

DESCENDANTS OF  
JAMES AND ANN EDWARDS  
1820 SETTLERS

*Edwards — A vino duw derwd — When God willeth He will come*  
*Edwards — Duw fyddo ein cryfdwr — God be our strength*  
*Edwards — Duw ydi (sometimes ydyw) ein cryfdwr — God is our strength*  
*Edwards — Heb Dduw heb ddim, Duw a digon — Without God without anything, God is enough*  
*Edwards — Honor potestate honorantis — Honour is in the power of him who honours*  
*Edwards — Omne bonum Dei donum — Every good is the gift of God*  
*Edwards — Peace with power — Peace with power*  
*Edwards — Quid leges sine moribus? — What are laws without morals?*  
*Edwards — Vincit veritas — Truth conquers*



Edwards

*To forget one's ancestors is to be a brook without a source, a tree without roots – Chinese Proverb*

*Remember... there is no Future without a Past*



Definition: Son of Edward. The singular form of Edward means "prosperous guardian."

Surname Origin: Saxon

Edwards is a surname which is found primarily in England. It should be noted that Edwards family members have migrated through history thereby carrying the name to many areas.

The family name Edwards actually comes from the first name of the father of the original bearer.

One of the earliest references to the family name Edwards dates back in history to the year 1042.

The colour Sable (Black) in the coat of arms of the family Edwards symbolizes Constancy. It also reflects the hopes, ambitions and aspirations of its original bearer.

**NOTES:**

Each descendant has a specific code which applies only to that descendant in this family tree. Where the descendant is also in another family tree the code for that descendant will change. The spouse shares the same code. Where there is a dot or dash between numbers, this just makes reading the code assigned to a descendant easier.

All codes relate to the descendants of James and Ann Edwards who had 11 children. Thus the first figure in the code relates to one of the children in chronological order.

The last digit in the code gives you the child of the descendant represented by the remaining digits of the code. For example 5.3-3. will be the third child of the third child of the fifth child of James and Ann (a great grandchild).

This system makes the relationship between descendants very clear and easy to determine.

B: = date of birth

D: = date of death

Mistakes and transcription errors have occurred in all likelihood.



There is a story that the interest in the family tree started when there was a brother of 5 siblings who was unmarried and had died and left a fortune in property in America. The property is Broadway today. No family connection was found unfortunately.

During the 1950s considerable efforts were made to trace the origins of the James Edwards who came to South Africa as an 1820 settler, as advertisements stated that lawyers were looking for descendants of a certain Edwards who had, it appeared, owned Manhattan Island once upon a time! No link with the millionaire's fund was established, but it was ascertained that James Edwards came from a village in Wales. Unfortunately these papers have since been lost.

JAMES EDWARDS was a shoemaker, and in 1817 he married Ann Thomas who was baptised "at the parish Ivechurch in the country of Kent." Their first son died before James and Ann sailed with Sephton's party in 1820, and their second son was born on board the "Aurora" on the way to South Africa. It is not clear where in the Eastern Cape they first settled, but their fifth son was born in Somerset East in 1826, and was the first of their children to live to adulthood.

By 1836 James was a close friend, and presumably neighbour, of Piet Retief, whose farm "Post Retief" in the Winterberg was 5000 feet up at the source of the Koonap.

The Kafir wars were very trying for the border settlers, and Piet Retief was one who distinguished himself in the 1834 - 1835 one. A fort was built on "Post Retief" in 1836 to garrison the military force and to provide a rallying point for the neighbouring farmers, their families and stock. The perimeter walls were up to 16 feet high, with loopholes at intervals, and within the walls the buildings were of solid stonework. The officers' barrackroom had whitewashed walls, a floor of unhewn stones, and a roof of naked rafters well browned with wood smoke. The parade ground within the walls measured one acre. On the north side were the stables, on the east the soldiers' quarters, and near the southern gate the officers' quarters. Outside the east wall were some buildings which may have housed the loyal Fingoes in the Militia. Thomas Baines did three sketches and an oil painting of "Post Retief" and the Barracks.

In January 1837 Piet Retief, "the ablest of the leaders of the exodus" (Encyclopaedia Britannica), published a manifesto giving the main reasons for the decision of many people to trek northwards, and in February 1837 his Trek set off from Grahamstown. Included in his party were James and Ann Edwards, with John, Thomas, Charles, Alfred and Sarah, whose ages ranged from eleven to one. A year later Retief and his party of negotiators were massacred by Dingaan, but James had missed joining them and was later one of the men who went to Weenen camp after the massacre.

The Edwards family then returned to the Winterberg, and their tenth child, JAMES, was born in 1839. His father James was killed in a riding accident in 1840, and it is not clear whether he had bought Retief's farm or whether Ann bought it after his death. Certainly she owned "Post Retief", with the proviso that in times of emergency the fort was to be handed back to the military. "Post Retief's" greatest historical fame was in the 8th Kafir war during which, from December 1859 to February 1851, it was besieged by the Hottentots.

Ann Edwards was a remarkable woman and brought up her six remaining children on "Post Retief", ran a trading store, and acquired more farms in the district which, later, her son JAMES inherited. Meantime the village and the whole area became known as Post Retief.

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#### THE EDWARDS MILLIONS

##### Introduction

The purpose of this leaflet is to assist enquirers seeking information about the Edwards family and its supposed fortune. This fascinating story has gripped generations of 'Edwardses' for over one hundred years, not only in Wales but in parts of England and, of course, the United States of America where the origin of the fortune (now thought to amount to 650 billion dollars) is said to lie.

##### 1. The legend

The fortune is said to result from a lease in 1778 by a Welshman, Robert Edwards, of approximately 77 acres of land in New York forming what is now a significant part of Manhattan and on which stands not only Wall Street and Broadway but such valuable properties as The Stock Exchange and The World Trade Centre. The land was leased to the brothers John and George Cruger for 99 years with the condition that thereafter it would revert to the heirs of Robert Edwards named in the lease as his brothers William, Jacob, Leonard, Joshua, John and Thomas and his sister Martha. The lease expired in 1877 and ever since families called Edwards have been trying to stake claim to the fortune on the basis that they were descended from one of Robert's heirs.

##### 2. The genealogical problem

Genealogically speaking, the problem of proving descent stems from the fact that there were no standard spellings of surnames in Wales at the relevant period. Thus the surname eventually standardised as 'Edwards', deriving from the christian name Edward by the addition of a final 's' can appear interchangeably in documents of the period as 'Edward', 'Edwards' or even 'Edwardes'. When the members of one family use these spellings interchangeably and when a number of families favour the same christian names, it is virtually impossible to differentiate between them. The Welsh patronymic naming system in common use during the 18th and preceding centuries whereby a son or daughter takes as a second or surname the Christian name of his or her father further compounds the problem by providing us with numerous unrelated Edwards families.

Another major problem is the paucity of information available from such records of the period as survive. Parish register entries are sparse giving little more than that a particular person was baptised, married or buried on a particular date. Few families have records detailed enough to supplement these entries and those which do find even this information difficult to verify officially.

##### 3. The identity of Robert Edwards

The honest answer to the question *Who was Robert Edwards?* is *No-one really knows*. He is difficult to identify positively for a number of reasons. To start with, there are British and American versions of the legend. Some say he came from a family which originated from England or Wales but which emigrated to America in the 1620s or 30s; others that he, himself, emigrated to America from South Wales with his brothers Jacob, Joshua and John. Confusion is compounded by the fact that several claimant families appear to have basically the same family tree with slight variations. On the basis of just two of these, we find one Robert Edwards born 1716 with brothers and sisters as named in the lease and one Robert Edwards born 1730 with brothers and sisters identically named plus additional ones. One thing is certain, the name Robert Edwards was not uncommon. Indeed when one realises that the surname derived from the christian name Edward it should come as no surprise to be told that not all families bearing the name are related to each other.

If the legends are to be believed, Robert Edwards was a man of many parts being variously described as a captain in the army, an officer in the navy, a shipbuilder, a buccaneer who was granted the land for services to the British Crown, and the saviour of an Indian Princess whose father, the Chief of the local tribe, awarded him the land for saving his daughter's life! That there was a Robert

Edwards serving as an officer in the British navy at the relevant period can be verified by navy records. The other stories have as yet no firm basis in fact.

#### 4. Documents held by the Glamorgan Record Office

a) Papers of the Edwards family Claimants' Association of South Wales deposited in 1983 by an interested party who had purchased them from the Organising Secretary. These comprise minutes, accounts and correspondence 1947-68, as well as files on individual claimants claiming descent from William Edwards (1719-89) builder of Pontypridd Bridge; from Thomas Edwards (born 1723) and Jacob Edwards (1729-97), brothers of Robert Edwards who leased the land in New York; plus miscellaneous certificates and pedigrees of claimants with unproven genealogies. In the front of the Record Office handlist to this collection have been placed copies of articles which appeared in **Family Tree Magazine** in 1996 in which *Helen Hinchliff PhD, Chairman, Consumer Protection Committee, National (USA) Genealogical Society* expresses her reservations about the Edwards story and warns of past frauds perpetrated in connection with it. Philip Berrill (*see below*) responds to her findings.

[ref. D/D X 354]

b) Papers relating to the Edwards family of Ness Strange, Shropshire and Edwards Hall (unidentified), Glamorgan. These comprise two files of xerox copies of the lineage of the Edwards family compiled c.1894; a summary of the Edwards family's claim and 'facts in connection with the title of Trinity Church to its property acquired by royal grants' compiled by Counsel for the Corporation of Trinity Church, 1955; a xerox copy of an article from the Daily Mirror, 1912 highlighting the discovery by Edwards claimants of a 1688 bible with Edwards

family information on the flyleaf; a pedigree of the Edwards family (incomplete) compiled 1985; a xerox copy of a letter from Robert L. Cartmell of Toronto, Canada speculating on the location of Edwards Hall and on the Edwards claimants, 1987; and the two books detailed in the bibliography below.

[ref. D/D X 350]

c) Copy of 1778 lease extracted from records of the state of New York; Counsel's opinion (Tasker Watkins, on behalf of South Wales claimants) and copy of lease made 1950; letter from Mrs Fannie Edwards Claud to Mrs Tanner of Cardiff (secretary of the South Wales Association) concerning Edwards heirs, 1954

[ref. D/D Xn 7, 8]

#### 5. Other sources

a) We understand that collections of documents relating to the Edwards family of Ness Strange, Shropshire are held by the National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth and the Shropshire Records and Research Centre, Castle Gates, Shrewsbury.

b) Unlike the Edwards family Claimants' Association of South Wales (referred to in 4a above) which drew its activities to a close in the 1960s, its American equivalent the Pennsylvania-based 'Association of Edwards Heirs' is still flourishing. It is headed by Cleoma Foore who can be contacted at: *RD1, Box 133, Six Mile Run, Pennsylvania, USA*. The Association's attorney, John Smarto, has actively co-operated with the BBC which has featured the Edwards story in its series of programmes hosted by Gloria Hunniford entitled 'Good Fortune' (November/December 1994). The free-lance producer for the Edwards element of the programme, Philip Berrill, has undertaken to produce a twice-yearly newsletter to keep everyone up to date with research and further developments. Newsletters are produced under the title *The Edwards Information Service* and can be obtained direct from Philip Berrill, *60 Leyland Road, Hesketh Park, Southport, PR9 9JA*. Copies of the newsletter will be supplied to the Glamorgan Record Office for consultation by interested parties (*see bibliography below*).

c) Edwards enquirers should be aware that the 1992 Edition of the IGI (International Genealogical Index) compiled by the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints (Mormon) contains a number of entries relating to the births of members of an Edwards family at Edwards Hall, Cardiff. The Glamorgan Record Office has no original documents recording this information and even the very existence of an Edwards Hall near Cardiff has yet to be established. From the source reference - shown on the IGI against each entry - the information does not come directly from documents but appears to have been supplied by a private individual from his or her own family papers. Certainly the same information is reproduced by David Edwards in **The Edwardes Legacy** (*see bibliography below*).

The same edition of the IGI also lists a number of Edwards births/baptisms at Merthyr Tydfil which do not appear in either the parish registers or in any known nonconformist chapel register.

All these entries must needs be regarded with caution until the source is revealed and the information verified.

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#### Conclusion

In the years which have elapsed since the expiry of the lease in 1877, many attempts have been made to claim the fortune. All have failed. In most instances the evidence produced was either deemed inconclusive or was mishandled by unscrupulous lawyers looking to make easy money.

Claims have been further hampered by the Statute of Limitations in the state of New York which requires claims to be made within fifteen years of the expiry of any lease. Genealogical problems aside (and these at present seem insurmountable), the wouldbe claimant faces a massive legal battle with little apparent hope of success. Indeed the chance of making a legitimate claim has been likened to that of winning the jackpot on the National Lottery.

This is not to say that if you are an Edwards you should give up trying to trace your family tree.

Far from it. It can, and should be, an enjoyable hobby. Just be prepared to follow things through systematically generation by generation. If ultimately this results in financial gain, all well and good but look upon this possibility as a bonus. The immediate satisfaction of the amateur genealogist comes from placing the family in its context and in tracing one's own personal roots.

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#### King Henry VIII Tudor and his descendants who emigrated to USA

It is suggested in some documents including in the book 'Edward's Legacy' by David Dean Edwards (1992), that it was whispered among some Tudor researchers that Agnes was mistress to King Henry VIII of England and that the son Richard was fathered by King Henry and not by William. But no solid proof has yet to be found if it ever will be. Nor has solid proof been found that Richard was the son of William either. It will be up to the researcher as to which line to follow. I believe that the evidence leans more towards the fact that Richard was the "bastard" son of the King and Agnes. It is documented that Agnes did have a son named Richard, but only 2 sons, William and Henry are shown to be positively the sons of William. Richard is said to have kept his Edwards last name out of shame for the indecency that his mother engaged in.

King Henry VIII Tudor was born ca. 1491 and died ca. 1546. He had a mistress named Agnes Blewitt who was born 1509 and she died ca.1575.

It has also been suggested that Agnes was the wife of William Edwardes, born ca. 1500 in England and died ca. 1547. The son Richard is the son that cannot be positively linked to William because records suggest that he was born from another man, King Henry VIII. He is known as the "bastard child" of Agnes.

The 2 known children of William Edwardes and Agnes Blewitt are:

William Edwardes

Henry Edwardes

#### I. Richard Edwardes

Richard was born 1523 in Somersetshire, England and died 1566 in Cardiff, England. He married Helen Griffith in 1563.

English composer and poet, who became Master of the Children of the Chapel Royal in 1561 and wrote two plays for them. His five surviving songs, of which the most famous is 'In going to my naked bed, show the influence of the Franco-Flemish style on English music before the arrival of the Italian madrigal. Three keyboard arrangements of 3 part-songs (only one assigned to him, but the other two assumed to be his from his authorship of the words) survive in MS.

English playwright Born in Somerset, Edwards was educated at Oxford, receiving both a Bachelor's and a Master's degree. He considered the law as a career, entering Lincoln's Inn Field, but never took up the practice. Instead he became master of the children at the Chapel Royal, where he created musical dramas that the children's choir could perform. The composition, 'Palamon and Arcite' was written for the Queen, and was performed at Oxford. Sadly this has since been lost. The Queen was impressed with the piece, and intended to bestow a gift on Edwards, but he died soon after the performance. Little more is known of Edwards' life. Edwards' importance as a playwright is that he instigated the basing of the English tragedy on the Latin classical model. His plays were classical in subject, but were set in a contemporary world. The only play of his that is still in existence is 'Damon and Pithias' (1571), and he notes in this his intention to follow Horace in his decorum. The play does not break up into parts in the way other plays of the time did in order, for example, to suggest the passage of time. In this way his play has been seen as having a more natural effect. It has been noted that his true talent was, however, for comedy. He helped to develop the popular appeal of Elizabethan tragedy in pioneering what was, in effect, comic relief in a play. One only has to look at the famous grave digger scene in Shakespeare's 'Hamlet' to see how great this influence was.

'Damon and Pithias' was a rhymed play about two Greek characters. Based on a Greek legend, it tells of how they both insist in giving up their life for each other, as one of them is to be executed by Dionysus. Dionysus is so impressed with their selflessness that he asks to join their brotherhood, and the execution is forgotten. Edwards also compiled the influential 'Paradyse of Dainty Devises' (published posthumously, 1576), a collection of minor poets of the 1560's and 70's.

Of Corpus Christi College and Christ Church, Oxford, was master of the children of the Chapel Royal, 1561. He composed Palamon and Arcite (now lost) for Queen Elizabeth's entertainment at Oxford, 1566. The Excellent Comedie of ... Damon and Pithias (printed 1571) is his only extant play. He was the compiler of the Paradyse of Dainty Devises, published after his death (1576).

Richard Edwards and Helen Griffith had a son Richard Edwards, Jr. :

#### II. Richard Edwards, Jr.

Richard was born Abt. 1554 in Cardiff, England.

Richard Edwards, Jr had a son Joshua Edwards

#### III. Joshua Edwards

Joshua was born 1580 in Cardiff, England.

Joshua Edwards had a son William Edwards who emigrated to USA

#### VI. William Edwards

William was born 1/11/1620 in Glenn Morganshire, England.

WILLIAM EDWARDS, son of RICHARD was born 01 Nov 1618/1620 in London. The Edwards at that time were residents of Edwards Hall, near Cardiff, Glamorganshire, Wales. WILLIAM had at least four sons, WILLIAM (who settled in Jamestown, Virginia), JOHN, THOMAS and ROBERT. Some accounts say the brothers came to the colonies together and settled on land granted to them by the King of England. There was a William Edwards, son of Reverend Richard Edwards of Wales, who came to Boston, Mass. with his stepfather, William Coles in 1630 and settled in Hartford Connecticut about 1636.



## JAMES EDWARDS

B: 12/12/1794 in London

D: 28/10/1840 in Fort Beaufort and was buried on 29/10/1840

(<http://www.egggsa.org/index.htm>

<http://www.egggsa.org/bdms/Burials.html>)

He bought Post Retief Farm from Piet Retief's estate. He died as a result of an accident after a gymkhana when his horse bolted into a stable in Fort Beaufort.

Married ANN THOMAS in 1816

B: 15/5/1798

D: 21/7/1881

She was the daughter of STEPHEN and SARAH THOMAS of Ivehurch, Kent.

There was a newspaper notification of her death in the 'Fort Beaufort Advocate' on 5th August 1881:

"Died at Welcome House, the residence of her son, Mr. C. R. EDWARDS near Whittlesea on Thursday 21st July 1881, Ann EDWARDS, widow, aged 85 years and 7 months, late of Post Retief, being one of the Settlers of 1820."

JAMES EDWARDS aged 24, a shoemaker from London arrived in South Africa in 1820 on the ship "Aurora" in Sephton's Party with his wife ANN who was 23 years old and 1 child, another two having died at sea. They left Gravesend on 15/2/1820. He had a brother ROBERT who emigrated to America.

James EDWARDS' headstone in the Queenstown Cemetery reads:

"James EDWARDS  
1820 Settler  
Who departed this life on  
28th day of October 1840  
in the 47th year of his age"



Please see

[http://www.egggsa.org/library/main.php?g2\\_itemId=445378](http://www.egggsa.org/library/main.php?g2_itemId=445378)



*Post Retief in the Winterberg*

### Post Retief, 1836 – 1878

This Post is magnificently situated in the Winterberg on a plateau at the foot of the Didima Mountains where it guards the head of the pass that drops steeply down into the Blinkwater Valley, the last home of Piet RETIEF in the Cape.

Sir Benjamin D'URBAN wrote: 'when in 1836 I caused a military post to be established in the Winterberg, I named it RETIEF. This gentleman, Mr. RETIEF, is the same whom in the latter end of 1835 I appointed Field Commandant, for this active and judicious conduct at a period of difficulty and anger.' The Post was heavily invested by a large force of rebel Hottentots in February 1851 when it was crowded with refugees, their animals and household possessions. For four days it was cut off from all supplies of food and water, then it was relieved by a commando of 130 burghers and 140 Fingos under Capt. AYLIFF, W.M. BOWKER and Dods PRINGLE.

### The Fortified Farm Houses

Many settlers suffered heavy losses during the war of 1835 and afterwards started to fortify their farmhouses adopting points suggested by Capt. J. ALEXANDER, Aide-de-camp to the Governor, in an article published in the Grahamstown Journal in August 1835

At Septon Manor there was a signal tower with firing ports. Heatherton Towers had two castellated towers in place of stoepkamers. At Stoneyfields the barn was linked to the house by stone walls, this plan was also adopted at Sidbury Park where the gracious house later included a ballroom. These fortified houses were recognised as military posts in later wars and were manned by volunteers to protect the refugees and their animals that congregated round them when danger threatened.

Woodlands in Lower Albany was one of the many attacked in May, 1846 when doors and windows were under heavy fire while another enemy party drove off 2,500 cattle. One thousand head were recovered but the next day the attack was renewed on Woodlands and also Barville Park. Col. SOMERSET eventually arrived with 300 mounted troops including the 7th Dragoons and the siege was lifted. Meanwhile Richmond House at Port Frances was also under siege and the station gun was fired at intervals to warn Woodlands and other farms and to direct the relief troops. Many of these farms as far west as Barville Park were again under siege during the war of 1851.

Many of the places of interest are open to the public or are police stations where permission may be obtained to view historical sites. In most other cases the forts, posts, signal towers and fortified farmhouses are privately owned, some of them being dwelling houses, consequently permission to view can not easily be obtained, many of the sites however may be seen from the roadside.

The following places are open to the public:

Fort Frederick, Fort Selwyn, Drostdy Gate, Battery Hill - Bathurst, Fort Brown, Fraser's Camp, Kaffir Drift Post, Fort Peddie Signal Tower, Barracks and Commissariat Store (the Church), Fort Hare, Fort Cox, Castle Eyre and Elands Post. Compiled for the Grahamstown Historical Society by Eily Gledhill.

Photographs by Rex and Barbara Reynolds. - Please see

<http://www.grahamstown.co.za/fcForts.htm>

Published by the 1820 Settlers National Monument Foundation.

James Edwards and his wife and three children left from the farm "Post Retief" in their own wagon to accompany Piet Retief on the Great Trek. They crossed the Drakensberg mountains into Natal in 1837. In Natal James Edwards was one of the party of about sixty men chosen to accompany Piet Retief to Dingaans Kraal.

Their object was to formalise a previous verbal agreement made between Dingaan and Retief whereby Retief's party would be given the right to settle on land South of the Tugela River. James Edwards arrived late at the meeting place of the party on the morning of their departure to Dingaan's Kraal and found that Retief and his party were treacherously murdered at Dingaans Kraal on 6 February 1838. By early May 1838 the Edwards Family were at Port Natal and they left shortly afterwards to return to Post Retief in the Eastern Cape Province. Whether it was the tragic death of their great friend and leader, Piet Retief, which made them decide to return is not known. The journey back took four months and they suffered great hardships on the way.

James Edwards died in 1840 but Ann with her six children continued living on the farm Post Retief. The widow, besides farming, also operated a small water-driven mill for grinding corn to supplement her income.

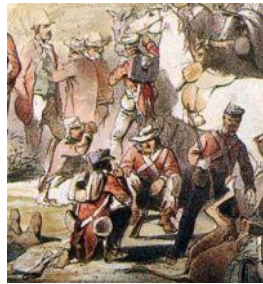
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The military fort POST RETIEF is the most northerly fort built and garrisoned by the British to serve as a barrier to Xhosa infiltration into the Cape Colony and as protection for the farmers of the remote Winterberg. Designed by The Royal Engineers and built by Pieter Retief later famous as Voortrekker Leader the stone fort is a reminder of the Savage War that burst into the area at the close of 1850. The fort is currently under restoration by Dr. Carl Kritzinger, historian and descendant of the early Frontier Pioneers. Carl has passionately archived and researched the rich history of the area since childhood.



*Piet Retief*



*Frontier War*

### The Post Retief District — An Eastern Beauty Spot

Apropos of the Post Retief district, it might just be mentioned that it is one of the most lovely spots to be found in the Eastern Province, situated to the north west of the town of Fort Beaufort.

To see its beauties we must ascend the Blinkwater Hill, a pass some six miles in length, but on reaching the summit we are rewarded by a magnificent view of the Katberg range, lying to the north and east, and to the west the

*“Winterberg, stern giant, old and grey.  
Looks down the subject dells, whose gleaming  
fountains  
To wizard Kat their virgin tribute pay.”*

From the top of the Blinkwater Hill the road lies across breezy uplands, where sheep are dotted thickly over the grassy ridges. Further along we come upon one of the sources of the Koonap, a clear stream, making melody as it runs tinkling down its stony bed and we are glad we came. As we drive along, comfortable farmsteads, one after another, appear in view and the gardens are a dream of loveliness; in some stand giant old pear trees (planted by stalwart ancestors) veiled in masses of snowy blossoms, besides which the pink blush of the peaches make a charming contrast, a veritable fairyland to those who love the country with all its enchanting sights and sounds.

Towering beyond is the Katberg range, whose lofty peaks rise steep and rugged and broken. Notable amongst these is one named “The Pillars”, so-called from the peculiar formation of the rocks surrounding the top. Looking at this marvellous structure we are almost tempted to believe that giants did at one time dwell upon this earth, for these Titanic walls are reared to a height of two or three hundred feet, the stones laid upon one another stand out, mostly from twelve to twenty feet square at the base, they gradually taper up, tier upon tier, until at the summit one singly stone is laid. There is little if any vegetation upon them, but “the unswept stone, besmeared with sluttish time is rich coloured with lichens of every hue. Close by, bubbling from beneath a stone, is a tiny spring; what charm there is about it, so clear, cool and sweet, that surely this is the Ambrosia we read of in mythical lore.

We reach the summit and standing about these lofty escarpments, look far upon a lonely and mysterious land, “a billowy waste of mountains, wild and wide”, with here and there a little spot of culture wrenched by the hand of man from the vast solitudes around. The gloom and sadness of the lonely veld lays hold upon our hearts, and we can understand what the poet felt, when he penned those beautiful lines;

*“When the sorrows of life the soul o’ercast,  
And, sick of the present, I cling to the past;  
When the eye is suffused with regretful tears,  
From the fond recollections of former years;  
And shadows of things that have long since fled  
Flit over the brain, like the ghosts of the dead;  
Bright visions of glory — that vanished too soon;  
Day-dreams — that departed are manhood’s noon”.*

#### 1. JAMES EDWARDS

B: 12/12/1817

D: 12/7/1819

#### 2. DANIEL EDWARDS

B: 1820

D: 1820 at sea

#### 3. HENRY EDWARDS

B: 15/4/1820 at sea

D: 9/1/1821 or 1828?

#### 4. WILLIAM EDWARDS

B: 24/9/1822

D: 18/6/1824

#### 5. WILLIAM EDWARDS

B: 10/12/1824

D: 16/2/1826

#### 6. JOHN EDWARDS

B: 11/12/1826

D: 16/12/1917 in Barberton, South Africa

He was the “hunter”

Married 1) SARAH MOORCROFT

B:

D: 24/4/1855

### Extract From Goldfields News and Barberton Herald, Friday 9/3/1917 — The Late Mr John Edwards *One who missed Dingaans’ massacre*

In our issue of 20<sup>th</sup> February, we recorded the death of Mr John Edwards in the Barberton Hospital at the ripe old age of 91 years.

We are now able to give a few of the many interesting incidents of what was a very remarkable career.

Mr Edwards was born in 1826 at Somerset East and was the son of an 1820 immigrant. He remembered the starting of Retief’s trek in 1836, which he accompanied being then nine years of age. The family were particular friends of Retief and after their return to the Winterberg, (some time after Retief’s murder by Dingaans), Mr Edwards’ father obtained Retief’s farm, which is still in the possession of members of the family. (NB sold some years back). It is known as Post Retief, from being used as a military station or fort during the early Kaffir wars.

He often spoke of the hardships endured in these early days by the Boer trekkers and told of how they drove cattle down the berg bare footed on a dark and rainy night. The deceased could well remember the day the party left for Dingaans’ kraal. His father, who was one of the party of immigrants camped near the Weenen laager, but on arrival found they had already left.

He returned to the laager and later was one of the men who went to Weenen camp after the massacre and saw the dead, so frequently described in the history of that tragic event.

It was probably these early treks which gave the impetus to that reckless spirit which was such a marked trait in Mr Edwards’ character.

After his return from Natal he took an active part in the Kaffir wars of 1846 — 1850.

In 1862 he made his first hunting journey into the interior (Mzilikatzze country, as it was then called, now known as Rhodesia) and in 1865/66 joined the Free State forces against Moshesh. His journey to Matabeleland was in 1868, this time on a hunt for gold, owing to the discoveries of Mauch, the celebrated German traveller who was met in Potchefstroom on the return journey. Sir John Swinburne had preceded him by a few months with a steam engine and a two-stamp mill. This mill was erected and put into operation on what is now Tati Concession on Tati reef a few miles from Francistown.

His party was not directly connected with Sir John Swinburne and consisted of several Australian prospectors, by whom the original discovery of the Blue Jacket Reef was made, and worked to some extent by a temporarily erected Dolly and horse gear.

The venture proved unsuccessful and Mr Edwards again turned to hunting. The partners (who were the prospectors) developed into interior traders and the affair was terminated by the discovery of diamonds on the Vaal river at Heilbron where all or most of them immigrated to.

In 1870 the discovery of diamonds on the dry diggings was made at de Beers and the new rush (Kimberley). A few months later Mr Edwards obtained an original claim. Here on adjoining claims the late hunter Mr Selous worked with Messrs Stewart and Cocksley, both old interior traders and no doubt intercourse with these associates was largely responsible for his late career. Though fairly successful as a diamond digger he left the fields to participate in the new goldfields of these days in the Lydenburg district in 1873.

The alluvial goldfields did not appeal to him, and in company with the late Mr John Wainwright he went on a hunting trip down the Olifants river and along the Tembirube mountain. He returned to Kimberley in 1875, only to leave again almost immediately for the Zoutspanberg, and down the Limpopo river in 1876, this time in search of natives for the Cape Government, to build the railway to Kimberley, then under construction, but still far down in the Colony. The venture proved unsuccessful and he returned to his claims in Kimberley, and continued diamond digging.

The heavy fall in the value of diamonds during the years 1876 — 78 resulting from over supply ruined him. This was about



the time the late Mr Cecil Rhodes connived the idea of amalgamation and the first limited liability companies were formed about 1879. From this time to 1890 the life of the deceased was largely of a migratory turn, made up of farming in Marico, gold and mineral searching in Malinanie and Marico, arriving in Barberton in May of that year.

In later days the old restless spirit would assert itself and he would walk from place to place all over the district. As late as six years ago he walked from Three Sisters to Maxianga Point — a distance of over 80 miles in the Lebombe. When tempted to take these walks nothing would stop him, and no persuasion on the part of his family or his friends would prevent him.

Mr Edwards enjoyed good health almost to the last and probably much of his splendid health was due to his active habits. Always a good shot and a lover of hunting, he shot 14 buffalo in one afternoon on the Ramukabaan river beyond the Tati.

One of the most interesting episodes of his hunting was on the above river. On one occasion in the company with Messrs Stewart and Hart he invited a number of Tati diggers to come over with conveyances and he would shoot them a supply of meat. Soon two wagons with teams of 8 or 10 arrived and the first days of shooting resulted in a bag of 4 giraffe, 2 buffalo and a rhino. The first wagon to arrive claimed the lot, remarking that Mr Edwards could supply the other wagon the next day. After the first day's meat had been collected it was found the team could not draw the load, so the party set to work to cut out the bones, which took several days. In the meantime, the weather being hot, and no salt to hand, much of the meat went bad. The load was still overweight and the team could not manage it, so further dissections went on for about a week, so after the repeated loadings the lot was spoiled and very little taken away.

The deceased was the 6<sup>th</sup> of a family of 11 and the last survivor. His only sister, Sarah Anne Rorke, whose death preceded him by two months at the age of 81, was lately found to have been christened at Kuruman (British Bechuanaland) by a missionary.

On being questioned recently Mr Edwards could not call to mind anything in connection with that journey, except that his sister was a big girl and could walk when christened.

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#### Interesting Reminiscences of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century *The Fighting in the Winterberg*

An esteemed correspondent, who writes under the name "Antiquary", sends us the following interesting account of some little known incidents in the early history of the Eastern Province. The narrative will, we are sure, be greatly appreciated by many of our readers. We are much indebted to our correspondent and trust that "Antiquary" and others who have authentic records of the old days will forward them to us for publication.

"Antiquary" writes:

Dear Mr Editor, — In a recent issue of your valuable paper you suggest that anyone having records of events connected with our Kaffir wars should publish same as being the only means by which a history of them could be compiled.

The following interesting incident which occurred during the 1850 war is given by an eye-witness of the scene, being a reminiscence of Mr John Edwards of Post Retief, who was at that time about 12 years of age. The part of the country in which these events took place is the Winterberg ward, lying to the west of the Kat river valley, where the Hottentots were located.

As most of your readers are aware, the "wars" were always timed to begin during the harvest months, when there was an abundance of food to be had by the marauders. As was customary in all districts within reach of the rebels, the Winterberg and Post Retief farmers trekked together and formed laagers or posts, which were barricaded to the best of their ability, with whatever material was available, either a stone wall or an impenetrable bush fence being erected round a house or their wagons, and usually at each corner a skiet-hok was built, about six or eight feet square, and sufficiently high to shelter a man, with port or loop holes to shoot through. If the buildings within the barricade were thatched, they were plastered with clay to a depth of a foot or more to render them fireproof.

One of the laagers was formed on the farm Haartebeestefontein (now Waylands), and the other was in the military buildings on the farm Post Retief. The Post Retief party consisted of 15 fighting men, under the command of the late Mr James Sweetnam with their several families.

They were attacked at frequent intervals, and on one occasion the enemy, thinking they would compel the garrison to surrender, because of thirst, turned off the water supply, which came by furrow close under the walls of the post. Great difficulty was experienced in procuring water, a member of the force having to convey it from the river in buckets at night; fortunately before any casualty occurred a thunderstorm fell, which filled all the cisterns connected with the buildings. Their food consisted of barley meal bread, mealies and dried fruit. For beverage they used coffee made from roasted barley, without sugar.

Later on another party, who had formed a laager in the Kaal Hoek ward, had to retire and join the Post Retief men, and on the very night they arrived, Kivet Spelman with a large party of Hottentots, attacked them and drove off every hoof brought by the Kaal Hoek party.

Soon after this the garrison were in such straits for want of food that volunteers were called for to proceed across country to request the Baviaan's River Burger force to come to their aid. The four men who volunteered, Peter Marshall, John Armstrong, John and Charles Edwards, when on their way, were attacked by the enemy on the Manczana Hills, near Whyte Bank, where Marshall was wounded and Armstrong's horse shot. However they managed to make their escape carrying Marshall with them.

About ten days later the relieving party arrived, but on the previous day Smith's laager had been attacked by Hermanus and Kivet, who on their way up had surprised four men belonging to the Post Retief garrison. They had been up to spend the Sunday afternoon with the members of the Smith laager, and were on their way back when captured on the road about a mile below the homestead.

A white flag was hoisted by the enemy and the men told to come on, they would not be molested, but instead of that, as soon as they were within reach they were disarmed and taken prisoners; their names were John Wiggell, George Nolan, Chapman and a Fingo.

The Hottentots then went on to Smith's and attacked them, one man, Wilkinson, was shot as he was looking through a port hole. The house was so closely besieged that the body had to be buried in the floor of the place in which he was killed. Happily their troubles were about over; they were rescued two days later.

On the following day a party of Hottentots brought the four prisoners to Post Retief, halting beyond rifle range (muzzle loaders), and hoisted a white flag. Mrs Wiggell, the mother of young Wiiggell, went over to interview them regarding the release of the prisoners, and she had just returned with a message to Mr Sweetnam, the Commandant, when the relief party under Bowker appeared on the hill behind the post. Those within the fort, as well as the Hottentots outside, supposed that a fresh commando of Hottentots and Kaffirs had arrived, but as the column came nearer, one of the volunteers who had been sent to Bowker and had returned with him, pointed out the groups of Hottentots on the brow of the hill. A number of the burgers were ordered to capture them, but as they moved round in front, the Post Retief men recognised the horse ridden by C Edwards and a man was sent at once to stop them. When they were told that there were prisoners amongst the Hottentots they turned back and came into the fort. Commandant Bowker then directed 50 men to stand close behind the walls with their horses saddled, so that in case the prisoners were not released an immediate attack could be made. All the rest of the horses were off-saddled and turned out to graze.

Commandant Bowker then sent Mrs Wiggell with a message to Kivet Spelman, the leader of the Hottentots, requesting him to meet him (Bowker), at a spot midway between the fort and the rebels, where they would arrange terms. This was done, and it was agreed that the prisoners would be given up on condition that the column did not attack till the following morning. Spelman then started to go back for the prisoners, but the Commandant ordered him to remain where he was, telling him to call his men to send the prisoners down. This he did, but

four of his men, armed to the teeth, came along with them. On seeing this Bowker requested Kivet to order them back, the prisoners to come down alone, and only on their arrival was Kivet allowed to return.

At daylight next morning Bowker and his men started for Smith's laager to relive it, but they found that the investing force had disappeared, having cleared out during the night. The Smith party were then brought down to Post Retief, after which Commandant Bowker with his burgers and the Post Retief men, went to assist in the attack on Fort Armstrong.

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6.1. ALFRED SYDNEY EDWARDS

B:  
D:  
Married MARY MANLEY  
B:  
D:

6.1.1. EDITH EDWARDS

B:  
D:

6.1.2. HILTON EDWARDS

B:  
D:

6.1.3. IVY EDWARDS

B:  
D:

6.1.4. SYDNEY EDWARDS

B:  
D:

6.2. JOHN JAMES EDWARDS

B: 29/4/1848  
D: 1886  
Married JESSIE BAXTER SHEPPERSON on 13/12/1871  
B: 1850  
D: 1882

6.2.1. ETHEL EDWARDS

B: 1872  
D: 1942  
Married VIVIAN FRAMES  
B:  
D:

6.2.1-1. ESTELLE FRAMES

B:  
D: 1969

6.2.1-2. WILLIAM M FRAMES

B:  
D:  
Married MARJORIE HEWETT  
B:  
D:

6.2.1-2.1. JOAN FRAMES

B:  
D:  
Married HERBERT ARTHUR HOLT  
B:  
D:

6.2.1-2.1.1. DAVID HOLT

B:  
D:

6.2.1-2.1.2. GEOFFREY HOLT

B:  
D:

6.2.1-2.1.3. JENNIFER HOLT

B:  
D:

6.2.1-2.1.4. SUSAN HOLT

B:  
D:  
Married PAUL BELLINGER  
B:  
D:

6.2.2. OSWALD EDWARDS

B: 21/4/1874  
D: 1920  
Married INA FRANCES HARRIES  
B: 1883  
D: 1963

6.2.2-1. LORNA MAUDE EDWARDS

B: 24/6/1913  
D:  
Married NORMAN LAWSON DUNCAN  
B:  
D:

6.2.2-1.1. GLENDA LAWSON DUNCAN

B: 1943  
D:  
Married JOHN RODNEY LLOYD  
B: 1940  
D:

6.2.2-1.1.1. ANDREW HENRY LAWSON LLOYD

B: 1965  
D:

6.2.2-1.1.2. BRIAN RICHARD LLOYD

B: 1967  
D:

6.2.2-1.2. IRENE SANDRA DUNCAN

B: 1945  
D:  
Married HUGH GRAHAM PEATLING  
B: 1938  
D:

6.2.2-1.3. DELIA DUNCAN

B: 1946  
D:

6.2.2-2. JAMES ALLEN EDWARDS

B: 25/6/1914  
D: 18/4/1959

6.2.2-3. MAVIS MAY EDWARDS

B: 19/6/1916  
D:

6.2.3. CLAUDE SHEPPERSON EDWARDS

B: 12/10/1876  
D: 1924  
Married AUDREY McDONALD  
B:  
D:

6.2.4. BLANCHE EDWARDS

B: 20/6/1878  
D:  
Married HUBERT SAVILLE  
B:  
D:

6.2.4-1. DOREEN SAVILLE

B:  
D:  
Married HORACE BARTON  
B:  
D:

6.2.4-1.1. WALTER BARTON

B:  
D:  
Married ERICA HELM

B:  
D:

6.2.4-1.1.1. GILLIAN **BARTON**

B:  
D:

6.2.4-1.1.2. JERMEY RUPERT HELM **BARTON**

B:  
D:

6.2.4-1.1.3. VALERIE JENNIFER **BARTON**

B:  
D:

6.2.4-2. WALTER **SAVILLE**

B:  
D:

Married AUDREY WEBSTER

B:  
D:

6.2.4-2.1. CLAUDE **SAVILLE**

B:  
D:

6.2.4-2.2. ELIZABETH **SAVILLE**

B:  
D:

Married RAY **LLOYD**

B:  
D:

6.2.4-2.2.1. KATHERINE **LLOYD**

B:  
D:

6.2.4-2.2.2. PAUL **LLOYD**

B:  
D:

6.2.4-2.3. JOHN **SAVILLE**

B:  
D:

6.2.4-2.4. MARY **SAVILLE**

B:  
D:

Married BARRY **BRIGGS**

B:  
D:

6.2.5. MAY MAUDE **EDWARDS**

B: 17/5/1880

D:

Married ERIC WALLACE **McDONALD**

B: 1877

D: 1931

6.2.6. JESSIE WAINWRIGHT **EDWARDS**

B: 3/7/1882

D:

Married TERRANCE **ARNOLD**

B:

D:

6.3. WALTER MOORCROFT **EDWARDS**

B: 24/9/1853 at Post Retief

D:

Married ELIZABETH GRAY

B:

D:

6.3.1. BERTIE **EDWARDS**

B:

D:

6.3.2. GEORGE **EDWARDS**

B:

D:

6.3.3. SYDNEY **EDWARDS**

B:

D:

6.3.4. EDITH **EDWARDS**

B: 1883

D:

6.3.5. ETHEL **EDWARDS**

B: 1884

D:

6.3.6. KATIE **EDWARDS** (a twin?)

B: 1886

D:

6.3.7. AILEEN **EDWARDS**(a twin?)

B: 1886

D: 1920

JOHN EDWARDS then married 2) SARAH MARY SMITH in 1856

B:

D:

6.4. CHRISTOPHER SMITH **EDWARDS**

B: 20/7/1857

D: 1931 in St Lawrence

6.5. ALBERT WYNDHAM **EDWARDS**

B: 7/12/1858

D: 1860

6.6. ERNEST BAILEY **EDWARDS**

B: 29/7/1860

D: 1923

6.7. AMBROSE ANDREW **EDWARDS**

B: 1863

D: 1879

6.8. EUGENE HORATIO **EDWARDS**

B: 1864

D: 1914

6.9. VIOLA VIRGINIA **EDWARDS**

B: 1866

D:

Married ? **SNOEK** in 1889

B:

D: 1890

6.9.1. PETER EDWARDS DE LA COURT **SNOEK**

B: 1890

D: 1893

6.10. ORLANDO LLEWELLAN **EDWARDS**

B: 1869

D:

Married HESTER SMITH

B:

D:

6.10.1. VICTOR **EDWARDS**

B:

D:

Married PHYLLIS ?

B:

D:

6.10.1-1. PAMELA **EDWARDS**

B:

D:

6.10.1-2. ROWAN **EDWARDS**

B:

D:

6.11. RUBY VIRGINIA **EDWARDS**  
B: 1871  
D: 1961 at the Rorke farm, Crocodile Valley, near Essexvale, Rhodesia  
Married MICHAEL JAMES **RORKE** in Feb 1898 in Kimberley and they were pioneers to Rhodesia (See 10.3.)

6.12. OLIVIA ALTHEA **EDWARDS**  
B: 1873  
D:  
Married FREDERICK PHILIP **GLAUM**  
B:  
D:

6.12.1. CHRISTOPHER CONRAD **GLAUM**  
B: 1898  
D:  
Married ANNIE ROSE ELLEN OPIE  
B:  
D:

6.12.1-1. FREDERICK CLIFFORD **GLAUM**  
B: 1931  
D:

6.12.1-2. FRANCIS DAVID **GLAUM**  
B: 1933  
D:

6.12.1-3. CHRISTOPHER JOHN **GLAUM**  
B: 1937  
D:

6.12.2. EDWARD ANGUS **GLAUM**  
B: 1899  
D:

6.13. OSWALD DESIRE **EDWARDS**  
B: 1875  
D: 1919

6.14. HILDA ELIZA AMBROSIA **EDWARDS**  
B: 1878  
D:

6.15. ALARIC SEVILLE **EDWARDS**  
B: 1880  
D: 1913  
Married ELIZABETH MACKAY  
B:  
D:

6.15.1. ALARIC **EDWARDS**  
B:  
D:

6.15.2. CONSTANCE **EDWARDS**  
B:  
D:

6.15.3. KENNETH **EDWARDS**  
B:  
D:

7. THOMAS **EDWARDS**  
B: 7/6/1828  
D: 19/4/1879 or 3/2/1879?  
Married MARY-ANN KING  
B: 1831  
D: 23/10/1914

7.1. THOMAS HENRY **EDWARDS**  
B: 12/6/1850  
D:

7.2. WILLIAM **EDWARDS**  
B: 19/11/1852  
D:

7.3. SARAH ANN **EDWARDS**  
B: 9/12/1854  
D: 2/3/1891  
Married BENJAMIN (OLD BEN) **MILES**  
B: 21/9/1843  
D: 28/9/1934

His parents were ROBERT (B: 1793, D: 1872) and ANN (nee DICKS) MILES (B: 1799, D: 1884)  
He had been married to EMMA POOL and they had the following children :

1. May Miles who married R Cornhill
2. Redvers Miles who married Delia Dicks
3. Nancy Miles who married Len Tarr

7.3.1. ROBERT **MILES**  
B:  
D:  
Married VIOLET ANN WEBB  
B:  
D:

7.3.2. PATIENCE AGNES **MILES**  
B:  
D:  
Married ERNEST **WARREN**  
B:  
D:

7.3.2-1. MILES **WARREN**  
B:  
D:  
Married GLADYS SCHLEMMER  
B:  
D:

7.3.2-1.1. MICHAEL **WARREN**  
B:  
D:  
Married ANN BRADLEY  
B:  
D:

7.3.2-2. COLIN PATRICK SINCLAIR **WARREN**  
B: 7/6/1907  
D: 4/5/1993  
Married 1) ALMA MARY GUSH  
B:  
D:

7.3.2-2.1. AILEEN MARY **WARREN**  
B:  
D:  
Married PETER GORDON WILLIAM **LE ROUX**  
B:  
D:

7.3.2-2.1.1. BRIDGET MARY **LE ROUX**  
B:  
D:  
Married DUNCAN SHAUN **FOSTER**  
B:  
D:

7.3.2-2.1.1-1. ABIGAIL RUTH **FOSTER**  
B:  
D:

7.3.2-2.1.1-2. KIRSTEN ANN **FOSTER**  
B:  
D:

7.3.2-2.1.1-3. MATTHEW CRAIG **FOSTER**  
B:  
D:

7.3.2-2.1.1-4. MELISSA KATE **FOSTER**  
B:  
D:

7.3.2-2.1.2. ANTHONY WARREN PIERRE **LE ROUX**

B:  
D:  
Married ERICA TIMM  
B:  
D:

7.3.2-2.1.2-1. WARREN **LE ROUX**

B:  
D:

7.3.2-2.1.2-2. BRYAN **LE ROUX**

B:  
D:

7.3.2-2.1.2-3. COLIN **LE ROUX**

B:  
D:

7.3.2-2.1.3. DAVID NEVILLE FREDERICK **LE ROUX**

B:  
D:

7.3.2-2.1.4. DENISE WYNNE **LE ROUX**

B:  
D:  
Married IAN **CONNING**  
B:  
D:

COLIN PATRICK SINCLAIR WARREN then married 2)  
DOROTHY WINIFRED McCONNELL

B:  
D:

7.3.3. FLORENCE **MILES**

B:  
D:  
Married JACK **ELLIS**  
B:  
D:

7.3.4. THOMAS **MILES**

B:  
D:  
Married FRANCIS (BIDDY) **MILES**  
B:  
D:

7.3.5. PERCY **MILES**

B:  
D:  
Married MILLICENT THOMPSON  
B:  
D:

7.3.6. MAUD **MILES**

B:  
D:  
Married HERBERT **WARREN**  
B:  
D:

7.3.7. FRISBY **MILES**

B:  
D:  
Married ALICE SNELLING  
B:  
D:

7.3.8. ROSE **MILES**

B:  
D:  
Married DAVID **SACKE**  
B:  
D:

7.3.9. EUSTON **MILES**

B:  
D:  
Married SUSANNA GOOSEN  
B:  
D:

7.4. MICHAEL JOSEPH **EDWARDS**

B: 8/1/1858  
D:

7.5. AMELIA MARIA **EDWARDS**

B: 8/2/1861  
D:

7.6. EMILY **EDWARDS** (a twin?)

B: 1869  
D:  
Married BENJAMIN (BEN) **MILES**  
B: 12/6/1861  
D: 1928

7.7. EDITH **EDWARDS** (a twin?)

B: 1/4/1869  
D:  
Married JOHN FRANCIS ANNAN **WHITTAL**  
B: 31/10/1861  
D: 10/7/1939

7.7.1. JOHN THOMAS **WHITTAL**

B: 20/2/1882  
D: 19/9/1949  
Married IRENE HURN  
B: 20/11/1901  
D:

7.7.1-1. RICHARD THOMAS **WHITTAL**

B:  
D:  
Married MILDRED LOCK  
B:  
D:

7.7.1-2. MYRA EDITH **WHITTAL**

B:  
D:  
Married 1) ARTHUR **LAVENDER**  
B:  
D:

MYRA EDITH WHITTAL then married 2) KENNETH **COOPER**

B:  
D:

7.7.1-3. ROBERT ANNAN **WHITTAL**

B:  
D:  
Married DOROTHY FISCHER  
B:  
D:

7.7.2. EDWIN ALFRED **WHITTAL**

B: 20/6/1883  
D: 2/8/1940  
Married GEORGINA LAURA ANNIE (LAURA) DOWNEY  
B: 17/3/1898  
D:

7.7.2-1. GEORGE FRANCIS **WHITTAL**

B:  
D:  
Married ? HAMMOND  
B:  
D:

7.7.2-1.1. BRIAN HAMMOND **WHITTAL**

B:  
D:  
Married SHIRLEEN FITZCHARLES  
B:

D:

7.7.2-1.1.1. GARY **WHITTAL**

B:  
D:

7.7.2-1.1.2. TARRI ANNE **WHITTAL**

B:  
D:

7.7.2-1.1.3. RYAN **WHITTAL**

B:  
D:

7.7.2-1.2. LES-MARIE **WHITTAL**

B:  
D:

7.7.2-2. AUBREY ARTHUR **WHITTAL**

B: 27/7/1923  
D: 1964  
Married RHODA SARAH ANN LEIBRUM  
B:  
D:

7.7.2.-3. REUBEN RICHARD **WHITTAL**

B: 2/10/1925  
D:  
Married LAURA MAY KOK  
B:  
D:

7.7.2-1.3. LYNTON KEVIN **WHITTAL**

B:  
D:

7.7.3. FLORENCE MAY **WHITTAL**

B: 25/3/1885  
D: 2/9/1885  
Married JAMES **JACKSON**  
B: 1880  
D:

7.7.4. PERCIVAL JAMES **WHITTAL**

B: 24/10/1887  
D: 19/6/1940  
Married FRIEDA SCHLENKRICK  
B: 20/1/1902  
D:

7.7.5. REUBEN CLIFFORT **WHITTAL**

B: 27/1/1890  
D: 22/6/1925  
Married GEORGINA IVY CATHERINE NELSON  
B: 31/10/1887  
D: 30/4/1961

7.7.5-1. JOHN RECKLESS (REX) **WHITTAL**

B: 29/9/1913  
D: 17/2/1990  
Married RUBY LEWIS  
B: 18/5/1913  
D: 23/3/1963

7.7.5-1.1. DOREEN **WHITTAL**

B:  
D:  
Married ALISTAIR GERALD **BENNIE**  
B:  
D:

7.7.5-1.1.1. TRACY-ANN **BENNIE**

B:  
D:

7.7.5-1.1.2. ANDREW MARK **BENNIE**

B:  
D:  
Married JUDITH HUDSON

B:

D:

7.7.5-1.1.3. IAIN CRAIG **BENNIE**

B:  
D:

7.7.5-1.2. MICHAEL LEWIS (MIKE) **WHITTAL**

B:  
D:  
Married 1) PETRONELLA VAN TONDER  
B: 7/7/1951  
D: 2001

7.7.5-1.2.1. MICHELE LOUISE **WHITTAL**

B:  
D:

MICHAEL LEWIS (MIKE) WHITTAL then married 2) GILLIAN MARIE BLOWE

B:  
D:

7.7.5-2. HAZEL VIOLET **WHITTAL**

B:  
D: 24/2/1998  
Married KENNETH LINCOLN **GODDARD**  
B: 22/12/1910  
D: 19/4/1991

7.7.5-2.1. THEROL GLENISON **GODDARD**

B: 19/10/1932  
D: 29/3/2000  
Married LORRAINE MAVIS HERBERT  
B:  
D:

7.7.5-2.1.1. GLEN DAVID **GODDARD**

B:  
D:  
Married TERRY WINSTANLEY  
B:  
D:

7.7.5-2.1.2. WENDY MAY **GODDARD**

B:  
D:  
Married BRIAN ARTHUR **HARRIS**  
B:  
D:

7.7.5-2.1.2-1. NATASCHA LEE **HARRIS**

B:  
D:

7.7.5-2.1.2-2. NICHOLAS JAMES **HARRIS**

B:  
D:

7.7.5-2.2. GLORIA MAY **GODDARD**

B:  
D:  
Married WILLIAM NOEL **STEWART**  
B: 18/12/1930  
D: 3/3/2001

7.7.5-2.2.1. KERRY-LYNNE **STEWART**

B:  
D:  
Married GARY **DOMONEY**  
B:  
D:

7.7.5-2.2.1-1. KALLY-JAE **DOMONEY**

B:  
D:

7.7.5-2.2.1-2. GABI MAY **DOMONEY**

B:

D:

7.7.5-2.2.1-3. MITCHELL NATHAN **DOMONEY**

B:  
D:

7.7.5-2.2.2. GARRON SAMUEL **STEWART**

B:  
D:  
Married MELISSA DURRHEIM  
B:  
D:

7.7.5-2.2.2-2. SARAH KATE **STEWART**

B:  
D:

7.7.5-2.3. VIVIAN RICHARD **GODDARD**

B:  
D:  
Married MARY MAURICE  
B:  
D:

7.7.5-2.3.1. ASHLEY KENNETH **GODDARD**

B:  
D:  
Married CINDY RUSSELL  
B:  
D:

7.7.5-2.3.1-1. RYAN **GODDARD**

B:  
D:

7.7.5-2.3.1-2. TAMRY **GODDARD**

B:  
D:

7.7.5-2.3.2. SHELLY ANN **GODDARD**

B:  
D:

7.7.5-2.3.3. DEBBIE ROSLYN **GODDARD**

B:  
D:  
Married HENRY **GONZALES**  
B:  
D:

7.7.5-2.3.3-1. MILISSA **GONZALES**

B:  
D:

7.7.5-2.3.4. JUAN - PIERRE **GODDARD**

B:  
D:

7.7.5-2.4. LYNETTE MERLE **GODDARD**

B:  
D:  
Married BRIAN EDWARD **COLLIER**  
B:  
D:

7.7.5-2.4.1. BRYN **COLLIER**

B:  
D:  
Married DAWN HAILWOOD  
B:  
D:

7.7.5-2.4.1-1. HAYLEY MARLENE **COLLIER**

B:  
D:

7.7.5-2.4.1-2. JADE LYN **COLLIER**

B:  
D:

7.7.5-2.4.2. GRAY **COLLIER**

B:  
D:  
Married DEIDRE JANE WHITEHEAD  
B:  
D:

7.7.5-2.4.2-1. TAYLA **COLLIER**

B:  
D:

7.7.5-2.4.2-2. LOGAN **COLLIER**

B:  
D:

7.7.5-2.4.3. HAYLEY **COLLIER**

B: 24/10/1970  
D: 24/10/1989

7.7.5-2.5. CLIFFORD LINCOLN **GODDARD**

B:  
D:  
Married CHERYL LYNNE WARDLE  
B:  
D:

7.7.5-2.5.1. KARL LINCOLN **GODDARD**

B:  
D:

7.7.5-2.5.2. DEVLIN NEIL **GODDARD**

B:  
D:

7.7.6. RICHARD THOMAS **WHITTAL**

B: ?/1/1893  
D: 18/7/1915

7.7.7. SYDNEY KING **WHITTAL**

B: 19/4/1895  
D: 26/7/1967  
Married EDITH CONSTANCE LEWIS  
B: 15/11/1902  
D: 25/9/1955

7.7.7-1. REUBEN FRANCIS **WHITTAL**

B:  
D:  
Married 1) BRENDA WHITEHOUSE  
B:  
D:

REUBEN FRANCIS WHITTAL then married 2) OLIVE ETHEL JONES

B:  
D:

7.7.7-2. WINIFRED OLIVE **WHITTAL**

B:  
D:  
Married 1) THOMAS **PINION**  
B:  
D:

WINIFRED OLIVE WHITTAL then married 2) BASIL **SCOTT**

B:  
D:

7.7.7-3. HILDA MAY **WHITTAL**

B:  
D:  
Married FRANK **WEBER**  
B:  
D:

7.7.7-4. ARTHUR **WHITTAL**

B: ?/5/1924  
D: 23/9/1924

7.7.7-5. BERNARD SYDNEY LEON **WHITTAL**

B:  
D:

7.7.7-6. MARGARET PEARL **WHITTAL**

B:  
D:  
Married FREDERICK **KEEN**  
B:  
D:

7.7.8. WINIFRED PEARL **WHITTAL**

B: ?/1/1897  
D:  
Married JOHN **JACKSON**  
B: 1892  
D:

7.7.9. WILLIAM BADEN **WHITTAL**

B: 24/4/1900  
D: 17/6/1965  
Married IRENE ALMA EASTES  
B: 18/4/1903  
D: 12/2/1990

7.7.9-1. DAPHNE EVA **WHITTAL**

B:  
D:  
Married 1) LIONEL **ERSKINE**  
B: 3/4/1923  
D: 3/7/1968

7.7.9-1.1. JOAN ANN **ERSKINE**

B:  
D:  
Married LIONEL LLEWELLYN **KRAUSE**  
B:  
D:

7.7.9-1.1.1. SARAH **KRAUSE**

B:  
D:

7.7.9-1.1.2. BRONWYN **KRAUSE**

B:  
D:

7.7.9-1.2. BARBARA **ERSKINE**

B:  
D:  
Married WYNAND LODEWIKUS **CRONJE**  
B:  
D:

7.7.9-1.2.1. RENEE **CRONJE**

B:  
D:

7.7.9-1.2.2. JANINE **CRONJE**

B:  
D:

DAPHNE EVA WHITTAL then married 2) AUBREY ATHOL  
**NASH**

B:  
D:

7.7.9-2. DESMOND KEITH **WHITTAL**

B:  
D:  
Married RHODA GOWER  
B:  
D:

7.7.9-2.1. GARRY **WHITTAL**

B:  
D:

7.7.9-3. REDVIS CLIFFORD **WHITTAL**

B:  
D:  
Married ZELDA VINCENT  
B:  
D:

7.7.9-4. JOYCE ALTHEA ELLEN **WHITTAL**

B:  
D:  
Married RAYMOND **MEYER**  
B:  
D:

7.7.9-5. BRYAN WILLIAM **WHITTAL**

B:  
D:  
Married ETHEL MAY FLORENCE CENTER  
B:  
D:

7.7.9-5.1. ROBERT WILLIAM (BOBBY) **WHITTAL**

B:  
D:

7.7.9-5.2. FLORENCE JEAN **WHITTAL**

B:  
D:  
Married ? **GRAVETT**  
B:  
D:

7.7.9-5.2.1. CINDY LEE **GRAVETT**

B:  
D:

7.7.9-5.2.2. PATRICIA DAWN **GRAVETT**

B:  
D:

7.7.9-5.2.3. SALLY MAY **GRAVETT**

B:  
D:

7.7.9-5.3. JIMMY ANTHONY **WHITTAL**

B:  
D:  
Married MELANIE VAN RENSBURG  
B:  
D:

7.7.9-5.3.1. NATALY **WHITTAL**

B:  
D:

7.7.9-6. MELVILLE ANNAN **WHITTAL**

B:  
D:  
Married LORRAINE BROWN  
B:  
D:

7.7.9-6.1. NATALIE ROSE **WHITTAL**

B:  
D:

7.7.9-6.2. CHARMAINE **WHITTAL**

B:  
D:

7.7.9-6.3. ALISON **WHITTAL**

B:  
D:

7.7.9-6.4. GREGORY **WHITTAL**

B:  
D:

7.7.9-7. ALAN DOUGLAS **WHITTAL**



B:  
D:  
Married CAROL LORRAINE NEL  
B:  
D:

7.7.9-7.1. BEVERLEY RENE WHITTAL

B:  
D:  
Companion JOHN McKNIGHT  
B:  
D:

7.7.9-7.1.1. WADE ALAN WHITTAL

B:  
D:

BEVERLEY RENE WHITTAL then married 1) COLIN LYNCH

B:  
D:

7.7.9-7.1.2. CALVIN JAMES LYNCH

B:  
D:

BEVERLEY RENE WHITTAL then married 2) MICHAEL JENNINGS

B:  
D:

7.7.9-7.1.3. KAYLA ANN JENNINGS

B:  
D:

7.7.9-7.2. GRANT RYAN WHITTAL

B:  
D:

7.7.9-7.3. MARK ROY WHITTAL

B:  
D:

7.7.9-8. GRAHAM GEORGE WHITTAL

B:  
D:  
Married VERNA KELSEY MILLER  
B:  
D:

7.7.9-8.1. GLYNIS RAY WHITTAL

B:  
D:  
Married MICHAEL GREEN  
B:  
D:

7.7.9-8.1.1. CAMILLA JANE GREEN

B:  
D:

7.7.9-8.1.2. JESSICA LEE GREEN

B:  
D:

7.7.9-8.2. JENNIFER LYNN WHITTAL

B:  
D:  
Married DAVID POLLEN  
B:  
D:

7.7.9-8.2.1. BRUCE JOHN POLLEN

B:  
D:

7.7.9-8.2.2. ASHLEIGH CARRYN POLLEN

B:  
D:

7.7.10. IVY WHITTAL

B: 2/1/1903  
D:  
Married ALAN ELIAS  
B: 1888  
D:

7.7.11. GEORGE WHITTAL

B:  
D:  
Married KATHRINE RIDINGER  
B:  
D:

7.7.11-1. PHYLLIS WHITTAL

B:  
D:

8. CHARLES RICHARD EDWARDS

B: 6/7/1831 in Albany  
D: 4/10/1904  
He was buried on Renan Farm in the Stutterheim district.  
Married ANN GIBBENS on 11/7/1852 in Winterberg  
B: 14/1/1837 in England or 21/1/1827?  
D: 9/7/1908 in Stutterheim

She was the daughter of GEORGE GIBBENS B: 9/12/1799 in St Lawrence, Kent, England D: 8/2/1875 in Chilton, Cathcart, Eastern Cape, South Africa who married MARGARET FIELD in 1822 B: 13/1/1800 in Kent, England.

Her siblings were :

1. Sarah Gibbens, B: 12/7/1823
2. Elizabeth Mary Gibbens, B: 15/11/1824, London, England D: 19/12/1890, Woodburn, Diep River, Cathcart, Eastern Cape, South Africa
3. Jane Gibbens, B: 2/12/1825, D: 26/12/1826
5. George Gibbens, B: 26/10/1827
6. James Gibbens, B: 29/11/1829
7. William Bear Gibbens, B: 12/3/1831
8. Edward Field Gibbens, B: 12/3/1832, St Lawrence, Kent, England, D: 4/8/1903, Upper Chilton, Cathcart, Eastern Cape, South Africa
9. Eliza Gibbens, B: 17/12/1838

Charles was a founder of St Andrews Church in Chilton built in 1873. James and Maria Edwards were married there and Violet May Edwards was christened there.

8.1. GEORGE JAMES EDWARDS

B: 27/4/1856 in Winterberg  
D: 15/8/1922  
Married LETITIA HILLARIA (LETICIA?) EVA  
B:  
D:

8.1.1. ARTHUR EDWARDS

B:  
D:

8.1.2. BERNARD EDWARDS

B:  
D:

8.1.3. CLIFFORD EDWARDS

B:  
D:

8.1.4. DOLLY EDWARDS

B:  
D:

8.1.5. DUDLEY EDWARDS

B:  
D:

8.1.6. ERNEST EDWARDS

B:  
D:

8.1.7. **HETTIE EDWARDS**

B:  
D:

8.1.8. **HILARIA EDWARDS**

B:  
D:

8.1.9. **MARY EDWARDS**

B:  
D:

8.1.10. **RONNIE EDWARDS**

B:  
D:

8.1.11. **WILLIAM EDWARDS**

B:  
D:

8.2. **MARGARET ANN EDWARDS**

B: 11/7/1857 in The Coombs, Upper Blinkwater, Cape  
D: 21/11/1924 in Thab N'chu, Orange Free State, South Africa  
She was christened on 15/11/1857 in Winterberg  
Married **JAMES JAY EVA (JIM) ALLWRIGHT** on 11/7/1878 in Hilton, Queenstown  
B: 19/12/1855 in Somerset East, Eastern Cape, South Africa  
D: 14/11/1927 in Dawn Farm, Ladybrand, Orange Free State  
Both are buried on Glen Makopo.

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James was farming at Klipplaat, Cape at the time of his marriage.

His father was James ALLWRIGHT (the 5th son of Richard and Mary Allwright) who was born in 1831 and was christened on 12/12/1831 in Cape Town, South Africa, and died in 1909 and his mother was Hannah Eva, a daughter of James Jay Eva, a Baker by trade, who had come to South Africa from Cornwall in Osler's Party of 1820 Settlers in the ship Weymouth

Family legend has it that after James ALLWRIGHT's mother's death in about 1842 a childless couple, Mr and Mrs van Niekerk begged James' father, Richard to give James to them to be reared by them as their son on condition that he would be made their heir. After growing up James married Hannah Eva, a daughter of James Jay Eva, a Baker by trade, who had come to South Africa from Cornwall in Osler's Party of 1820 Settlers in the ship Weymouth. James and Hannah had a son James Jay Eva Allwright born in 1855. The van Niekerks wanted this son to be named "van Niekerk. To this Hannah would not agree. As a result the Allwrights and van Niekerks parted company. The van Niekerks however, gave James and Hannah a wagon and span of oxen in recognition of their services.

His father's brother, Charles Allwright who was born about 1833, fell from an ox-wagon loaded with hay and the wagon wheel passed over him. He died within hours of his injuries sustained on 7/6/1853. He was only 21 years of age and learning to farm.

Another of his father's brothers, Richard, is said to have run away from home and been killed in a Kaffir War (1876?), but no official confirmation of this has been found.

According to voters records of 1878 they lived on Graften in Whittlesea. James and Hannah Allwright and their son are recorded in Saul Solomon's Country- Wide Directory of 1883-1884 as living in Cathcart. The Cape Post Office of 1886 lists them as farming on the farm, Crofton, in the Cathcart District.(Ref Port Elizabeth Public Library)

James and Hannah accompanied James Jay Eva Allwright and his family to Thaba N'chu in 1902 and is mentioned as farming on the farm Salisbury with them in 1908 (Orange River Colony Directory of 1908). He predeceased his wife in 1909. James married Hannah EVA on 8 Mar 1855. Hannah was born on 5 Sep 1831 and died in her son's farm, Salisbury, in the OFS, aged in her 80's.

Margaret and James Jay Eva Allwright and their family "trekked" to the Thaba N'chu area of the Orange Free State late in 1902 and settled down to farming there successfully. In 1920 James and Margaret retired to Ladybrand. They did not

stay there long, however and after spending a year on the Diamond Fields went to live with their daughter and her husband on their farm Glen Makopo near Hobhouse. Margaret died there in 1924 and James died while visiting Sam Rudman on his farm "Dawn" near Ladybrand in 1927. Both are buried on Glen Makopo

One of his cousin's, George Arthur Allwright, (son of George Moses and Ann Allwright ) who was born on 8/6/1857 in Somerset East, Eastern Cape, South Africa, and died on 10/7/1922 in Kenilworth, Johannesburg, South Africa was trained as a printer with the "FREE PRESS" in Queenstown. In 1887 he was engaged by Messers. Mendelssohn & Scott to help start a newspaper in Johannesburg. This newspaper, the "STANDARD" was published for the first time on the 12 March 1887, just a week after another newspaper, the "DIGGERS NEWS" had started. A third paper the "MINING ARGUS" began publication about the same time as the 'STANDARD'. As a result of the success of these three papers a number of others were started. Among these was the "Eastern Star" which soon became "THE STAR". The "STANDARD" and the "DIGGERS NEWS" later amalgamated. In 1911 George Arthur Allwright was "Works Manager" of the "RAND DAILY MAIL" and the "SUNDAY TIMES". (see Sunday Times of 5 March 1911, Page 22). He was undoubtedly a pioneer in the newspaper industry of Johannesburg.

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8.2.1. **OLIVER BERTIE ALLWRIGHT**

B: 23/12/1880 in 'Claremont', Cathcart District, Eastern Cape, South Africa  
D: 8/10/1949 in Mater Dei Hospital, East London  
He was christened on 7/2/1881 in Hilton Cathcart, Eastern Cape  
Married LETITIA WELLS GUNN  
B: 26/9/1884 in DeWetsdorp, Orange Free State  
D: 5/11/1949 in East London, Eastern Cape, South Africa of a Coronary Thrombosis after being ill for almost 3 years  
Her parents were BERNARD GUNN and SARAH JANE (NEE MARSHALL) from Dewetsdorp, Free State

8.2.1-1. **DOROTHY MARGARET ALLWRIGHT**

B: 27/12/1907 in Thaba N'chu, Orange Free State  
D: 1974 in East London, Eastern Cape, South Africa  
She never married and had no children.

8.2.1-2. **THELMA BEATRICE ALLWRIGHT**

B: 18/12/1908 in Thaba N'chu, Orange Free State  
D: 1967 in Johannesburg, South Africa  
She never married and had no children.

8.2.1-3. **HORACE WELLS ALLWRIGHT**

B: 21/6/1910 in Thaba N'chu, Orange Free State  
D: 27/12 or 8?/1982 in Bloemfontein, Orange Free State  
Married DOROTHY EDNA OPENSHAW on 25/2/1938  
B: 25/2/1914 in East London, Eastern Cape, South Africa  
D: 8/2/1983 in Tweespruit, Orange Free State

He farmed on Durham in Tweespruit district near Thaba N'chu and retired to Bloemfontein  
She was the daughter of RICHARD CHARLES and EVELYN OPENSHAW

8.2.1-3.1. **RICHARD OLIVER ALLWRIGHT**

B: 15/10/1938 in Thaba N'chu, Orange Free State  
D:  
Married 1) ANNA MARIA SUSANNA OLIVIER on 27/11/1970 in Bloemfontein, Orange Free State  
B: 21/5/1940  
D: 21/1/1990 in Bloemfontein, Orange Free State  
They had no children

RICHARD OLIVER ALLWRIGHT then married 2) HENRIETTA (HETTIE) GROBLER on 15/12/1994 in Tweespruit, Orange Free State, South Africa  
B: 15/6/1940  
D:

8.2.1-3.1.1. **JOY THERON-ALLWRIGHT**

B: 4/12/1987 in Bloemfontein, Orange Free State  
D:

8.2.1-3.1.2. **YVONNE ALLWRIGHT**

B: 3/12/1992 in Bloemfontein, Orange Free State  
D:

RICHARD OLIVER ALLWRIGHT then married 2) ANNETTE HARRIS

B:

D:

The marriage ended in divorce on 16/2/2007.  
They had no children.

8.2.1-3.2. **JOY YVONNE ALLWRIGHT**

B: 13/3/1940 in Thaba N'chu, Orange Free State

D:

Married ARDVINO GINO (GINO) **RAMPADO** on 28/1/1961 in Thaba N'chu, Orange Free State

B: 13/3/1927 in Italy

D: 27/3/1987 in Venice, Italy

Gino came to South Africa in January 1955 from Mira, Venice, Italy as a Structural Steel worker with only 10 pounds sterling.

8.2.1-3.2.1. **DENISE ESPARANZA RAMPADO**

B: 6/9/1961 in Johannesburg, South Africa

D:

8.2.1-3.2.2. **NOELINE RICARDO RAMPADO**

B: 27/3/1963 in Johannesburg, South Africa

D:

8.2.1-3.2.3. **SHARON LEE DANIELA RAMPADO**

B: 5/3/1965 in Johannesburg, South Africa

D:

8.2.1-3.2.4. **GERALD RAMPADO**

B: 15/11/1966 in Johannesburg, South Africa

D: 14/6/1972 in Johannesburg, South Africa

8.2.1-3.2.5. **BELINDA RINA RAMPADO**

B: 15/12/1970 in Johannesburg, South Africa

D:

8.2.1-3.2.6. **ADRIAN GUERRINO RAMPADO**

B: 11/6/1973

D:

8.2.1-3.2.7. **MARIANNA RAMPADO**

B: 5/6/1975 in Venice, Italy

D:

8.2.1-3.3. **DUDLEY WELLS ALLWRIGHT**

B: 22/12/1943 in Thaba N'chu, Orange Free State

D: 14/5/2005 in Grahamstown, Eastern Cape

Married ELISE TOERIEN on 4/4/1967 in Hertzogville, Orange Free State

B: 12/8/1946 in Hertzogville, Orange Free State

D: 18/1/1991 in Bloemfontein, Orange Free State of diabetes

In January 1991 her one leg was amputated from complications of Diabetes and she passed away a week later due to kidney failure.

Her parents were MATTHEUS HERMANUS and IRIS UNA (nee BOLD) TOERIEN

8.2.1-3.3.1. **DARRYL WELLS ALLWRIGHT**

B: 16/8/1967 in Bloemfontein, Orange Free State

D:

8.2.1-3.3.2. **CHAVONNE ELEANORE ALLWRIGHT**

B: 26/4/1971 in Bloemfontein, Orange Free State

D:

Married SYDNEY LOUIS **RUSSELL** on 16/12/2003 in Old Fort Chapel, Durban

B: 2/4/1970 in Carltonville, Transvaal, South Africa

D:

8.2.1-3.3.2-1. **CHANÉ VALERIE RUSSELL**

B: 3/2/2005 in Durban, Natal, South Africa

D:

8.2.1-4. **CONSTANCE BERTHA ALLWRIGHT**

B: 27/10/1914 in Thaba N'chu, Orange Free State

D: 2003 in Johannesburg, South Africa

Married WREAFORD RICHARD CHARLES **OPENSHAW** in about 1941 in Thaba N'chu, Orange Free State

B: 27/11/1927 in East London, Eastern Cape, South Africa

D: 23/7/1953 in Bloemfontein, Orange Free State

He was the son of RICHARD CHARLES and EVELYN OPENSHAW

They were farmers in Thaba N'chu and after Wreaford's death she moved to Johannesburg

8.2.1-4.1. **LETITIA EVELYN OPENSHAW**

B: 20/3/1942

D:

Married FRANK EDWARD RONALD **GORDON** on 14/12/1959

B: 6/5/1930 in East London, Eastern Cape, South Africa

D: 1985 in Johannesburg, South Africa

8.2.1-4.1.1. **RONALD WREAFORD GORDON**

B: 30/12/1960 in Cape Town, South Africa

D: 1985 in Motorcycle Accident between Parys and Vredefort in the OFS

He never married and had no children.

8.2.1-4.1.2. **CAROL-LYNNE CONSTANCE GORDON**

B: 17/11/1964 in Johannesburg, South Africa

D:

Married GARY **DOWNS** on 12/12/1987 in St Anne's Church, Belgravia, Johannesburg

B: 9/3/1964 in Belfast, Ireland

D:

8.2.1-4.1.2-1. **AMY DOWNS**

B: 22/3/1992 in Johannesburg, South Africa

D:

8.2.1-4.1.2-2. **EMA DOWNS**

B: 10/11/1997 in Johannesburg, South Africa

D:

8.2.1-4.1.3. **JOANNE THORA GORDON**

B: 4/5/1968 in Johannesburg, South Africa

D:

8.2.1-4.1.4. **YVONNE BERTHA GORDON**

B: 4/5/1970 in Johannesburg, South Africa

D:

Married MICHAEL **BLOM**

B: 9/1/1969 in Johannesburg, South Africa

D:

8.2.1-4.1.4-1. **RONALD BLOM**

B: 17/9/1988 in Johannesburg, South Africa

D:

8.2.1-4.1.4-2. **RYAN BLOM**

B: 7/5/1996 in Johannesburg, South Africa

D:

8.2.1-4.2. **JEAN GLORIA OPENSHAW**

B: 18/10/1943 in Germiston, Transvaal

D:

Married GIOVANNE **MY** on 29/9/1962 in Pretoria, South Africa

B: 13/2/1938 in Nardo, Italy

D:

8.2.1-4.2.1. **ELENA ANTOINETTA MY**

B: 4/6/1963 in Johannesburg, South Africa

D:

8.2.1-4.2.2. **GIOVANNA DIANE MY**

B: 16/1/1965 in Johannesburg, South Africa

D:

8.2.1-4.2.3. **LISA ANDREAS MY**

B: 5/11/1970 in Nardo, Italy

D:

8.2.1-4.2.4. NICOLETTE THERESA **MY**  
B: 29/10/1971 in Johannesburg, South Africa  
D:

8.2.1-4.2.5. VITO **MY**  
B: 15/6/1973 in Johannesburg, South Africa  
D:

8.2.1-4.2.6. DARIO **MY**  
B: 1975  
D:

8.2.1-4.3. VENETIA REGINA **OPENSHAW**  
B: 26/12/1944 in Thaba N'chu, Orange Free State  
D:  
Married ERIC **FINLAY**  
B:  
D: 27/4/2003 in a motor car accident

8.2.1-4.3.1. WREAFORD RICHARD CHARLES **OPENSHAW**  
B: 19/9/1968 in Johannesburg, South Africa  
D:

8.2.1-4.3.2. CHARLES **FINLAY**  
B: 31/1/1977  
D:

8.2.1-4.3.3. THOMAS **FINLAY**  
B:  
D: Drowned as an infant on the farm in Tweespruit

8.2.1-4.3.4. ALEXANDER **FINLAY**  
B: 15/9/1980  
D:

8.2.1-4.3.5. RICHARD **FINLAY**  
B: 2/4/1983  
D:

8.2.1-4.4. CONSTANCE CHARLENE **OPENSHAW**  
B: 10/3/1946 in Thaba N'chu, Orange Free State  
D: 5/3/2001 in Johannesburg, South Africa  
Married MARTIN JOSEPH **BROEDERS** on 22/6/1968 in Johannesburg, South Africa  
B: 6/5/1944 in Johannesburg, South Africa  
D:  
He was christened on 1/12/1946 in Johannesburg

8.2.1-4.4.1. ANDREW MARK **BROEDERS**  
B: 18/12/1970 in Johannesburg, South Africa  
D:

8.2.1-4.4.2. NADINE MARY **BROEDERS**  
B: 29/11/1971 in Johannesburg, South Africa  
D:

8.2.1-4.4.3. JOLENE BERNADETTE **BROEDERS**  
B: 26/10/1976 in Johannesburg, South Africa  
D:  
She was christened on 6/2/1977 in St. Theresa's Catholic Church, Johannesburg  
She emigrated to New Zealand on 4/9/2008

8.2.1-4.5. VICTOR RICHARD CHARLES **OPENSHAW**  
B: 20/9/1947 in Thaba N'chu, Orange Free State  
D:  
Married NATALIE THERESA **RISI** on 5/7/1969 in Johannesburg, South Africa  
B: 25/12/1948 in Johannesburg, South Africa  
D:

8.2.1-4.5.1. JACQUELINE THERESA **OPENSHAW**  
B: 7/10/1970 in Johannesburg, South Africa  
D:

8.2.1-4.5.2. WARREN VICTOR **OPENSHAW**  
B: 4/2/1972 in Johannesburg, South Africa

D:

8.2.1-4.5.3. KERRY **OPENSHAW**  
B:  
D:

8.2.1-4.6. OPAL DAWN **OPENSHAW**  
B: 4/11/1948 in Thaba N'chu, Orange Free State  
D:  
Married 1) ROBERT BOYD **FORSYTHE** on 23/2/1973 in Johannesburg, South Africa  
B: 21/5/1946 in Belfast, Ireland  
D:

8.2.1-4.6.1. KATHLEEN **FORSYTHE**  
B:  
D:

8.2.1-4.6.2. SAMANTHA **FORSYTHE**  
B:  
D:

OPAL DAWN **OPENSHAW** then married 2) RONNIE **RISI**  
B:  
D:

8.2.1-4.7. PATRICK IAN **OPENSHAW**  
B: 20/7/1951 in Thaba N'chu, Orange Free State  
D:  
Married VANESSA HILDA **STONE**  
B: 26/3/1959  
D:

8.2.1-4.7.1. MICHELLE **OPENSHAW**  
B:  
D:

8.2.1-4.7.2. KEVIN **OPENSHAW**  
B:  
D:

8.2.1-4.8. ANDREW PERCY **OPENSHAW**  
B: 25/10/1952 in Thaba N'chu, Orange Free State  
D:  
Married 1) LORRAINE **PETZER**  
B:  
D:

8.2.1-4.8.1. NATASHA **OPENSHAW**  
B:  
D:

ANDREW PERCY **OPENSHAW** then married 2) SANDRA **REID** in about 1985  
B:  
D:

8.2.1-4.8.2. TARYN **OPENSHAW**  
B:  
D:

8.2.1-5. OLIVER HORATIO KITCHENER **ALLWRIGHT**  
B: 4/6/1916 in Thab N'chu, Orange Free State, South Africa  
D: 15/10/2003 in Port Elizabeth, Eastern Cape South Africa  
He was christened on 3/7/1916 in Methodist Church, Thaba N'chu, Orange Free State  
Married 1) LORAYNE **VOIGHT** on 20/10/1945  
B: 4/8/1920  
D: 28/6/1978

8.2.1-5.1. ANNE DARLEEN **ALLWRIGHT**  
B: 8/9/1946 in Bloemfontein, Orange Free State  
D:  
Married JAN JURIE **WESSELS**  
B: 10/10/1935 in Piketberg, Cape Province  
D:

8.2.1-5.1.1. TONYA **WESSELS**  
B: 13/4/1969 in East London, South Africa

D:

8.2.1-5.1.2. JAN JURIE (JANS) **WESSELS**

B: 23/10/1971 in East London, South Africa

D:

He was in the printing business.

8.2.1-5.1.3. ALIDA MARIE (ELMARI) **WESSELS**

B: 26/10/1973 in East London, South Africa

D:

8.2.1-5.2. SHEILA LYNETTE **ALLWRIGHT**

B: 19/1/1954 in East London, South Africa

D:

She never married and had no children.

Sheila was a Medical Technician in East London

8.2.1-5.3. OWEN KEVIN **ALLWRIGHT**

B: 14/8/1956 in East London, South Africa

D:

OLIVER HORATIO KITCHENER ALLWRIGHT then married

2) MAY WARREN in 1979

B: 1/4/1914

D: 10/8/2002 in Port Elizabeth, Eastern Cape South Africa

They had no children.

He farmed with pineapples near East London until his farm was bought by the Government in 1984. After playing a lead role in the pineapple industry in the Eastern Agricultural Union. (Ref Doc 108 11050065b - Cory Library, Grahamstown) Kitchener retired to Bathurst in 1985. He and May later moved to Port Elizabeth where they lived in a Retirement Village in Central.

8.2.1-5.1. THORA MILDRED **ALLWRIGHT**

B: 22/10/1919 in "Salisbury", Thaba N'chu, Orange Free State, South Africa

D:

She was christened on 23/5/1920 in Wesleyan Methodist Church, Thaba N'chu

Married JOHN CYRIL JOSEPH **GORDON**

B: 3/7/1905

D: 1993

8.2.1-5.1.1. THORA MILDRED THERESA **GORDON**

B: 24/5/1943

D:

Married TREVOR JAMES **WRIGHT** on 6/11/1965

B: 30/6/1945

D:

8.2.1-5.1.1-1. CINDY LEE **WRIGHT**

B: 31/1/1970

D:

8.2.1-5.1.1-2. CRAIG RICHARD **WRIGHT**

B: 25/10/1971

D: 22/5/1981

8.2.1-5.1.2. JOHN OLIVER EDWARD (OLLIE) **GORDON**

B: 22/9/1947

D:

Married CAROL JEAN DUURLAND on 13/10/1973

B: 1/7/1949

D:

8.2.1-5.1.2-1. INGRID JEAN **GORDON**

B: 2/4/1974

D:

8.2.1-5.1.2-2. BRIGITTE JEAN **GORDON**

B: 3/3/1976

D:

8.2.1-5.1.3. VINCENT PETER JOSEPH **GORDON**

B: 5/6/1951

D:

Married ROSEMARY LOUISE PORTIOUS

B:

D:

The marriage ended in divorce.

8.2.1-5.1.3-1. LLOYD VINCENT **GORDON**

B: 18/6/1972

D:

8.2.1-5.1.3-2. ANGELA FRANCIS **GORDON**

B: 22/10/1979

D:

VINCENT PETER JOSEPH GORDON then married 2)

HEATHER MARGARET CREWE-CARLISLE on 30/7/1982

B: 7/9/1954

D:

8.2.1-5.1.4. MARY ANNE CATHRINE **GORDON**

B: 15/7/1952

D:

8.2.1-5.1.5. MARY MAGDALENE CECILIA **GORDON**

B: 29/10/1953

D:

8.2.1-5.1.6. MARY ELIZABETH JOYCE **GORDON**

B: 14/8/1955

D:

8.2.1-5.1.7. MICHAEL ANTHONY WELLS **GORDON**

B: 27/10/1957

D:

Michael went to Highlands North High School and matriculated in 1975 after which he went to do his National Service and became a Computer Programmer and then a professional Musician until 1986 and then he got involved in photography.

8.2.1-5.1.8. ANGELA MARIA THERESA **GORDON**

B: 27/1/1959

D:

8.2.1-5.1.9. ELIZABETH MARGARET MARY **GORDON**

B: 24/4/1962

D:

8.2.1-5.1.10. WINIFRED AGNES KATHLEEN **GORDON**

B: 25/9/1963

D:

8.2.2. THOMAS EDWIN **ALLWRIGHT**

B: 10/8/1882

D: 28/6/1888

He was christened on 20/12/1882

8.2.3. CHARLES JAMES **ALLWRIGHT**

B: 20/5/1884 in Tilden, Cathcart, Eastern Cape

D: 22/9/1938 in his house on the farm, Willesley, Ladybrand

He was christened on 20/7/1884

Married SARAH ANN RUDMAN in Modderpoort, Ladybrand, Orange Free State.

B: 16/2/1880 in Ladybrand, Orange Free State

D: 9/9/1969 in Ladybrand, Orange Free State

She was a grand-daughter of 1820 Settler SAMUEL JAMES RUDMAN and his wife ANN, who came from Wiltshire in England with the Sephton Party on the ship Aurura in 1820.

Charles and Sarah Allwright farmed in the Thaba N'chu district until 1912, then in the Middelburg District until 1914 and thereafter in the Ladybrand District on the farm Willesley. Charles served in the government Armed Forces in the 1914 Rebellion and thereafter in the South West African Military campaign. He however suffered from post trauma in the years 1937-1938 due to his military career.

8.2.4. ANNIE MILDRED **ALLWRIGHT**

B: 5/7/1886 in Cathcart, Cape Province

D: 25/3/1920 in Spitskop, Ladybrand, OFS

She was christened on 23/8/1886

Married CHARLES HENRY **RUDMAN** in Thaba N'chu, Orange Free State.

They farmed in the Ladybrand District and later in Bechuanaland.

8.2.5. IVY MABEL **ALLWRIGHT**  
B: 22/10/1887 in Chilton, Carthcart  
D: 18/6/1888

8.2.6. ADA MAY **ALLWRIGHT**  
B: 23/3/1889  
D: 1/6/1973 in Clocolan, OFS  
She was christened on 28/4/1889  
Married JAMES GRANT **TROLLIP** on 28/4/1910 in Thaba N'chu, Orange Free State.  
B: 16/6/1881  
D: 18/8/1961 in Clocolan, OFS

He was an 1820 Settler Descendant. They farmed at Glen Makopo near Hobhouse in the Orange Free State and later at Clocolan.

8.3. MARY ELIZA **EDWARDS**  
B: 18/1/1859  
D:  
Married WILLIAM EDWARD (TED) **STAPLES**  
B:  
D:

8.3.1. ANN **STAPLES**  
B:  
D:  
Married MARTIN **WARD**  
B:  
D:

8.3.2. GERTRUDE OLIVE **STAPLES**  
B:  
D: 1918  
Married EDWARD **GAYLARD**  
B:  
D:

8.3.2-1. DENNIS ERNEST **GAYLARD**  
B:  
D:

8.3.2-2. ERNEST DENNIS **GAYLARD**  
B:  
D:

8.3.3. ROSE **STAPLES**  
B:  
D:  
Married ROBERT **PORTER**  
B:  
D:

8.3.3-1. CECIL **PORTER**  
B:  
D:  
Married ? **VOGEL**  
B:  
D:

8.3.3-2. CONSTANCE **PORTER**  
B:  
D:  
Married CLIFF **PHILLIPS**  
B:  
D:

8.3.3-3. ENID **PORTER**  
B:  
D:  
Married SIDNEY FIELD **EDWARDS**  
B: 11/5/1903  
D:

(See 8.8.3.)

8.3.3-3.1. ORLANDO FIELD **EDWARDS**  
B: 11/5/1933  
D:  
Married DOROTHY ?  
B:  
D:

8.3.3-3.2. HOPE FIELD **EDWARDS**  
B: 6/8/1935  
D:  
Married ATHOL **FLANNIGAN**  
B:  
D:

8.3.3-3.2.1. ? **FLANNIGAN**  
B:  
D:

8.3.3-3.2.2. LARRY **FLANNIGAN**  
B:  
D:

8.3.3-3.2.3. PETER **FLANNIGAN**  
B:  
D:

8.3.3-3.3. NOEL FIELD **EDWARDS**  
B: 10/8/1940  
D:

8.3.3-3.4. HECTOR FIELD **EDWARDS**  
B: 6/4/1945  
D: 1969

8.3.3-4. MARY **PORTER**  
B:  
D:  
Married NORMAN KIDSON  
B:  
D:

8.3.3-5. VINCENT **PORTER**  
B:  
D:  
Married ? **FORRESTER**  
B:  
D:

8.3.4. WILLIAM CHARLES **STAPLES**  
B: 1876  
D: 1962  
Married AGNES FLORENCE MAY KIRCHNER  
B:  
D:

8.4. CHARLES ALFRED **EDWARDS**  
B: 20/4/1861  
D: 1925  
Married EMMA MARIA THERESE GRUNOW on 26/7/1892  
B: 4/4/1872  
D: 26/10/1963

8.4.1. ERNEST GRUNOW **EDWARDS**  
B: 20/8/1893  
D: 3/7/1972  
Married CONSTANCE WARREN  
B:  
D:

8.4.1-1. CHARLES WARREN **EDWARDS**  
B:  
D:

8.4.1-2. PETER JOHN **EDWARDS**  
B:  
D:

8.4.2. ALGENON CLYDE **EDWARDS**

B: 12/5/1895  
D: 29/1/1923

8.4.3. EVELYN ANNE **EDWARDS**

B: 8/5/1897  
D: 10/4/1978 in Stutterheim  
Married RHODES **WARREN**  
B:  
D:

8.4.4. ARTHUR RICHARD **EDWARDS**

B: 31/5/1899  
D:  
Married GRACE RITA JOHNSON  
B:  
D:

8.4.4-1. DENZIL **EDWARDS**

B:  
D:  
Married BELINDA HART  
B:  
D:

8.5. JAMES HENRY **EDWARDS**

B: 11/10/1862 in Stutterheim  
D: 5/12/1932 in Gwelo  
Married ANNA MARIA (MARIA) HOULTOM on 17/12/1885 at St Andrews Church, Chilton, Grahamstown.  
B: 4/12/1866 in Sterkstroom  
D: 27/6/1942 in Gwelo

Her parents were  
JOSEPH LIFORD HOULTOM (B: 29/11/1741, D: 17/4/1820)  
who married HANNAH MARIA MALE (B: 1746, D: 18/1/1821)



*James Henry and Anna Maria (Nee Houlton) Edwards*

He was a farmer. The family required a complete train to bring their farming stock and implements to Rhodesia from Dordrecht. They arrived at Somabula in early 1912 where there was no loading ramp and bales of hay were used for unloading the animals from the trucks. From Somabula they trekked to Kennilworth Farm, Daisyfield. Liford and Stanley had arrived in 1911 and the rest of the family followed in 1912. The Daisyfield Railway siding was only established in 1913. Land was very cheap in the early days ranging between 1/6d and 7/6d an acre. As more settlers arrived the price went up to 10/- an acre until the second world war, when it jumped to £2 an acre and is still rising.

The Daisyfield Farmers Association was begun with James as the Chairman and Liford as the Secretary. ANNA'S father, Joseph, erected a range and meeting ground for the platoon of the Southern Rhodesian Volunteers which had been formed in 1910/1911 on his farm Vungwana South. He was in charge of the rant and in April 1914 he became a lieutenant of the Southern Rhodesia Volunteers.

8.5-1. LIFORD EDWIN **EDWARDS**

B: 1886  
D: 1958  
Married LAURIE WESTERFORD CLOETE on 6/7/1910  
B: 3/4/1890  
D: 29/1/1963

Her parents were LAURENCE WESTERFORD CLOETE (B: about 1862) and ELIZABETH HELEN (BESSIE) VAGNIER and her siblings were AMY, FRANK, IRENE, NELLIE, PETER (JACK), RAYMOND and WESTERFORD

8.5-1.1. HERBERT LESLIE **EDWARDS**

B: 1/5/1911  
D: 5/11/1994  
Married GWENDOLINE MARJORIE (MARJ) EDGCUMBE on 23/12/1936  
B: 3/6/1915 in Stanger, Natal, South Africa  
D: 30/7/2009 in Mississauga, Ontario, Canada  
She suffered from Glaucoma  
In December 1999 MARJ and ROSEMARY left Zimbabwe and moved to Canada to be with PHILIP

Her parents were BERNARD STANLEY EDGCUMBE  
B: 7/8/1880 in Kingston on Thames, Wimbledon, England  
D: 24/9/1936  
Who married AMY ELIZABETH (NEE NOBLE) on 16/9/1912  
B: 1887  
D: 1927

Her siblings were :

1. Merlyn Stanley (Bob) Edgcumbe (B: 1913)
2. Leslie Baron (Bruce) Edgcumbe (B: 1917)
3. Eileen Doris Edgcumbe (B: 1920)
4. Dennis Noble Edgcumbe (B: 1924)

After AMY died BERNARD STANLEY EDGCUMBE then married MARIA MAGDALENE LOUW (B: 1889 D: 1932) and they had another child Bernard M Edgcumbe (B: 1932)



*From left: Liz (a friend of Rosemary's)  
Philip Stewart Edwards  
Gwendoline Marjorie (Marj) Edwards  
Rosemary Elizabeth Edwards*



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CHAIRMAN—MR. H. L. EDWARDS

**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:**  
 H. L. Edwards (Chairman)—Farmer from Enterprise District, J. MacIntyre O.B.E. (Vice-Chairman)—Farmer from Shamba, Sir Donald MacIntyre O.B.E.—(Co-Minister of Finance resident in Bulawayo, S. Sole—Farmer from Glenold, P. L. Parsons—Farmer from Bulawayo. With the exception of Sir Donald MacIntyre, each Director is an active pig producer.

**CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE**

INFORMATION can lead to understanding, we're told, and so this letter has been prepared to publicize some aspects of Colcom's activities. We hope that better communication will follow between our consumer and supplier, and between staff and producers.

Your Board and Management have always avoided publicity in the past—believing that it inevitably invites controversy. Apart from that, we believed that the affairs of your Company were of private concern to its members only.

Members have been circumspect about the position of the Company from time to time, and the Chairman's Report is given at the Annual General Meetings of R.N.P.B. after which full discussion has been invited.

We would appreciate a note from those of you who read this publication, indicating your reactions to it and stating whether you would like to continue to receive such a paper periodically.

In this and other issues there will be a biography of the men and women responsible for running the business so that pig producers and customers can get acquainted with the persons at the end of the telephone line.

In Colcom we have a dedicated Board, Management and Staff. If this publication can bring producers and customers to know them and understand their jobs, problems and achievements, we will have gone some way to reaching our objective.

**CHAIRMAN  
 COLCOM STAFF SNIPPETS . . .**

**HERBERT LESLIE EDWARDS** was born on May 1, 1911, on the farm "Rosebank" in the Dordrecht district of the Eastern Cape. But a few weeks later he was brought to Rhodesia with his parents to a bare farm in the Somabula/Daisyfield area.

He was educated at Milton School, Bulawayo, and joined the Ministry of Agriculture as a clerk in the Agricultural Loans Section in 1929. This was in the middle of the depression when advances of 5s. 3d. per bag were made to maize farmers who later found they had been overpaid and that a small refund was due to the Government.

Les was seconded to the Land & Agricultural Bank in 1931 where he served until the end of the war when he held the position of Secretary. Throughout the war he served in the Territorial Forces, mainly as an instructor, and was awarded the Rhodesian Service Medal and the Efficiency Medal.

He married Marjorie Edgecombe in 1936 and has five adult children and four grandchildren.

He resigned from the Land Bank in August, 1945, to go to "Insha Allah" farm where his father, due to ill health, had given up active farming.

Ever since, he has farmed successfully. Today, he operates three separately managed farms in the Enterprise area with a wide diversification. Maize, seed maize, potatoes, wheat, ground nuts, soya beans, onions and vegetables are all grown. On "vle farm" "High Top" he runs an 80 sow pig herd which was started in 1951. He also fattens 5-600 head of cattle each year.

Les owns subsidiary ranching companies of 11 200 ha. at Somabula and Daisyfield where cattle are bred for feeding at "Insha Allah".

For many years Les was Chairman of Enterprise Farmers' Association. He is also a former member of Archers' Rifle Council and Archers' I.C.A., and a foundation life member and past Chairman of Enterprise Country Club, where he enjoys a game of golf.

Les was the Inaugural Chairman of the Rhodesia Seed Potato Association and has been appointed Life Vice-President for services rendered: he's also the Inaugural and current Chairman of Rhodesia Potato Growers' Association—and Chairman of the Horticultural Union and a member of R.N.F.U. Council and Finance Committee.

He first became associated with the Pig Industry in 1956 when he was invited to stand as a Director of R.N.P.B. Co-op. He is currently Vice-Chairman of that Co-op.

In 1962 Les was appointed to the Board of Colcom and became Chairman in July, 1962.

He served on the Federal Agricultural Marketing Council as producer representative from 1960—1963 and the Rhodesian Marketing Council from 1964—1967.

Apart from being Managing Director of his own companies, viz. H. L. Edwards & Son (Pvt.) Ltd., Annandale Ranch (Pvt.) Ltd., Dawsons Farms (Pvt.) Ltd. and Shalco Investments, he is Vice-Chairman of Quality Potato Producers' Co-op. and a Director of the Federated Central Co-op. of Rhodesia.

8.5-1.1.1. **ROSEMARY ELIZABETH EDWARDS**

B: 25/11/1939 in Salisbury, Rhodesia

D:

8.5-1.1.2. **VERONICA MARIAN EDWARDS**

B: 27/2/1942 in Salisbury Rhodesia

D:

Married 1) **ALEXANDER CAMPBELL-HOWARD** on 8/8/1964

B: 17/6/1930

D: 10/11/1976 in Salisbury, Rhodesia of Trypanosomiasis (Sleeping sickness) Other. Rheumatic Heart Disease Place: Andrew Fleming Hospital, Salisbury, Rhodesia

8.5-1.1.2-1. **MELINDA CAMPBELL-HOWARD**

B: 12/6/1965 in Salisbury, Rhodesia

D:

Married **RAYMOND BORCHERDS** on 15/12/1990 in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa

B:

D:

8.5-1.1.2-1.1. **CAMERON BORCHERDS**

B: 2/7/1996 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

D:

8.5-1.1.2-1.2. **ALEXA BORCHERDS**

B: 24/6/1997 in Teulon, Manitoba, Canada

D:

8.5-1.1.2-2. **CLYDE CAMPBELL-HOWARD**

B: 16/3/1967 in Salisbury, Rhodesia

D:

Married **JACQUI BROWN**

B: 11/3/1966 in Perth, Australia

D:

8.5-1.1.2-2.1. **RYAN CAMPBELL-HOWARD**

B: 10/10/2000

D:

8.5-1.1.2-2.2. **FLYNN CAMPBELL-HOWARD**

B: 11/8/2003 in Perth, Australia

D:

8.5-1.1.2-3. **LUANNE CAMPBELL-HOWARD**

B: 17/10/1968 in Salisbury, Rhodesia

D:

8.5-1.1.2-4. **BRETT CAMPBELL-HOWARD**

B: 20/9/1969 in Salisbury, Rhodesia

D:

Married **DARELLE ?** in October 1998

B: 15/10/1966

D:

8.5-1.1.2-4.1. **SHAINA CAMPBELL-HOWARD**

B: 27/1/? In Durban, South Africa

D:

8.5-1.1.2-4.2. **CONNOR CAMPBELL-HOWARD**

B: 18/7/? In Auckland, New Zealand

D:

**VERONICA MARIAN EDWARDS** then married 2) **JOHN**

**RADFORD** on 26/4/1980

B: 21/3/1941 in Darling, UK

D:

8.5-1.1.2-5. **CAROL RADFORD**

B:

D:

8.5-1.1.2-6. **JESSIE RADFORD**

B:

D:

8.5-1.1.2-7. **STEVEN RADFORD**

B:

D:

**VERONICA MARIAN EDWARDS** then married 3) **JOHN**

**ARTHUR FRANKLIN**

B: 19/2/1935 in Ilford, Essex, UK

D:

8.5-1.1.3. **LIFORD CLIVE EDWARDS**

B: 23/5/1945 in Salisbury, Rhodesia

D:

Married **MARGARET JANE HAYES** on 31/1/1976 in Salisbury, Rhodesia

B: 16/9/1950

D:

8.5-1.1.3-1. **KAREN SUZANNE EDWARDS**

B: 18/2/1977 in Salisbury, Rhodesia

D:

8.5-1.1.3-2. **RYAN STUART EDWARDS**

B: 29/6/1978 in Salisbury, Rhodesia

D:

Married **LIZ ?** in 2009

B:

D:

8.5-1.1.3-3. **GAVIN LIFORD EDWARDS**

B: 28/2/1980 in Salisbury, Rhodesia

D:

8.5-1.1.4. **FELICITY JOAN EDWARDS**

B: 9/12/1947

D:

Married **NOEL COLIN CHAMBERLAIN** on 14/9/1968

B: 23/10/1943 in Springs, South Africa

D:



8.5-1.1.4-1. **KATHERINE LUCY CHAMBERLAIN**

B: 25/8/1978 in Wimbledon, London, UK

D:

Married **FRASER RENNARD WARREN** on 21/5/2010 in Amsterdam, Holland

B: 18/5/1972 in Stirlingshire, Scotland

D:

8.5-1.1.4-2. **JESSICA JANE CHAMBERLAIN**

B: 6/3/1983 in Roehampton, London, UK

D:

8.5-1.1.5. **PHILIP STEWART EDWARDS**

B: 25/7/1950 in Salisbury, Rhodesia

D:

He was baptized on 24/9/1950

Emigrated to Canada on 25/9/1978

Partner 1) **RONNIE SCOTT**

B:

D: 1995

**PHILIP STEWART EDWARDS** then married partner 2)

**ANTONIO (TONY) COSTA** in 2004

B:

D:

8.5-1.2. **ALMA MARIA EDWARDS**

B: 1/11/1914

D:

Married **GEORGE WILLIAM EDWARD (SONNY) PEARSON** on 28/6/1936

B: 26/8/1908

D:

8.5-1.2.1. **DOUGLAS GEORGE PEARSON**

B: 15/2/1938

D:

Married 1) **MARGARET SHURMER**

B: 14/12/1935

D: 25/12/1968 in Salisbury, Rhodesia

8.5-1.2.1-1. **LYFORD PEARSON**

B: 24/12/1968 in Bulawayo, Rhodesia

D:

**DOUGLAS GEORGE PEARSON** then married 2) **IRMTRUD KAROLINA KROMM**

B: 2/7/1937 in Worms, am Rhein, West Germany

D:

She was previously married to **GERHARD HERBERT KRUGER**

B: 18/11/1928 in Landsberg, Warthe, East Germany

D:

And had 2 children

Constanze Carla Beate Kruger — B: 4/3/1963 in Worms, am Rhein, West Germany, D:

And Karolina Kruger — B: 21/9/1965 in Worms, am Rhein, West Germany, D:

**DOUGLAS GEORGE PEARSON** then married 3) **GERALDINE?**

8.5-1.2.2. **DOROTHY ALMA PEARSON**

B: 30/4/1939 in Salisbury, Rhodesia

D:

8.5-1.2.3. **MARGARET ELIZABETH PEARSON**

B: 4/9/1942 in Bulawayo, Rhodesia

D:

Married 1) **ARTHUR GRANT** on 1/8/1959

B: 24/9/1930

D:

8.5-1.2.3-1. **ANGELA TRACEY GRANT**

B: 25/2/1961 in Bulawayo, Rhodesia

D:

8.5-1.2.3-2. **PAULA MEGAN GRANT**

B: 16/6/1968

D:

**MARGARET ELIZABETH PEARSON** then married 2) **COLIN MCKAY**

B:

D:

8.5-1.2.4. **EDWIN JACK PEARSON**

B: 29/12/1942 in Bulawayo, Rhodesia

D:

8.5-1.2.5. **COLIN JOHN PEARSON**

B: 23/3/1946 in Bulawayo, Rhodesia

D:

Married **MARY MARTIN**

B:

D:

She had been married to ? **DE BRUIN** and had a son Rodney.

8.5-1.2.5-1. **KIM PEARSON**

B:

D:

8.5-1.3. **IVY DAPHNE EDWARDS**

B: 27/1/1922 in Gwelo, Rhodesia

D:

Married **MAURICE CHARLES WINGROVE** on 10/4/1943

B: 14/11/1918

D: 11/4/1994 in Bracebridge, Ontario, Canada

8.5-1.3.1. **MONICA EILEEN MICHLENE WINGROVE**

B: 1945

D:

8.5-1.3.2. **JANETTE DAWN WINGROVE**

B: 1947

D: 23/5/1968 in Lusaka, Zambia

Married **THEODORE ANDREWS** in 1966

B: 1945

D:

8.5-1.3.2-1. **DONNA MARIE ANDREWS**

B: 1967

D:

8.5-1.3.3. **ANNE WINGROVE**

B: 15/7/1951 in Salisbury, Rhodesia

D:

Married **JOACHIM (JOE) GUEDES** in 1969

B: 1947

D:

8.5-1.3.3-1. **JOSE PAUL (GUBBS) GUEDES**

B: 20/12/1969 in Johannesburg, South Africa

D:

8.5-1.3.3-2. **JOANNE GUEDES**

B: 15/4/1975 in Germiston, South Africa

D:

Married **DALE CLARK** on 14/11/1997 in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

B: 14/9/1971 in Burlington, Ontario, Canada

D:

8.5-1.3.3-2.1. **BRANDON ALEXANDRE CLARK**

B: 26/4/1997 in Burlington, Ontario, Canada

D:

8.5-1.3.3-2.2. **NICOLE ANNE CLARK**

B: 30/6/1998 in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

D:

8.5-1.3.3-3. **MAURICE ALEXANDER GUEDES**

B: 3/4/1978 in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

D:

8.5-1.3.4. **LOUISE WINGROVE**

B: 15/7/1951 in Salisbury, Rhodesia  
D:  
Married ANDREW (ANDIE) **KRISTAFOR** in 1970 in Salisbury, Rhodesia  
B: 1945  
D:

8.5-1.3.4-1. **MARK KRISTAFOR**  
B: 29/10/1970 in Salisbury, Rhodesia  
D:

8.5-1.3.4-2. **JACKIE KRISTAFOR**  
B: 24/7/1972 in Salisbury, Rhodesia  
D:  
Married DANIEL JOHN **DOVE**  
B: 11/12/1967 in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada  
D:

8.5-1.3.4-2.1. **LAUREN NICOLE DOVE**  
B: 28/4/1995 in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada  
D:  
She was christened on 17/8/1996 in Caledonia, Ontario, Canada

8.5-1.3.4-2.2. **MEGHAN LOUISE DOVE**  
B: 25/11/1997 in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada  
D:

8.5-1.3.5. **PAUL JOSEPH WINGROVE**  
B: 1963 in Salisbury, Rhodesia  
D:

8.5-2. **VIOLET MAY EDWARDS**  
B: 7/1/1888 on the farm Rockdell, Emgwate, near Stutterheim.  
D: 18/8/1961 in Fort Victoria  
Married LEOPOLD **THACKWRAY** at Rosebank Farm, Dordrecht on 11/9/1911.  
B: 24/5/1883 at Cradock.  
D: 6/11/1918 in Mashaba of pneumonia and heart failure following Spanish influenza — "1918 flu".

He went to school at Seven Fountains near Grahamstown. They came to Rhodesia on 9/9/1912.  
Violet was the first teacher at a school which was built in Somabula on Warringham Farm in 1919.

After LEOPOLD died VIOLET married JOSEPH **ARMSTRONG** on 3/10/1932 and they had no children.  
B: 29/1/1875 in Cumberland, England  
D: 27/12/1940

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An excerpt from a newspaper — It is with regret we report the death of Mr Joseph Armstrong, aged 65 years, after a comparatively short illness, on December 27<sup>th</sup>. The late Mr Armstrong was the manager of the Broken Luck Mine which has proved a valuable development due to his devotion to duty and long varied mining experience. Born in Cumberland, England, of a mining family, he came to South Africa as a member of a Mounted Unit during the South African War. After the war he came to Rhodesia and following his profession as mechanical engineer, associated with mining, carried out much prospecting in various parts of the Colony. A warm hearted friend and very popular with all who knew him, he will be sadly missed.

The funeral took place at the local cemetery on the 28<sup>th</sup>, the Revd F A Fitch (C F) officiating. The many followers and the numerous floral tributes testified to the deep respect in which the late Mr Armstrong was held.  
To Mrs Armstrong and family Que Que and district tender their heartfelt sympathy in the sad hours of bereavement.

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8.5-2.1. **GRACE GLADYS THACKWRAY**

- NAME Grace
- ORIGINS English
- MEANING Grace

B: 30/7/1912  
D: 24/2/1976 in Salisbury of Leukemia and buried in Fort Victoria, Rhodesia.  
Married WILMOT NORMAN EMSLIE on 21/1/1932

- NAME Wilmot
- ORIGINS German
- MEANING Resolute spirit

B: 24/12/1897 (1898?)  
D: 16/3/1958

She was a Governess at Rippling Waters Aided Farm School where there were 5 pupils in 1930.  
They lived on the farm 'Rippling Waters' in Fort Victoria, Rhodesia.

A street, Emslie Close, was named after Grace for her work with Pioneer Trust.

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An excerpt from an undated newspaper — Mr Wilmot N Emslie, son of Mr John Emslie, of Sevenfountains, has, we learn, been doing great things in big game hunting in Southern Rhodesia, where he is farming. No less than 13 lions, three tigers, a crocodile and a hyena constitute the very creditable "bag" he has made so far this year. It is, of course, a matter of no surprise to find such skill and courage, as this necessarily represents, in a descendant of the 1820 Settlers."

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8.5-2.1.1. **AUDREY CATHERINE EMSLIE**

B: 1/1/1933 at Ndanga Hospital  
D: 27/7/1982 of a brain tumour.  
Married STANLEY KENNETH **MERRIFIELD** on 9/5/1953  
B: 9/4/1928  
D: 27/8/1999 of a brain haemorrhage.  
All their children suffer from a disease of the spine — scoliosis. When Audrey died Stan married AVRIL VERA DIXON (nee EMSLIE) on 21/6/1986.  
B: 2/4/1922  
D: 12/11/2000

8.5-2.1.1-1. **NORMAN KENNETH MERRIFIELD**

B: 3/12/1953  
D: 8/5/2010 from cancer  
Married FRANCES MARY LOVELL HALL on 19/4/1975  
B: 17/4/1953  
D:  
Frances suffers from diabetes.  
After Norman died Frances married PIETER GERT GIBSON on 1/2/2014  
B: 21/4/1937  
D: 24/4/2016

8.5-2.1.1-1.1. **ANTON NORMAN MERRIFIELD**

B: 13/1/1981  
D:  
Married MEGAN LEIGH STANTON on 1/4/2006  
B: 13/9/1980  
D:

Her parents are Gail and Chris Stanton. She has a sister, Lauren and a brother Robbie.

8.5-2.1.1-1.1.1. **KAITLYN TAE (KT) MERRIFIELD**

B: 14/12/2009  
D:

8.5-2.1.1-2. **IAN THOMAS MERRIFIELD**

B: 19/5/1955  
D:  
Married 1) MAUREEN (MING) (SAM) HOBBS on 26/11/1977 and divorced on 11/5/1989  
B: 16/5/1958  
D:

8.5-2.1.1-2.1. **WAYNE MERRIFIELD**

B: 20/11/1979  
D:  
Married MAXINE SINK on 1/5/2009  
B: 29/9/1977  
D:  
Her parents are JOEAN and ? SINK

8.5-2.1.1-2.1.1. **MATTHEW MERRIFIELD**

B: 30/1/2010  
D:

8.5-2.1.1-2.1.2. RILEY MERRIFIELD

B: 24/2/2012  
D:

8.5-2.1.1-2.2. KRISTY MERRIFIELD

B: 30/5/1981  
D:  
Married SIMON DICKIE on 26/3/2011  
B:  
D:

8.5-2.1.1-2.2.1. JACKSON CALEB DICKIE

B: 18/4/2013  
D:

IAN THOMAS MERRIFIELD then married 2) MICHELLE

THOMAS? on 9/3/2000  
B: 16/9/1964  
D:

8.5-2.1.1-3. INGRID BERYL MERRIFIELD

B: 14/2/1957 in Filabusi, Rhodesia  
D:  
Married MICHAEL PALAIRET on 16/4/1983  
B: 20/10/1956  
D:

8.5-2.1.1-3.1. EDWARD MICHAEL PALAIRET

B: 29/4/1984 in Zimbabwe  
D:  
Married AGNES KA YEE (AGGY) NG on 18/4/2009.  
B: 8/1/1984  
D:

8.5-2.1.1-3.1.1. KALEB PALAIRET

B: 4/2/2012  
D:

8.5-2.1.1-3.2. CATHERINE ANNE MERRIFIELD PALAIRET

B: 20/9/1986 in England  
D:  
Married MATTHEW JOHN STONE on 31/10/2009  
B: 15/10/1982  
D:

8.5-2.1.1-3.2.1. ELIZA STONE

B: 14/4/2012  
D:

8.5-2.1.1-3.2.2. FREYA JOY STONE

B: 9/1/2015  
D:

8.5-2.1.1-3.3. ANTHONY KENNETH MERRIFIELD

**PALAIRET**  
B: 24/1/1988 in Zimbabwe  
D:  
Married NATALIA FERREIRA on 7/7/2012  
B: 18/9/19??  
D:

8.5-2.1.1-3.4. JOHN PALAIRET

B: 14/2/1989 in Zimbabwe  
D: 15/2/1989

8.5-2.1.1-4. ROBIN DEREK MERRIFIELD

B: 2/8/1963  
D: 5/10/2016 of cancer  
Married JACKIE HILL on 10/9/1990. They were divorced in January 2009.  
B: 14/3/1964  
D:

8.5-2.1.1-4.1. LEIGH ANNE MERRIFIELD

B: 8/3/1991  
D:

8.5-2.1.1-4.2. KEVIN CONNOR MERRIFIELD

B: 13/10/1994  
D:

8.5-2.1.1-5. GLENDA JEAN MERRIFIELD

B: 15/11/1968  
D:  
Married MARIUS NIEMAND on 9/12/1989. They were divorced on 14/3/2002  
B: 31/3/1967  
D:

8.5-2.1.1-5.1. ROCHELLE ANNE NIEMAND

B: 25/1/1993  
D:

8.5-2.1.1-5.2. BRADLEY MATTHEW NIEMAND

B: 20/4/1996  
D:

8.5-2.1.2. MAUREEN ANNETTE NORMAN EMSLIE

- NAME Maureen  
ORIGINS French  
MEANING Dark skinned
- NAME Maureen  
ORIGINS Celtic  
MEANING Great
- NAME Maureen  
ORIGINS Irish  
MEANING Bitter
- MAUREEN *f Irish, English*  
Pronounced: mor-EEN  
Anglicized form of MÁIRÍN  
MÁIRÍN *f Irish*  
Pronounced: MOI-reen  
Irish pet form of MARY  
MARY *f English, Biblical*  
Pronounced: MER-ee  
Usual English form of *Maria*, which was the Latin form of the New Testament Greek names *Mariam* or *Maria* (the spellings are interchangeable), which were from the Hebrew name *Miriam*. The meaning is not known for certain, but there are several theories including "sea of bitterness", "rebelliousness", and "wished for child". However it was most likely originally an Egyptian name, perhaps derived in part from *mry* "beloved" or *mr* "love". This is the name of several New Testament characters, most importantly Mary the virgin mother of Jesus, and Mary Magdalene. Two queens of England have had this name, as well as a Queen of Scotland, Mary Queen of Scots

B: 2/10/1936 in Fort Victoria, Rhodesia

D:

Married LESLIE HOULTOM (LES) EDWARDS (See 8.5-5.1.) on 7/12/1957

- NAME Leslie  
ORIGIN Scottish  
MEANING From Leslie
- NAME Leslie  
ORIGIN Celtic  
MEANING From the gray fortress
- The name "Lesley" is from a surname which was derived from a Scottish place name meaning either "garden of hollies" or "garden by the pool" in Gaelic.

B: 26/2/1922

D: 28/6/1981 of Emphysema

Les had two children from a previous marriage (Peggy and Colin)

8.5-2.1.2-1. LESLEY CAROL EDWARDS

- NAME Leslie  
ORIGIN Scottish  
MEANING From Leslie
- NAME Leslie  
ORIGIN Celtic  
MEANING From the gray fortress

- The name "Lesley" is from a surname which was derived from a Scottish place name meaning either "garden of hollies" or "garden by the pool" in Gaelic.

B: 1/3/1959 in Fort Victoria, Rhodesia

D:

Married 1) **CLIVE ROBIN (ROB) WILLIAMSON** on 8/3/1980. They were divorced on 1/10/1993.

- **NAME** Robin  
**ORIGIN** English  
**MEANING** Famed; bright; shining Form of Robert popular since the medieval days of Robin Hood.  
**Robinson:** (English) Son of Robert Famed; bright; shining. Surname.
- **ROBIN** m,f *English*  
**Pronounced:** RAW-bin  
Pet form of **ROBERT**. Robin Hood was a legendary hero and archer of medieval England who stole from the rich to give to the poor. This name can also be given in reference to the red-breasted bird.  
**ROBERT** m *English, French, Scandinavian*  
**Pronounced:** RAW-burt (English), ro-BER (French)  
Means "bright fame", derived from the Germanic elements *hrod* "fame" and *beraht* "bright". The Normans introduced this name to Britain. It belonged to three kings of Scotland, including Robert the Bruce who restored the independence of Scotland from England in the 14th century. The author Robert Browning and poets Robert Burns and Robert Frost are famous literary bearers of this name. Also, Robert E. Lee was the commander of the Confederate army during the American Civil War.

B: 4/9/1958

D:

#### 8.5-2.1.2-1.1. DALE MICHAEL **WILLIAMSON**

- **NAME** Dale  
**ORIGIN** English  
**MEANING** Lives in the valley
- The name "Dale" is from an English surname that originally belonged to a person who lived near a dale.

B: 2/9/1982 in Mashava, Zimbabwe

D:

Christened on 17/10/1982

He was named after Dale Venter a friend of Rob's who was killed in an ambush during the Rhodesian Bush war in 1979.

**CLIVE ROBIN (ROB) WILLIAMSON** then married **RENATE ELIONORE HENRIETTE ROSSLER** on 4/11/2004 in Windhoek, Namibia

B: 1/5/1958

D:

Renate has two children from her previous marriage, René Reinold B: 1/8/1975 and Melanie B: 14/6/1980 They are now divorced.

**LESLEY CAROL EDWARDS** then married 2) **ANDRÉ VAN DEN BERG** on 1/9/2007

B: 1/2/1958

D:

He has a son from a previous marriage, **ANDRE MIAS**, B: 3/1/1979. He also had a daughter, **XANTHE**, B: 13/4/1983 who was killed in 1989 shortly before her 6<sup>th</sup> birthday.

#### 8.5-2.1.2-2. **SHIRLEY ANNE EDWARDS**

B: 3/6/1964

D:

Married **JEREMY LANCASHIRE** on 16/11/1989

B: 22/12/1958

D:

They have no children.

#### 8.5-2.1.3. **YVONNE MAY NORMAN EMSLIE**

B: 24/3/1943 in Fort Victoria, Rhodesia

D:

Married **MICHAEL JOHN SHAW TWILLEY** on 3/3/1962

B: 27/12/1937

D: 10/3/2012

#### 8.5-2.1.3-1. **BRENDON DEREK SHAW TWILLEY**

B: 4/8/1967

D:

Married **GILLIAN MEGAN HUNTER** on ???

B:

D:

#### 8.5-2.1.3-1.1. **ROWAN CRAIG EMSLIE TWILLEY**

B: 16/1/2000

D:

#### 8.5-2.1.3-2. **DARREL BRIAN SHAW TWILLEY**

B: 31/10/1971

D:

#### 8.5-2.2. **NORMAN JAMES THACKWRAY**

B: 1/12/1913 in Gwelo

D: 8/9/1970 in Bulawayo

He married **HILLARIA FANNY ELIZABETH (JOY) PHILLIPS** on 27/11/1937.

B: 22/11/1916 in Maraisburg

D: 20/9/2001 from cancer

They had 7 children. (See the Thackwray family tree)

#### 8.5-2.3. **CLARENCE VICTOR THACKWRAY**

B: 12/4/1915

D: 10/9/1930 of tetanus

He ran away from school to join his Uncle **CHARLES WILLIAM EDWARDS** who was working in Northern Rhodesia. Whilst he was there he had an accident on his motorbike near Ndola when his heel caught in the chain. He got Tetanus and died in the hospital at Bwana Mkubwa.

#### 8.5-3. **LILIAN AVICE EDWARDS**

B: 24/7/1889

D: 16/10/1906 at Rockdell Farm

#### 8.5-4. **IVY THERESE EDWARDS**

B: 15/11/1891 in Stutterheim, Eastern Cape

D: 2/5/1975 in Fort Beaufort, Eastern Cape

Married **JAMES ALBERT WEBBER** on 6/9/1913 at

"Kenilworth" Daisyfield, Rhodesia

B: 10/6/1875 in Fort Beaufort, Eastern Cape

D: 27/1/1955 in Dordrecht, Eastern Cape

She was the first teacher at the school built at Pender Farm in 1912.

#### 8.5-4.1. **LILIAN MAVIS WEBBER**

B: 29/6/1915

D:

Married **HARRY JONATHAN EVANS**

B:

D: 25/9/1976

#### 8.5-4.2. **IAN EDWARDS (JOCK) WEBBER**

B: 24/1/1917 in Dordrecht

D: 15/2/1977 in Dordrecht

Married **ELAINE MARY FIELD**

B: 14/10/1922 or 1919?

D: 1/3/2004 in Brisbane, Australia

Her parents were **ARTHUR EDWARD FIELD** B: 2/10/1892 in Dordrecht, and **OLIVE EMMA HARTLEY** B: 6/1/1892 in Dordrecht and D: 24/6/1976 in Dordrecht

#### 8.5-4.2.1. **JONATHAN JAMES WEBBER**

B: 29/10/1949

D:

Married **W MILLER**

B:

D:

#### 8.5-4.2.1-1. **BRUCE WEBBER**

B:

D:

8.5-4.2.1-2. S WEBBER

B:  
D:

8.5-4.2.2. ELIZABETH ANNE (MINNIE) WEBBER

B: 21/10/1951  
D:

8.5-4.2.3. SHELLEY WEBBER

B: 20/4/1958  
D:

Married CHARLES DELL on 16/12/1972 in Queenstown

B:  
D:

8.5-4.3. ENID MARIA WEBBER

B: 27/10/1918 in Dordrecht  
D:

Married WALLACE WALTER SPARG

B:  
D:

8.5-4.3.1. JENNIFER SPARG

B: 21/1/1942  
D:

Married ALAN MOORCROFT

B:  
D:

8.5-4.3.2. IAN SPARG

B: 21/2/1946  
D:

Married ELIZABETH ?

B:  
D:

8.5-4.4. ALMA DOREEN WEBBER

B: 10/11/1920 in Dordrecht  
D: Young

Married DAVID BELCHERS

B:  
D:

8.5-5. STANLEY HOULTOM EDWARDS

- NAME Stanley  
ORIGINS English  
MEANING Lives by the stony grove

B: 23/10/1893 at Rockdell, Stutterheim.  
D: 1/3/1971 in Fort Victoria

Stanley came to Rhodesia in 1911 to take up a lease of occupation on the farm 'Merino' at Daisfield, near Gwelo. Married EMMELINE (EMMIE) SHORT on 29/1/1920.

- NAME Emmeline  
ORIGINS German  
MEANING Hardworking. Variant of Emily
- NAME Emmeline  
ORIGINS French  
MEANING Industrious Hardworking. Variant of Emily.

B: 29/9/1896 at Spring Valley.  
D: 1/6/1980 in Fort Victoria

Emmie left Grahamstown on 25/11/1900 with her grandparents and aunts by train after her mother had died. Her Uncle Ken Jakins met them in Bulawayo and they went on to Salisbury by ox wagon. (See her grandmother's diary of the journey in the Jakins Family Tree)

They lived on the farm 'Merino' in Daisfield.

They were married twice, having gone through a civil ceremony at the Magistrate's Court the previous day because of an omission to call their banns in Gwelo.

8.5-5.1. LESLIE HOULTOM (LES) EDWARDS

B: 26/2/1922 at Kenilworth, Gwelo

D: 28/6/1981 in Fort Victoria of Emphysema

Married 1) MARGARET BURNS FOORD on 11/1/1947. They were divorced on ?/2/1955.

B: 2/6/1926  
D: 16/9/2001

She later married HARRY MURDOCH-EATON who had a child, JOAN, and had two more children – LORNA B: 4/4/1956 and BRIAN B: ?/1958

8.5-5.1.1. MARGARET JEAN (PEGGY) EDWARDS

B: 11/1/1949

D: 6/5/1991 by committing suicide and going into a coma on 30/4/1991

8.5-5.1.2. COLIN NORMAN EDWARDS

B: 27/6/1951  
D:

Les then married 2) MAUREEN ANNETTE NORMAN EMSLIE (See 8.5-2.1.2.) on 7/12/1957

B: 2/10/1936  
D:

He owned a printing works in Fort Victoria which developed out of a hobby he had. Another hobby he was very interested in was stamp collecting.

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LESLIE HOULTOM (LES) EDWARDS was a navigator for No 44 (Rhodesia) Squadron during World War II. He navigated Lancaster aircraft and he ended the war as Flying Officer.

Of the 8 men from the Somabula area who served in the Rhodesian Air Force during the second world war, there were only 3 survivors — Liford Houlton, Cyril Whittal and Leslie Edwards.

After returning from the war he joined the Customs Department until 1948 when he moved to Fort Victoria and opened a sports shop with his Uncle. In the 1950's he started a youth club and in 1954 he developed his hobby of printing which he had practised in his home with a small hand machine, and later opened his own printing shop in Fort Victoria. His other interests included stamp collecting and caravanning

The following is an extract of a cable received by His Excellency the Governor, Salisbury, from the Secretary of State, London :

"His Majesty has been pleased to approve the award of the Distinguished Flying Cross to Pilot Officer Leslie Houlton Edwards, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, 44 Squadron, for gallantry and devotion to duty in execution of air operations. He has completed allotted tasks with coolness and courage on every occasion. His efficiency as a navigator frequently enabled his captain to reach and bomb the objective despite heavy opposition and adverse weather. His total disregard for danger, together with his gallantry and devotion to duty have been an inspiration to his crew."

He received this medal on 7/12/1943. In the London Gazette of 18/5/1943 on page 2200 it states :

*Air Ministry, 18<sup>th</sup> May, 1943*

ROYAL AIR FORCE

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards :-

*Distinguished Flying Cross*

Pilot Officer Leslie Houlton Edwards (80439), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 44 Squadron

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**Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC)**

The DFC was instituted on the birthday of King George V, June 3, 1918 as an award to officers and warrant officers who displayed courage or devotion to duty whilst flying in active operations.



During World War I, a total of approximately 1,100 DFCs were awarded, with 70 first bars and 3 second bars. During World War II, approximately 20,000 DFCs were awarded (the most of any award), with approximately 1,500 first bars and 42 second bars. Second World War DFCs have the year of issue engraved on the reverse of the bottom section of the cross. Citations are generally available in the London Gazette for the Second World War DFCs. Some of the First World War DFCs also have citations.

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**An excerpt taken from page 268 of the book 'A Pride of Eagles' by Beryl Salt**  
**No 44 Squadron's final wartime mission**

The Squadron's final wartime mission took place on 25<sup>th</sup> April 1945. This was an attack in daylight on SS Barracks at Berchtesgaden. Eight aircraft from the squadron took part and all but one carried a Rhodesian pilot.

The Rhodesians on this final raid were:

Wing Commander Stan Flett

Flight Lieutenant LESLIE EDWARDS

Flight Lieutenant T.D. Kelly

Flight Lieutenant Alastair Mackay

Flight Lieutenant Tom Webster

Flying Officer Geoff Cranswick

Flying Officer H. L. (Mollie) Maltas

Flying Officer Robert Piggott

Pilot Officer Stewart Henry

Warrant Officer Keith Peters

Flight Sergeant S.T. MacLarty

Flight Sergeant A.P. Owens

Flight Sergeant George Bredencamp

Sergeant Dudley Hendry

For once, the BBC was permitted to report on the raid while it was in progress:

*It was just before dawn when the great bombers took to the air, on operations, for the last time. **FLIGHT LIEUTENANT EDWARDS**, flying with Wing Commander Flett remembers, "Our last operation in Europe was the famous Berchtesgaden Raid on 25<sup>th</sup> April. It had always been my special ambition to have a crack at Hitler's hideout. We were briefed soon after midnight and took off at a quarter-past four, while it was still dark. In the first light, we formed up over France near the Pas De Calais. It was a perfect day and not a cloud in the sky, and navigation was fairly simple, just a question of following the leading formation. We flew over France and crossed the Rhine just south of Strasbourg. All the way we could see slit trenches, bomb craters and ruined towns and villages, and near Ulm clouds of smoke and burning villages showed where the French army was in action. We could even see tank tracks through the fields, the dark brown lines converging at the gates and then spreading out again into the next field."*

*"Passing the northern tip of Lake Constance, we came at last to the Alps. The mountains were covered in snow right up from the valley bottoms and patches of fog were lying in the fields. We made a right-angle turn to port and so came to the target. Berchtesgaden lies in a valley with mountains on three sides rather like a horseshoe. At the far end of the valley lay the village, with a little stream running down to Hitler's chalet at the near end and just where we crossed the mountain ring. To the right of the chalet were the SS Barracks, with a Czech workers' camp near by, and a dark patch on the mountains about six miles (10 km) away marked the site of the chalet. Our leading formation was detailed to attack the Eagle's Nest, the second lot the chalet, and our own target was the SS Barracks. Everything was covered in snow and all we could see was the parade square end of the building."*

*"As we got up to the target we saw vapour trails left by our American fighter escort above us, and for our horrible moment we thought they were enemy jet-aircraft. But the only opposition was one six-gun battery, which fired off salvoes at intervals. No one was hit as far as I could see. We dropped our bombs and turned sharply, to see a cloud of black smoke right over the barracks, so we assumed our aim had been correct. We didn't know then it was the last operation the squadron would do in Europe, but it certainly was an excellent climax to our five years of bombing." (BBC)*

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**A brief history of 44 (Rhodesia) Squadron**

**Motto:** Motto: "Fulmina regis iusta" ("The King's thunderbolts are righteous").

**Badge:** On a mount an elephant. The badge is based upon the seal of Lo Bengula, the chief of the Matabeles on conquest. The seal shows an elephant which, in the case of this unit, is intended to indicate heavy attacks.

**Authority:** King George VI, October 1941.

No. 44 Squadron, RFC, was formed at Hainault Farm, Essex, on 24th July 1917, as a Home Defence Squadron and gained fame in the First World War by pioneering the use of the Sopwith Camel single-seat fighter aircraft for night operations (August/September 1917) and achieving the first unqualified victory in combat between aircraft flying at night (two Camels versus a German Gotha, 28/29th January 1918). One

of the squadron's early commanding officers was Major AT Harris who, as Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Harris, was to direct the greatest aerial assault in history on the German homeland a quarter of a century later.

Disbanded in 1919, No.44 was re-formed at Wyton in March 1937, as a bomber squadron with Hawker Hinds, moving later in the year to Waddington, where it re-equipped with Blenheims and then Hampdens.

Commanded at the outbreak of the Second World War by Wing Commander JN Boothman of Schneider Trophy fame, the squadron's early operations consisted mainly of North Sea sweeps, security patrols and minelaying. There followed raids on land communications, on Hitler's concentrations of invasion barges in the Channel and North Sea ports, on Luftwaffe airfields and naval targets, as well as the first raids on German industrial centres.

In September 1941, the squadron's title was altered to "No. 44 (Rhodesia) Squadron" in recognition of that country's generous donations to the war effort. This was particularly appropriate as about a quarter of the squadron's personnel were Rhodesian. The association is preserved in the squadron's badge which features an African elephant.

In December 1941, the squadron's Hampdens were withdrawn and early in 1942 No.44 became the first squadron to convert completely to Lancasters. It quickly made this aircraft's vastly increased striking power felt by the enemy. In a memorable low-level unescorted daylight raid on the MAN Diesel factory at Augsburg in Southern Bavaria on 17th April, Squadron Leader JD Nettleton, leading a combined force with No.97 Squadron, won the VC. For a brief period No.44 enjoyed the distinction of having on its strength two recipients of the supreme award for valour, since the CO at this period was Wing Commander RAB Learoyd VC.

Pressure on the enemy steadily increased. Not only did No. 44 Squadron throw all its weight into Bomber Command's relentless assault on German industry, but it also raided ports and U-boat shelters, as well as the Peenemunde V-weapons experimental station and targets in Northern Italy.

As the war approached its climax, with the Allied invasion of Europe, No.44 Squadron played its part in the disruption of communications in France, in the bombing of enemy coastal defences and semi-tactical support of the ground forces, before turning its attention to V1 launching sites in the Pas de Calais. Concentration now turned to starving the enemy of his oil supplies and wrecking his transport system, coupled with the reduction of hostile garrisons in the path of our armies.

The Sqdn was a part of 5 Group Bomber Command, (Aircraft code letters KM) and flew Hampdens at the outbreak of war, but was the first operational squadron to convert to Lancasters, as from December 1941.

At that time 129 of 490 ground crews were Rhodesians, commanded by W/Cdr R.A.B.Learoyd., VC., being stationed at Waddington, their first operational Lancasters being L7537, L7538, and L7541. The intention being to convert them to 24 Lancasters by the end of the year, with their Hampdens being transferred to 420 R.C.A.F. Squadron. All manufacturing output of Lancasters were directed to 44 Squadron.



The Group Commander was A.V.M. J.C.Slessor, C.B., D.S.O., M.C.  
 The first mishap was with S/L Nettleton, who later won the V.C. This was caused by snow and ice, when his tail wheel was broken off. Next was a major crash, with P/O Maudslay trying an emergency landing at Chedderton, and struck a pile of concrete posts. Undercarriage collapsed, aircraft became a major repair. It is interesting to note that 44 Squadron at that time (1941) were taking off at three minutes interval, whilst in 1944, from Waddington, 463, and 467 were taking off and landing, at 30 second intervals. It moved to Dunholme Lodge Then Spilsby on 30th September 1944; Mepal on 21st July 1945; Mildenhall 25th August 1945. Here it took over the aircraft of No 622 Squadron and converted to Lincolns in October 1945.

**No. 5 Group "War Effort" — May 1944 — Table of statistics for 44 Squadron**

No. A/C (average) on charge	Av. Hrs per A/C	Tons dropped	Sorties	Sorties per a/c	Tons per a/c	Early returns	Missing	FLYING HOURS				Avoidable Accidents
								Ops	Training	Day	Night	
18.4	62.40	611.50	153	8.3	33.2	2	5	-	669	286	83	0

5 Group were formed from 3 Group on September the 1st 1937. Initially its Headquarters were at Mildenhall, but by the time of the outbreak of the war, the HQ had moved to St. Vincent's House in Grantham, Lincolnshire. An all-Hampden Group at the beginning of the war, with six operational and two reserve squadrons at four airfields, its C-in-C was none other than Sir Arthur Harris, who would later rise to lead the whole of Bomber Command. The winter of 1940/41 saw the Group start to convert to the ill-fated Manchester, which also coincided with Air Vice-Marshal Bottonley replacing Harris as the man at the top in 5 Group. The Group performed admirably throughout that winter, and into the spring of 1942 contributed its might to Operation Millennium. In the Spring of 1942, 5 Group introduced the mighty Lancaster into service, when 44 (Rhodesia) Squadron became the first to be so equipped. 44 (Rhodesia) Squadron went on to become the first to lose a Lancaster (Minelaying in the Heligoland Bight on the night of 3/4 March 1942), and shortly after contributed six Lancasters to the famous Augsburg raid, when 5 Group sent twelve Lancasters on a daring low-level raid to attack the MAN Diesel factory in the Southern German town. This was not the only occasion when 5 Group found itself in the eyes of the British public during the war, as they also undertook various other daring raids and set precedents. In October of 1942 5 Group sent 94 Lancasters attacked the Schneider factory at Le Creusot, attacking at very low level in broad daylight. Five nights later, 5 Group sent 112 Lancasters to Genoa, resulting in one of the most successful raids of the war on that city, and on the night of 24/25 October 1942, Milan was the focus of 5 Group and its Lancaster force, by now developing a well-earned reputation as a hard-hitting, and very accurate, force. The spring of 1943 saw 617 Squadron, newly-formed in 5 Group, carry out the daring "Dambusters" raid, which made the front page of every British paper. The winter of 1943/44 saw Bomber Command undertaking the Battle of Berlin, and again, 5 Group and its Lancasters made an invaluable contribution. % Group liked to think of themselves, and with good reason I might add, as being somewhat more capable than the rest of Bomber Command, even to the point of developing their own target marking techniques, despite the existence of 8 (Pathfinder Force) Group, and often undertook their own raids, including target marking, without the assistance of the Pathfinders. In the closing stages of the war, specially modified Lancasters of the Group dropped the 12000 pound "Tallboy" bombs on selected targets, followed shortly after that with the use of the mighty 22,000 pound "Grand Slam" bomb, used against the railway viaduct at Bielefeld amongst others. War time statistics show that 5 Group, an all-Lancaster Group by March 1943, had flown 70,357 sorties, for the loss of 1,888 aircraft, 1,389 of them Lancasters.

**Bomber Command WWII Bases:**

- Waddington : Jun 1937-May 1943
  - Detachments at Lossiemouth in Jan/Feb 1940 & Nutts Corner in Jun/Jul 1942 for ops with Coastal Command.
  - Detachment at Lossiemouth in Apr 1942 for ops against the Tirpitz in Foetten fjord, Norway.
- Dunholme Lodge : May 1943-Sep 1944
- Spilsby : Sep 1944 onwards

**Bomber Command WWII Aircraft:**

- Handley Page Hampden I : Feb 1939-Dec 1941
- Avro Lancaster B.I and B.III : Dec 1941 onwards



44 Squadron Lancaster B Mk I

**Code Letters:**

- During the 1938 Munich crisis No.44 was allotted the code letters "JW". In WW2, the sqdn's a/c were coded "KM".

**First Operational Mission in WWII:**

- 19/20th March 1940 : 1 Hampden bombed seaplane base at Hornum, & 4 more Hampdens aborted.

**First Bombing Mission in WWII:**

- 3rd September 1939 : Armed reconnaissance over North Sea in area north of Heligoland by 9 Hampdens.

**Last Operational Mission in WWII:**

- 25th April 1945 : 6 Lancasters bombed SS barracks at Berchtesgaden & 2 more Lancasters aborted.

**Last Mission before VE Day:**

- 4th May 1945 : 13 Lancasters ferried ex-POWs home to UK from Brussels.

No.44 (Rhodesia) Squadron RAF					
Group	Squadron	Base	County	Arrived	Comments
5	44	Waddington	Lincolnshire	03/09/39	Hampden I, 02/39. Lancaster I, 12/41. Lancaster III, 12/41.
5	44	Dunholme Lodge	Lincolnshire	31/05/43	
5	44	Spilsby	Lincolnshire	30/09/44	To 3 Group, 21/07/45
3	44	Mepal	Cambridgeshire	21/07/45	Ex-5 Group.
3	44	Mildenhall	Suffolk	25/08/45	

**AIRCRAFT HISTORY — THE LANCASTER BOMBER**



Undoubtedly one of the major influences on World War II, and one of the greatest aircraft of history, the "Lanc" came about because of the failure of its predecessor. In September 1936 the Air Staff issued specification P.13/36 for a twin-engined bomber of exceptional size and capability to be powered by one of the very powerful engines then under development: the Rolls-Royce Vulture 24-cylinder X engine was preferred. Handley Page switched to four Merlins

with the Halifax, but A. V. Roe adhered to the big-twin formula and the first Type 679 Manchester flew on 25th July 1939. Altogether 209 Manchesters were delivered by November 1941, but the type was plagued by the poor performance and unreliability of its engines. Though it equipped eight Bomber Command squadrons, and parts of two others plus a flight in Coastal Command, the Manchester was withdrawn from service in June 1942 and survivors were scrapped.

Nevertheless, the basic Manchester was clearly outstandingly good, and in 1940 the decision was taken to build a longer-span version with four Merlin engines. The first Lancaster (BT 308) flew as the Manchester III at the beginning of 1941. So outstanding was its performance that it went into immediate large-scale production, and Manchesters already on the line from L7527 onwards were completed as Lancasters (distinguished from later aircraft by their row of rectangular windows in the rear fuselage). Deliveries began early in 1942 to 44 Squadron at Waddington, and on 17th April 1942 a mixed force of 44 and 97 Squadrons made a rather foolhardy daylight raid against the MAN plant at Augsburg, whereupon the new bomber's existence was revealed.

From then until the end of World War II Lancasters made 156,000 sorties in Europe and dropped 608,612 long tons of bombs. Total production, including 430 in Canada by Victory Aircraft, was 7,377. Of these 3,425 were Mk I and 3,039 the Mk III with US Packard-built engines. A batch of 300 was built as Mk IIs with the more powerful Bristol Hercules radial, some with bulged bomb bays and a ventral turret. The Mk I (Special) was equipped to carry the 12,000 lb (5,443 kg) light-case bomb and the 12,000 lb and 22,000 lb (9,979 kg) Earthquake bombs, the HS radar blister under the rear fuselage being removed. The Mk I (FE) was equipped for Far East operations with Tiger Force. The aircraft of 617 (Dambusters) Squadron were equipped to spin and release the Wallis skipping drum bomb. The Mk VI had high-altitude Merlins and four-blade propellers and with turrets removed served 635 Squadron and 100 Group as a countermeasure and radar spoof carrier. Other marks served as photo-reconnaissance and maritime reconnaissance and air/sea rescue aircraft, the last leaving RAF front-line service in February 1954.

Lancasters took part in every major night attack on Germany. They soon showed their superiority by dropping 132 long tons of bombs for each aircraft lost, compared with 56 (later 86) for the Halifax and 41 for the Stirling. They carried a heavier load of bigger bombs than any other aircraft in the European theatre. The 12,000 lb AP bomb was used to sink the *Tirpitz*, and the 22,000 lb "Grand Slam" weapon finally shook down the stubborn viaduct at Bielefeld in March 1945. Around Caen, Lancasters were used en masse in the battlefield close-support role, and they finished the war dropping supplies to starving Europeans.

#### 8.5-5.2. EVELYN HOULTOM (EVE) EDWARDS

B: 30/10/1926 at Kenilworth, Gwelo

D: 4/10/1991

Married CECIL JOHN (JACK) NEVETT on 12/4/1947

B: 13/6/1921

D:

#### 8.5-5.2.1. MYRNA LYNN NEVETT

B: 2/4/1952 in Gwelo

D:

Married PIETER CONRADIE on 19/1/1974

B: 8/8/1949

D:

#### 8.5-5.2.1-1. WAYNE STANLEY CONRADIE

B: 31/12/1975

D:

#### 8.5-5.2.1-2. VANESSA LYNN CONRADIE

B: 18/9/1978

D: 31/1/2004 in a car accident.

#### 8.5-5.2.1-3. ROWLAND GRANT CONRADIE

B: 15/10/1986

D:

#### 8.5-6. ERIC JAMES EDWARDS

B: 11/12/1897

D: 10/9/1972 at 'Insha Allah' in Salisbury, Rhodesia of

Leukemia

Married 1) IRENE MAY STEVENS on 12/8/1920 in Bulawayo

B: 20/3/1895

D: 12/4/1965 in Gonubie East London

Adopted 2 children

#### 8.5-6.1. PHYLLIS EDWARDS

B: 18/5/1926

D:

Married JAN (JOHN?) DURAND on 8/11/1947

B:

D:

#### 8.5-6.1.1. DONOVAN WAYNE DURAND

B:

D:

#### 8.5-6.1.2. ETHNEY DURAND

B: 1/8/1948

D: 10/1/1957

#### 8.5-6.1.3. CHRISTOPHER DURAND

B: 1/8/1958

D:

#### 8.5-6.2. JAMES FARREN EDWARDS

B: 20/9/1928

D:

ERIC JAMES EDWARDS then married 2) IDA EVELYN WALKER (Nee MACAULEY) on 18/10/1952

B: 7/5/1890

D:

IDA was previously married to JOHN WILLIAM BENNET WALKER on 12/1/1918

B: 30/10/1882

D: 1/12/1946

And they had 2 children

1) Rose Walker — B: , D:

2) Margaret Kathleen Joy (Meg) Walker — B: 18/5/1923,

D:

Married John Addy Smuts on 7/10/1941 — B: 1912, D:

2a) Michael John Smuts — B: 21/8/1952, D:

2b) Anne Gail Smuts — B: 23/11/?, D:

Married Vivian V Viljoen on 18/12/1971 in Johannesburg

— B: 28/9/1942, D:

#### 8.5-7. GLADYS MARIA EDWARDS

B: 5/2/1896

D: 17/5/1971

Married STANLEY HAHN on 1/1/1922 in Somabula

B: 3/11/1899 in Germany

D:

#### 8.5-7.1. ARTHUR HAHN

B: 23/3/1923

D: 1929 of Diptheria aged 6

#### 8.5-7.2. STELLA HAHN

B: 7/8/1929

D:

Married PHILIP (BILL) BERRAUD on 6/10/1949

B:

D:

#### 8.5-7.2.1. LYNDA BERRAUD

B: 30/3/1950

D:

#### 8.5-7.2.2. IRENE BERRAUD

B: 27/1/1954

D:

#### 8.5-7.2.3. WENDY BERRAUD

B: 19/3/1956



D:

8.5-7.3. **KENNETH HAHN**

B: 16/8/1934

D: 7/4/1999

Married PAULINE RICKLAND (BALLANTYNE?) on 26/7/1958  
B: 1938

D:

8.5-7.3.1. **JENNIFER HAHN**

B: 22/11/1964

D:

8.5-7.3.2. **RUSSELL STANLEY (RUSTY) HAHN**

B: 25/9/1968

D: 23/8/1998 in a car accident when his son was 1 day old.

Married LINDA (LYN) ?

B:

D:

8.5-7.3.2-1. **LANCE HAHN**

B: 22/8/1998

D:

8.5-7.3.3. **PATRICIA (PATSY) HAHN**

B: 21/1/1971

D:

8.5-7.4. **DENNIS HAHN**

B: 17/2/1935

D:

Married ALNENA (BEENIE) DUNKLEY on 21/12/1957

B:

D:

8.5-7.4.1. **CHERYL HAHN**

B: 19/6/1961

D:

8.5-7.4.2. **DENISE HAHN**

B: 5/10/1962

D:

8.5-7.4.3. **HEATHER HAHN**

B: 4/5/1965

D:

8.5-8. **ALMA MALE EDWARDS**

B: 7/2/1900

D: 23/5/1904 of Croup

8.5-9. **STEWART MELVILLE EDWARDS**

B: 4/4/1904 at Rockdell

D: 29/4/1969 in Gwelo

Married VIOLET JESSIE LESLIE on 3/3/1947

B: 1/4/1905 in Kokstad

D: 29/3/1974 in Gwelo

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**Stewart Melville Edwards**

The JH Edwards family required a complete railway train to bring their farming stock and implements to Rhodesia from Dordrecht, Cape Province.

They arrived early in 1912 at Somabula, where there was no loading ramp, and bales of hay were used for unloading the animals from the trucks. From Somabula they trekked to Kennilworth Farm, Daisyfield.

Stewart was one of the first pupils of Chaplin School, Gwelo. When he left school he started farming at Daisyfield with his father.

In 1924 he went overseas on holiday and on his return continued farming. During the depression he joined the Railways, and was stationed at Wankie for a year. It is interesting to note that while there, he acted as sparring partner to Roy Welensky, who ultimately became heavyweight champion of Rhodesia.

His father took ill, and he was obliged to return to farming. His father died at the end of 1932, and after a while he moved to his own farm, Dawsons.

He married Miss Violet Leslie of Kokstad, East Griqualand on 3 March 1947 and from then on, entered into a period of successful ranching. He bred Africander and South Devon cattle with considerable success.

He became interested in the breeding of Tuli cattle, and bred a very successful herd. The first Tuli cattle day was held at Dawsons Farm in 1967 when 78 interested farmers attended. On April 15 1969 a very successful Tuli Cattle Day was again held at Dawsons Farm when 137 European Farmers and their wives, 30 children of the Young Farmers Club of Somabula School, and 16 African Master Farmers including Chief Segwala attended.

He was a member of the Somabula Daisyfield Police Reserve for many years, and was an excellent shotist.

He was known for his generosity, his keen sense of humour and his big broad sense of fairness in any matter.

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8.5-10. **CHARLES WILLIAM EDWARDS**

B: 1/4/1911 in Rosebank, Dordrecht

D: 7/8/1990

Married ANNA MAGRITHA JOUBERT on 29/11/1939 at Greystone

B: 13/3/1922

D: 21/6/2010

Her parents were ALBERTUS JOHANNES JACOBUS and SUSANNA ELIZABETH (NEE BEZUIDENHOUT) JOUBERT. They came to Rhodesia by oxwagon from the Orange Free State, South Africa in 1918 with their first 4 children.

a) Magdeline Maria Joubert — B: 2/5/1912, D:

b) Gideon Johannes Joubert — B: 18/8/1914, D:

c) Martha Magritha Joubert (a triplet) — B: 21/5/1916, D:

d) Susanna Joubert (a triplet) — B: 21/5/1916, D:

e) Girl Joubert (a triplet) — B & D: 21/5/1916 stillborn

Then they had 4 more children on the farm Goedgedacht at Greystone

f) Anna Magritha Joubert — B: 13/3/1922, D:

g) George Diedrichs Joubert — B: 21/12/1923, D:

h) Elizabeth Adriana Joubert — B: 27/9/1925, D:

i) Aletta Katrina Joubert — B: 3/7/1932, D:

After Charles died then Anna married LUKAS CORNELIUS BRONKHORST on 16/7/1994

B: 5/12/1923 in Middelburg, Transvaal, South Africa

D: 14/3/2004

He had 5 children from his first marriage to HENDRINA FORTINA SCHOONVELDT on 16/3/1948

B: 23/12/1927

D: 1958?

a) Rhoda Veronica Bronkhorst — B: 15/12/1948, D:

b) Joachim Johannes Bronkhorst — B: 26/9/1950, D:

c) Johan Hendrik Christian Bronkhorst (a twin) — B:

28/10/1952, D: 1971

d) Lukas Cornelius Bronkhorst (a twin) — B: 28/10/1952,

D:

e) Petrus Bronkhorst — B: 215/6/1957, D: 26/2/1998

8.5-10.1. **ELIZABETH ANNE (LIZ) EDWARDS**

B: 25/3/1940

D: 5/3/1997

Married JACOB JOHANNES (SONNY BOY) (JAAP) MEYER

B: 26/9/1937

D:

After LIZ died JAAP married INA VAN VUUREN on 7/10/2000

B:

D:

8.5-10.1.1. **JACOB JOHANNES MEYER**

B: 30/1/1967

D:

Married PAULINA SMITH on 7/3/1998

B: 1/8/19??

D:

8.5-10.1.2. **BRENDA ANN MEYER**

B: 19/9/1970

D:

Married ERNEST BOUWER

B: 21/11/1951

D:  
8.5-10.1.2-1. JENNY ELIZABETH **BOUWER**  
B: 24/4/1990  
D:  
8.5-10.1.2-.2. ERNEST CHARLES **BOUWER**  
B: 21/5/1991  
D:  
8.5-10.2. IVY GLADYS **EDWARDS**  
B: 14/3/1941  
D:  
Married HERCULES ALBERTUS (TRIX) **VILJOEN** on  
25/11/1967  
B: 15/4/1939  
D: 19/11/1992  
8.5-10.2.1. TREVOR CHARLES **VILJOEN**  
B: 18/3/1963  
D:  
Married SANDRA SEPHTON on 7/1/1987  
B: 19/10/1962  
D:  
8.5-10.2.1-1. BRADLEY CHARLES **VILJOEN**  
B: 13/6/1989  
D:  
8.5-10.2.1-2. JENE **VILJOEN**  
B: 29/10/1991  
D:  
8.5-10.2.2. SHARLENE ANN **VILJOEN**  
B: 31/7/1968  
D:  
Married ALAN **ROY**  
B: ?/2/1958  
D:  
8.5-10.2.2-1. TRACY LEE **ROY**  
B: 3/5/1993  
D:  
8.5-10.2.3. AUDREY IVY **VILJOEN**  
B: 30/9/1970  
D:  
Married HENNIE **COETZER** on 15/12/1990  
B: 16/6/1960  
D: 18/2/2002 by committing suicide  
8.5-10.2.3-1. TERENCE **COETZER**  
B: 26/1/1994  
D:  
8.5-10.2.4. ALBERTUS JAMES **VILJOEN**  
B: 22/6/1972  
D: 14/3/2004  
Married JOE ?  
B:  
D:  
8.5-10.2.4-1. PIETER **VILJOEN**  
B: ?/2/2001  
D:  
8.5-10.3. JAMES HENRY **EDWARDS**  
B: 19/1/1943  
D:  
Married CAROL SYLVIA HAVNAR on 16/4/1966  
B: 22/12/1945  
D:  
Carol's mother was MARG HAVNAR who died on 3/11/1998  
8.5-10.3.1. DARRYL JAMES **EDWARDS**  
B: 17/2/1968  
D:  
Married HAZEL ANNE LINDSAY on 17/8/1996  
B: 25/6/1968

D:  
8.5-10.3.1-1. JENNIFER **EDWARDS**  
B: 7/4/1999  
D:  
8.5-10.3.1-2. JAMES DOUGLAS **EDWARDS**  
B: 17/4/2003  
D:  
8.5-10.3.2. LANCE STEWART **EDWARDS**  
B: 16/4/1970  
D:  
Married ELIZABETH ANNE BRANDT on 5/12/1993  
B: 31/1/1963  
D:  
8.5-10.3.2-1. ASHTON JAMES **EDWARDS**  
B: 23/9/1997  
D:  
8.5-10.3.2-2. Daughter **EDWARDS**  
B: ?/12/1998  
D:  
8.5-10.3.3 SALLY ANNE **EDWARDS**  
B: 1/8/1971  
D:  
Married PETRUS **LOMBARD** on 19/12/1992  
B: 13/7/1969  
D:  
8.5-10.3.3-1. CALVIN **LOMBARD**  
B: 30/5/1995  
D:  
8.5-10.3.3-2. NICOLE **LOMBARD**  
B: 12/7/1999  
D:  
8.5-10.4. ALBERT LLEWELLYN (TINY) **EDWARDS**  
B: 3/6/1944  
D: 2012  
Married HAZEL JOY SUTHERLAND on 4/10/1975  
B: 10/8/1948  
D:  
They had no children  
8.6. WILLIAM THOMAS **EDWARDS**  
B: 2/10/1864 in Winterberg  
D: 28/4/1870  
8.7. EDWIN JOHN **EDWARDS**  
B: 12 or 15/6/1867  
D: 1/5/1870  
8.8. ALBERT FIELD **EDWARDS**  
B: 22/11/1868  
D: 7/6/1930  
Married ELLEN MATILDA HOULTOM on 6/2/1894  
B: 1/11/1869 in Fort Beaufort  
D: 18/7/1950  
8.8.1. MILDREN PEARL **EDWARDS**  
B: 7/12/1894  
D: ?/5/1950 in Berlin, East London  
8.8.2. ETHEL MARIA **EDWARDS**  
B: 8/4/1899  
D: 17/10/1950  
Married HECTOR FRASER (JOCK) **WHITTAL**  
B: 22/10/1904  
D:  
After ETHEL's death HECTOR FRASER (JOCK) **WHITTAL**  
then married ? **GOUGH**  
His parents were ALFRED JAMES **WHITTAL** B: 1863, D: 1937  
and MARIA CAROLINE **BACKHOUSE** B: 1865, D: 1948  
8.8.3. SYDNEY FIELD **EDWARDS**

B: 11/5/1903  
D:  
Married ENID PORTER  
B:  
D:  
(See 8.3.3-3.)

8.9. HENRY EDWARDS  
B: 1/2/1871  
D: 17/9/1921  
Married AVICE EMILY HOULTOM on 5/5/1896  
B: 29/7/1871  
D: 12/6/1945

8.9.1. AVICE EDWARDS  
B:  
D:  
Married EVELYN MARSHALL (who was also married to Avice's younger sister Hilda May Edwards)  
B:  
D:

8.9.1-1. COLLEEN MARSHALL  
B:  
D:  
Married JOE BIETJIE  
B:  
D:

8.9.1-2. TREVOR MARSHALL  
B:  
D:  
Married 1) MAUREEN KREUCH  
B:  
D:

8.9.1-2.1. Son  
B:  
D:

TREVOR MARSHALL then married 2) ANN VAN ROOYEN  
B:  
D:

8.9.1-2-2. ALISTAIR MARSHALL  
B:  
D:

8.9.1-2-3. BELINDA MARSHALL  
B:  
D:

8.9.1-2-4. PETER MARSHALL  
B:  
D:

8.9.2. BEATRICE EDWARDS  
B:  
D:  
Married BOYCE MARSHALL  
B:  
D:

8.9.2-1. IVY MARSHALL  
B:  
D:  
Married STANLEY SMIT  
B:  
D:

8.9.2-2. JOYCE MARSHALL  
B:  
D:

8.9.3. CECIL HENRY EDWARDS  
B:  
D:  
Married ELLEN BERNARD  
B:

D:  
8.9.3-1. ELIZABETH EDWARDS  
B:  
D:  
Married NEVILLE BURMEISTER  
B:  
D:

8.9.3-2. HENRY JOHN EDWARDS  
B:  
D:  
Married CYNTHIA DE VILLIERS  
B:  
D:

8.9.4. DUDLEY EDWARDS  
B:  
D:

8.9.5. EMILY HOULTOM EDWARDS  
B:  
D:  
Married 1) DUDLEY ALBERT GIBBENS  
B:  
D:

8.9.5-1. ANNE BERYL GIBBENS  
B:  
D:  
Married KEITH PERCY McEWAN  
B:  
D:

8.9.5-1.1. ROSEANNE McEWAN  
B:  
D:

EMILY HOULTOM EDWARDS then married 2) HODGMAN MITCHLEY GIBBENS  
B:  
D:

8.9.5-2. WILLIAM HENRY (BILLY) GIBBENS  
B: 18/11/1924  
D:  
Married EILEEN MILDRED ARMSTRONG on 17/12/1951  
B: 24/6/1924  
D:

8.9.5-2.1. MELANIE GIBBENS  
B: 8/7/1953  
D:

8.9.5-2.2. WILLIAM JOHN GIBBENS  
B: 28/9/1956  
D: 23/4/1978

8.9.5-2.3. CHRISTOPHER HODGMAN GIBBENS  
B: 17/6/1964  
D:

8.9.6. HILDA MAY EDWARDS  
B:  
D:  
Married EVELYN MARSHALL (who was also married to Hilda's older sister Avice Edwards)  
B:  
D:

8.9.6-1. NEVILLE MARSHALL  
B:  
D:

8.9.7. JAMES EDWARDS  
B:  
D:  
Married ADA (GIRLIE) BROWN  
B:

D:

8.9.8. LIONEL EDGAR (HUBERT) **EDWARDS**

B:

D:

Married EUGENE PELLACINA

B:

D:

8.9.8-1. BRENDA **EDWARDS**

B:

D:

8.9.8-2. FRANK **EDWARDS**

B:

D:

8.9.9. MYRTLE MALE **EDWARDS**

B:

D:

Married VERNON **MARSHALL**

B:

D:

8.9.9-1. DAPHNE **MARSHALL**

B:

D:

Married GAVIN **DILLEY**

B:

D:

8.9.9-1.1. BEVERLY **DILLEY**

B:

D:

8.9.9-1.2. BRUCE **DILLEY**

B:

D:

8.9.9-1.3. RONNIE **DILLEY**

B:

D:

8.9.9-2. LIONEL **MARSHALL**

B:

D:

Married AUDREY HUGHSON

B:

D:

8.9.9-3. NORMAN **MARSHALL**

B:

D:

8.9.10. VICTOR **EDWARDS**

B:

D:

8.10. ADA GIBBENS **EDWARDS**

B: 20 or 30?/4/1873 in Queenstown, Cape Colony

D: 16/11/1959, Shangani, Bulawayo, Rhodesia

Married MORTIMER RICHARD (MORTY) **EVA** on 31/7/1894 in Cathcart, Cape Colony

B: 19/7/1863 in Allanwater, Queenstown

D: 27/10/1947, Bulawayo, Rhodesia

Christened on 7/10/1868

They were married for over 50 years.

8.10.1. ENID DENHAM **EVA**

B: 27/3/1895

D: 1895 aged 11 days. Buried at Whittlesea, Cape Colony

Christened on 28/3/1895

8.10.2. EARL DENHAM **EVA**

B: 29/3/1896

D: 29/9/1896. Buried at Whittlesea, Cape Colony

8.10.3. GORDON EDWARDS **EVA**

B: 16/11/1897

D: 16/1/1977

Christened on 12/12/1897

8.10.4. MORTIMER MILNER **EVA**

B: 22/8/1899 at Whittlesea, Cape Colony

D: 27/3/1928 at the Copper Queen Mine, Lamagundi, Rhodesia

Christened on 22/10/1899

8.10.5. EILEEN HOPE **EVA**

B: 2/8/1902 in Queenstown, Cape Colony

D: 27/4/1977 in Rhodesia

Christened on 2/11/1902 in Cathcart, Cape Colony

Married CHARLES AURET **METLERKAMP** on 8/4/1926 in Shangani Farm, Rhodesia

B: 6/7/1888 in Knysna, Cape Colony

D: 13/2/1970 in Bulawayo, Rhodesia

8.10.5-1. DESIREE SUZANNE **METLERKAMP**

B:

D:

8.10.5-2. ROGER **METLERKAMP**

B:

D:

8.10.5-3. ADA LYNETTE **METLERKAMP**

B:

D:

8.10.6. ROSS **EVA**

B: 18/12/1903, Cathcart, Cape Colony

D: 26/7/1904, Whittlesea, Cape Colony

8.10.7. IRIS MAY **EVA**

B: 17/9/1906, Cathcart, Cape Colony

D: 16/5/1989, Harare, Zimbabwe

Christened on 8/11/1906 in Cathcart, Cape Colony

Married NORMAN EVELYN **BROOKS** on 15/2/1932 in Gwelo, Rhodesia

B: 15/2/1902 in Grahamstown, Cape Colony

D: 19/2/1975 in Salisbury, Rhodesia

8.10.7-1. PETER ANTHONY **BROOKS**

B:

D:

8.10.7-2. JOHN DAVID **BROOKS**

B:

D:

8.10.8. CLIFFORD HAZEL **EVA**

B: 8/8/1909 in Cathcart, Cape Colony

D: 7/9/1990

Christened on 2/11/1909

Married JOHN **SCOTT** on 4/11/1936 in Gwelo, Rhodesia

B: 25/10/1904 in Burnley, Lancashire, England

D: 4/10/1988 in Zimbabwe

8.10.8-1. DIANA (or DIANE?) **SCOTT**

B:

D:

8.10.8-2. BARBARA **SCOTT**

B:

D:

8.10.9. EDITH MAY **EVA**

B: 1910

D: In infancy

8.11. ARTHUR WILLIAM **EDWARDS**

B: 27/1/1876 in Lower Klipplaat

D: 27/1/1878

9. ALFRED STEPHEN **EDWARDS**

B: 29/10/1833

D: 19/4/1870

Married RHODA KING (a cousin to DICK KING whose statue is in Durban) on 6/4/1858  
B: 15/8/1836 in Salem, Eastern Cape Province, South Africa  
D:  
She was christened on 23/8/1836

Her parents were JOSEPH KING, B: 9/8/1808, Cam, near Dursley, Gloucestershire, England, D: 20/12/1850, Winterberg, Queenstown, Eastern Cape Province, South Africa and ANN BRADLEY, B: 1810 or 1812?, D: 12/4/1844, Winterberg, Queenstown, Eastern Cape Province, South Africa

After ALFRED STEPHEN EDWARDS died RHODA then married JOHN THOMPSON and had the following children :

1. Charlotte Annie Thompson — B: 6/12/1873
2. Matilda Thompson
3. Linda May Thompson — B: 2/6/1876 D: 28/6/1925
4. Lilian Olive Thompson — B: 26/9/1878
5. John Evelyn Thompson — B: 11/11/1881

9.1. EDITH MARIA ANN **EDWARDS**  
B: 24/11/1861  
D: 17/5/1951 in Durban, KwaZulu Natal, South Africa

9.2. CHARLES JOSEPH **EDWARDS**  
B: 26/11/1863  
D: 7/3/1870  
Married JOHANNA PETRONELLA MARIA ?  
B:  
D:

9.2.1. EDITH ALMA **EDWARDS**  
B:  
D:

9.3. JAMES STEPHEN **EDWARDS**  
B: 26/9/1865  
D:

9.4. THOMAS HENRY **EDWARDS**  
B: 27/12/1867  
D:

9.5. ALFRED STEPHEN **EDWARDS**  
B: 6/3/1870  
D:

10. SARAH ANN **EDWARDS**  
B: 22/5/1836  
D: 16/11/1916 in Pretoria  
Married CHARLES BENJAMIN **RORKE** on 16/11/1857 at Post Retief.  
B: 22/6/1836 in Albany  
D: 23/3/1905 in Pretoria



Sarah Ann Rorke (nee Edwards)

Their sons, Michael James Rorke and Albert Charles Rorke, were pioneers to Rhodesia in the early 1890s. Charles Benjamin was the Quartermaster of the Albany Levy. He owned Glenthorn farm in Fort Beaufort with his brother Michael in 1858. He also later owned Ossekraal farm. In 1868, when his son Michael James was six years old, Charles Benjamin sold the Ossekraal farm in Winterberg and took his

family to live on the farm Thorndale, owned by Henry Hartley's widow Alice Rorke. Charles Benjamin was Alice's first cousin. Sarah lived her later years at her son's Crocodile Valley Farm. However, she died while visiting her other children in Pretoria.

10.1. MATILDA CATHERINE **RORKE**  
B: 21/8/1858  
D: 8/2/1936

10.2. RICHARD GLYNN **RORKE**  
B: 22/10/1859  
D:  
Married MARIA JOHANNA WESSELS  
B:  
D:

10.2.1. HENRY DAVID **RORKE**  
B:  
D:

10.2.2. FREDERICK WILLIAM GLYNNE **RORKE**  
B:  
D:

10.2.3. FLORENCE AUGUSTA JOHANNA **RORKE**  
B:  
D:

10.2.4. EDWIN HERBERT **RORKE**  
B:  
D:

10.2.5. DANIEL WILFRED **RORKE**  
B:  
D:

10.2.6. EILEEN SARAH ANNE **RORKE**  
B:  
D:

10.2.7. CATHLEEN MAY **RORKE**  
B:  
D:

10.3. MICHAEL JAMES **RORKE**  
B: 21/3/1861 at Post Retief  
D: 12/9/1936  
Married RUBY VIRGINIA EDWARDS (See 6.11.) in February 1898 in Kimberley  
B: 1871 in Kimberley  
D: 1961 at Crocodile Valley, near Essexvale, Rhodesia



Standing: Michael James Rorke;  
Sitting: Michael's brother Albert

Ruby was the daughter of JOHN EDWARDS (See 6). She wrote a memoir in 1953 of her experiences trekking to Rhodesia titled "Journey by Wagon". She was a foundation member of the Women's Institute of Rhodesia. The Ruby Rorke Crescent in Bulawayo is named after her. She was a gifted dressmaker and tailor for the family and as a superb cook who won many prizes at the Bulawayo Shows. He was a member of the Rhodesian Pioneers Society from 1891 and was a well known figure in the history of Rhodesia.

In 1920 he patented a simple yet effective cattle dehorner that revolutionized the industry and is still in use worldwide. After their marriage, Michael and Ruby set out from Pretoria on 17 May, 1898, and arrived at Crocodile Valley Farm in the Umzingwane District of Matabeleland on 24 July. Michael Rorke, who had first visited Rhodesia in March 1892 transport-riding to Fort Victoria, had bought the farm in 1894 and settled his brother Albert Rorke and another young man on it; their work was interrupted by the native uprising of 1896. During the rebellion MJ Rorke brought supplies to Bulawayo from Tati by ox-wagon several times at some considerable risk.

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 10.3.1. MICHAEL VERNON RORKE

B: 1899  
 D: 1973  
 Married DOROTHEA MAY GORDON  
 B:  
 D:

A bridge between Essexvale and Falcon College is named after him – The Michael Rorke Bridge.

10.3.1-1. GLYNNE RORKE

B: 1928  
 D:

10.3.1-2. TREVOR JOHN RORKE

B: 1930  
 D:

10.3.2. THELMA VICTORIA RORKE

B: 1901  
 D:  
 Married CYRIL ROBERTSON  
 B:  
 D:

10.3.2-1. ZITA ROBERTSON

B:  
 D:

10.3.2-2. SHIRLEY BROADHURST ROBERTSON

B: 1928  
 D:  
 Married DOUGLAS SHAW  
 B:  
 D:

10.3.2-2.1. BARBARA SHAW

B:  
 D:

10.3.2-2.2. KAREN SHAW

B:  
 D:

10.3.2-3. LESLEY HAYLEY ROBERTSON

B: 1931  
 D:

10.3.2-4. HILLARY ROBERTSON

B: 1933  
 D:

10.3.3. IRIS RORKE

B: 1902  
 D:

10.3.4. EILEEN FRANCES (FANNY) RORKE

B: 1904  
 D:

10.3.5. EVELYN GLYNN RORKE

B: 1906  
 D:

10.3.6. MAURICE JAMES RORKE

B:

D:

10.3.7. GLYNNE WILLIAM RORKE

B:  
 D:

10.3.8. MAVIS SARAH RORKE

B:  
 D:

10.3.9. JOHN CHARLES RORKE

B: 1912  
 D:

10.4. HENRY BENJAMIN RORKE

B: 14/8/1862  
 D: 15/3/????

10.5. ALBERT CHARLES RORKE

B: 5/5/1864  
 D: 19/5/1941  
 Married SALLY BRYANT  
 B:  
 D:

10.5.1. DOROTHY GORDON RORKE

B:  
 D:

10.6. ERNEST ROBERT RORKE

B: 14/6/1866  
 D: 20/11/1906  
 Married ETHELENE BLANCHE THOMAS on 14/11/1896. She is on the Roll of Women Pioneers to Rhodesia.  
 B: 28/12/1874  
 D:

10.6.1. VERNA WILFRED RORKE

B:  
 D:

10.6.2. SYDNEY GORDON RORKE

B:  
 D:

10.6.3. THYRA BEATRICE RORKE

B:  
 D:

10.7. FLORENCE ANNE RORKE

B: 19/6/1868  
 D:  
 Married HENRY (HARRY) HARINGTON  
 B:  
 D:

10.7.1. CHARLES HARINGTON

B:  
 D:

10.7.2. ALFRED HARINGTON

B:  
 D:

10.7.3. KATHLEEN HARINGTON

B:  
 D:

10.7.4. JOHN HARINGTON

B:  
 D:

10.7.5. THERESA HARINGTON

B:  
 D:

10.7.6. LEONARD HARINGTON

B:

D:

10.7.7. CLAUDE **HARINGTON**

B:

D:

10.7.8. FLORENCE **HARINGTON**

B:

D:

10.7.9. EVELYN **HARINGTON**

B:

D:

10.7.10. PATRICIA **HARINGTON**

B:

D:

10.7.11. QUENTIN **HARINGTON**

B:

D:

10.7.12. MARGARET **HARINGTON**

B:

D:

10.7.13. HENRY **HARINGTON**

B:

D:

10.7.14. HUBERT **HARINGTON**

B:

D:

10.7.15. SHEILA **HARINGTON**

B:

D:

10.8. FANNY ELIZA AMELIA **RORKE**

B: 8/9/1870

D:

Married JOHN (JOCK) **HORROCKS**

B:

D:

10.8.1. VICTOR **HORROCKS**

B:

D:

10.8.2. JACK **HORROCKS**

B:

D:

10.8.3. ANN **HORROCKS**

B:

D:

10.8.4. WILLIAM **HORROCKS**

B:

D:

10.8.5. MICHAEL **HORROCKS**

B:

D:

10.9. WILLIAM ALFRED **RORKE**

B: 9/7/1872

D: 2/6/1923

Married ?

B:

D:

10.9.1. SIDNEY LEOPOLD **RORKE**

B:

D:

10.9.2. GLADYS FRANCES MAY **RORKE**

B:

D:

10.10. ALICE RHODA **RORKE**

B: 17/8/1874

D:

Married FRANCIS HERBERT **NUNS**

B: 18/7/1869

D:

His parents were JAMES and MARY ANNE NUNS. He was a telegraph operator in the Post Office.

After Francis' death Alice married ERIC **MCDONALD**

10.10.1. FRANCIS HERBERT **NUNS**

B:

D:

10.10.2. CONSTANCE (CONNIE) **NUNS**

B:

D:

10.10.3. WENDELIN **NUNS**

B:

D:

Adopted by her step-father and changed her name to McDonald.

11. JAMES JOSEPH **EDWARDS**

B: 11/8/1839

D: 20/7/1914

Married ELIZA SMITH

B: 19/2/1841

D: 26/4/1936

She inherited the farm Haartebeestefontein (later renamed Waylands)

11.1. ADA **EDWARDS**

B:

D:

Married HARRY **SINCLAIR**

B:

D:

She inherited the family farm "Post Retief"

11.2. AMELIA MARY (MIL) **EDWARDS**

B:

D:

Married BERT **PRICE**

B:

D:

11.2.1. OLIVE **PRICE**

B:

D:

Married 1) JACK **MILES**

B:

D:

And they had 2 children

Olive then married 2) ERIC **QUY**

And they had 2 children

11.2.2. HILDA **PRICE**

B:

D:

Married ARTHUR **FILMER**

B:

D:

And they had 3 children

11.2.3. ROYAL **PRICE**

B:

D:

Married WINNIE STURGESS

B:

D:

And they had 1 child

11.2.4. BEATRICE **PRICE**

B:  
D:  
Married VICTOR **MILES**  
B:  
D:  
And they had 3 children

11.2.5. LYNN **PRICE**  
B:  
D:  
Married ETHEL JAMES  
B:  
D:

11.3. ELIZABETH ANNE (LIZ) **EDWARDS**  
B: 24/3/1862  
D:  
Married MICHAEL **BENNETT**  
B:  
D:

11.3.1. LESLIE **BENNETT**  
B:  
D:  
Married WILFRED **HAYES**  
B:  
D:

11.3.2. CLARENCE **BENNETT**  
B:  
D:  
Married MABEL HOLMES  
B:  
D:

11.3.3. CONSTANCE **BENNETT**  
B:  
D:

11.4. JOE **EDWARDS**  
B:  
D:  
Married 1) ANNIE PEARTON  
B:  
D:

11.4.1. ELAINE **EDWARDS**  
B:  
D:  
Married FRANK **BUTLER**  
B:  
D:

11.4.2. BERYL **EDWARDS**  
B:  
D:  
Married LAWRIE **FORWARD**  
B:  
D:

11.4.3. DONALD **EDWARDS**  
B:  
D:  
Married EDITH HOLMES  
B:  
D:

JOE EDWARDS then married ETHEL ATWELL  
B:  
D:  
And their daughter SHEILA inherited "Waylands" and married  
KEITH **SCOTT-ROBINSON**

11.5. SCOTT ROBINSON **EDWARDS**  
B:  
D:

11.6. SARAH **EDWARDS**  
B:

D:  
Married JOHN **AINSLIE**  
B:  
D:

11.7. EVALINA **EDWARDS**  
B:  
D: Young