

Notes My Grandparents

Tabery Dibble - Born Odeonk, near Yeovil one of a large family in the narrow steep "main street" of the old village. Known brother Luke (whose chest it was) unmarried and sister Fanny also unmarried but must have been others for there was Gilbert and another up round Manchester who were nephews of Tabery and Christiana of Belfet (Denny) who was a niece and unmarried. Tabery worked in Southcombes glove factory at Milborne Port and lived in Russel Place when Kenneth was young and later in London Rd. (365?) opposite gates in wall. Buried in M. Port Cemetery about 1926. Luke also lived M. Port - Newtown.

Rosa Hann - Daughter of Edwin? Hann Builder and undertaker of Milborne Port (North St). Brother Edwin and his son Geoffrey carried on business into 1930s. Geoffrey had two daughters Violet and Joyce. Violet m. ? Hyde a tailor of Sherborne and Joyce m. ? Bow and had one daughter. Rosa's sister Priscilla played organ at M. Port and Gouthill churches. She married very late in life Harry Thorne a widower with four daughters. Lived at 109 Goldcroft Yeovil. Eldest Alice kept house for Kenneth after Alida died 1938 until he died in 1940. Also made Nora's wedding dress. Alice was unmarried.

William Henry Richards

Ran the Mills at Brendon - initially a corn mill with 2 pairs of stones and a water wheel when Alida was a child, later sawmill driven by turbine with business in carpentry, cartwright, wheelwright and undertaker. Died around 1929, buried in Brendon cemetery. Had at least one brother John (in Brendon)

Sarah Smith

Probably Hynton family. Brother Jim m. "Mollie" a widow when I knew her lived in Plymouth. They had long family; young Jim worked the funicular and ran shop at Top.

Sisters Pollie and Eliza ("Lize") ran Blue Ball pub at Top of Countisbury Hill. Pollie m. Edwin Squire the (nominal) landlord. He taught me shove-ha'penny. Sister Alida m. ? Baker somewhere in Midlands? and came back to Countisbury (old school) after he died. No children of Pollie or Alida. "Lize" unmarried.

Previous Generation

Herbert Dible

Died Dec. 1974 age 92 Buried M. Port.

Grocer at M Port and Shefford (Beds) many years. Business folded so took pub "Rising Sun" at Okebourne (no longer pub) in 1930s - retired back to M. Port East St.,

Kenneth Dible died 1940 age 55 Buried Sherborne.

worked for N.E. Stickland selling clothing in Sherborne all his life. First errand boy - apprentice finally junior partner (- and Co) after 1914 war. Married 1912 living at Rock Cottage M. Port. Conscripted 1916 Artillery Instructor as one familiar with horses. (He sold clothing etc round countryside from horse van 1912-1916). Demobbed 1916 back to shop. Started country round again with BSA motorbike 1924. Later 1926? employing driver and buying Morris van. Bought Austin 7 "Chummy" 1927 PR7733. Pearl 1935 JT2635. Lived over shop in Chapel St from ~~about~~ 1916.

Annie Died at age of about 12

Cecil

Lived with his mother M Port and after her death in a home in Frome. Meningitis (I think) at an early age (9?) left him a hopeless cripple whom we would now call "spastic" but he kept a large garden very well under direction.

"Harry" Richards d. Buried Brendon.
Confirmed Bachelor army in 1914-18 war. Worked a bit
at cartwrighting and sawing but generally indolent or
herding sheep up at Slacombridge etc.

George Richards d. Buried Brendon.
Married Geraldine ("Dene") French. who with
her sister owned Malmsmead guest house etc.
No children. Earlier worked a bit at cartwrighting
but later busy managing Malmsmead and some
beef cattle and sheep. Left me 1/7 of estate
which paid off house mortgage. Not sure if
he was older or younger than Anne (alias "Sis") below.

"Sis" Richards d.
Married Will Sanders a groom/coachman and
lived Sandiacre Glos. In earlier 1920s took
small holding at Copplestone Devon. where Will
died early leaving her to bring up Ivor. Eventually
moved to a home in Birmingham (where Ivor was head
master of Yardley) where she died.

Alida Richards died 1938 Buried Sherborne
Went into service about 1903 with Monroe family
at Edmondsham, Dorset thence to Medlicott's
at Hilborne Port (Naf). M. Kenneth Dill 1912
I was born 1916: Kenneth called up a few months
after and Alida went back to "Naf" as children's
nurse, taking me until Kenneth demobbed 1918 then
to Sherborne. Medlicott's dog "Bratt" was a
sort of Russel Terrier! (Naf may be Knap)

Bertha Richards d.

Service as cook in Randon pre 1914. Bus conductor in war. Married about 1921 to Tom Canning a groom at Oare and lived at Malmsmead, Rodford, Southern Wood Glabe (many years) and eventually 1. Sea Cottage, Brandon where we stayed on honeymoon 1941.

Stanley Richards died Dec 1976

Much younger than brothers and sisters.

Carried on carpentry (but not undertaking) after death of his father but eventually ran business down and took Post Office on account poor health.

Lynmouth flood 1952 blocked mill stream and it was never rehabilitated.

My generation

Cecil Dible - Last seen Dec 74

Worked as cinema projectionist and then very long career in Metropolitan Police including many years as dog handler in Wimbledon. Wife Phyllis became Jehovah's Witness and marriage broke up after 20+ years. Last known still working as civilian for police in Wimbledon

Ivor William Gordon Sanders.

About 2 years older than me.

Crediton School. Exeter College. BSc (London) Hous (Harris). Went to teach in Birmingham but soon interrupted by service in RAF

posted many years in Shiraz (Persia),
later taught in Yardley Grammar and eventually
Headmaster. Retired to Sussex. Rustington

Brenda Canning

Conscripted to WAAC and drove lorries in 1939-45
Married Denis Fox - one daughter Geraldine.
Lived in Bradon - washed out in 1952 flood.

Now living in caravan near Bickington (Barnstaple)
where Geraldine and husband Pat Lewis and two
children live. (Left no 2 Sea Villas when Denis
died 1975)

Margaret Canning.

Married Stuart Wilson, post office official at
Barnstaple. Lives up Sticklepath. One son Ian
getting married when my eye was bad (autumn 1974)
64 Oakland Park South.

John Richards.

Worked for Boots Barnstaple, recently someone
else. Married - no children. Lost sight
of one eye as a boy.

Ann Richards

Married Ralph Newman? (No-one seems sure)
lived Hillford Bridge later Ryepton?
Ralph is very much older than she. - no children
He makes farm gates and iron agricultural bits
at South Molton and/or Porlock.

George Richards
Herbert Richards

Both still single and live at the Hills.
Effect of Stanley's death unknown.
Both in building trade. George carpenter
Herbert mason.

All these much younger than me
(I was 16 when John was born).

Your generation

Nicholas Sanders

Brilliant scholar Ph.D metallurgy works in
Dept Education and Science - Admin grade
Married Allison? from Leeds. No children
But Allison pregnant at Dec 1976 (one earlier
miscarriage) lives 11 Hetherby Park, Weybridge.

Gerardine Fox

Married Patrick Lewis Barnstaple.

He drives lorry? for British Rail.

Two children. Live Bickington. 35 Hagdalia

Jan Wilson married 1974 Barnstaple?

Oliver Dibble

Badly injured in motorcycle smash when
about 19. Lives with mother in Peterborough.
Certain not to marry.

Rinda Dibble

Lives with Geil in Wimbledon - very little known.