.399 |
| Ship square feet | 24982 |
| Ship master's first name | P J |
| Ship master's last name | Collins |
| Shipping line | Aberdeen Line |
| Number of passengers | 1283 |
| Length of voyage in days | 54 |
| Ship departure port | LONDON |
| Ship destination port | Australia |
| Ship destination country | Australia |
| Record set | Passenger Lists Leaving UK 1890-1960 |
| Category | Travel & migration |
| Subcategory | Passenger Lists |
| Collections from | Great Britain, England, Australasia |

There are no emigration records for Charles Powell in 1920. Perhaps this is another Minnie Powell.

On 28th August 1923 the family definitely left on the ship "Esperance Bay" to emigrate to Australia. Charles was a real estate agent. The last known address in the UK was c/o Mrs Grinton Larnecot, Beare Green, Nr. Holmwood Surrey. Was this Elena? Charles was 40 years of age, Minnie 32 and they were headed for Melbourne.

111-1000-101-1002

Name of Ship "Esperance Bay" Date of Departure 26th August, 1923. 19
 Steamship Line, Commonwealth Government. Where Bound AUSTRALIA.
 NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF BRITISH PASSENGERS EMBARKED AT THE PORT OF LONDON.

| (1) Contract Ticket No. | (2) NAMES OF PASSENGERS | (3) LAST ADDRESS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM | (4) CLASS | (5) Port at which Passengers have contracted to land | (6) Profession, Occupation or Calling of Passengers | (7) AGES OF PASSENGERS | | | | | | (8) Country of last Permanent Residence † | | | | | (9) Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence † | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--------------|---|---|-----------------------------------|--------|---------------------------------|--------|---------|--------|---|-------|----------|---------|------------------------|---|----------------------|
| | | | | | | Adults of 12 years and upwards | | Children between 1 and 12 | | Infants | | England | Wales | Scotland | Ireland | British Possessions | | Foreign Countries |
| | | | | | | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | | | | | | | |
| ✓10564 | ALLEN Nellie J. | 9 Gunden Terrace, Woodhouse Lane, Beck. | 3rd | Melbourne | Housewife | | | | | | | | | | | | AUSTRALIA | |
| ✓565 | THURSTON Jack A. | c/o American Express Co. Southampton. | " | Sydney | Merchant | | | | | | | | | | | | " | |
| ✓566 | OUTSIDGE Jane | 19 Caroline Street, London, S.W.1. | " | Sydney | Domestic | | | | | | | | | | | | " | |
| ✓569 | WOODHOUSE James | Midland House, 40 Argyll St., Kings X. | " | Fremantle | Labourer | | | | | | | | | | | | " | |
| ✓570 | KOOT Bernardus H. | 10 Sunnyside, The Es- sions, London, N. | " | Brisbane | Manager | | | | | | | | | | | | " | |
| ✓571 | COOPER Evelyn W. | 62A, Ditchbank Rd., Norwich, Norfolk. | " | Fremantle | Salesman | | | | | | | | | | | | " | |
| ✓572 | MENDES Geo. | 13 Hartman Rd., Stoke Newington, N. | " | Brisbane | Motor Agent | | | | | | | | | | | | " | |
| " | " Jack | " | " | Brisbane | do. | | | | | | | | | | | | " | |
| ✓573 | DANIELS Chas. J. | The Old Rectory, Binkfield, Berkshire. | " | Melbourne | Farmer | | | | | | | | | | | | " | |
| ✓574 | SEADLER Vermer | c/o Mr. R. Shearlock, Mandross, Maynard Heath, Essex. | " | Sydney | Grazier | | | | | | | | | | | | " | |
| ✓575 | POWELL Chas. | c/o Mrs. Drington, Larnacot, Beare Green, Br. Selswood, Surrey. | " | Melbourne | State Agent | | | | | | | | | | | | " | |
| ✓ | " Minnie | " | " | Melbourne | wife | | | | | | | | | | | | " | |
| ✓ | " Constance H. | " | " | Melbourne | School Girl | | | | | | | | | | | | " | |
| ✓ | " Gladys | " | " | Melbourne | do. | | | | | | | | | | | | " | |
| ✓ | " Patricia | " | " | Melbourne | | | | | | | | | | | | | " | |

Minnie died on 5th November 1973 and is buried at Springvale Cemetery Melbourne.

BRIGHTON, 92 7011.
 PCWELL.—The Funeral of Mrs.
 MINNIE PCWELL will leave our
 chapel, 1646 High Street, Glen
 Iris (east of railway gates),
 THIS DAY (MONDAY), after a
 service commencing at 2 p.m.,
 for the Blair Chapel, Springvale
 Crematorium.
 DRAYTON & GARSON PTY LTD
 Inc SLEIGHT'S, 25 4416.
 RABOT. — Requiem Mass for the

Figure 7 The Age 1973 November 1-30

Charles had been born in York on 26th September 1882 and served in the Navy from 19th April 1900. He served at Pembroke Chatham in 1900 around the same time as Minnie's brother William John Jnr. Perhaps that explains how Minnie and Charles met.

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Name in full } *Charles Powell* Date of Birth } *26 September 1882*
 Place of Birth } *York, Yorks.*
 Occupation } *Clerk*

| Date and Period of C. S. Engagements. | Age. | Height. Ft. in. | Hair. | Eyes. | Complexion. | Wounds, Scars, Marks, &c. |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| <i>26 September 1900-12 yrs.</i> | <i>26</i> | <i>5-4</i> | <i>Aub. blue</i> | <i>fresh</i> | | <i>Scar of cut above r. eyebrow.</i> |
| <i>8 June 1912 - to comp.</i> | <i>19 yrs</i> | <i>5-5</i> | <i>"</i> | <i>"</i> | <i>"</i> | |

| Ships, &c., served in. | List and No. | Rating. | Sub-ratings. | | | Badges. | Period of Service. | | Character. | If Discharged, Whither, and for what Cause. |
|------------------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---|
| | | | Dating. | From | To | | From | To | | |
| <i>Northampton</i> | <i>15 2285</i> | <i>BAC</i> | <i>ITM</i> | <i>11.9.02</i> | <i>6.10.02</i> | <i>11.9.10.05</i> | <i>19 July 00</i> | | | |
| <i>Calliope</i> | <i>15 2028</i> | <i>B.C.</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>4.10.02</i> | <i>5.2.03</i> | <i>1.17.10.05</i> | <i>19 July 00</i> | | <i>U.S.</i> | |
| <i>Pembroke</i> | <i>15 1288</i> | <i>G+D</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>6.2.03</i> | <i>3.9.07</i> | <i>8.11.10.12</i> | <i>19 Oct 00</i> | <i>14 Nov 02</i> | | |
| <i>Pines</i> | <i>5 68</i> | | <i>SA</i> | <i>1.10.07</i> | <i>10.3.10</i> | <i>3</i> | <i>25 Oct 00</i> | <i>14 Nov 02</i> | | |
| <i>Cruiser</i> | <i>16 1755</i> | | <i>School</i> | <i>11.3.10</i> | | | <i>15 Nov 00</i> | <i>20 July 02</i> | <i>31.12.09</i> | |
| <i>Pines</i> | <i>5 64</i> | | | | | | <i>27 July 02</i> | <i>28.12.02</i> | | |
| <i>Pembroke I</i> | <i>15 4835</i> | <i>AB</i> | | | | | <i>11 Sep 02</i> | <i>17 Sep 02</i> | <i>28.12.02</i> | |
| <i>Wedgwood</i> | <i>15 5373</i> | | | | | | <i>12 Sep 02</i> | <i>14 Dec 03</i> | <i>28.12.02</i> | |
| <i>Pembroke I</i> | <i>15 2101</i> | | | | | | <i>5 Dec 03</i> | <i>7 June 04</i> | <i>31.12.05</i> | |
| <i>Edgar</i> | <i>5 88</i> | | | | | | <i>9 June 05</i> | <i>8 Dec 05</i> | <i>1.1.06</i> | |
| <i>Pembroke I</i> | <i>15 4804</i> | | | | | | <i>9 Feb 07</i> | <i>27 Feb 07</i> | <i>28.12.07</i> | |
| <i>Penon</i> | <i>5 284</i> | | | | | | <i>28 Feb 07</i> | <i>1 May 07</i> | <i>31.12.07</i> | |
| <i>Pembroke I</i> | <i>15 2207</i> | | | | | | <i>2 May 07</i> | <i>2 Oct 07</i> | <i>24.12.07</i> | |
| <i>Charleston</i> | <i>5 22</i> | | | | | | <i>3 Oct 07</i> | <i>31 Mar 08</i> | <i>31.12.07</i> | |
| <i>Cassidy</i> | <i>5 216</i> | | | | | | <i>1 June 08</i> | <i>29 July 08</i> | <i>1.1.11 Sep.</i> | |
| <i>Pembroke</i> | <i>15 116</i> | | | | | | <i>21 July 08</i> | <i>2 Sep 08</i> | <i>31.12.11</i> | |
| <i>Vindictive</i> | <i>5 2</i> | | | | | | <i>3 Sep 07</i> | | <i>1.1.12.13</i> | |
| <i>Newcastle</i> | <i>5 1</i> | | | | | | <i>30 Apr 09</i> | <i>18 Oct 09</i> | | |
| <i>Monmouth</i> | <i>15 39</i> | | | | | | <i>19 Oct 09</i> | <i>4 Apr 10</i> | | |
| <i>Europa</i> | <i>15 486</i> | | | | | | <i>5 Apr 10</i> | <i>19 Sep 10</i> | | |
| <i>Pembroke I</i> | <i>15 3285</i> | | | | | | <i>20 Sep 10</i> | <i>18 Dec 12</i> | | |
| <i>Kelson</i> | <i>5 2361</i> | | | | | | <i>15 Mar 12</i> | <i>12 Apr 12</i> | | |
| <i>Pembroke I</i> | <i>15 2464</i> | | | | | | <i>13 Apr 12</i> | <i>10 May 12</i> | | |
| <i>Forward</i> | <i>15 1819</i> | | | | | | <i>11 May 12</i> | <i>14 Sept 12</i> | | |
| <i>Do (aertes)</i> | <i>12 7 1</i> | | | | | | <i>18 Jan 13</i> | <i>11 Apr 13</i> | | |
| | | | | | | | <i>14 Apr 13</i> | <i>7 Oct 13</i> | | |
| | | | | | | | <i>28 Oct 13</i> | <i>21 Dec 13</i> | | |

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Official list promoted to act as

During WWI Charles was a lieutenant enrolling on 1st August 1915. National reference ADM 196/154/185. It is not known when Charles died.

5. Henry Grinton

Named after his grandfather this Henry was born 31st March 1897 in Plumstead. The young Henry in 1901 was living at 11 Liffler Rd Plumstead with the family. In 1902 aged 5 yrs, Henry was admitted to the Greening Rd School. It was his first school.

| SCHOOL BOARD FOR LONDON. | | | | | | | | | | SCHOOL | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|----|------|---------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---|----------------|----|--------|-----------------------|-------------------|---|----|----|--|
| Admission Number. | Date of Admission or Re-admission. | | | Name in Full. | Name of Parent or Guardian. | Address. | Is exemption from Religious Teaching claimed. | Date of Birth. | | | Last School attended. | Highest Standard. | Date of last Attendance at this School. | | | |
| | D. | M. | Y. | | | | | D. | M. | Y. | | | D. | M. | Y. | |
| 1 | 2 | 6 | 1902 | Hill William Edward | William Edward | 25 Bristol Lane | | 30 | 11 | 98 | | | | | | |
| 2 | * | * | * | Ernest John | Henry | 10 Owenite St. | | 3 | 1 | 99 | Purcell Rd | 23 | 4 | 02 | | |
| 3 | * | * | * | Wagner Louis | Louis | 7 Chancelor Rd | | 17 | 8 | 97 | none | | | | | |
| 4 | * | * | * | Wagner Robert | Louis | 4 | | 5 | 10 | 98 | none | | | | | |
| 5 | * | * | * | Price Edwin | Wadham | Smiths Cott. Huron Mans | | 21 | 4 | 96 | none | | | | | |
| 6 | * | * | * | Tomison Sidney | George | 47 Federation Rd | | 2 | 4 | 96 | Bowley Heath | 7 | 7 | 02 | | |
| 7 | * | * | * | White Elizabeth | Herbert | 11 Abley Grove | | 30 | 1 | 96 | The Slade Limited | 23 | 7 | 02 | | |
| 8 | * | * | * | Tomson Henry | William | 12 Shieldhall St. | | 31 | 3 | 97 | Burrage Grove | 23 | 7 | 02 | | |
| 9 | * | * | * | Bill Dorothy May | Harry | 45 Owenite St. | | 31 | 1 | 97 | none | | | | | |
| 10 | * | * | * | Redman Arthur | Charles | | | | | | none | | | | | |

Figure 8 London England School Admissions and discharges 1840-1911

By the 1911 census he was 14 years of age and at a boarding school- Royal Hospital Schools Including Trafalgar Quarters, School For Sons of Seamen, Romney Road, Greenwich S E.

| NAME AND SURNAME. | RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family, or Position in Institution. | AGE (Last Birthday). | | PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE. | | | | | PERSONAL OCCUPATION. | Industry or Service with which Worker is connected. | Whether Employed, Worker, or Working on Own Account. | Whether Working at Home. | BIRTHPLACE of every Person. | NATIONALITY of every Person (and of Foreign Country). | INFIRMITY. |
|-------------------|---|----------------------|----------|-----------------------------|----|----|----|----|----------------------|---|--|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---|------------|
| | | Males. | Females. | a. | b. | c. | d. | e. | | | | | | | |
| 1 Frank White | | | 14 | | | | | | | 340 | | | Wants Portsmouth | 162 | |
| 2 Cecil Lee | | | 12 | | | | | | | | | | Wants Plymouth | 158 | |
| 3 George Dimmick | | | 11 | | | | | | | | | | Wants Portsmouth | 162 | |
| 4 Frank Culbert | | | 13 | | | | | | | | | | Wants Langley | 110 | |
| 5 John Sloman | | | 12 | | | | | | | | | | Wants Portsmouth | 162 | |
| 6 William Chapman | | | 12 | | | | | | | | | | Wants Plymouth | 160 | |
| 7 Henry Boulton | | | 14 | | | | | | | | | | Wants Plymouth | | |

Figure 9 1911 Census Greenwich East

WW1 followed shortly thereafter and **Henry** enlisted at the age of 22 years on 29th October 1914 in the Territorial Force. His service record indicates that his school was a Navy Cadet school. He was a master bricklayer living at 189 Napier Rd Gillingham and he was married. It also stated Henry was 5 ft 11, taller than his father and eldest brother. **Henry** married **Gertrude Seccombe** [1896-1982] in the October of 1914 in the district of Medway.

The Territorial Force was a part-time volunteer component of the British Army, created in 1908 to augment British land forces without resorting to conscription... The Territorial Force was designed to reinforce the regular army in expeditionary operations abroad, but because of political opposition it was assigned to home defence. Members were liable for service anywhere in the UK and could not be compelled to serve overseas. In the first two months of the First World War, territorials volunteered for foreign service in significant numbers, allowing territorial units to be deployed abroad. They saw their first action on the Western Front during the initial German offensive of 1914, and the force filled the gap between the near destruction of the regular army that year and the arrival of the New Army in 1915. Territorial units were deployed to Gallipoli in 1915 and, following the failure of that campaign, provided the bulk of the British contribution to allied forces in the Sinai and Palestine Campaign. By the war's end, the Territorial Force had fielded twenty-three infantry divisions and two mounted divisions on foreign soil. It was demobilised after the war and reconstituted in 1921 as the Territorial Army. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Territorial_Force

. Henry had signed up for 4 years to the Kent Cyclist Battalion regiment.

The Kent Cyclist Battalion was a bicycle infantry battalion of the Territorial Force, part of the British Army. Formed in 1908, it was sent to India in the First World War and saw active service during the Third Anglo-Afghan War in 1919. In 1920, it was converted as part of the Royal Artillery... In accordance with the Territorial and Reserve Forces Act 1907 (7 Edw. 7, c.9) which brought the Territorial Force into being, the TF was intended to be a home defence force for service during

wartime and members could not be compelled to serve outside the country. However, on the outbreak of war on 4 August 1914, many members volunteered for Imperial Service. Therefore, TF units were split in August and September 1914 into 1st Line (liable for overseas service) and 2nd Line (home service for those unable or unwilling to serve overseas) units. Later, 3rd Line units were formed to act as reserves, providing trained replacements for the 1st and 2nd Lines.[9] https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kent_Cyclist_Battalion

His records do not indicate that he served overseas so I suspect he was the 2nd Line. Its lists his campaigns as Home 29/10/1914-14/5/1915. What happened after that?

Henry and Gertrude had a daughter **Lilian Patricia Grinton** on 9th May 1916 in Horsham. The location of her birth gives some validity to a record indicating a **Henry Grinton** was a railways employee in Horsham.

| From Folio | To Folio | NAME | OCCUPATION | Date entered Service | Recommended by | Date of Birth | WAGES | | PROMOTIONS | | | | | | | | REMARKS | |
|------------|----------|-----------------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------|--------|------|------------|---------|------|---------|------|---------|------|---------|---------|---|
| | | | | | | | Weekly | Date | Date | £ s. d. | Date | £ s. d. | Date | £ s. d. | Date | £ s. d. | | |
| | | Lucas Arthur | Head Skunter | 20 June 1902 | Mr Rowland | 25/1/14 | 1 7 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Foster Thomas | Head Skunter | 33 Oct 1906 | Navy | 25/1/14 | 1 6 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 219 | | Evans Albert Edward | Shunter | 1 Oct 1907 | Eng's dept | 24/1/14 | 1 5 | 1908 | 1 6 | 19/1/14 | 1 7 | | | | | | | Ground 25/1/15 |
| | | Evans James | Shunter | 13 Mar 1909 | " | 15/1/14 | 1 5 | 1915 | 1 6 | 12/1/16 | 1 7 | | | | | | | Ground 27/1/15 |
| | | Wilson Robert David | Shunter | 2 July 1904 | Mr Chapman | 26/1/13 | 1 6 | 1913 | 1 5 | 1915 | 1 6 | | | | | | | |
| | | Beard Albert Thomas | Shunter | 27 April 1902 | Eng's dept | 2/1/14 | 1 3 | 1913 | 1 4 | 27/1/15 | 1 5 | 1/1/16 | 1 6 | 1/1/17 | 1 7 | | | |
| | | Edwards Albert | Shunter | 18 May 1912 | Army | 24/1/14 | 1 3 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Coles Jesse | Sawyer | 21 May 1900 | to cleaners | 18/1/14 | 1 3 | | | | | | | | | | | Ground 29/10/12 Work for drink returned |
| | | White Albert | to | April 1899 | Mr Rowland | 18/1/14 | 1 1 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 266 | | Richard George Thomas | Shunter | 10 Jan 1913 | lean dept | 17/1/14 | 1 3 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Palmer Herbert | Shunter | 28 Jan 1906 | Mr Williams | 27/1/13 | 1 5 | 1915 | 1 6 | 23/1/16 | 1 7 | | | | | | | Promoted to lean = 6/1/17 |
| | | Evans Albert | Shunter | 10 Oct 1913 | Mr D. Russell | 27/1/13 | 1 3 | 1916 | 1 4 | 16/1/15 | 1 5 | 1/1/17 | 1 6 | | | | | |
| | | Wright Leonard Edward | Shunter | 5 Feb 1915 | to cleaners | 24/1/14 | 1 3 | 1916 | 1 4 | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Wright Leonard Edward | Shunter | 8 Feb 1915 | to cleaners | 24/1/14 | 1 3 | 1916 | 1 4 | | | | | | | | | |
| 112 | 417 | Wright Frank Walter | Shunter | 16 Dec 1909 | School | 27/1/13 | 1 3 | 1915 | 1 4 | 1/1/17 | 1 5 | | | | | | | |
| 417 | | Wright Alfred Howard | Shunter | 1 July 1912 | Mr Cochrane | 18/1/13 | 1 3 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Wright Henry | Shunter | 12 Feb 1916 | Army | 27/1/13 | 1 3 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Wright George Henry | Shunter | 30 Mar 1916 | Eng's dept 2 years | 27/1/13 | 1 3 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | 24 | Wright Sydney Thomas | Shunter | 2 Dec 1913 | cleaners | 25/1/13 | 1 3 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 35 | | Wright William | Shunter | 8 Jun 1903 | Mr Long | 6/1/13 | 1 5 | | | | | | | | | | | |

Figure 10 UK Railway Employment Records 1833-1956

This record states Henry Grinton was recommended for employment from the army and entered employment on 12th February 1916. His birth is listed as 31/3/1893 not 1897. He resigned on 26/5/1916! A short lived career.

We do know from the 1939 Register that **Gertrude Grinton** was a charwoman living at 16 Bourne Terrace Paddington. There is no sign of **Henry**. Her daughter **Patricia Lillian Grinton Payne** was a housemaid living at 18 Bourne Terrace Paddington. The 1939 electoral roll confirms this and we can see Gertrude also.

| | | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|----|---|---------------------------------|-----|------------|---|----------------------------|
| 16 | ditto | 27 | 1 | Farley, Charles A | - M | 18 Feb 81 | M | Furniture Porter |
| | | | 2 | Farley, Annie M. | - F | 28 Apr 81 | M | Housewife |
| 16 | ditto | 28 | 1 | Frost, Horace E. | - M | 22 Apr 01 | M | Motor Driver |
| | | | 2 | Frost, Edith E. | - F | 11 Oct 45 | M | Housewife |
| | | | 3 | Frost, Robert T. | - M | 11 Mar 24 | S | Factoryhand (film cutting) |
| 16 | ditto | 29 | 1 | Hales, William | - M | 28 Mar 89 | M | General Labourer |
| | | | 2 | Hales, Ethel B. | - F | 24 Oct 89 | M | Housewife |
| 16 | ditto | 30 | 1 | Grinton, Gertrude | - F | 22 July 99 | W | Charwoman |
| 18 | ditto | 31 | 1 | Tolfrey, Clara | - F | 10 July 58 | W | Old age Pensioner |
| CA 87 | | | 2 | Grinton, Patricia L. | - F | 9 May 16 | S | Housemaid |

Figure 11 1939 Register Paddington

Patricia had seemingly married a Mr Payne possibly prior to 1939 as Grinton is crossed out and replaced with Payne- although there are no records we can find of this marriage. The electoral register below however lists her as Grinton so perhaps the marriage came after 1939. We do have a record for the marriage of Lilian P Payne to James E Creamer in the January quarter of 1955 [GROS: London: Vol 5d:Page 545]

| POLLING DISTRICT M. | | | CHURCH WARD (PART OF) | |
|---------------------|----|----|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 466 | R | O | Farley, Charles Alfred | 18 BOURNE TERRACE |
| 467 | Rw | Dw | Farley, Annie Maria | 18 (contd.) |
| 468 | R | — | Farley, Frederick Charles | 18 |
| 469 | R | O | Frost, Horace Edward | 18 |
| 470 | Rw | Dw | Frost, Edith Ellen | 18 |
| 471 | Rw | Ow | Grinton, Gertrude | 18 |
| 472 | R | O | Hales, Thomas | 18 |
| 473 | Rw | Dw | Hales, Emily | 18 |
| 474 | R | O | Printon, Frederick | 18 |
| 475 | Rw | Dw | Printon, Ethel | 18 |
| 476 | R | O | Alvey, Frederick | 18 |
| 477 | Rw | Ow | Brown, Olive Beatrice | 18 |
| 478 | Rw | Ow | Grinton, Lilian Patricia | 18 |
| 479 | R | O | Hewlett, Charles Richard | 18 |
| 480 | Rw | Dw | Hewlett, Mabel Louisa | 18 |
| 481 | R | O | Kirby, Arthur | 18 |
| 482 | R | O | Tillett, Albert George | 18 |
| 483 | R | O | Tillett, Charles | 18 |
| 484 | R | — | Tillett, William | 18 |
| 485 | Rw | Ow | Tolfrey, Clara | 18 |
| 486 | R | O | Beedell, Arthur | 20 |
| 487 | Rw | Dw | Beedell, May | 20 |
| 488 | Rw | Ow | Carter, Edith Elizabeth (Senr.) | 20 |
| 489 | R | D | Carter, Albert Edward | 20 |
| 490 | Rw | — | Carter, Edith Elizabeth (Junr.) | 20 |

Figure 12 Electoral Register

Here is an interesting coincidence. There is a 1911 census records for a Queenie Seccombe aged 12 daughter of Clara Tolfrey and William Tolfrey living at 3 Elm tree Cottages upper Stoke. By 1939 Clara Tolfrey is an aged pensioner living at 18 Bourne Terrace Paddington- the same residence as Lilian Patricia Grinton. Getrude's maiden name was Seccombe. Is there a connection?

| NAME AND SURNAME | RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family | AGE (last birthday) and SEX | | PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE | | | | | PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of Persons aged ten years and upwards | | | | BIRTHPLACE of every person | NATIONALITY of every Person born in a Foreign Country | INFIRMITY |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|----------------------------|-------|--------|----------|---------------------|--|-------------------|---------------------|--|----------------------------|---|-----------|
| | | Male | Female | Married | Widow | Single | Divorced | Children born alive | Children still living | Children now dead | Personal Occupation | Industry or Service with which worker is connected | | | |
| 1. William Tolfrey | Head | 46 | | Married | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | book | 480 | | Worker | Bromley Kent | English | |
| 2. Clara | Wife | 43 | | Married | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | | | | | Sandhurst Berks | 350 | |
| 3. Lucenie Seecombe | Daughter | 12 | | | | | | | | | | | London Essex | 800 | |
| 4. Percy Ellen | Boarder | 25 | | Single | | | | | Labourer General | 330 | Government | 0 | London | | |
| 5. George Swan | Boarder | 20 | | Single | | | | | Labourer | | | 1 | Northfleet Kent | | |
| 6. Edgar Bead | Boarder | 27 | | Single | | | | | Labourer | | | 1 | Chatham Kent | | |

Gertrude dies in the September quarter of 1982 aged 86 years. She remained in the Chelsea Kensington area where Paddington is [GROS Vol 13: Page 1617].

We have no idea when **Henry** died but suspect that it was before 1939 as Gertrude moved to inner London and had to work as a charwoman. **Henry** may have left the family also. We may never know.

6. May Grinton

I suspect this is a photo of May, my nanna Eva Alice Grinton [right] and Elena Doorey before nanna left in 1911 for Australia. It was in nanna's possessions when she died.



May Mary was born on 22nd May 1901 in Plumstead. She was baptised at St Paul's Plumstead on 1st December that year in Plumstead.

| | | | | | |
|--------|--------------------------|-----|--------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| May 22 | December 1 st | May | William & Helena Grinton | 11 Liffes Road | Labourer Edithham |
| | No 24 | | | | |

It is only in the 1939 register that the Mary is listed as a second name for May.

The 1911 census has William, Elena and May living in Chatham at Private Rd, Wigmore, Hoath Lane. May is at school and aged 9 years and William is now a Navy Pensioner.

In the June quarter of 1928 she married Walter **George Keeble** [1904-1990] in Woolwich Kent. He was the son of Edmund Keeble and Maria Mary Keeble.

Barbara M Keeble [1931-1964] was born to **May and Walter** in the April quarter of 1931 in Woolwich. She went on to marry **Norman Lunn** in 1951 in Dartford.

The 1939 register has the family living with William Grinton at 45 Lynmere Rd Bexley which is in Plumstead region.

| Household No. | Name | Sex | Date of Birth | Occupation |
|---------------|-------------------|-----|---------------|------------------------|
| 45 | ditto | | 259 | |
| 1. | GRINTON WILLIAM | M | 18 SEPT 1855 | NAVAL PENSIONER |
| 2. | KEEBLE WALTER G. | M | 18 SEPT 1904 | PORTER (RACS) |
| 3. | KEEBLE MARY | F | 22 MAY 1901 | UNPAID DOMESTIC DUTIES |
| 4. | KEEBLE BARBARA M. | F | 9 MAR 1931 | AT SCHOOL |

Was **May** called Mary perhaps and this is why the notation appears now? I suspect she was born May and not may Mary given her baptism record.

May died 8th January 2002 in Whitstable in the registration district of Canterbury aged 101 years. Walter had died in the April quarter of 1990 in the Canterbury district. He was 85 years old.

This citation perhaps tells us where May was living in Whitstable even though she would have died the year earlier.

| <u>Detail</u> | Source |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Name | MS May Keeble |
| Residence Date | 2003-2003 |
| Address | 44, Goodwin Avenue, CT5 2QY |
| Residence Place | Whitstable, Kent, England |

Figure 13 UK Electoral Registers 2003-2010