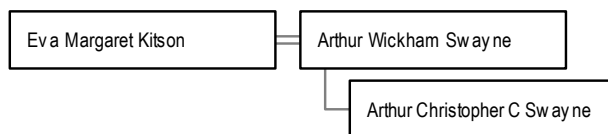


*Eva Margaret Kitson*



The event of the birth of Eva Margaret Kitson at Barwick with Elmet, the first of two daughters of James and Elizabeth Kitson, was registered in the Leeds district for the Jan-Mar quarter of 1870.<sup>7</sup> She was a one-year old child for the 1871 census, at home with her parents, her brother and an aunt, together with the retinue of retainers, at Elmete Hall, Roundhay, Barwick with Elmet.<sup>8</sup>

James Kitson	63	Engineer employing 900 workmen	Leeds
Elizabeth Kitson	37		East Stoke, Nottinghamshire
Francis R Kitson	2		Barwick with Elmet, Yorkshire
Eva M Kitson	1		Barwick with Elmet, Yorkshire
Margaret Hutchinson	24	Visitor	East Stoke, Nottinghamshire
Hannah Kerry	31	Domestic Servant - Cook	Smally, Derbyshire
Harriet Stead	53	Domestic Servant - Housemaid	Shadwell, Yorkshire
Mary Ann Lyon	29	Domestic Servant - Nurse	Normanby, Lincolnshire
Elizabeth Wilson	26	Domestic Servant - Laundry Maid	Kelfield, Yorkshire
Sarah Blackburn	22	Domestic Servant - Housemaid	Holbeck, Yorkshire
Jane Proctor	19	Domestic Servant - Kitchen Maid	Welton, Lincolnshire
Charlotte Edwards	15	Domestic Servant - Nursemaid	Bourn, Lincolnshire
John Hollis	20	Domestic Servant - Footman	Hawton, Nottinghamshire

As her parents were away from home in 1881, Eva spent the census night in the home of her step-brother James Kitson, at Headingley Lane.<sup>9</sup>

James Kitson	45	Iron Master	Leeds
Alice Hilda Kitson (Daughter)	8		Scholar Leeds
Ed Christian Kitson (Son)	7	Scholar	Leeds
Eva Margaret Kitson (Sister)	15	Scholar	Roundhay
Annie Maria Whatoff	31	Housekeeper	Seddington, Leicester
Alice Hebe Barnet	23	Governess	Middlesex, London
Frances Cole	32	Cook	Hayton, Yorks
Jane Brown	27	Waiting Maid	Retford, Nottinghamshire
Sarah Ann Mitchell	20	Housemaid	Meanwood, Yorkshire
Edith Higgins	16	Maid	Meanwood, Yorkshire

Eva would have been about 19 when her father died, and she, together with her younger brother who was at Cambridge University, and her sister, was with her mother Elizabeth who, by the time of the 1891 census was living St. Rhadegunds, Trumpington, Cambridge.<sup>10</sup>

Elizabeth Kitson (W)	57	Living on her own means	East Stoke, Nottinghamshire
Eva M Kitson	21		Roundhay, Yorks
Annette A Kitson	17		Roundhay, Yorks
Sydney D Kitson	19	Student	Roundhay, Yorks
Norah S Hutchinson (Niece)	9	Niece	Nottingham
Harriet M Hutchinson (Niece)	8	Niece	Nottingham
Eliza Armitage	36	Cook Domestic	Cambridge
Emma Capers	33	Housemaid	Willisbourne, Warwickshire
Sophy F Smith	15	Kitchenmaid	Trumpington, Cambridge

By the time of the next census Elizabeth, Sydney and Annette had relocated to Scarborough, Eva's elder brother Francis had died, and Eva had married and had a young son. She and her family were living at St Aidan's Vicarage, Potternewton.<sup>11</sup>

Arthur W Swayne	37	Clergyman of the Church of England	Mathon, Worcestershire
Eva Swayne	31		Barwick with Elmet
Arthur C C Swayne	10 mos		Leeds
Elizabeth Holliday	21	Domestic Nurse	Headingley
Mary Thorley	24	Parlourmaid	Altofts, Yorkshire
Alice Baker	31	Cook	Worcester

The marriage of Eva Margaret Kitson and Arthur Wickham Swayne took place on 27<sup>th</sup> April 1897 in St Martin's Church Scarborough. It is likely that Margaret and Arthur had known each other for some time as the address

he gave at the time of the marriage was Roundhay Road, Leeds. Eva's address was that of her mother – May Lodge, Filey Road, Scarborough. Arthur was a 34 year old bachelor, and a Clerk in Holy Orders, whose father was recorded as Robert Arthur Swayne, Gentleman. No profession was given for Eva's father who had died almost twelve year earlier. Eva's mother, her uncle James, sister Annette and brother Sydney were witnesses, together with Arthur's father and either his sister or his mother, both of who were named Grace P. Swayne.<sup>v</sup> Arthur Wickham Swayne had been born about 1864 at Mathon, Worcestershire, to Robert Arthur and Grace Pyke Swayne (née Wickham) whose marriage was registered for the Apr-Jun quarter of 1861 in the Bideford District, Devon. The family was living in Bordesley, Warwickshire for Arthur's first census in 1871.<sup>vi</sup>

Robert Arthur Swayne	34	Wine Merchant	Bristol
Grace Pyke Swayne	34		Bideford, Devonshire
Walter Carless Swayne	8	Scholar	Mathon
Arthur Wickham Swayne	7	Scholar	Mathon
Francis Griffith Swayne	6	Scholar	Mathon
Edith Mary Swayne	5	Scholar	Mathon
Grace Swayne	4	Scholar	Mathon
Winifred Swayne	3	Scholar	Mathon
Amy Christina Swayne	2		Mathon
Agnes Octavia Swayne	9 mos		Small Heath, Warwickshire
Elizabeth Cook (W) (S-i-L)	29		Bideford, Devonshire
Mary Edwards Cook (niece)	5		Ewell, Surrey
Mary Jane Cowley	31	Domestic Servant	Markham Church, Cornwall
Arthur Jones	24	Domestic Servant	Much Cowarne, Herefordshire
William Hill	24	Coachman	Eastleigh, Devonshire
Thomas Rous	34	Gardener	Canon Frome, Herefordshire

The Swayne family, with yet more additions, had moved to 1 Hobmoor Lane, Aston by the 1881 census and Robert was now running a restaurant.<sup>vii</sup>

Robert Arthur Swayne	43	Restaurateur employing about 44 servants	Bristol
Grace Pyke Swayne	44		Bideford, Devonshire
Walter Carles Swayne	18	Scholar	Mathon
Arthur Wickham Swayne	17	Scholar	Mathon
Francis Griffith Swayne	16	Scholar	Mathon
Amy Christina Swayne	12	Scholar	Mathon
Agnes Octavia Swayne	10	Scholar	Bordesley, Warwickshire
Rose B Swayne	9	Scholar	Bordesley, Warwickshire
Harriet C Swayne	7	Scholar	Bordesley, Warwickshire
Robert C Swayne	6	Scholar	Bordesley, Warwickshire
George C Swayne	5	Scholar	Bordesley, Warwickshire
Oswald R Swayne	1	Scholar	Bordesley, Warwickshire
Mary R Holdsworth	35	Governess	Sheffield
Eliza Greeves	19	Nursemaid	Alcester, Worcestershire
Martha Dorell	19	Cook	Worcestershire

Arthur was one of at least fourteen children. I do not know if all the Swayne children survived to adulthood, but, as an aside, we learn from the next two census returns that the older girls had all become teachers, and the earnings from this may have allowed Robert to retire early. In 1891 the Swaynes were at Abberley House, Upton Warren, a small village south of Kidderminster in Worcestershire. It must have been a large establishment as there were a number of pupils in the household, including some nieces, and the Cook mother and daughter are back with the family.<sup>ix</sup>

Robert A Swayne	53	Living on own means	Bristol
Grace Pyke Swayne	54		Bideford, Devonshire
Edith M Swayne	25	Teacher of Science and English	Mathon
Grace Swayne	24	Teacher of French and Violin	Mathon
Winifred Swayne	23	Teacher of Drawing and History	Mathon
Amy Ch Swayne	22	Teacher of Music and German	Mathon
George C Swayne	15		Small Heath, Warwickshire
Oswald R Swayne	11		Small Heath, Warwickshire
Thomas E Swayne	8		Small Heath, Warwickshire
Elizabeth Cook (S-i-L)(W)	49		Bideford
Mary Edwards Cook (Niece)	25		Ewell, Surrey
Edith Mary Thornley	16	Pupil	Yardley, Worcestershire

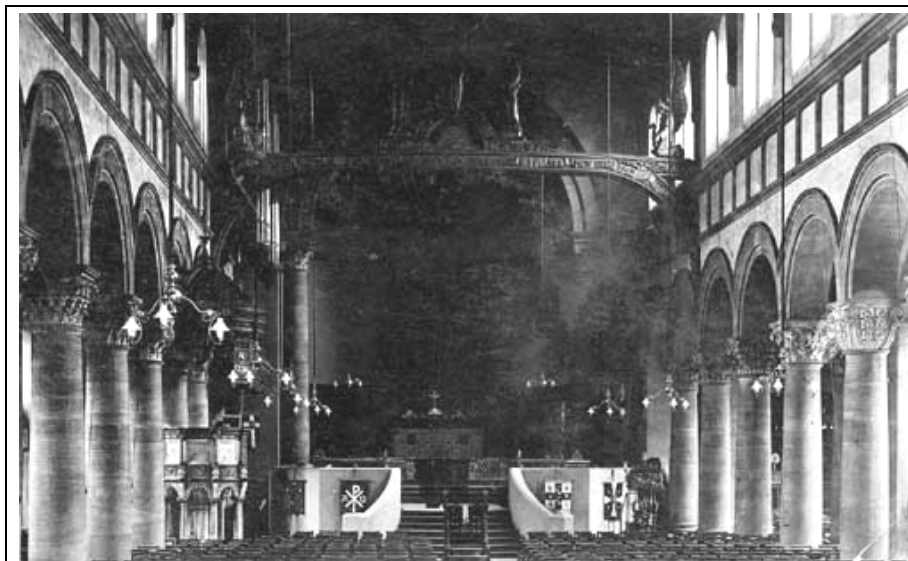
Muriel Caroline Thornley	14	Pupil	Yardley, Worcestershire
Louisa Maria Lay (Niece)	16	Pupil	London
Margaret Lay (Niece)	15	Pupil	London
Rachell A Wakman (Niece)	17	Pupil	Barnstaple, Devon
Agnes Bird	20	Cook Domestic	Stoke Prior, Worcestershire
Eliza Petford (W)	28	Parlour Maid Domestic	Alcester, Worcestershire*
Ada Davis	18	Housemaid Domestic	Aston, Birmingham

This person was the Eliza Greeves in the 1881 census return who had, in the ten years elapsing been married and widowed.

I cannot decipher the Swaynes' address (transcribed as Syvoyne) for the 1901 census but it reads something like Puddle Narf Boarding School, Upton Warren. In fact the whole page is difficult to read. The household has shrunk over the decade with only three unmarried daughters still living at home.<sup>x</sup>

Robert A Swayne	63	Magistrate, Living on own means	Bristol
Grace Swayne	64		Bideford, Devonshire
Edith M Swayne	35	Teacher of ?? (own account)	Mathon
Grace Swayne	34	Teacher of ?? (own account)	Mathon
Winifred Swayne	33	Artist (own account)	Mathon
Beatrice M Thoy(?)	18	Pupil	?
Elinor M Bucknall	14	Pupil	Lisbon, Portugal (FS)
Ruth M Bell	12	Pupil	Henley on Harden, Warwickshire(?)
Mary Ellen Kelly	37	Cook Domestic	Folbrook, Oxfordshire
Alice Berkey (?)	20	Housemaid Domestic	?
Sarah Lucas	19	Housemaid Domestic	?

The location of Arthur, now 27, for the 1891 census was as one of the boarders in the lodging house run by widow Harriet Flinton, at Prince of Wales Terrace, Scarborough. By this time he was a Clerk in Holy Orders.<sup>xi</sup> Rev. Arthur Wickham Swayne, BA, Keble College, Oxford, and the Theological College, Ely, was one of a list of ordinations reported in the Times of 21<sup>st</sup> December 1887.



*St Aidan's church built in 1891-04 by R.J Johnson & A.C. Hicks. The church is a double apsed aisled basilica joining basilican form with Romanesque Style. The interior of the church is famous for the mosaics by Sir Frank Brangwyn 1916, covering the curved walls of the apse and walls of concelli leading to the choir, depicting the life of St Aidan. These are very important as they are the only large-scale example of Brangwyn's design for this medium. On the left is the pulpit designed by Hicks, a cusped, moresque, round headed circles and low relief panels, depicting the life of St Aidan in marble. Mosaic was used instead of Tempera as it was easier to maintain in the polluted Leeds atmosphere.<sup>xii</sup>*

I do not know at this stage whether Eva and Arthur had any more children after their son Arthur Christopher C Swayne whose birth was registered at Leeds in the Apr-Jun quarter of 1900.<sup>xiii</sup> At some stage before 1913 the family had moved to Wales as the address given by Eva who was present at her mother's death on 25<sup>th</sup> October 1913 was Llys Bach, Horlech, North Wales. We can be reasonably certain that both Eva and Arthur were still alive in 1934, and still living in Wales, from this little snippet under the heading Married Couples and Men Servants in the Classifieds of Times of Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July of that year.

**R** EQUIRED Married Couple: experienced Cook-  
General and Parlourman; willing to help garden;  
good references essential: two in family: Mrs. S. J. J. J.  
Llysbach, Harlech, N. Wales.

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<sup>i</sup> FreeBMD Birth Index.

<sup>ii</sup> RG10/4575/p5.

<sup>iii</sup> RG11/4538/p34.

<sup>iv</sup> RG12/1282/p10.

<sup>v</sup> RG13/4249/p24.

<sup>vi</sup> Certified copy of Marriage Certificate MXD3399512.

<sup>vii</sup> FreeBMD Marriage Index; RG10/3140/p5.

<sup>viii</sup> RG11/3025/p41.

<sup>ix</sup> RG12/2343/p8.

<sup>x</sup> RG13/2797/p5.

<sup>xi</sup> RG12/3937/57.

<sup>xii</sup> www.leodis.net.

<sup>xiii</sup> FreeBMD Birth Index.