

John Steel Rochfort

John Steel Rochfort was the elder of two sons born to Marcus Gustavus Rochfort and his wife Mary Ann Hodges. He was born on 23rd February 1831 at Calcutta. He was almost 35 when he married Alice Burn McLead Leighton, on 16th January 1866, as recorded by The Times of India.¹

January 16th at St Paul's Cathedral Calcutta by the Rev A B Spry John Steel Rochfort Esq to Alice Burn youngest daughter of the late Henry John Leighton Esq.

Alice was a daughter of Henry John Leighton and Mary Anne Bryce who had been married at Calcutta on 7th July 1838 when Mary Anne was 26 years old. Sometime between Alice's birth and 1851 Henry John Leighton died, and his widow remarried – her second husband being Robert William Frith.²

On Saturday the 22nd Nov at the Old Mission Church by the Revd H Thomas Robert W.G. Frith Est to Mary Ann relict of the late Henry John Leighton.

I have found records for the three children born to John and Alice. Violet Mary Roberta Rochfort was born at Calcutta on 14th October 1866 and baptised the following year on 18th February. Their next child was a son, Harry Gustavus Hoyle Rochfort who was born at Calcutta on 15th December 1867, baptised on 28th February 1868, died on 26th March 1969 and was buried the next day at Calcutta. Alice Isabel McLead Rochfort was also born at Calcutta on 6th February 1869, about six weeks before her brother died. She was baptised on 10th March the same year. Just over ten years later Alice Rochfort was a widow. The death of John Steel Rochfort, at the relatively young age of 49, occurred on 26th July 1879 and he was buried at Calcutta the next day. The death record shows that he was a Pleader (that is a lawyer) of the High Court.³

The will of John Steel Rochfort is held by the Jersey Heritage Trust, and I wondered why it was lodged there. I have found nothing further for Alice Burn Rochfort, but at some stage between 1879 and 1881 the two daughters were shipped 'home' and I have discovered them staying with an aunt, Isabel Winter, at High View, St Heliers, Jersey.⁴

Isabel Winter	Head	W	50	Annuitant	Calcutta, India
Mary D Winter	Daur	U	19		Ceylon
A Beatrice Winter	Daur		16		Ceylon
H Ethel Winter	Son		13		Ceylon
Violet M Rochfort	Niece		14		Ceylon
Alice I Rochfort	Niece		12		Calcutta
Elizabeth Ingram	Serv	W	53	General Servant	St Heliers, Jersey

It transpires that before her marriage Isabel (or Harriet Isabel) was a Leighton and a sister of Alice Leighton. In fact, there was also at least one other sister, Mary, who had been born on 24th March 1839 at Calcutta. Harriet was married in Ceylon in 1854 and Mary at Calcutta in 1858.⁵

On the 29th Dec at Christ's Church Baddegamme by the Revd N Garstin DD George Walter eldest son of the late George Winter Esq of Baddegamme to Harriet Isabel daughter of the late Henry John Leighton Esq of Calcutta.

At St Paul's Cathedral Calcutta on the 23rd Dec by the Revd H Moule Alex McNeill Esq Bengal Engineers to Mary 2nd daughter of the late H J Leighton.

I have obtained a copy of the will which in the nature of such documents is rather tortured and complex. It was drawn up on 22nd July 1879 in Calcutta just a few days before he died suggesting that he was, and knew he was, close to death. The Will makes no reference to his wife Alice. Having made provision for his mother, the balance of his estate was to be divided between his two daughters. I have added punctuation and paragraphs to the transcription of the document (hopefully in the appropriate places) for ease of reading.

In the High Court of Judicature at Fort William in Bengal

Testamentary and Intestate Jurisdiction

Be it known that, upon search being made in the Registry of Her Majesty's High Court and the archives thereof there well and faithfully preserved and kept, it appears that, on the twentieth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy nine, the last Will and Testament of John Steel Rochfort late, of Bettia in the District of Champarum and Province of Bengal and manager of the Bettia Estates deceased, having whilst living, and at the time of his death, property and credits within the Jurisdiction of the said High Court, was proved in common form of law and registered in the said Court, and administration of the property and credits of the said

deceased, and in any way concerning his said Will, was granted by the said Court to Patrick Smith of Katlee in the District of Nuddea zamindar and Indigo Planter and Phillip Wagstaff of Calcutta, the Executors named in the said Will of the said deceased, they having undertaken to administer the same and to make a true Inventory of the said property and credits, and to exhibit the same in this Court at or before the expiration of one year next ensuing and also to render a true account thereof.

The true tenor of the said Will is in the words following to wit:

This is the last Will and Testament of me, John Steel Rochfort, formerly manager of the Bettia Estates in the District of Champarum and Province of Bengal but at present residing at the Great Eastern Hotel in the Town of Calcutta. I give devise and bequeath all the real or immoveable personal or moveable Estate of every nature and kind, and wheresoever situate to which I shall be entitled at the time of my decease, unto Patrick Smith of Katlee in the District of Nuddea zamindar and Indigo Planter and Phillip Wagstaff Esquire of Hungerford Street in the said Town of Calcutta, the Officiating Secretary to the Board of Agency of the East Indian Railway Company, upon Trust to sell and convert into money my said immoveable and moveable Estate when and as the Trustees or Trustee for the time being of my Will shall in their and his discretion deem it most advantageous so to do, with power to make any special or other conditions of sale as to the title or evidence of title or otherwise, and with power to buy in the premises at any sale by public auction, and or rescind or vary, either on terms or gratuitously, any contract for sale, and to resell the premises without being answerable for any consequent loss, and to execute and do all assurances and acts which may be necessary for vesting the premises so sold in the purchasers thereof respectively.

And I declare that, in the meantime and until the sale thereof respectively, such immoveable and moveable Estate, and the rents interests and yearly produced thereof respectively, shall be subject to the trusts and provisions hereinafter contained, concerning the money to arise therefrom and concerning the income of such money, and that such immoveable Estate shall be considered as converted in equity from the time of my decease for the purposes of such trusts and provisions.

And I direct my Trustees or Trustee for the time being to invest the money to arise from the immoveable and moveable Estate to be sold or gotten in, as aforesaid in the names or name of the said Trustees or Trustee, in or upon any stocks funds and securities of or guaranteed by the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain, or of British India, or of any British Colony or dependency, or in any stock of the Bank of England, or the Bank of Bengal, or the funds or debentures of debenture stock or share of any Railway or other Company in Great Britain or India, Incorporated by Act of Parliament or Royal Charter, and paying a dividend in its ordinary stock or shares, or upon any immoveable or moveable property in Great Britain or in the Town of Calcutta, with liberty to vary and transfer the investments from time to time at the discretion of the said Trustees or Trustee for any other investments or investments of the description contemplated by this trust.

And as to the money to arise as aforesaid, and the stocks funds and securities whenever the same shall be invested (which money stocks funds and securities are hereinafter designated "my Trust funds"), my said Trustees or Trustee shall stand possession thereof in Trust, out of the income from by Trust funds, to pay an annuity of one hundred pounds clear of legacy duties and all other incidental expenses to my mother Mary Anne Rochfort for her separate and inalienable use by quarterly payments, in such quarter days as shall be most convenient with regard to the investments of my Trust funds, the first payment to be made within three calendar months from my decease, and to be proportioned to the time which shall then have elapsed, and to pay to her executors or administrators the balance of the said annuity to the end of the year in which she may die.

And subject thereto In Trust to my two daughters Violet Mary Robert Rochfort and Alice McLeod Rochfort, in equal shares, but if either of hem shall die under the age of twenty one years without having been married, In trust for the survivor of them, provided always that it shall be lawful for my said Trustee or Trustees to apply in, or towards, the maintenance and education or otherwise for the benefit of each of my daughters entitled under the Trusts aforesaid, to a share, not absolutely vested the annual income of such share, or so much thereof in their discretion they may think advisable, and I direct my said Trustees or Trustee to accumulate the unapplied surplus of such income by investments confirmably to the trust for investments hereinbefore contained in augmentation of the capital which such income shall have proceeded, with power nevertheless for my said Trustees or Trustee, at any time of times, to resort to any such accumulations for the maintenance and education of the child for the time being presumptively or actually entitled thereto.

Provided further, that my said Trustees or Trustee shall retain and stand possessed of the share which shall become absolutely vested in each of my two daughters under the trusts aforesaid upon the trusts following (namely).

Upon trust to pay the amount to the same daughter being of the age of twenty one years for her life but, if married, then for her separate use and not by way of anticipation. And if the trust lastly hereinbefore contained in favor of my said daughter shall not be effected in law, to secure to her as against any and every husband whom she may marry subsequent to my decease, the separate enjoyment without power of anticipation of the said annual produce, then I empower my said Trustees or Trustee by deed to be executed by them or him, either in contemplation or after the

solemnization of any or every marriage which she may contract subsequent to my decease, to revoke the trust hereinbefore contained in her favor so far as concerns the annual produce to accrue due during her then intended coverture, and to declare such other trusts thereof as shall be effectual in law to secure to her, as against her then intended husband or then husband, the separate enjoyment thereof without power of anticipation.

Provided further that my said Trustees or Trustee shall have power, until my immoveable estate shall be sold, to grant leases thereof for such proceeds as they in their discretion may consider advisable at the best rent and generally to manage and improve the same at their discretion.

Provided further that the power of appointing new Trustees conferred by an Act of Parliament and passed in the 23d and 24th years of the present Reign entitled an act to give trustees mortgagees and others certain powers now commonly inserted in settlements mortgages and wills, as also the power of appointing new Trustees conferred by Act 28 of 1866 of the Governor General of India in Council, or by any future Statute or act to be hereinafter passed regarding the same or like matters authorities and powers, shall, for the purposes of my will, be invested in my Trustees or Trustee for the time being, then, and in the case of their being no Trustee, in the Executors or Administrators of the then last surviving Trustee or the persons or person mentioned in their behalf in the said Statute or Act as the appointment may be made in Great Britain or India.

I declare that all payments heretofore made by me to Mrs Winter, who has had charge of my said two daughters, are to be ratified and confirmed by my said Trustees.

I appoint my said Trustees Patrick Smith and Philip Wagstaff executors of this my will and guardians of my infant daughters.

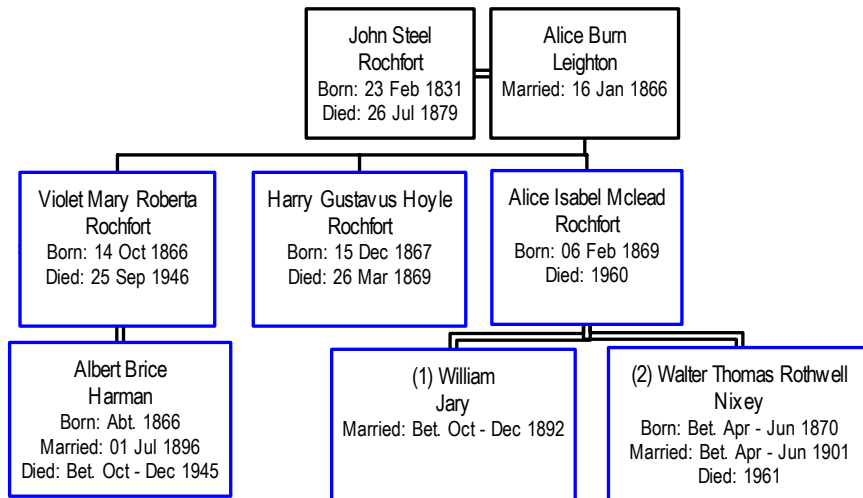
Lastly I revoke all former wills declaring this writing alone to express the whole of my will In witness whereof I, the said John Steel Rochfort, have hereunto set my hand this twenty second day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy nine.

J S Rochfort Signed by the said Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the sight and presence of us both present at the same time who in his sight and presence at his request and in the sight and presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as attesting witnesses. G. R. Ferris MRCS Eng Calcutta. J. H. Jennings SoB Calcutta.

In faith and Testimony whereof these Letters Testimonial are issued under the Seal of the High Court. Given at Calcutta at Fort William in Bengal this twenty third of January in the year of Our Lord one Thousand eight hundred and eighty.

John Rochfort was much indebted to his sister-in-law for the care of his daughters. Between 1881 and 1891 Harriet Isabel Winter moved to London, and she, together with two daughters, May de S Winter and Ethel Winter were living at St Pancras for the 1891 census, which was to be the last for Harriet. She died at Worcester in 1895, as recorded in the following Times notice.⁶

WINTER – On the 29th Sept., at the residence of Albert Buck Esq., The Stalls, Worcester, HARRIET ISABEL LANDON, widow of GEORGE WALTER WINTER of Ceylon, and daughter of the late John Leighton.



Although no longer in the care of Mrs Winter, Violet and Alice Rochfort were still in England at the time of the 1891 census. By the end of the century both girls had married. We will deal with the elder sister first.

Violet Mary Roberta Rochfort

The elder daughter of John Steel Rochfort and his wife Alice Burn (née Leighton, Violet Mary Roberta Rochfort had been born in Ceylon in October 1866 and was 12 years old when her father died. I had thought that she had been sent to England after his death, but from his will we find that she and her younger sister were in the care of their aunt Harriet Isabel Winter some time before their father died. Violet was still living with Harriet Winter at St Helier, Jersey, when the 1881 census was conducted. Ten years later we find Violet as a nurse at the Taunton and Somerset Hospital. Just four years later she was a married woman.⁷

The marriage between Violet Mary R Rochfort and Albert Brice Harman was registered at Wandsworth, London, for the Jul-Sep quarter of 1896. A further record shows that the wedding took place on 1st July at St Michael's Church, Wandsworth Common. The groom was 30 years of age, a bachelor and a surgeon by profession. His address was given as Church Street, Hungerford, and his father was Charles Harman, gentleman. The bride was, as we know, a 29 year old spinster and the daughter of John Steel Rochfort, barrister (deceased). Prior to the marriage she was living at 89 Bromley Road. The witnesses were Charles Harman (probably either father or brother of the groom), Henry Nathaniel Elton, uncle of the bride and M[ary] Maud Rochfort, one of Violet's cousins who we have not 'met' yet. A notice appeared in the Marriages column of The Times on 4th July.⁸

HARMAN : ROCHFORD – On the 1st July, at St Michael's Church, Wandsworth-common, by the Rev E. Louis Clapton, ALBERT BRICE HARMAN, of Hungerford, Berks, to VIOLET, eldest daughter of the late J. S. ROCHFORD, Esq., Barrister, of Calcutta.

For the cost of 3s 6d, the same notice appeared in the British Medical Journal of 11th July of that year.

Albert, who had been born in Camberwell, was, for the 1881 census, a 15 year old pupil at Western College, Brighton. A look at the Medical Register for 1899 tells us that Albert Brice Harman, then of Lancaster Villa, Hungerford, had been a Licentiate of the Society of Apothecaries in 1891 and had been registered as a medical practitioner on 24th August 1892. He had then become a Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians, London, in 1893. A further look at the 1891 census tells us that he was a Resident at the same hospital where Violet had been employed as a nurse. So if their love blossomed then, it was a fairly long courtship.⁹

Albert, Violet and their young son, Cecil Rochfort Harman, were living at 48 and 50 Bellevue Road, Southampton for the 1901 census. Also staying with them was Violet's widowed sister Alice.¹⁰

Albert B Harman	Head	M	34	Surgeon	Newington, Surrey
Violet M R Harman	Wife	M	33		Ceylon
Cecil R Harman	Son	S	3		Hungerford, Berks
Alice I M Jary	S-i-L	W	31		Ceylon
Emily Masters	Serv	S	22	Cook Domestic	Coxford, Hants
Adelaide F Masters	Serv	S	18	Housemaid Domestic	Coxford, Hants
Laura Williams	Serv	S	18	Nurse Domestic	Southampton, Hants

So having started married life at Hungerford, the couple had moved to Southampton sometime after the birth of their son whose birth had been registered for the Jul-Sep quarter of 1897.

In the following decade the Harmans moved house again, and in June 1911 were living at 1 Cranbury Terrace, Southampton and, while their son was not at home, they did have a niece staying with them and their cook of the previous census was still with them.¹¹

Harman, Albert Brice	Head	Mar	M	45	Surgeon	Camberwell, Surrey
Harman, Violet Mary Roberta	Wife	Mar	14	F	44	Ceylon
Jary, Violet Kathleen	Niece	Sing		F	17	Bognor, Sussex
Masters, Emily	Serv	Sing		F	32	Cook Coxford, Southampton
Wallace, Lucy May	Serv	Sing		F	19	Housemaid Wortham, Southampton

The only child of Albert and Violet was a casualty of WWI – he was only 20 when he was at killed on the last day of the battle of Passchendaele. Like most young men who went to war, Cecil had made prior arrangements in case he did not return.¹²

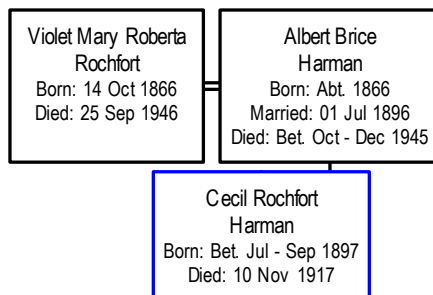
HARMAN Cecil Rochfort of 1 Cranbury-place Southampton second-lieutenant Gloucestershire regiment died 10 November 1917 in Belgium Administration Winchester 14 August to Albert Brice Harman M.D. Effects £94 11s 1d.

His death is also listed in the roll of the Gloucester Regiment Officers who died in 1917 and also on the CWGC website.¹³



Albert Harman had just reached his 80th year when he died, and his death was registered at Southampton for the Oct-Dec quarter of 1945. Violet died almost a year later, at the age of 79. Her death was recorded in The Times.¹⁴

HARMAN – On Sept. 25, 1946, VIOLET MARY ROBERTA, widow of ALBERT BRICE HARMAN, M.R.C.S., L.C.R.P., late of Henlade, Bassett Crescent East, Southampton.



Alice Isabel McLead Rochfort

Born on 6th February 1869 at Ceylon, and possibly after the death of her mother (or perhaps estrangement from her husband), Alice Isabel McLead Rochfort was sent 'home' to live with her aunt Harriet Winter. It would have been Harriet who broke the news to Alice and her sister that their father had died. I wonder how well young Alice remembered him. It was with Harriet Winter that Alice and Violet were staying in April 1881 at St Helier, Jersey. When the 1891 census was taken in April 1891 Alice was listed as a visitor of Charles Baxter, coal agent, and his family at 5 Bilbie Street, Nottingham. Quite why she was there is not explained as no occupation is given for her. She may have been a companion to another visitor, 69 year old widow Sarah Hearne who had been born in Somerset.¹⁵

Alice's life was somewhat more complicated than that of her older sister. Last sighted in Nottingham for the 1891 census, she had married the following year in Birmingham. The groom's name was given as William Jary, and their marriage was registered for the Oct-Dec quarter of 1892. Nothing has been found for the provenance of William.¹⁶

As noted above, Alice was staying with her sister and brother-in-law, Violet and Albert Harman, at Bellevue Road, Southampton when the 1901 census was conducted on 31st March, but she would not have remained with them for too long as she was married again soon after the census. Incidentally, I had not located her daughter Violet Kathleen for the 1901 census, and until I had looked at the 1911 census I was not aware of her existence. Nor was I aware of another child born to William and Alice Jary. However, I have now found Violet and a brother, in the

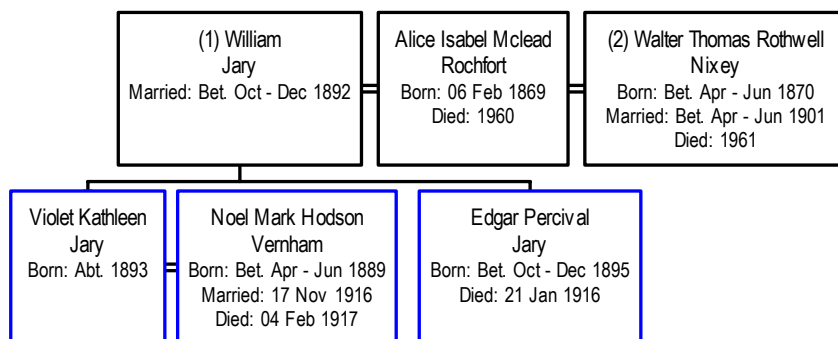
1901 household of Mary Elizabeth Rochfort, widow of Violet's uncle Marcus Burgh Rochfort, at Venner Road, Beckenham. The niece and nephew are listed as follows. The nephew was actually Edgar Percival Jary whose birth had been registered at Lambeth for the Oct-Dec quarter of 1895. Somehow the enumerator had managed to transpose Edgar's second name to become Violet's surname, and by 'ditto' Edgar's too

Violet K Percival	Niece	S	7	Bognor, Sussex
Edgar do [ditto]	Nephew	S	5	Kensington, London

The marriage between Alice Isabel M Jary and Walter Thomas R Nixey was registered at Paddington for the Apr-Jun quarter of 1901. Walter Thomas Rothwell Nixey had been born in the first half of 1870 and was counted in the Nixey household, at 6 Burdett Road, Stepney, for the 1871 census.¹⁷

Walter John Nixey	Head	M	29	Mason	Upton cum Chalrey, Bucks
Emma Nixey	Wife	M	31		Shiplake, Oxon
Walter Thomas Rothwell Nixey	Son		11 mos		Windsor, Berks

Thirty years later, and shortly before their son married, the Nixey family was living at 80 Ashmore Road, Paddington, and Walter had found employment as a commercial traveller for a stationery firm. However, and of some significance, when the 1891 census had been collected Walter, then aged 20, was listed as an actor. He seems to have given up any further thoughts of professional acting, because he was still a commercial traveller, for a book publisher, for the 1911 census when he and Alice were living alone at 403 Chiswick High Road, Brentford. They both lived into their nineties, and both deaths were registered at St Austell, Cornwall. Alice died at the age of 90 in 1960 and Walter, aged 91, the following year.¹⁸



Violet Kathleen Jary

I wonder how Violet Kathleen Jary reacted to her mother's remarriage and to her stepfather. Did she move in with them after they married or did she remain in the care of her aunt and uncle, Violet and Albert Harman? Certainly there was no sign of her mother or stepfather on the registration record of her marriage. It was on the 17th November 1916 that 23 year old Violet Kathleen Jary and Noel Mark Hodson Vernham, five years her senior, celebrated their marriage at St Saviour's Paddington, witnessed by Alfred Brice Harman (Violet's uncle), Dorothy Hester Vernham and Julia Emily Vernham (sisters of the groom), and Geoffrey S Clarke (whose connection with the families is unknown, but perhaps a friend or the best man of the groom). Noel Vernham had been born in 1889 at Brixton, London, a son of John Edward and Julia Emily Vernham. His father was a professor of music at London University and, incidentally a renowned organist at St Paul's Church, Onslow Square.¹⁹


The marriage entry interestingly gave Violet's father as Arthur Jary, deceased, who had been an actor. Regardless of whether Isabel had married Frederick or Arthur, or perhaps Frederick Arthur, was he a thespian colleague of Walter Nixey, and was this how Isabel came to meet her second husband?

Noel, an aeroplane mechanic, enlisted as a private at Mill Hill on 6th September 1914 with the Royal Army Service Corps and was discharged on 21st September 1916 on receiving a commission in the Royal Flying Corps. A notation on his service record described him at discharge as being of very good character, sober and honest, and a capable motor car driver. By the time of his discharge he had already served in France between February 1915 and September 1916, for which he was awarded the 1914/1915 Star. Five months after the wedding Violet Kathleen Vernham was a widow. There are no details of exactly where 2nd Lieutenant Vernham died, but he was a member of 16 Squadron, formed at St Omer in France in February 1915 as a Corps reconnaissance unit which operated from Bruay-la-Bussière, 22 kilometres north-west of Givenchy-en-Gohelle, in northern France. Probate on

his estate was granted to his widow. I have found nothing to indicate what happened to the so-soon widowed Violet Vernham but as we will see, she not only lost a husband in war, her brother was also killed in action.²⁰

VERNHAM Noel Mark Hodson of 5 Warrington-crescent Maida Hill Middlesex second-lieutenant R.F.C. died 4 February 1917 in France Administration London 1 September to Violet Kathleen Vernham widow. Effects £161 8s 8d.

In Memory of
Second Lieutenant NOEL MARK HODSON VERNHAM
16th Sqdn., Royal Flying Corps and, General List
who died age 27
on 04 February 1917
Son of John Edward and Julia E. Vernham; husband of Violet Kathleen
Vernham, of 19, Woodstock Rd., Poplar, London.
Native of London.
Remembered with honour
AUBIGNY COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION




Edgar Percival Jary

Edgar Percival Jary's uncle, Marcus Rochfort, was looking after him when the 1901 census was conducted. I am not sure who paid for his education, but in April 1911 Edgar Jary was enrolled at the St Lawrence College at Ramsgate, which had been founded in 1879 and for short time was known as the South Eastern College.²¹

Edgar enlisted in the Hampshire Regiment and saw action in the Asiatic theatre of war from 26th August 1915 - Mesopotamia and Persia (now Iraq and Iran). One commentator has remarked on the obvious youth and immaturity of the British troops in Mesopotamia in WW1. One of these very young men was Private Edgar Jary.²²

In Memory of
Private EDGAR PERCIVAL JARY
240716, 1st/4th Bn., Hampshire Regiment
who died age 20
on 21 January 1916
Son of William Jary and Alice Jary (now Nixey), of Norfolk.
Remembered with honour
BASRA MEMORIAL



The Rolls of Honour held at the Commission's Head Office commemorating by name all the Commonwealth casualties who died in Iraq during the two World Wars

Notes

- ¹ FIBIS Birth Announcements taken from East India Register 1832, The Times of India Marriages 1866, Edition 30 Jan 1866.
- ² Family Search India Marriages 1792-1948, FIBIS Bombay Times and Journal of Commerce Marriages 1851 Edition 5 Dec 1851; the father of Robert William G Frith, who rejoiced in the name of Warren Hastings Leslie Frith, was involved in some legal wrangle with the Government of Oude, arising from a bond given to his grandfather, and the case was raised in the House of Commons in 1863; Warren Hastings Leslie Frith (sued as Warren Hastings L Frith, as Warren Hastings Frith and as W L Frith) late of S. Southwick Street, Hyde Park, Middlesex, of no business, but formerly a solicitor in Calcutta, was declared a bankrupt in 1868 (Hansard 3 July 1863, The Edinburgh Gazette June 26 1868).
- ³ Family Search India Births and Baptisms 1786-1947, Deaths and Burials 1719-1948; note – from the later census returns it is apparent that the children may have been born in Ceylon – so perhaps Calcutta was the registration records' centre for births, deaths and marriages?
- ⁴ Jersey Heritage Trust D/Y/A/41/4; RG11/5616/6/p6.
- ⁵ India Births and Baptism 1786-1847; FIBIS Bombay Times and Journal of Commerce 29 Jan 1855 edition; 6 Jan 1859 edition; India Marriages 1792-1948. Note - if Mary was the second Leighton daughter, and given her birth date, unless she was a twin, an earlier sister may have been born before or very soon after the parents' marriage. Alternatively, given Harriet's age of 50 for the 1881 census, Henry John Leighton may have been a widower when he married Mary Bryce and, in support of this supposition, there is a Calcutta marriage for 13th June 1829 between a Henry John Leighton and a Harriett Blake [Family Search India Marriages 1792-1948]; further information on the Winter family is found at the website <http://www.rootweb.ancestry.com/~lkawgw/gen1158.html>; George Walter Winter was born at Port St. Louis, Mauritius on 24.10.1825 (Baddegama Register. 203 No. 739) and baptised by the Hon. E. Finch. He married at Baddegama on 29.11.1854 Henrietta Isabella Isobel Leighton [note discrepancy in marriage date]. He died at Baddegama on 1.4.1875 and was buried in Christchurch Cemetery, Baddegama. George Walter was a writer in the Civil Service, gazetted on 13.3.1845. For many years Harriet Isobel lived in Jersey but eventually came to England living at Burton Crescent, Middlesex [1891 census]. She died at the residence of Albert Buck, Esq, at The Stalls, Worcester on 29.9.1895 [age at death 65, FreeBMD Death Index; Harriet Isabel Landon Winter, age of death 63 according to a notice in The Times of 2.10.1895] and was buried at the cemetery at West Norwood with other members of her family. George Walter and Isobel had four children.
- ⁶ RG12/122/8/p10; FreeBMD Death Index 1837-1915; The Times Wednesday Oct 02 1895.
- ⁷ RG12/1876/111/p1
- ⁸ FreeBMD Marriage Index 1837-1915; London England Marriages and Banns 1754-1921; The Times Saturday Jul 04 1896.
- ⁹ RG12/2692/16/p25; Medical Register for 1899 p 720; RG12/1876/111/p1.
- ¹⁰ RG13/1060/70/p25.
- ¹¹ FreeBMD Birth Index 1837-1915; RG14PN5955 RG78PN273A RD99 SD1 ED21 SN44.
- ¹² England & Wales National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administration) 1861-1941.
- ¹³ <http://glostons.tripod.com/1917off.html>; CWGC web site.
- ¹⁴ England & Wales Death Index 1916-2005; The Times Saturday Sep 28 1946.
- ¹⁵ 12/2692/16/p25.
- ¹⁶ FreeBMD Marriage Index 1837-1915.
- ¹⁷ FreeBMD Birth and Marriage Index 1837-1915; RG10/552/63/p4.
- ¹⁸ RG13/5/18/p28; RG12/8/62/p27; RG14PN6841 RG78PN344 RD128 SD5 ED14 SN9; England & Wales Death Index 1916-2005.
- ¹⁹ London England Marriages and Banns 1754-1921; FreeBMD Birth Index 1837-1915; RG12/416/66/p30.
- ²⁰ British Army WWI Service Records 1914-1920; British Army WWI Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914-1920; England & Wales National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administration) 1861-1941; www.theaerodrome.com; www.rafweb.org/Sqn016-20.htm.
- ²¹ RG14PN4536 RD63 SD4 ED31 SN9999; the College still operates today as a coeducational independent public school.
- ²² Richard Carfax-Foster www.pauljerrard.com/ww1/diaryaug2011.html; British Army WWI Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914-1920; CWGC website; I had wondered whether William Jary had died and that Alice was a widow when she remarried to Walter Nixey, but I now think the couple may have separated/divorced because the memorial text makes no reference to the 'late' William Jary.