

The Grandchildren of Henry Spears Grinton and Rachael Daines

This document discusses the known lives of Henry and Rachael's grandchildren descended from all children except my direct line through William John Grinton and Eva Alice Grinton, they have their own pages. Ethel Jones is not included as we know nothing of her beyond her birth and the fact she lived with Rachel Daines and her aunts to 1901. That leaves only 3 known lines of descent via grandchildren from the 6 children.

1. The Batchelor Children

Rachel Spears Grinton was the eldest of Henry and Rachel's children and she married Samuel Batchelor. They had 2 children:

- 1. William John Batchelor** was born on 13th January 1878 in Luton Kent near Gillingham Chatham. William married Louise Webster on 22nd August 1904 at the Registry Office District of Dartford Kent. Louise was the daughter of James Webster and his wife Rebecca. She was born about 1883 in Swanscombe Kent. The 1911 census indicates William was a storekeeper Gas works at a gas company. The family was living at 64 Suffolk Rd Gravesend. They had 3 children at that stage: Marjorie G , Muriel and son Aubrey. They also had a boarder who was a shop assistant Alfred Barratt. The 1939 Register sees them at 62 Sun Lane Gravesend and William remains a storekeeper at the Gas Works. The document lists a Marjorie Woolley presumably their married daughter but Woolley is crossed out and a Gwendoline Banks is over written. We cannot be sure then that the occupation description of stock clerk manufactural electrical accessories is Marjorie's or Gwen's occupation. The mystery might be solved by knowing Gwendoline was Marjorie's second name! So yes Marjorie Woolley is a stock clerk and daughter of William and Louise. Let's track their children in full-

Marjorie Gwendoline: born 17th October 1904 Gravesend. She married William Thomas Woolley between Oct-Dec 1926 at Gravesend. He died on 28th November 1931 in Kent and they had no children. Marjorie then married Norman Leslie Banks a widower in Sept 1954 in Dartford. They had no children. Marjorie died at 5 Lamorna Ave Gravesend aged 78 yrs on 17th November 1974.

Muriel Synthia: born 5th November 1905 at Gravesend. She married Arthur Albert Charles Stone in October 1928 in Gravesend. In 1939 they were living at 32 St Marks Ave Northfleet. They had no children. Muriel died aged 84 in 1990 at Gravesend. Arthur died on 17th July 1965.

Aubrey Cleave: born 2nd November 1907 in Strood Gravesend Kent. He married Mary L Dunlop [1907-1993] between April-June 1935 in Gravesend. They had one daughter Shirley [1937-2010]. Aubrey died aged 87 on 3rd January 1995 at Browside Residential Home, Foxley Rd purely.

- 2. Ella Batchelor** was born 5th July 1879 in Luton Kent. She married Ernest Charles Bearsby on 9th May 1898 at parish Church, Parish of Chalk District of Strood Gravesend. In 1901 the family were residing at 118 Gordon Rd, Strood. Charles was a cycle maker. He was born in 1876 in Luton, Gravesend district. By the 1911 census the family were living at 18 Alexandra Road, Shepherds Bush, Hammersmith West. Ernest was a sheet metal worker at a motor body shop. Ella has no occupation listed. They have 5 children and go on to have another 5. In 1906 Ella lost twins Charles and Ernest. By 1939 Ella was in Twickenham, widowed and a domestic to Walter H Whatley a general shop keeper. An electrical roll for Twickenham west in 1959 had Walter and Ella still at 4 Briar Lane. Was this a servant / master relationship?

Ella and Ernest's children were:

Ernest Charles Bearsby: born 02 Aug 1898 at 26 Wellington St, Milton Gravesend. When Ernest Charles was born his father's occupation was listed as Wheelwright Journeyman. Ernest died aged 17 30th August 1915 at

Purfleet, Thurrock Unitary Authority, Essex. Purfleet is a ferry port. Ernest is buried at St. Clement's Churchyard cemetery West Thurrock. His gravestone details how he died:

His Majesty's Training Ship, Cornwall was moored at her base at Purfleet on the River Thames, close to the Royal Hotel. She had a complement of 275 boys on board serving time for delinquent behaviour, but receiving training focused on joining the Royal Navy-Britain was of course at war with Germany at this time. She was formerly the "Wellesley," and was built in Bombay of teak, in 1815, becoming a training ship in the 1860s and was still on the Thames up to the time she was sunk during an air raid in 1940.

Sailing instructions were being given to a group in the ship's cutter, the "Alert" under the command of Edward Francis Lane. The cutter had passed Purfleet Garrison and changed course to tack across to the Kent side of the river. She passed two steam tugs coming down the river without problem but the next one, a Government-owned tug, A44 "Empress" struck the cutter broadside and became entangled in her sails. When the cutter broke away, she sank, throwing the crew into the river. Only three crew survived-Edward Lane and 16 cadets were drowned. At a subsequent inquiry, the captain of the tug was found to have been negligent for not giving way to the cutter-'sail before steam' was the general rule and this was part of the Thames pilotage by-laws. Bodies were recovered from both sides of the river and they were temporarily stored in the Cornwall HQ building at Purfleet.

His mothers name was Ella and his fathers name was also Ernest Charles and they were married in 1898 in Strood, the same year the boy was born. He had Siblings, Florence (died 1934), Dorothy (born and died 1903), Ivor Stanley (died 1934), Charles and Ernest (twins both born and died 1906 in Strood), Ella, George (born and died 1911), and Percy (died 1943).

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/135115138/ernest-charles-bearsby>

He is buried in a mass grave



Florence Bearsby: was born in Monmouthshire, Bedwelty to be precise between April-June 1902. This makes sense if her dad was a journeyman and the family were moving about. Florence lived until she was 32 years of age. Never married and died between Jan-March 1934 in Brentford Middlesex.

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Dorothy Bearsby: was also born and died in Bedwelty Monmouthshire in 1903.

Ivor Stanley Bearsby: was born in Bedwelty so the family clearly had settled for a time here. He was born in 1905. Bedwelty is in Caerphilly, Wales making Florry, Dorothy and Ivor Welsh by birth. We have no marriage for Ivor. He died on 7th August 1934 aged 29 yrs. The same year as Florry. He is buried at Whitton, London

Borough of Hounslow. His probate on 15th March 1938 states he was living at 186 Heath-Road Twickenham and died in the Staines Rd. Sunbury-on-Thames Middlesex. Was it a vehicle accident? His effects of 66 pound were left to a solicitor Albert James Larcombe.

Charles and Ernest Bearsby: twins were born and died in 1906 at 14 Stanbrook Rd Northfleet.

Ella Bearsby: born 14th December 1909 in Fulham. She married Stanley Hamilton Peacock in 1929. They had no children. Ella dies in August 2005 in Hull Yorkshire while her husband died on 6th October 1968.

George Bearsby: born and died 1911.

Percy Bearsby: born between April-June 1912 in Fulham London. No ore is known about Percy.

Bertha Bearsby: born April-June 1913 Brentford Middlesex London. No more is known about Bertha.

By the time Ella Batchelor died in 1963 in Middlesex she had outlived at least 7 of her children. We know there are Bearsby descendants so it is assumed they descend from Bertha or Percy. Many of the Batchelor women did not have children.

Ernest Charles Snr had been born to Walter Bearsby and Annie Freeland Bearsby [photo right] . He was the 4th child and 3rd son. He dies on 19th June 1936 leaving Ella with 27 years as a widow. His probate record indicates they were living at 186 Heath-Rd Twickenham [the same location Ernest Jnr was living at his death]Middlesex. Ernest died at the Hillingdon County Hospital , Hillingdon, East Uxbridge. Solicitor Larcombe managed the probate and he left 66 pound.



2. The Philbricks:

These children descend from Jane Louisa Grinton and Arthur Edward Philbrick.

1. **Rachael Grinton Philbrick:** Rachael was born 17th Sept 1886 in Cheam UK. She married Latimer McInnes in 1916 in Greenwich and they had 2 children Duncan born 9th November 1917 and Ellen G McInnes born 9th May 1918. In 1911 Rachael is listed as working for the Postal Service as a telephone operator and County Clerk at the GPO head office. Something all her siblings were at the time. The 1939 register tells us the family were living at 56 Brabourne Rise , Beckenham Kent. Latimer was a retired school master, Rachael unpaid domestic duties, Duncan was a student surveyor and Ellen a Mannequin ? model. Latimer was born 20th Sept 1881 . He died on 19th May 1949 in Bromley living at the same address as in 1939 and was cremated on 21st May 1949 in Southwark. His probate record indicates he left 8174 pounds and 13 shillings to Rachael. He had died at Beckenham Hospital. Rachael died on 23rd December 1967. Her probate indicates she was living at 82 Wickham Rd Beckenham at the time of her death and left 8231 pounds with no-one listed to inherit. No more is known of Duncan and Ellen and we can only presume from the 1939 register that Duncan was a son.
2. **Beatrice Sarah Philbrick:** born 25th June 1888 in Cheam. She married Walter T Richmond in 1946 in Bromley. There appears to be no children from the marriage. In 1904 Beatrice is listed as a telephone operator in London for the UK Postal Service. She remains this in the 1911 census. Beatrice dies on the Isle of Wight on 21st Sept

1974. Her probate record indicates she was a Firhill Heatherwood Park Rd and left 787 pound with no inheritor. We don't know anything about Walter.

3. **Arthur George Edward Philbrick:** born Oct-Dec 1889 in Cheam. In 1891 when he was 1 the family were living at 5 Oakhill Rd , Sutton in the borough of Epsom. Arthur died on 22nd February 1915 at 47 Cranfield Rd Brockley aged 25 years. He did not marry.
4. **Dorothy Ethel Philbrick:** born 3rd August 1891 in Sutton Surrey. Baptised on 20th Sept 1891 at Benhilton All Saints Surrey. In the 1911 census Dorothy like her siblings is a telephonist at the GPO. Dorothy marries Charles Herbert Shaddick between April and June in 1912 at Greenwich. By 1936 they are living at 76 Woodwarde Rd Camberwell. The 1939 register tells us that Dorothy is now doing unpaid domestic duties but is a volunteer ambulance driver. Charles is an assistant comptroller London County Council and they have one son Allan who is a student. Dorothy and Charles had 2 sons.
 - a. **Charles Westleigh Shaddick:** born 20th October 1913. He was baptised on 28th Dec 1913 at Deptford. He married Mary Burman had 2 daughters sarah and Jane and died in 2022.
 - b. **Allan Arthur Cecil Shaddick:** born 7th July 1920. In the 1939 register he is listed as a student. He joined the Royal Airforce Volunteer Reserve 21st Squadron. Service # 916694. Sergeant Observer Allan Arthur Cecil Shaddick graduated from Shoreditch College in 1941 and joined the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve shortly after. On the 28th of August, 1941 Obs. Sgt Shaddick and his crew of 2 left RAF Watton in Norfolk for a raid on cargo ships docked at Rotterdam, Holland. Their Blenheim IV was shot down by Me109 from VI/JG53. The aircraft crashed at Rozenburg (16 km WSW of Rotterdam). Everyone on board was killed. Sgt Obs. Shaddick is buried at Hook of Holland General Cemetery. Row F. Grave 39. He was 21. His Crew:
Sgt. (1254653) Kenneth HAYES (Pilot) RAFVR - killed
Sgt.(916694) Allan Arthur Cecil SHADDICK (Obs.) RAFVR - killed
Sgt (1169141) Raymond Frank BRIAN (WOp/AG) RAFVR – killed
[<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/14042625/allan-arthur-shaddick>]



5. **Harry Alfred Philbrick:** born 30th May 1893 Sutton. The 1911 census tells us Harry was a student aged 17 studying in the Civil Service. On 11th September 1913 at the age of 19 and 3 months he joined the 4th Hampshire regiment and was a student in the training college at Winchester. He had signed up for 4 years in the territorial force of Southampton.

The Territorial Force was a part-time volunteer component of the [British Army](#), created in 1908 to augment British land forces without resorting to [conscriptio](#)n. The new organisation consolidated the 19th-century [Volunteer Force](#) and [yeomanry](#) into a unified auxiliary, commanded by the [War Office](#) and administered by local [county territorial associations](#). 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#:~:text=The%20Territorial%20Force%20was%20a,forces%20without%20resorting%20to%20conscription.].

He earned the 1914-1915 star and looks like he was commissioned in the Hampshire Regiment on 14th July 1917. The UK WW1 and WW11 Memorial books tell us Harry was a Lieutenant in the Hampshire regiment and India Army reserve. He served 3 years in India and 2 years in Mesopotamia. His war record tells us that he served in Hampshire Rgt 5/8/14-8/10/14 then the Indian Expeditionary Force 13/3/15-23/7/16 and then crossed out India 24/7/16-23/1/17 and then Mesopotamia Expeditionary Force 24/1/17-8/7/17. He suffered from malaria and had several hospital admissions in Basra. On 24/7/16 he was invalided to India which may explain why it is crossed out in war service record.

Harry goes on to marry Winifred Osborne on 26th July 1923 at the Wesleyan methodist Church in Catford London. They have one daughter Sheila Philbrick

Sheila Philbrick marries James W Knowles [an American soldier] in 1945 and leaves for New York on 16th April 1946 arriving there on 20th April. James Wilson Knowles was born in Missouri in 1st March 1919 and drafted in St Louis in 1940. His father William Henry was in fact British having been born in 1891 in Toxteth UK and naturalised a US citizen in 1941. James had blonde hair and blue eyes and at the time of being drafted was working for the Salvation Army Headquarters. They had 2 children Ronald Knowles born 1946 and Terry Knowles born 4th April 1947 in Los Angeles. Ronald was born in the UK and was 3 months old when Sheila and James left for New York. The arrival record records Ronald as a US citizen. Ronald married Lavinia M Foster in the Isle of Wight in July 1967. Jerry was born in the US.

In 1950 the family were living at 6456 Valmont St Los Angeles. James was a carpenter in the building construction industry. Sheila was not working. However, on 23rd November 1950 Sheila aged 24yrs left New York Sheila with the boys and arrived in the UK on 28th Nov 1950 on the Queen Elizabeth. Sheila is listed as a housewife and intending to live at 149 Foot's Cray rd. Eltham, London.

Terry came back to the UK a year later arriving on 3rd October 1951 from New York again on the Queen Elizabeth.

Sheila died on 13th December 2014 on the Isle of Wight.

The 1929 the electoral roll and 1925 London City Directories tell us Harry and Winifred were living at 7 Calmont Rd Bromley Hill. The 1939 register has Harry a married and living as an Assistant School Master at 21 Christchurch Rd Folkestone with 2 Board residence proprietors Ann Abbiss and Evelyn Amelia Phelps both aged 49 yrs. Harry is also listed as being in the AFS Transport Section Folkestone.

The 1939 register for Winifred has her living with her mother Rhoda Osborn at 113 Murray Ave Bromley. Winifred was undertaking unpaid domestic duties and her mother was living on independent means as a widow. Perhaps Harry was located at a school during this period.

Winifred died on 14th January 1964 at Firhill Totland Bay Isle of Wight. Her probate identifies Harry as a retired headmaster and she left 10982 pound to Harry.

Harry died on 29th November 1977 . His probate lists him as being of Seascape The Broadway Totland Bay Isle of Wight. He left 40625 pound but no inheritor is listed.