



The Nicholls / Nicholas Genealogy

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About this book

This describes the Patrilineal Line of our Nicholls / Nicholas ancestry in so far as I have been able to confirm it.

This has been done with a lot of help from my family, in particular my mum and uncles, as well as Birth, Marriage and Death records from Victoria and England.

I have also used UK Census records (1841 - 1911) as well as UK pre 1837 Parish Records.

Cover image:
taken at "The Willows", Melbourne to
celebrate Mums 90th birthday - with her
family

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I began researching our family some 30 years ago. At about this time my Uncle Jack was working with Mum on our genealogy and they were accessing microfiche records from Family History Centres in Melbourne, Victoria.

So a start was made. By the early 1990's I came across some software that allowed you to keep a record of your family tree on your computer. This was the Corel Family Tree Suite.

In 2007, I went back to my research, this time using Legacys' Family Tree software, which was much more flexible. At around this time I began using the Internet to search for records and quickly found out that there is little information that is available for "free".

I then began an ongoing subscription to three main sites:

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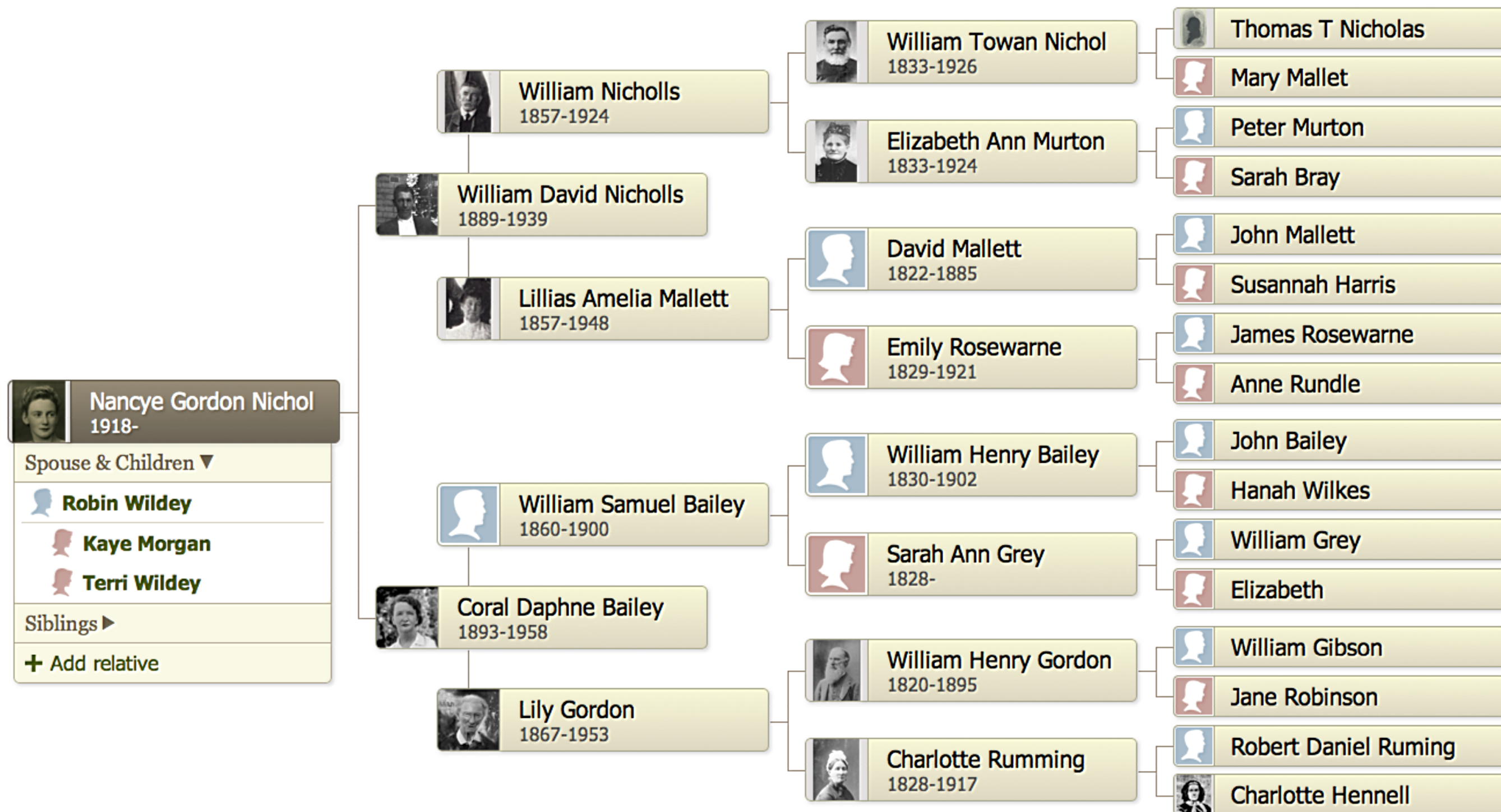
the Genealogist

FindMyPast

In conjunction with the International Genealogy Index made available by the Church of the Latter Day Saints, these sites have formed the basis of my research.

My Tree has 2785 people in it and now sits on the Ancestry UK website. My family have all been invited to share it and to contribute to it.

I hope you enjoy the results!



This story however, begins with my mother.

Nancye Gordon Nicholls was born in Windsor, Victoria, Australia on 17 February 1918, the second of five children to William David Nicholls and Coral Daphne Bailey. Her elder brother, Frank, was also born in Windsor. Soon after Nancye was born, the family moved to Sydney where they lived in Coogee for about two years before returning briefly to Melbourne.

Nancye's extended family came mostly from the south of England. Her paternal great grandfather, William Towan Nicholas (England 1833 - Australia 1926) was born in Cornwall and in 1854 married Elizabeth Ann Murton also from Cornwall (England 1833 - Australia 1924). They emigrated to Geelong, Victoria after their marriage. William was a painter and decorator.

Nancye's father, William David Nicholls (1889 – 1939) was one of six sons born to William Nicholls (Australia 1859 - 1924) and Lillias Amelia Mallett (Australia 1858 - 1948).

Both of them were primary school teachers and they married in 1887. The six brothers were given a college education that fell far short of fitting them for professional advancement.

William found employment as a bookkeeper and shop assistant but never managed to continue in the same employment for long periods.

Lillias Amelia Mallett was the third of ten children born to Emily Rosewarne and David Mallett. She was born in 1858 in South Yarra, Victoria.

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The sleepy backwater of Birregurra was a good place for children to grow up. They could play with others in the main street and could romp with the local children in the hay loft over the stables at the back of their grocery store.

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In 1926 William Nicholls found a position as a shop assistant in Shepparton and the family moved to this irrigation settlement town. Kathleen was born there. When that job folded at the end of a year, William got another shop assistant post in Warragul in Gippsland. At the end of that year the family returned to Melbourne and rented a house in David Road, on the outskirts of Hampton.

Nancye was sent to live with her maternal Grandmother, Lily Rea (1867 - 1953) who had a house in Prahran.

Lily Rea was born in New South Wales. Her parents William Henry Gordon (1820 - 1895) and Charlotte Rumming (1828 - 1917) were born in the south of England. Lily married twice. First to William Samuel Bailey (1860 - 1900), who is listed on his death certificate as a "Commission Agent"; they had six children.

On his death she married James Stuart Rea who had "Independent Means". They had two children - Lily Gordon (Dora) Rea and Stuart Gordon Rea.

Frank set off on a wandering year staying with various relatives but ending up with Grandmother Nicholls and her son Norman who were at that time running a milk bar in Sandringham.

William and Coral Daphne, with the other three children, scratched a living, at one stage William tried selling encyclopaedias door-to-door. Hampton was close to Grandmother Rae who had recently moved there. After another year or so the family moved to Railway Crescent opposite the Hampton railway station. William had found a clerical job with a manufacturing firm at Sunshine. Family income was augmented by taking in a lodger and by the two boys running errands and doing paper rounds.

Family life was not very stimulating. William was often morose and hated to be challenged. Of course he was always right, earning him the nickname 'The Pope' and sometimes he took out his frustration by using a strap.

Coral Daphne was the gregarious one, always on the go and friends with all and sundry. They enjoyed dancing, gambling, drinking and playing cards. Nancye remembers one day when the family were living in Warragul, Gippsland: with friends, they drove into the city, (Melbourne) for a night at the Francatelli Hotel. After dinner, the children were left in the car, in the charge of the doorman!!

Nancye had wanted to go to business college, but instead left school at 14. She did babysitting and ironing for a local family before working in a shop in Brighton and finally she got a job in Mantons, an exclusive Womens Department store in Melbourne, where she was employed as a bookkeeper.

William had been in poor health for some years with a recurrent illness not properly diagnosed or treated. In 1938 Frank moved the family to a terrace house in Parkville opposite the University where he was studying, so that the family could be closer to the hospital where William was a patient. By taking in boarders and using monies from Franks' research grant, the family managed fairly well. William died in 1939, at age 50, leaving his wife to care for their children on her own. The youngest child Kathleen, was just 13 years old.

Coral Daphne married Albert Charles Cornelius Varley about 1940. He was a butcher who had shops in Werribee, and so the family moved yet again. Alby, as he was known, was great fun. He played the piano - there was a grand piano in the lounge. He loved to play cards and to the grandchildren, he was a clown!

It was at this time that Nancye developed pleurisy and tuberculosis. She was sent to the Greenvale Sanatorium - *"The primary purpose of such an institution is, by means of generous and selected food, open-air life, and other forms of recuperative treatment, to develop the resistance of the body to the disease, and to arrest the progress of the disease, and to restore the patient to his normal condition. Consumption, however, is a disease that usually requires treatment for a considerable time"*.

She recovered and was sent home after six months to recuperate.

Werribee was quite near to Point Cook which was the RAAF training facility, so for Nancye, this meant weekly dances at the local hall with a lot of servicemen attending.

This was probably the best time in Mums life certainly it was the most stable time. There were photo shoots - using the wisteria as a backdrop - with her sisters Audrey and Kathleen. There were the preparations for the weddings of her sisters. Just a carefree time of girlfriends, laughter and fun.

It was at one of the Service dances in Werribee that Nancye met Robin Wildey and married him in August 1944. They moved to Manly in Sydney where Robin worked for CC Wakefield & Co Ltd.

Robin Wildey was born in New Zealand to David John Wildey and Kathleen Lydia Lyon on 12 September 1915. He was the second of five children.

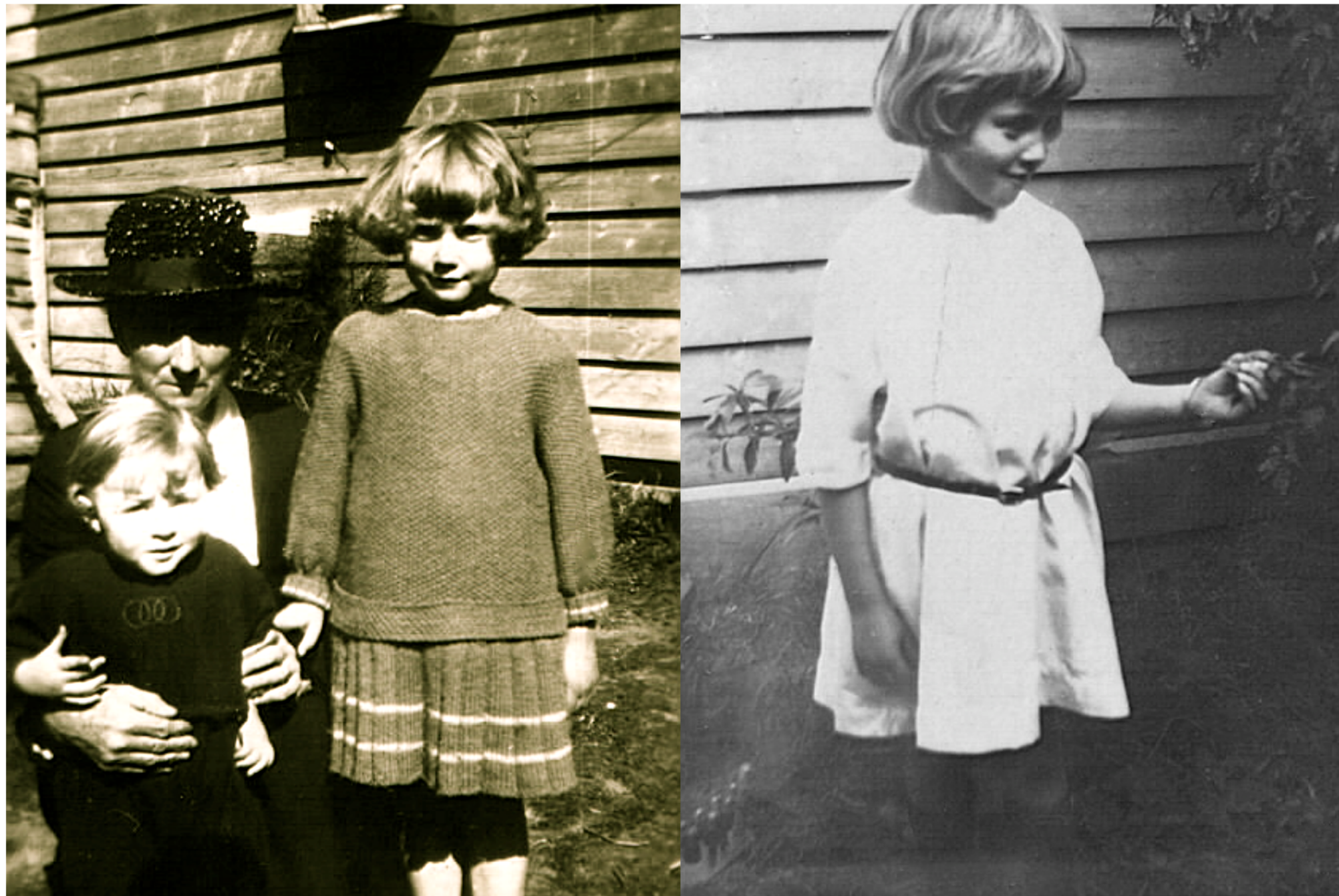
He joined the RAAF as ground crew and was posted to Darwin. He was there for the duration of the War.

In 1954 Coral Daphne was once again a widow following the death of Alby Varley. He was just 67 years old.

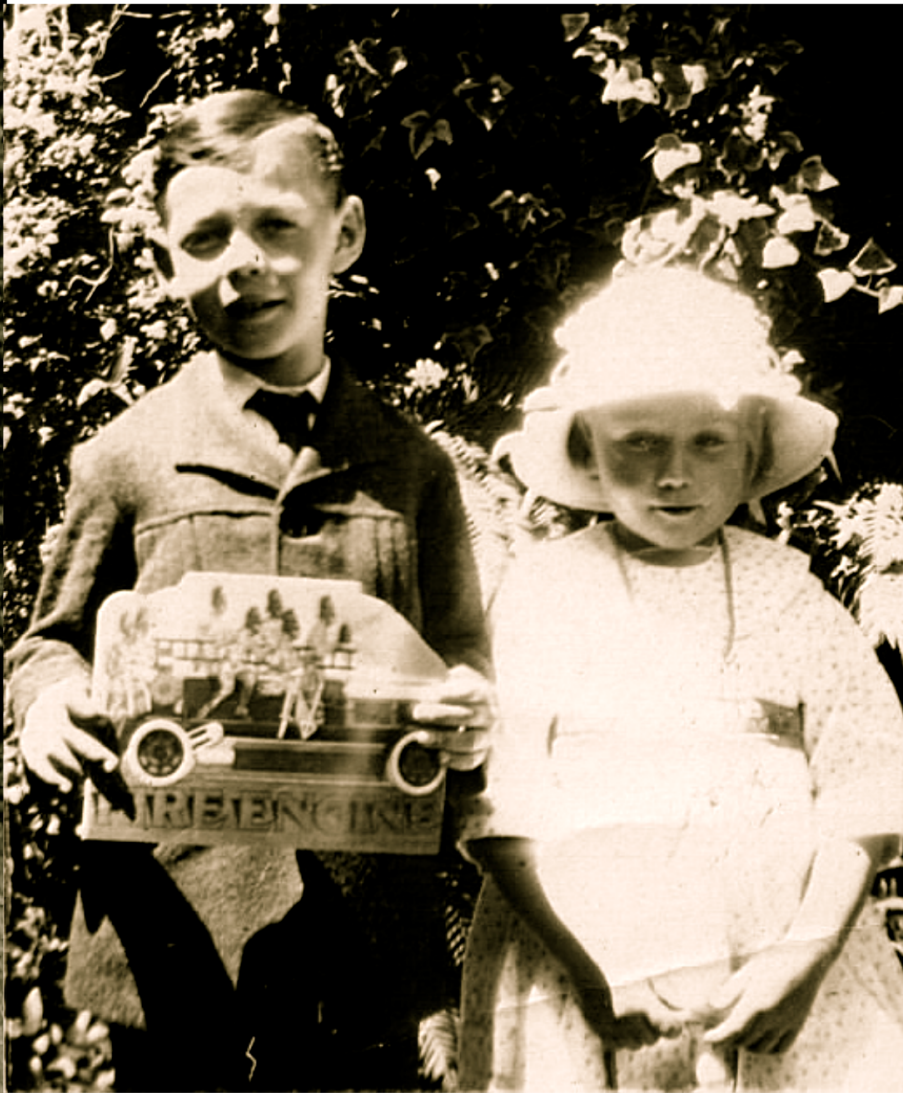
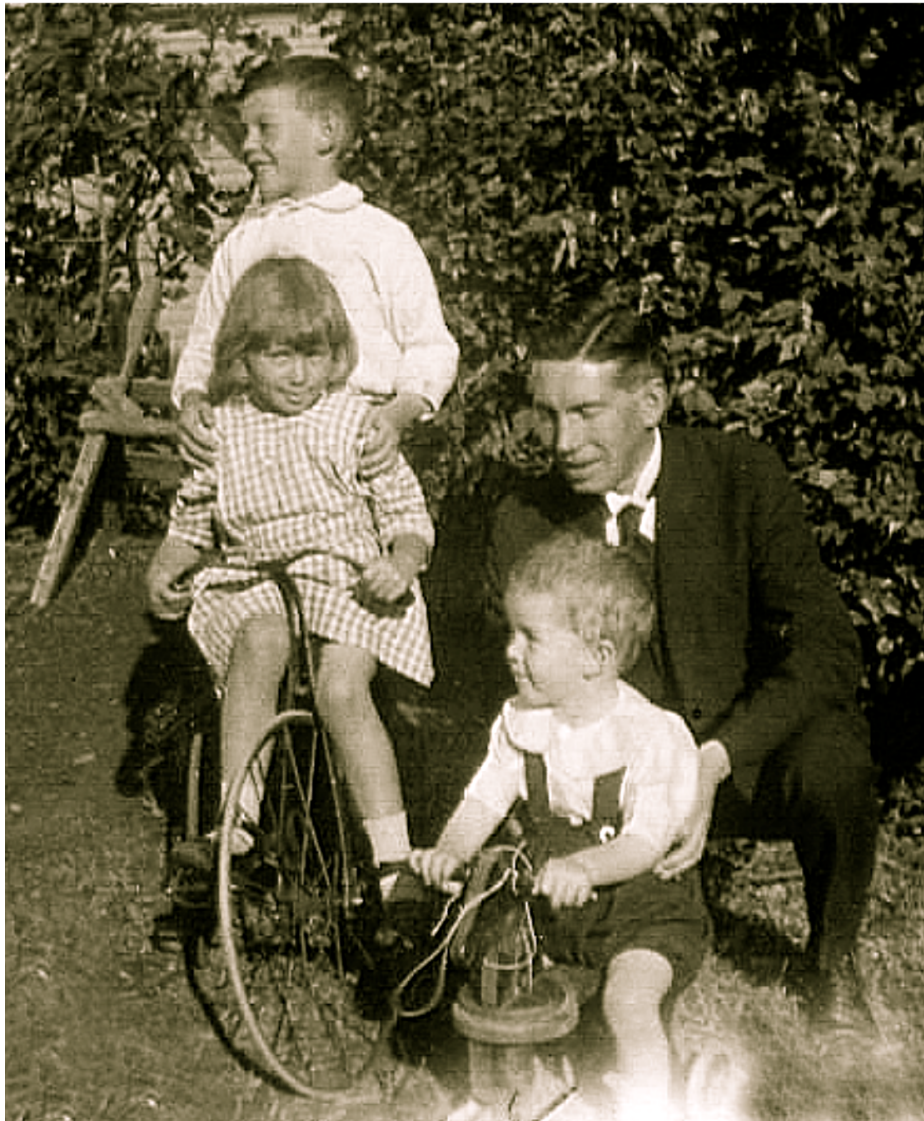
In 1956 Coral Daphne married William Henry Rayner a First World War veteran who was a Totally & Permanently Incapacitated ex-serviceman. The family had remained at 4 Wedge Street, Werribee which had become the family home.

Coral Daphne was planning on moving from Werribee to Box Hill to be closer to her children. Just before the move went ahead, Coral Daphne died of coronary thrombosis on the 13 May 1958.

She was cremated at the Springvale Crematorium.



left: Nancye Gordon Nicholls with younger brother Jack William Pellew Nicholls and grandmother Lily Gordon and on the right, on her own. Both photos taken around 1922-1923



left: Frank, Nancye & Jack with their father, William Nicholls.
middle: Frank & Nancye. right: Jack & Nancye with father William Nicholls & Nellie Morgan

NANCYE GORDON NICHOLLS b 1918

After her recuperation from the Sanatorium, Mum went to work for Marigny (A'sia) Pty Limited in Melbourne, in the accounting department.

After marrying Robin in 1944, my parents moved to Sydney. As it was just after the end of World War II, housing was difficult to find and shopping for everything was done with "coupons".

Ever resourceful and with loads of charm, Dad got a flat in Manly (4 Mina Flats, corner Darley Rd & Vivian streets.) This is where I was born in 1946. Little Manly beach was a short stroll away and I used to watch Dad walking on his hands around the shark net fence and his diving - always spectacular.

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When I was 3, Mum & Dad received a War Service land grant at Turramurra, north of Sydney. We were so fortunate - our architect was Harry Seidler, who went on to become one of Australia's most well known architects.

We moved into our new house and it was here, in 1950 that my sister Terri was born.

We lived here until 1953. Mum was homesick for Melbourne and her family and so the family moved to Templestowe on the north side of Melbourne.

In 1987 Mum and Dad sold their home and made the trip to Perth in Western Australia in order to be closer to my family and to see more of their three grandchildren.

In 1991, Dad died suddenly of a massive myocardial infarction.

ROBIN WILDEY b 1915

Born in Woolston, Christchurch, New Zealand to David John Wildey and Kathleen Lydia Lyon on 12 September 1915.

He was the fourth of five children born to the young couple:-

Otto William Wildey born 1910

David John Wildey born 1913

Constance (Davids twin)

Robin Wildey born 1915

Joan Wildey born in 1917

The family moved from Christchurch, New Zealand to Sydney, Australia where their father was Director of several companies.

The family lived an "avant garde and bohemian" life for the times. Their mother Kathleen became a model for the House of Berlei and often travelled to New York for the company.

Robin returned to New Zealand when he was about 12 years old, to live with his grandmother, Esther Lyon, a midwife, in Wellington. It was here that he finished his education.

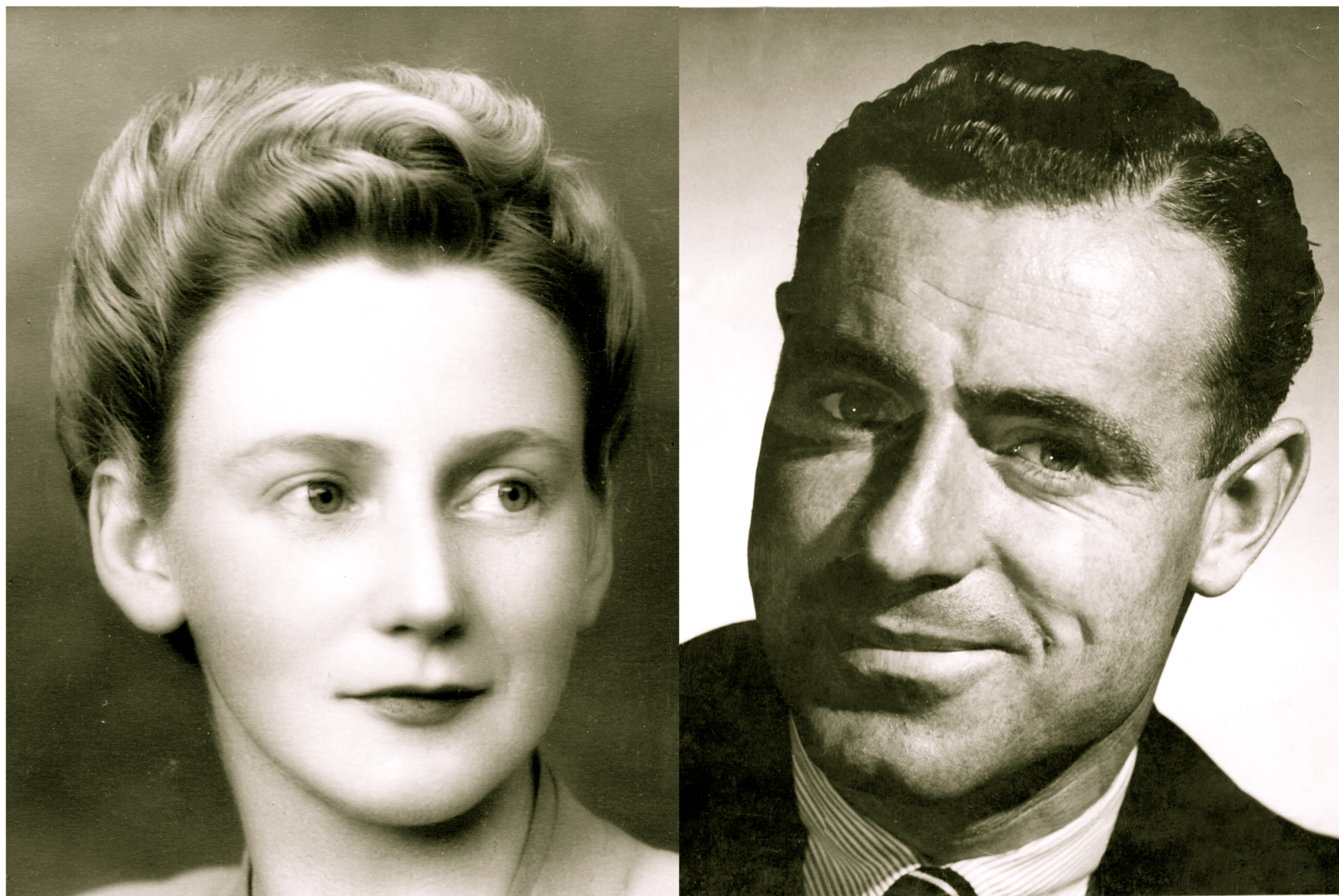
By the beginning of World War II, Robin returned to Australia where he joined the RAAF as a member of the ground crew based near Werribee. It was here that he met my mother.

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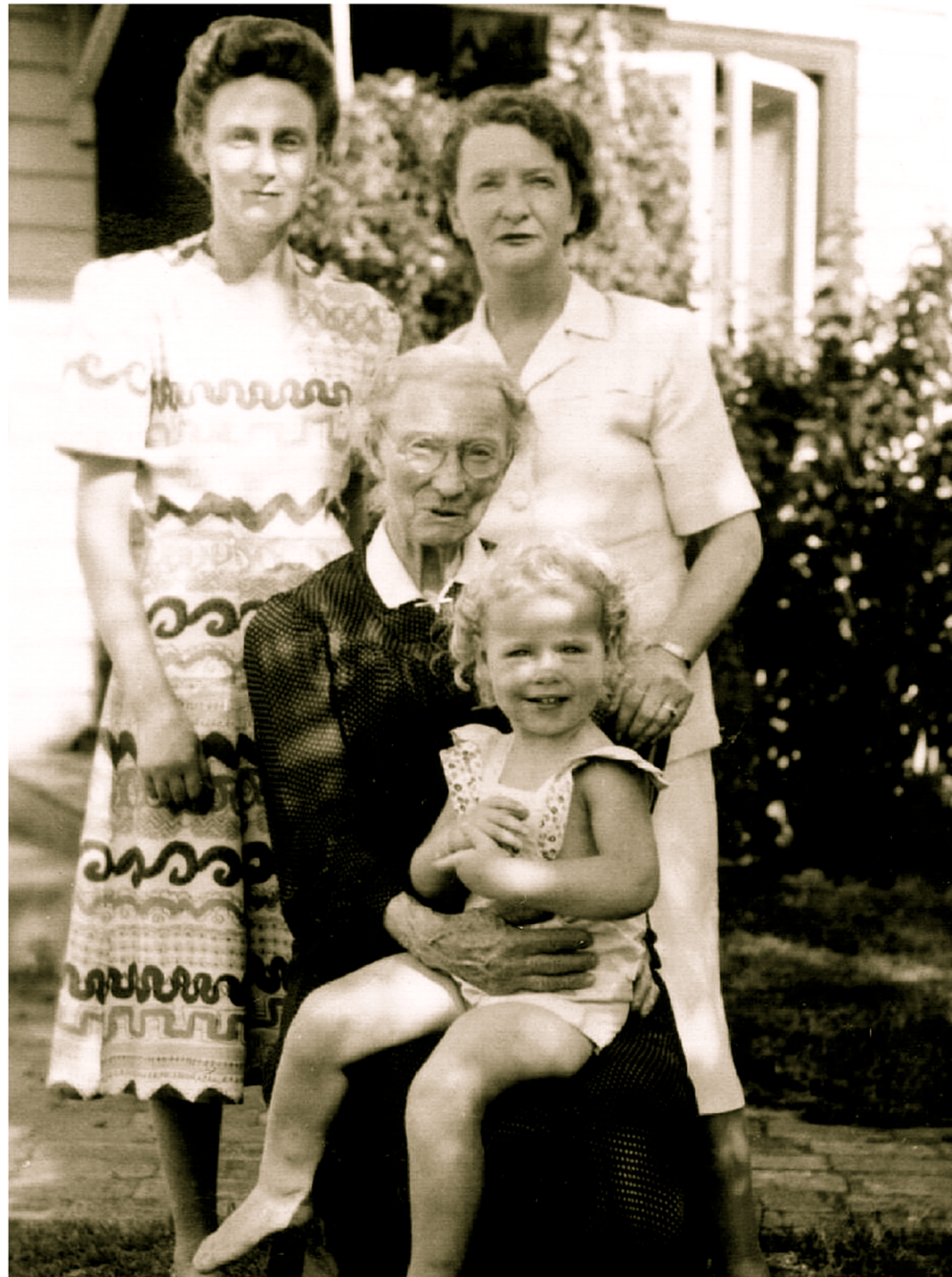
Mum & Dad married (26 August 1944) and moved to Manly, in Sydney.



Robin Wildey and Nancye Gordon Nicholls in 1944



Nancye Gordon Nicholls & Robin Willey



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My great grandmother Lily Gordon, my grandmother Coral Daphne Bailey, my mother Nancye Gordon Nicholls - and me aged 2

CORAL DAPHNE BAILEY b 1893

Coral Daphne Bailey, my grandmother, was born on 31st December 1893 in Windsor, Victoria. She was the fourth of six children born to Lily Gordon and William Samuel Bailey.

Always known as Daphne or Pansy, she and her siblings were left fatherless when on 19 January 1900 – William Samuel Bailey died at the Austin Hospital, Heidleberg, Victoria.

At the age of 22, on 23 January 1915 Coral Daphne Bailey & William David Nicholls were married at the Church of All Saints in East St.Kilda.

They had five children, born between 1916 to 1926 When Kathleen, their youngest child was only 13 years old, William David Nicholls died 26 June 1939 as a result of cardiac failure and hypertension. He was buried at the Brighton Cemetery two days later.

Daphne married Albert Charles Cornelius Varley in 1940. Alby was a butcher so meat was always plentiful in the household. Alby, as he was known, died in June 1954. He was cremated at the Springvale Botanical Cemetery.

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Daphne died suddenly from coronary thrombosis on 13 May 1958. She was cremated at the Springvale Botanical Cemetery.

I remember my Nan well. Always a bustling little woman, she had the “devil in her eyes” and pixie ears. I loved her a great deal.

WILLIAM DAVID NICHOLLS b 1889

William David Nicholls was born on 26 February 1889 in Brunswick, Victoria to William Nicholls and Lillias Emilia Mallet. He was the eldest of six sons.

My grandfather had died before I was born so I never knew him.

From the family stories he comes across as being a shy man yet one who loved the company of his friends.

At home with his children he appears to be a bit of a martinet. He expected absolute obedience from his children. He would quiz them on their schooling and woe betide them if they couldn't answer. My mother vividly recalls standing in front of her father during this type of session, her mind a total blank, while her two brothers stood behind their father mouthing the correct answers.

He was known as “the Pope” because he always sat bolt upright “like a Pope” and he was always quite certain that his opinion was the correct one.

He seems to have been unable to hold down a job. The family moved around quite a lot even relocating to Sydney at one stage. By profession, he was an accountant. He and his brothers were (I think) educated at some “college” in South Melbourne and educated as “gentlemen” ending up with no qualifications at all. When he married my grandmother she was working as a bookkeeper and I gather he took over her job. When Frank was one or two they moved to Sydney (Coogee)

William managed a drapery business, which also sold school requisites, in Birregurra, in rural Victoria. His mother had inherited money and this enabled her to set four of her sons up in their own businesses.

597	The Church of all Saints East St. Lucia Jan. 23 rd 1915	William David Nicholls Coral Daphne Bailey	Bachelor Spinster	Annunziata P.C. Daphne P.C.
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I, James Payer Lewis being Chaplain in Holy Orders
do hereby certify that I have, this day, at The Church of all Saints & St. Peter
celebrated Marriage between William David Nicholls
and Coral Daphne Bailey after Notice
and Declaration duly made and published, as by law required (and with the written consent of _____)

Dated this Twenty-third day of January 1915
Signature of Minister, Government Statist, or other Officer James Payer Lewis

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DEATHS in the District of MELBOURNE, in
Victoria, Registered by FRANCIS DORE DUNBAR (ACTING).

1 No. ...	No 5622
Description—	
2 When and where died ...	26th June, 1939,
2 (1) When and where died	St. Vincent's Hospital, Fitzroy, City of Fitzroy, County of Bourke. 40 Storey Street, Parkville, City of Melbourne.
(2) Usual Place of Residence	
3 Name and surname ...	William David NICHOLLS,
Occupation ...	Accountant.
4 Sex and age ...	Male, 50 years.
5 (1) Cause of death ...	Cardiac failure - months,
(2) Duration of last illness ...	Hypertension } - years,
(3) Legally qualified medical practitioner by whom certified ...	Arteriosclerosis } Syphilis }
and	Dr. E. Forbes Mackenzie,
(4) When he last saw deceased ...	26th June, 1939.
6 Name and surname of father and mother (maiden name, if known), with occupation ...	William Nicholls, Lillias Amelia Nicholls, formerly Mallett, State School Teacher.
7 Signature, description, and residence of informant ...	<i>F. Dunbar</i> Authorized Agent, Cecil Street, Prahran.
8 (1) Signature of Registrar ...	<i>F. Dunbar</i>
(2) Date ...	
and	
(3) Where registered ...	28th June, 1939, Melbourne.
If burial registered—	
9 When and where buried ...	28th June, 1939, Brighton Cemetery, A.W. Aldridge.
Undertaker by whom certified ...	G. Wain, V. Fraser.
10 Name and religion of Minister, or names of witnesses of burial ...	
11 Where born, and how long in the Australian States, stating which	Brunswick, Victoria, 50 years in Victoria.

DEATHS in the District of Werribee in
Victoria, Registered by Lena M. O'Kalley.

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Description—	
2 (1) When and where Died ..	13 th May 1958 4 Wedge Street Werribee Shire of Werribee County of Bourke.
(2) Usual Place of Residence ..	As Above.
3 Name and Surname ..	Coral Daphne Rayner.
Occupation ..	Home Duties.
4 Sex and Age ..	Female. 65 years.
5 (1) Cause of Death ..	Coronary Thrombosis. 3 days.
(2) Duration of last illness ..	Atherosclerosis.
(3) Legally qualified medical practitioner by whom certified ..	Dr. Maurice Starr.
and	
(4) When he last saw Deceased ..	12 th May 1958.
6 Name and surname of Father and Mother (maiden name, if known), with Occupation ..	William Samuel Bailey. Medical Practitioner Lily Gordon Bailey. N.N. Rea.
7 Signature, Description, and Residence of Informant ..	<i>Stan S. Wright.</i> Authorized Agent. Horsesham.
8 (1) Signature of Registrar ..	Lena M. O'Kalley.
(2) Date ..	
and	
(3) Where Registered ..	14 th May 1958. Werribee.
If burial registered—	
9 When and where Buried ..	14 th May 1958. Springvale Crematorium.
Undertaker by whom certified ..	Stanley S. Wright.
10 Name and Religion of Minister, or names of Witnesses of burial ..	J.M. Wright. M.J.P. France. Witnesses.
11 Where born, and how long in the Australian States, stating which	Windsor. Life in Victoria.
If deceased was married—	
12 (1) Where ..	1 st Marriage Melbourne 2 nd Marriage Melbourne 3 rd Marriage Melbourne
and	
(2) At what Age ..	22 years. 47 years. 63 years.
and	
(3) To Whom ..	William David Nicholls. Albert Charles Cornelius Varley. William Henry Rayner
(4) Conjugal Conditions at Date of Death ..	Married
1 st marriage and marriage	



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William David Nicholls - Birth 26 February **1889** in Brunswick, Victoria
Death 26 June **1939** in Fitzroy, Victoria



Coral Daphne Bailey - Birth 1 January **1893** in Prahran, Victoria
Death 13 May **1958** in Werribee, Victoria



From left to right: Muriel Ethel Bailey, in the middle, her step siblings Lillian (Dora) Gordon Rae and Stuart Gordon Rae and on the right, Coral Daphne Bailey



Lily Gordon and her daughter Coral Daphne Bailey



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Lillas Emilia Mallet & William Nicholls with their first four sons:
William, Frank, Henry and baby, Stanley in 1898



Back row: Cyril, Frank, William
Middle row: William Nicholls and Lillias Amelia Mallett
Front row: Stanley, Norman and Henry (*photo taken 1914*)

WILLIAM NICHOLLS b 1857

William Nicholls was born on 26 June 1857 in Geelong to William Towan Nicholas & Elizabeth Ann Murton

William Nicholls' birth was registered in Victoria as NICHOLAS. William (1857-1924) was a teacher in the Geelong district, Euroa and Melbourne schools. He claimed to have met Ned Kelly while he was teaching at Euroa. He married Lillias Emelia (sic) MALLETT, a relative in that their parents were cousins.

They married at Christ Church, South Yarra on 12 March 1887. Two years later, their first son, William David Nicholls was born. Their next five sons were all born by 1902.

Williams youngest sister Laura remembered him for his beautiful diction: "*it was lovely to hear him speak.*" Laura also had a beautiful natural soprano voice and competed at the famous South Street competition in Ballarat, winning a second prize for open soprano solo without ever having had a singing lesson.

Their sons were:

William David 1889 – 1939

Frank Leslie 1891 – 1915

Cyril Rupert 1892 – 1990

Henry Ernest (Harry) 1895 – 1946

Stanley Gordon 1897 – 1915

Norman Pellew 1901 – 1952

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At the outbreak of the First World War, Frank, Henry and Stanley joined up. Frank died at Lone Pine, Gallipoli Cove, Dardenelles, Turkey 10 June 1915. Henry was sent to France and wounded in action. He was discharged in 1919. Stanley died of pneumonia 6 August 1915. The family lived in South Yarra, Victoria

On 3 August 1924 William died of cancer, aged 67, at Caulfield just a few months after his mother's death and was buried in the Brighton Cemetery, his ninety year old father travelling from Geelong to be there.

From the Geelong Advertiser 5 August 1924, an Obituary:

"At Caulfield last Friday the death of Mr W. Nicholls an old Geelong native. The deceased was the eldest son of Mr W. Nicholls, of Albert Street, Geelong West and was born in Geelong West 67 years ago.

As a youth he entered the service of the Victorian Education Department, and was for many years a teacher in the schools around Geelong, including the South Geelong School in Yarra Street, Swanston and Flinders schools.

His remains were on Saturday buried in the Brighton Cemetery, being followed by a large number of mourners. The deceased leaves a widow and grown-up family.

Although now in his 90's, Mr W. Nicholls, father of the deceased, proceeded to Melbourne to see the last of his son and was present at the funeral."



William Nicholls 1857 - 1924

LILLIAS AMELIA MALLETT

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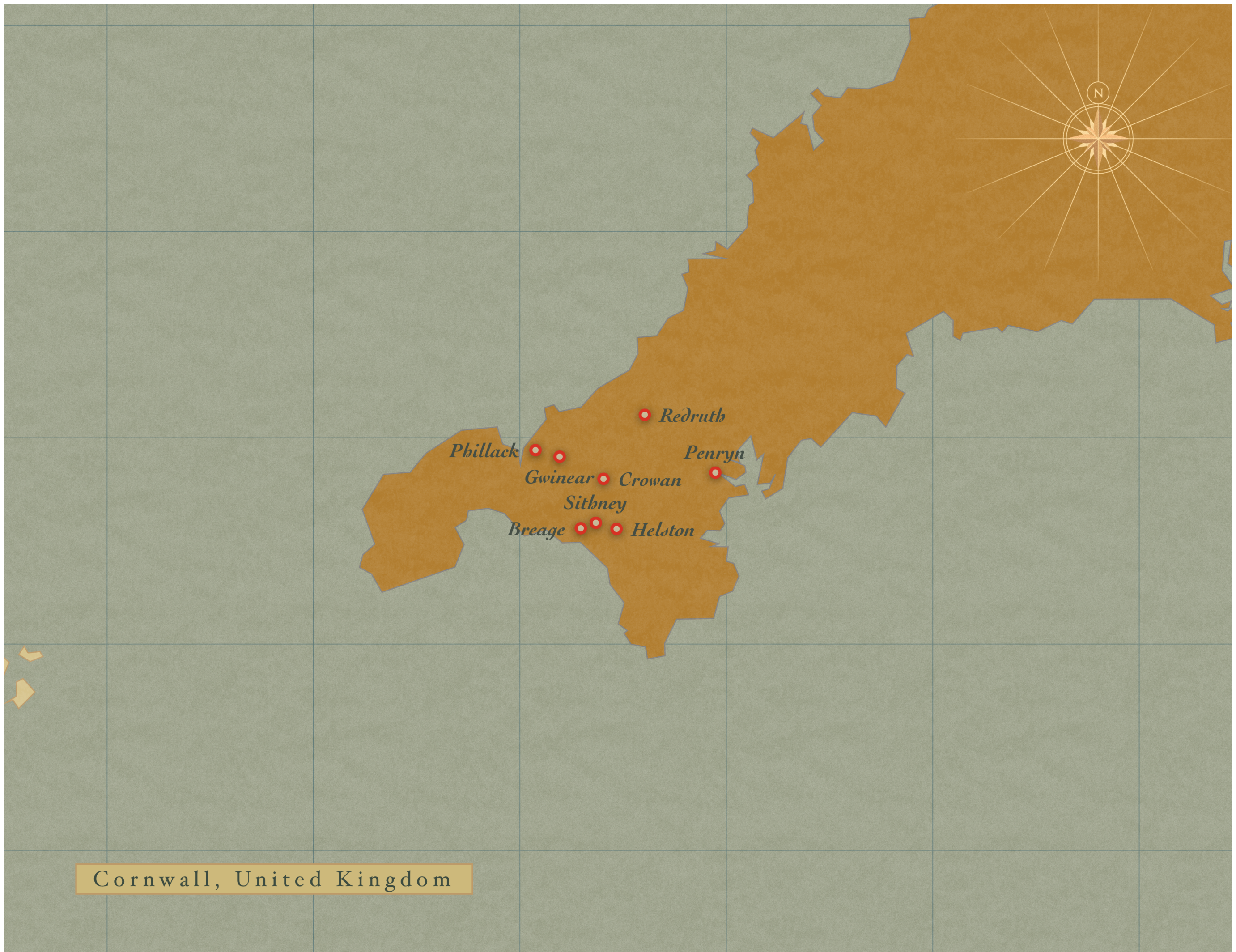
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After William Nicholls death in 1924 at age 67, Lillias dies in 1948 aged 91.

over row -		Geelong		Geelong		Geelong	
Twentyfirst	June 1857	William	male	17 July 1854	Elizabeth Nicholas	Twentyfirst	July 1857
164	Arley	24 years	24 years	24 years	Murton	Arley	Arley
		St Lewis	St Lewis	St Lewis	St Lewis		
		Geelong	Geelong	Geelong	Geelong		
		1853	1853	1853	1853		

Birth certificate for William Nicholas 26 June 1857 from Geelong, Victoria



Cornwall, United Kingdom

WILLIAM TOWAN NICHOLAS

In 1854, just four months after his marriage to Elizabeth, William and his new wife travelled to Plymouth, Devon, where they set off to begin a new life in Australia. They sailed on the Marchioness of Salisbury on November 22nd 1854. The voyage lasted 3 months.

Their choice to leave Cornwall would not have been made lightly. To leave behind your family and friends and a safe way of life to head out to a new land where nothing was certain and you knew no one would have been a wrenching decision.

This is their Obituary, from the Geelong Advertiser, 7th August 1926:

A long and varied career was brought to a close by the death on 28th July of Mr W.T.Nicholls at the age of 93 years. Mr Nicholls, who has for many years been a well-known resident of Geelong West, was born in Penryn, Cornwall on the 26th September 1833, and was married to Miss Elizabeth Murton (born 15 September 1833 in St Gluvias, Cornwall) some 20 years later. They decided to try their fortune in a new land and set sail in the sailing vessel "Marchioness of Salisbury" for Australia, reaching Melbourne after a tedious voyage of 6 months in 1855 at a time when Melbourne was in its infancy and Geelong little more than a hamlet. Proceeding to Geelong, Mr & Mrs Nicholls settled in Chilwell. In the following year they took up residence in Albert Street, West Geelong, where they remained until the end.

The memories of both Mr & Mrs Nicholls were very keen, and many a tale have they told of the early days when the only means of communication between Geelong, Ballarat & Melbourne was by horseback and bullock wagon and blacks roamed freely over the surrounding hills. They have been interested spectators of the growth and progress of Geelong and before his death Mr Nicholls foretold a future of great prosperity for this city.

Among the incidents witnessed by him during his domicile in this country were the opening of the railway line between Melbourne and Geelong and its extension to Colac and Ballarat, the first bridging of the Barwon (Mr Nicholls has often made use of the old punt), and the draining and reclamation of the "swamp" (Johnson Park). Mrs Nicholls predeceased her husband two years ago at 91 after a union lasting over 70 years.

In their remarkable lives, one incident stands out. In 1866, the family were living in Albert Street and Mary Ann Murton, Elizabeths unmarried sister is living with the family. On Friday 5th January 1866, it was reported in the Geelong Advertiser "Alleged Child Murder at Ashby"

A young woman, named Mary Ann Murton, had been arrested on a charge of child murder. It was seen that the result of the inquest was a verdict of wilful murder against the mother whilst her sister, Elizabeth Ann Nicholas stood charged with complicity in the minor offence of concealing the birth.

The ultimate decision of the jury "that the said male infant was born alive and the said Mary Ann Murton did murder the child by throwing it into a water-closet, and the jury are also of the opinion that Elizabeth Nicholls, sister of said Mary Ann Murton was accessory to the concealment of the birth."

This fact which caused a sensation at the time may have been the reason that the family name was changed from Nicholas to Nicholls. Children born to the Nicholls' were all registered as Nicholas prior to 1866, but as Nicholls after this date. Altogether there were 11 births only one of which died before the age of two.

William Nicholas had been a painter since before his sixteenth birthday.



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William Towan Nicholas and his wife, Elizabeth Ann Murton
They settled in Geelong in 1855

WILLIAM TOWAN NICHOLAS b 1833

William Towan Nicholas was born 26 September 1833 at Penryn, Cornwall, the son of Thomas Towan and Mary (nee Mallett) Nicholls.

The name is given as NICHOLAS in many records, including William's marriage certificate (UK), the ships passenger list and the registration of the birth of several of his children.

His wife was Elizabeth Ann, daughter of Peter Murton and Sarah (nee Bray). The Victorian death index states - Father - Peter Murton, Mother - Sarah Sanders. She was born in 1833 at St.Gluevias, Cornwall, and married there 15 July 1854.

28 They left Cornwall soon after their marriage, travelling to Australia on the "Marchioness of Salisbury", which left Plymouth 22 November 1854, arriving Geelong 21 February 1855. There were 220 adults on board and no deaths during the voyage.

In the passenger list William, was described as a painter, Church of England, aged 20.

To help pass the time on the voyage, William was appointed schoolmaster to teach the 'three Rs', but his wife would not join in and never did learn to read and write.

On arrival in Geelong they camped on a river bank and were troubled at times by inquisitive aboriginals. Their oldest child, Emily, was born 12 May 1855 in Chilwell and the following year the family took up residence in Albert Street, Geelong West, where they remained until the end of their lives.

William Towan's death certificate states his mother's name, Mary, maiden surname unknown.

ELIZABETH ANN MURTON b 1833

Elizabeth was born on 15 September 1833 in St.Gluevias, Cornwall

She was the fourth of eight children born to Peter Murton, a labourer from Stithians, St.Gluevias and his wife, Sarah Bray who were married in Perranarworthal on 3 May 1826.

By 1851, Peter Murton had become a gunpowder maker to help to better support his growing family.

Elizabeth Ann was working as a domestic servant in 1851 aged 18 to Nicolas Westcott an Attorneys Clerk in Falmouth.

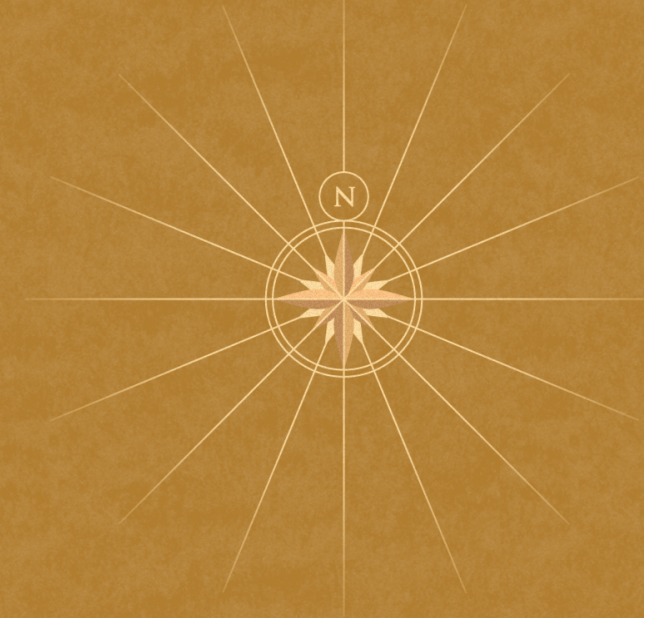
Although Elizabeth Ann was illiterate, while living in Geelong, she ran a dairy herd and she kept the accounts in her head, accurately down to the very last farthing.

PERRANARWORTHAL, a village and a parish in Falmouth district, Cornwall. The village stands in a deep dell, at the head of Restronguet creek, and at the mouth of the Kennal rivulet, near Perranwell railway station, and 3¼ miles N by W of Penryn; is sometimes called Perran-Wharf; and has a post-office, designated Perranar-worthal, Cornwall. The parish contains also the village of Perranwell, and comprises 1,796 acres.



The parish church at Perranarworthal, near Falmouth.
Next page: view of Geelong in the 1840's





Templestowe

South Yarra

Prabran

Werribee

Brighton

Hampton

Port Phillip Bay

Geelong

Melbourne, Victoria





CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF MARRIAGE

GIVEN AT THE GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE

Application Number 273794-1

1854. Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish of St Gluvias in the County of Cornwall

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Officiary's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Officiary.
54	July 15 th	William Towan Richard	full age	Bachelor	Painter	St Gluvias	Thomas Richard	Breuer
		Elizabeth Ann Merton	full age	Spinster	-	St Gluvias	Peter Merton	Ind. Maker

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by or after Canon by me, Henry Merton

This Marriage was solemnized between us, William Towan Richard and Elizabeth Ann Merton in the presence of us, Edw and Ellen Richard and Geo. Rowe

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a register of Marriages in the Registration District of Falmouth

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, under the Seal of the said Office, the 17th day of June 2008

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William Towan Nicholas

Birth: 27 September 1833 in St Gluvias, Cornwall, England
 Death: 28 July 1926 in Geelong, Victoria, Australia
 Other Spouses:
 Parents: Thomas Towan Nicholas & Mary Mallet



Elizabeth Ann Murton

Birth: 15 Sep 1833 in St Gluvias, Cornwall, England
 Death: 27 May 1924 in Geelong, Victoria, Australia
 Other Spouses:
 Parents: Peter Murton & Sarah Bray



Marriage: 15 July 1854 in St Gluvias, Cornwall, England

CHILDREN	SEX	BIRTH	SPOUSE	MARRIAGE	DEATH
Emily Nicholas	F	12 May 1855 in Chilwell, Victoria, Australia	Henry William Digby	30 July 1914 in Victoria, Australia	4 September 1934 in Geelong, Victoria, Australia
William Nicholls	M	26 Jun 1857 in Geelong, Victoria, Australia	Lillias Emilia Mallett	12 March 1887 in South Yarra, Victoria, Australia	3 Jul 1924 in Caulfield, Victoria, Australia
Frederick Nicholas	M	11 August 1859 in Ashby, Victoria, Australia	Annie Elizabeth Rollins	1922 in Victoria, Australia	18 July 1946 in Geelong, Victoria, Australia
Mary Elizabeth Nicholas	F	8 November 1861 in Ashby, Victoria, Australia	Charles Hepburn Coombe	17 February 1891 in Victoria, Australia	22 November 1929 in South Australia
Sarah Jane Nicholas	F	3 November 1864 in Ashby, Victoria, Australia			1866 in Geelong, Victoria, Australia
Sarah Jane Nicholas	F	16 December 1867 in Geelong, Victoria, Australia	Herbert Ambrose Coombe	30 July 1891 in Victoria, Australia	26 September 1946 in South Australia, Australia
Charles Towan Nicholas	M	26 January 1869 in Geelong, Victoria, Australia	Ada Beatrice Florence Eddy	27 March 1895 in Victoria, Australia	12 January 1904 in South Africa
Ellen Nicholas	F	7 September 1871 in Geelong, Victoria, Australia	Ernest Arthur Tribolet	1908 in Geelong, Victoria, Australia	October 1956 in Geelong, Victoria, Australia
Edward Ernest Nicholas	M	27 September 1873 in Geelong, Victoria, Australia			15 February 1954 in South Africa
Thomas Towan Nicholas	M	30 November 1877 in Geelong, Victoria, Australia	Ada Hockly	1898 in Victoria, Australia	1957 in Geelong, Victoria, Australia
Laura Ethel Towan Nicholas	F	30 May 1880 in Geelong West, Victoria, Australia	James Arthur Williams	26 June 1902 in Geelong, Victoria, Australia	7 June 1979 in Geelong, Victoria, Australia

WILLIAM TOWAN NICHOLAS TIMELINE



William Towan Nicholas was born on 27 September 1833 in St Gluvias, Cornwall, England, and died on 28 July 1926 in Geelong, Victoria, Australia. He is the son of Thomas Towan Nicholas and Mary Mallet. He married Elizabeth Ann Murton on 15 July 1854 in St Gluvias, Cornwall, England. She was born on 15 Sep 1833 in St Gluvias, Cornwall, England, and died on 27 May 1924 in Geelong, Victoria, Australia. She is the daughter of Peter Murton and Sarah Bray.

27 September 1833, Birth
St Gluvias, Cornwall, England

1841, Residence
St Gluvias, Cornwall, England

1851, Residence
St Gluvias, Cornwall, England

15 July 1854, Marriage - GRO marriage
certificate

St Gluvias, Cornwall, England

22 Nov 1854, Immigration -
"Marchioness of Salisbury" to Geelong,
Australia

Plymouth, Devon, England

28 July 1926, Death
Geelong, Victoria, Australia

1785 1800 1815 1830 1845 1860 1875 1890 1905 1920 1935 1950 1965 1980

Louisiana Purchase

Boers defeat Zulus

*Verne's Around the
World in Eighty
Days*

Titanic sinks

*McDonald's
founded*

No.	NAME.	CALLING.	NATIVE COUNTRY.				CHURCH OF ENGLAND.
			ENGLAND AND WALES.	SCOTLAND.	IRELAND.	OTHER COUNTRIES.	
68	Nicholas William	Painter	Somerset				1
69	Elizabeth						1
70	Phelps James	Carpenter	Somerset				
71	Ann						

Part of the Passenger list from the "Marchioness of Salisbury", showing William Nicholas, a painter, and Elizabeth, his wife. The ship sailed from Plymouth, Devon on Nov. 22nd 1854 and arrived in Geelong on 21 Feb 1855.



Left: A view from Penryn, looking towards Flushing - original steel engraving drawn by T. Allom engraved by M.J.Starling 1831.

Right: the Mortuary Chapel, Penryn in St.Gluvias



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Penryn Methodist Church

THOMAS TOWAN NICHOLAS b. 1789

Thomas was christened 11 October 1789 Redruth, Cornwall. He was the eldest of two sons born to Athanasius Nicholas and his wife Elizabeth Towan.

There are no records of his early life to be found. We do know that at the age of 37, he married Charlotte Mallet in St Gluvias (possibly in Penryn) on the 10th January 1826.

Charlotte Mallett was baptised on 2 December 1798 in St Gluvias, Cornwall She was the seventh child of John Mallett and Alice Pellew. Thomas was a bachelor, he was 37 years old. Charlotte was a spinster, she was 28 years old. They were married by licence. Witnesses were Richard Thomas and Harriet Mallett {Cert. 394}

Thomas Towan Nicholas was a Mariner. He appears to have taken his wife with him on his travels. Charlotte died between 1829 and 1832. She left two children who were born in British Columbia, Canada. The eldest was Thomas, born in 1827 and Lucea, born in 1829.

Thomas returned home to Penryn, Cornwall. Now a widower, he married Mary Mallett, spinster, by licence 28 October 1832 in Truro St Mary. Witnesses were John Mallett and Harriet Mallett

38 Mary Mallett was the eighth child of John Mallett and Elizabeth Pellew. She was christened 2 December 1798, Saint Gluvias, Cornwall, England. Charlotte Mallett was Marys' older sister.

Thomas was absent from the family in the 1841 Census. His wife Mary was living in Commercial Road, Penryn, and caring for their children. She was now aged 40. Thomas, the eldest son was 14 years old and was an apprentice blacksmith. Lucy was 12, **William** 8, Edward 6, John 4 and the baby, Alfred 2.

By March, 1843, Mary was dead. (Cornwall Volume: 9 Page: 214)

By 1851, Thomas was back at home taking care of his children & living at 87 Plints Yard, Penryn. His occupation was listed in the Census as "Retired Sailor". Lucea was listed as "housekeeper", she was now 22. **William**, now 16, was a painter. Edward aged 14, was a roper. Alfred, now 10 was a scholar. John was not living at home.

Thomas Towan Nicholas next appears as a Witness on his son Williams Marriage Certificate 15 July 1854. His occupation was given as Brewer. On 16 August 1854 when he appears as a Witness in his daughter Luceas marriage to William Williams, once again his occupation was listed as Brewer. By 1870 at his son Edwards marriage, Thomas Towan Nicholas' occupation was Mine Agent.

This is slightly strange. When both William & Edward were born, Thomas listed his occupation in the Parish Register as Grocer. His occupation was listed as Baker on his son Johns birth in the Parish Register. A versatile man.

Thomas is "missing" from the UK Census' in 1841, 1861, 1871, 1881 & 1891

PLACE	HOUSES Uninhabited or Shaking Inhabited	NAMES of each Person who abode therein the preceding Night	AGE and SEX		PROFESSION, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT, or of INDEPENDENT MEANS.	Where Born	
			Males	Females		Whether Born in same County	Whether Born in Scotland, Ireland, or Foreign Parts
Commercial Road		1 Ellen Dunstan	19			Y	
		1 William Henry	40		Mellwing	Y	
		1 Elizabeth D ^o	40			Y	
d ^o		1 Robert Newcome	30		Law Merchant	Y	
		1 Mary D ^o	30			Y	
		1 Richard Newcome				Y	
d ^o		1 John Bennett	70		Ind ^o	Y	
		1 Mary D ^o	65			Y	
		1 Elizabeth D ^o	35		Wash. D ^o	Y	
d ^o		1 George Dorian	30		Clark	Y	
		1 Charlotte D ^o	30			Y	
		1 William D ^o	14			Y	
		1 Rose D ^o	9			Y	
d ^o		1 George Buntley	45		Lawyer	Y	
		1 Anne D ^o	45			Y	
		1 Alfred D ^o	12			Y	
		1 Frederick D ^o	7			Y	
d ^o		1 Richard Chapman	40		Tellur. Charles	Y	
		1 Anne D ^o	40			Y	
		1 Janet D ^o	13			Y	
		1 Mary D ^o	9			Y	
		1 Elizabeth D ^o	7			Y	
		1 Anne D ^o	5			Y	
		1 Catherine D ^o	2			Y	
		1 Mary Bayfield	80			Y	
TOTAL in 2 Page 17		6	16	14		7	

Parish or Township of

PLACE	HOUSES Uninhabited or Shaking Inhabited	NAMES of each Person who abode therein the preceding Night	AGE and SEX		PROFESSION, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT, or of INDEPENDENT MEANS.	Where Born
			Males	Females		
Commercial Road	1	1 Mary Roberts	30		Merchant	Y
	1	1 Henry Lattin	45		Farmer	Y
		1 Elizabeth D ^o	40			Y
		1 Elizabeth D ^o	5			Y
		1 Mary Anne D ^o	3			Y
d ^o	12	1 Joseph Robinson	60		Merchant	Y
		1 John D ^o	15			Y
		1 Joseph D ^o	10			Y
		1 Fanny D ^o	55			Y
		1 Eliza D ^o	8			Y
		1 Jane Lobb	15		F. & S. Y.	Y
		1 Maria Bailey	40			Y
		1 Eliza Wills	50			Y
New Street	1	1 Charles Williams	45		Merchant	Y
		1 Fanny D ^o	45			Y
		1 Charles D ^o	20		Clark	Y
		1 Sarah D ^o	15			Y
		1 John D ^o	3			Y
Commercial Road	1	1 Mary Nicholls	40			Y
		1 Thomas D ^o	14		Blacksmith	Y
		1 Lucy D ^o	13			Y
		1 William D ^o	8			Y
		1 Edward D ^o	6			Y
		1 John D ^o	4			Y
		1 Alfred D ^o	2			Y
TOTAL in 2 Page 18		12	12	13		14

of		Electoral District of	City or Borough of		Town of	Village of	
or	Name and Surname of each Person who abode in the house, on the Night of the 30th March, 1861	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of		Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born
				Male	Female		
	Eliza Opie	Wife			X		Cornwall, Perryn
	James Little	Head	Mar	49		Cordwainer	D. D.
	Elizabeth O.	Wife	Mar	48			D. Padmuck
	Elizabeth O.	Wife	U	23		Dressmaker	D. Perryn
	Matilda O.	Wife		15			D. D.
	Joseph O.	Son		9		Scholar	D. D.
	Thomas O.	Son		7		Scholar	D. D.
	Thomas Nicholas	Head	Mar	62		Retired Sailor	D. Redmuth
	Lucia O.	Wife	U	22		House Keeper	Canada, America, British Isles
	William O.	Son	U	16		Painter	Cornwall, Perryn
	Edward O.	Son		14		Reaper	D. D.
	Alfred O.	Son		10		Scholar	D. D.
	John Abraham	Head	Mar	66		Molster	D. D.
	Jane O.	Wife	Mar	65			D. Padmuck
	Eliza O.	Wife	U	18		Domestic assistant	D. Perryn
	uninhabited						
	William Cook	Head	Mar	27		Mason	Cornwall, Perryn
	Maria O.	Wife	Mar	27			D. St. Nevers
	James O.	Son		5		Scholar	D. Perryn
	Georgiana O.	Wife				D.	D. D.
	Total of Persons...			10	9		



Left: Autumn dawn, Penryn - Right: Railway viaduct, Penryn

Parish Records Collection - baptism

Forenames:	Thomas
Surname:	NICHOLAS
Sex:	M
Relationship:	Son
Date:	11 Oct 1789
Parish:	Redruth - St Uny
County:	Cornwall
Father's forenames:	Athanasius
Father's surname:	NICHOLAS
Mother's forenames:	Elizabeth
Mother's surname:	-
Record source:	Cornwall Baptisms
Data provider:	Cornwall Family History Society

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Parish Records Collection - baptism

Forenames:	William
Surname:	NICHOLAS
Sex:	M
Relationship:	Son
Date:	11 Aug 1791
Parish:	Redruth - St Uny
County:	Cornwall
Father's forenames:	Athanasius
Father's surname:	NICHOLAS
Mother's forenames:	Elizabeth
Mother's surname:	-
Record source:	Cornwall Baptisms
Data provider:	Cornwall Family History Society

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Thomas Nicholls

England Deaths and Burials, 1538-1991

record title: England Deaths and Burials,
1538-1991

name: Thomas Nicholls

gender: Male

burial date: 31 Jan 1881

burial place: St. Gluvias, Cornwall,
England

indexing project I04079-7

(batch) number:

system origin: England-EASy

source film 1595596

number:

Parish records giving the death of Thomas Towan Nicholas in 1881

Marriage Record For **Athanasius Nicholas &**
In the Parish of **Elizabeth Towan**
Redruth

	Groom	Bride
Full Name	Athanasius Nicholas	Elizabeth Towan
Date of Marriage	23 July 1788	
Parish of Marriage	Redruth	

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M. 1788



Parish Record for the marriage between Athanasius Nicholas and Elizabeth Towan in 1788

ATHANASIUS NICHOLAS b.1766

Athanasius Nicholas was the fifth of nine children born to Athanasius Nicholas and Thomisen Thomas

Athanasius Nicholas, (baptised 13 April 1766) bachelor, was married to Elizabeth Towan, spinster, 23 July 1788, Redruth St.Uny, Cornwall. Witnesses were Thomas Towan, the brides father and Edward Lemin (clerk). The couple "made their marks" - as they were both illiterate.

Elizabeth Towan was the fifth child of ten children born to Thomas Towan and Lucy Hall. She was born on the 30 October 1756 in Redruth, Cornwall.

The couple had two sons:

Thomas Towan Nicholas b.1789

William Nicholas b.1791

- 46 Unfortunately there is very little detail to be obtained from the Parish Registers. I have no idea what occupation Athanasius held. He was most likely a miner.



Redruth Church, Cornwall

ATHANASIOS NICHOLAS - *Individual Timeline*



Athanasios Nicholas was born on 13 April 1766 in Redruth St.Uny, Cornwall. He is the son of Athanasios Nicholas and Thamsin or Thomasine Thomas. He married Elizabeth Towan on 23 July 1788 in Redruth St.Uny, Cornwall. She was born on 30 October 1756 in Redruth, Cornwall, England, and died in abt 1801 in Cornwall, England. She is the daughter of Thomas Towen and Lucy Hall.

13 April 1766 , Birth
Redruth St.Uny, Cornwall

23 July 1788, Marriage - Parish Records - CFHS
Redruth St.Uny, Cornwall

1750 1755 1760 1765 1770 1775 1780 1785 1790 1795 1800 1805 1810 1815

*George III
accedes*

*Captain James
Cook leads his first
expedition to the
Pacific*

*American War of
Independence begins*

Mozart dies

*Taylor's "Twinkle,
Twinkle, Little
Star"*



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Redruth parish Workhouse

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The viaduct at Redruth, Cornwall

ATHANASIUS NICHOLAS b. 1731

Athanasius Nicholas was born on 4 August 1731 in Sithney, to Thomas Nichlas and Frances Rapson who were married in Sithney, Cornwall on 3 February 1727.

Athanasius married Thamsin or Thomasine Thomas on 23 August 1755 {from Phillimore Parish Records Transcripts from Redruth, Cornwall 23 Aug 1755. P8 Athanasius Nicholas of Redruth & Thomasina Thomas of Redruth Witness: Ezekial Lamyn & Richard Williams}

The couple had nine children:

Frances b.20 March 1756

Thomas b. 6 May 1758 d. 15 November 1762 (the year of the Influenza epidemic)

Jane b. 8 January 1761 d. 12 November 1762 (the year of the Influenza epidemic)

Jenifer b. 26 June 1763

Athanasius b. 13 April 1766

Martin b. 11 September 1768

Mary b. 5 May 1771

Thomas b. 18 September 1774

Mary b. 26 September 1780

ATHANASIOUS NICHOLAS - *Individual Timeline*



Athanasios Nicholas was born on 4 August 1731 in Sithney, Cornwall. He is the son of Thomas Nichlas and Frances Rapson. He married Thamsin or Thomasine Thomas on 23 August 1755 in Redruth St Uny. She was born on 14 MAY 1733 in Redruth, Cornwall. She is the daughter of Martin Thomas and Jane Ann Ninnis.

4 August 1731 , Birth - Parish Records - CFHS
Sithney, Cornwall

23 August 1755 , Marriage - from Phillimore Parish Records Transc
Aug 1755 P8 Athanasios Nicholas of Redruth & Thomasina Thoma
Lamyn & Richard Williams
Redruth St Uny

1715 1720 1725 1730 1735 1740 1745 1750 1755 1760 1765 1770 1775 1780

*Anne dies and
George I accedes to
the throne*

*George I dies and is
succeeded by the
second Hanoverian
king, George II*

*George II becomes
the last British
monarch to lead his
army into battle*

Seven Years' War

*George III succeeds
his grandfather
George II*



Church of St Euny at Redruth

Marriage Record For **Athanasius Nicholas &**
In the Parish of **Thomasine Thomas**
Redruth

	Groom	Bride
Full Name	Athanasius Nicholas	Thomasine Thomas
Date of Marriage	23 August 1755	
Parish of Marriage	Redruth	

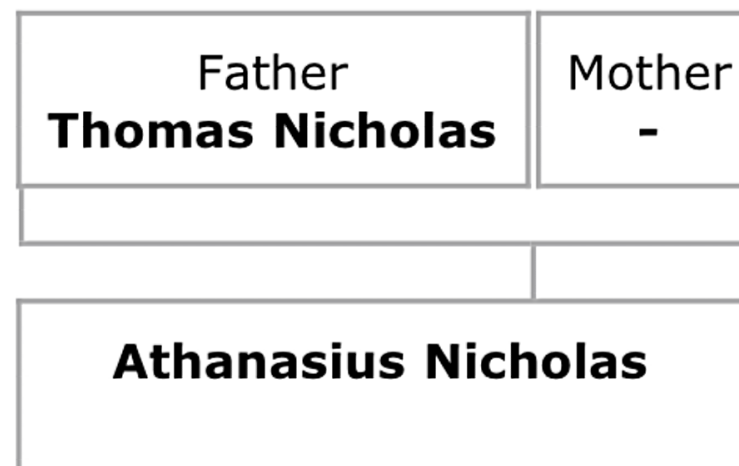
M. 1755



From the Parish Marriage Registers the marriage between Athanasius Nicholas & Thomasine Thomas in 1755

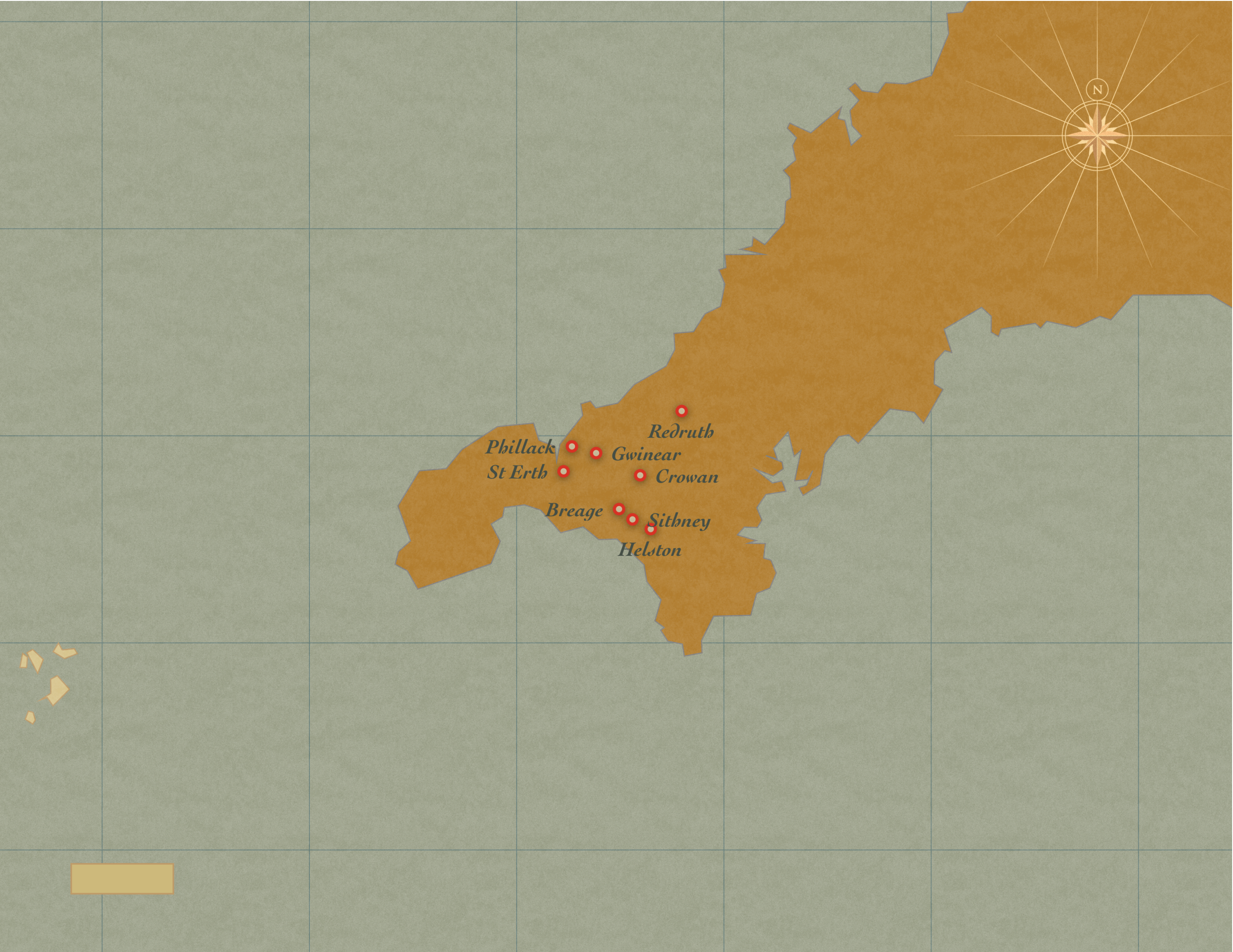
Baptism Record For **Athanasius Nicholas**
In the Parish of **Sithney**

Name	Athanasius Nicholas
Relation	Son Of
Father's Name	Thomas Nicholas
Date of Baptism	4 August 1731
Parish	Sithney



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Athanasius Nicholas 1731 baptism from the Parish register



THOMAS NICHLAS b. 5 December 1706

Thomas was born to William Nichlas and his wife, Christian Treleeva in the parish of Crowan. He was baptised on the 12 December 1706 in the parish church.

At the age of 20, in Sithney, Thomas married Frances Rapson who was just 17. Frances was the second of ten children born to Thomas Rapson and his wife, Frances Saundry.

On 8 November 1728 their first child Thomas was born. He lived for just 9 months and died 4 August 1729. Their second child, Mary, was born 30 March 1730 but only lived for 8 months and died 21 October 1730. **Athanasius** is the only viable child of their union and his mother Frances died when he was just three years old on 20 February 1734.

Thomas then married 28 year old Mary Hodge on 7 April 1735. The couple had their first child Frances, 24 February 1735. Once again this child died on 21 October 1737 aged only 22 months. Their last child is Thomas. He also died, on 26 September 1740.

Thomas Nichlas died in 1792, aged 82. His burial records from the Cornwall Family History Society show:

{Parish Records - CFHS record title: England Deaths and Burials, 1538-1991 name: Thomas Nicholas gender: Male burial date: 26 Feb 1792 burial place: Sithney, Cornwall, Fiche ref: FP209 1/4
England indexing project (batch) number: I04088-3 system origin: England-EASy. Source Film: 1596227}

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THE PARISH OF SITHNEY (sometime called St Bartholomew) is situated in the deanery and Hundred of Kerrier.

It is bounded on the north by Crowan, on the east by Wendron and Helston and the Looe Pool which separates it from Gunwalloe, on the south by the sea, and on the west by Breage.

It is named after St Sezni. When God was deciding which saint was going to be the patron saint of what, he offered to make St Sezni the patron saint of young women. The saint moaned saying to God I shall never get any peace then! I'd rather be the patron saint of mad dogs! To which God said what a good idea! Thereafter St Sezni became the patron saint of mad or sick dogs.

It is said that the water from the well of St Sezni can cure madness and over the centuries, people have drunk from the well in this belief. The parish lies about three miles north west of the town of Helston in a mainly agricultural area. In the 19th century there were at least eight tin mines in the area, none of which are working today. There are the ruins of an old farmhouse Plane-an-Gwary, meaning 'place of the plays'. Here Cornish Miracle plays were acted in medieval times, and later Cornish wrestlers were seen here on feast and fair days.

The principal villages are the Churchtown, Porthleven, St Johns, Penrose, Mellangoose, Lower Prospidnick, Dowga, Sithney Common, Sithney Green, Coverack Bridges, Crown Town (or Gudna), Lowertown, Chyreen and Lower Tregadjack. Porthleven, which was originally part of this parish, became a separate parish in 1846.

THOMAS NICHLAS - *Individual Timeline*



Thomas Nichlas was born on 05 DEC 1706 in Crowan, Cornwall, England, and died on 26 February 1792 in Sithney, Cornwall, England. He is the son of William Nichlas and Christian Treleeva. He married Frances Rapson on 3 February 1727 in Sithney, Cornwall. She was born on 29 August 1709 in Sithney, Cornwall, England, and died on 20 February 1734 in Sithney, Cornwall, England. She is the daughter of Thomas Rapson and Frances Saundry.

05 DEC 1706 , Birth - IGI Records
Crowan, Cornwall, England

12 DEC 1706, Christening - IGI Records
Crowan, Cornwall, England

3 February 1727 , Marriage - Parish Records - CFHS
Sithney, Cornwall

7 April 1735 , Marriage - Parish Records - CFHS
Sithney, Cornwall, England

26 February 1792, Death - Parish Records - CFHS
Sithney, Cornwall, England

1650 1665 1680 1695 1710 1725 1740 1755 1770 1785 1800 1815 1830 1845

*Franklin's Poor
Richard's
Almanack*

Revolutionary War

*British East India
Company establishes
Singapore*



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St. Crewenna - Crowan parish church

Thomas Nichlas

England Births and Christenings, 1538-1975

birth: 05 Dec 1706
residence: Cornwall, England
parents: William Nichlas



record title: England Births and Christenings, 1538-1975
name: Thomas Nichlas
gender: Male
baptism/christening date: 12 Dec 1706
baptism/christening place: CROWAN,CORNWALL,ENGLAND
birth date: 05 Dec 1706
father's name: William Nichlas
indexing project (batch) number: C02226-2
system origin: England-ODM
source film number: 90243

Marriage Record For **Thomas Nicholas &**
In the Parish of **Frances Rapson**
St. Sithney

	Groom	Bride
Full Name	Thomas Nicholas	Frances Rapson
Date of Marriage	February 1727	
Parish of Marriage	St. Sithney	

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M. 1727



From the Marriage Register for the Parish of Sithney, the marriage record between Thomas Nicholas and Frances Rapson

Marriage Record For **Thomas Nicholas & Mary**
In the Parish of **Hodge**
St. Sithney

	Groom	Bride
Full Name	Thomas Nicholas	Mary Hodge
Date of Marriage	7 April 1735	
Parish of Marriage	St. Sithney	

M. 1735



From the Marriage Register for the Parish of Sithney, the marriage record between Thomas Nicholas and Mary Hodge after Frances Rapsons death



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The parish church in Sithney

WILLIAM NICHLAS b. 1670

William Nichlas was born in Gwinear, Cornwall on 10 November 1670. His father was James Nichlas.

{Parish Records - CFHS Forenames: William Surname: NICHOLAS Sex: M Relationship: Son Date: 10 Nov 1670 Parish: Gwinear County: Cornwall Father's forenames: James Father's surname: NICHOLAS Mother's forenames: - Mother's surname: - Record source:}

William married Christian Treleeva on 4th April 1702 in Helston, Cornwall.

The couple had 6 children, all born in Helston:

Jane	1702
Mary	1705
Thomas	1706 - 1792
Christian	1713
Lucretia	1718
Elizabeth	1721

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{Cornwall Family History Society transcription: Marriages - Details of record ID 296957:
Parish or Registration District: Helston. Date: 04-Apr 1702. GROOM: William NICOLAS BRIDE: Christian TRELEEVA Transcriber
Notes: ref-2PR-p.134 Transcriber: Don Carkyk}

From Cornwall Family History society, Williams death was recorded on 21 January 1767 in Helston
{CFHS from FindMyPast Parish Records Collection - burial Forenames: William Surnames: NICHOLAS Date: 21 Jan 1767
Date estimated: Aged: Place: Helston County: Cornwall Abode: Fiche ref: FP84 1/3}

William was aged 97 years when he died in 1767.



The parish church in Gwinear

WILLIAM NICHLAS - *Individual Timeline*



William Nichlas was born on 10 November 1670 in Gwinear, Cornwall, England, and died on 21 Jan 1767 in Helston, Cornwall, England. He is the son of James Nicholas and Elizabeth Leddra. He married Christian Treleeva on 04 Apr 1702 in Helston, Cornwall, England.

10 November 1670, Birth - Parish Records - CFHS Forenames: William Surname: NICHOLAS
Sex: M Relationship: Son Date: 10 Nov 1670 Parish: Gwinear County: Cornwall Father's forenames: James Father's surname: NICHOLAS Mother's forenames: - Mother's surname: -
Record source:
Gwinear, Cornwall, England

04 Apr 1702, Marriage - Parish Records - CFHS
Helston, Cornwall, England

21 Jan 1767, Death - CFHS from FindMyPast Parish
Records Collection - burial Forenames: William Surnames: NICHOLAS Date: 21 Jan 1767 Date estimated: Aged: Place: Helston County: Cornwall Abode: Fiche ref: FP84 1/3 Entry no: Helston, Cornwall, England

1620 1635 1650 1665 1680 1695 1710 1725 1740 1755 1770 1785 1800 1815

Charles I is executed

Great Plague of London
Oliver Cromwell
makes himself Lord
Protector

William III dies

George III takes the
throne

French Revolution

Parish Records Collection - baptism

Forenames:	William
Surname:	NICHOLAS
Sex:	M
Relationship:	Son
Date:	10 Nov 1670
Parish:	<u>Gwinear</u>
County:	Cornwall
Father's forenames:	James
Father's surname:	NICHOLAS
Mother's forenames:	-
Mother's surname:	-
Data provider:	Cornwall Family History Society

Transcriptions © Cornwall Family History Society

Marriages - Details of record ID 296957:

Parish or Helston
Registration District:
Date: 04-Apr 1702
GROOM: William NICOLAS
Groom's age:
Groom's condition:
**Groom's rank/
profession:**
Groom's residence:
Father:
**Father's rank/
profession:**
BRIDE: Christian TRELEEVA
Bride's age:
Bride's condition:
**Bride's rank/
profession:**
Bride's residence:
Father:
**Father's rank/
profession:**
**Banns(B) or Licence
(L):**
**Groom Signed(S) or
Marked(M):**
**Bride Signed(S) or
Marked(M):**
Witness 1:
Witness 2:
Register notes:
Transcriber Notes: ref-2PR-p.134

Parish Records Collection - burial

Forenames:	William
Surnames:	NICHOLAS
Date:	21 Jan 1767
Date estimated:	
Aged:	
Place:	Helston
County:	Cornwall
Abode:	
Fiche ref:	FP84 1/3
Entry no:	
Record source:	Cornwall Burials
Data provider:	Cornwall Family History Society

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The death of William Nichlas in 1767 aged 97



Window in the Parish church of Crowan

JAMES NICHLAS b. 1643

James Nichlas was born in Gwinear Parish, Cornwall on the 19 November 1643 to James Nicolas and his wife.

James married Elizabeth Leddra in the Gwinear Parish church in 1667. This record is from Boyds Marriage Index.

The couple had five children:

John Nicholls born in Phillack in 1668

William Nichlas born in Gwinear in 1670

Peter Nichlas born in Gwinear in 1674 d. 17Jul 1676

female Nichlas born in Gwinear in 1679

James Nicholas born in Crowan in 1681

There may well have been other children born however I have been unable to find records to substantiate this.

The parish of Gwinear (Cornish: Sen Gwynnyer), is situated in the Deanery and Hundred of Penwith. To the north is the parish of Gwithian with Camborne also in the north going around to the east. Crowan is to the east going around to the south of Gwinear Parish, with St. Erth and Phillack both lying to the west. This parish lies on high ground south-west of Camborne and is composed of scattered farms and houses. There is archaeological evidence that farming in this area goes back at least to the 2nd century, as a defended farmhouse of that period was discovered in the parish. The village of Rosewarne was once in possession of the Arundells of Lanherne. Gwinear was the son of an Irish pagan king and is reputed to have been slaughtered together with his companions by the Cornish pagan king Theodoric.

Silver and copper mines and related industries were important in the past, but as elsewhere in Cornwall these have now declined. In the 18th and 19th centuries, Rosewarne and Herland mines produced silver, whilst Wheal Alfred and Wheal Relistian produced copper. In those days, the parish was a thriving mining community and one of the first steam engines ever to be built was installed at the Herland mine in 1758. Now the parish has camping and caravan parks and agriculture is the other source of industry.

Villages within the Parish are the Churchtown, Coswinsausin, Drannock, Fraddam, Tregortha, Rewala, Relistian, Carnhell Green, and Wall. The civil parishes of Gwinear and Gwithian were combined to form Gwinear-Gwithian in 1934.



St Winnear in Gwinear Parish

JAMES NICHOLAS - *Individual Timeline*



James Nicholas was born on 19 November 1643 in Gwinear, Cornwall. He is the son of James Nicholas and Francisca Priske. He married Elizabeth Leddra on 07 JUL 1667 in Gwinear, Cornwall, England. She was born on 15 September 1648 in Breage, Cornwall, England. She is the daughter of James Leddra and Jane.

19 November 1643, Birth - IGI Records Father: James Nicolas Batch No.: Dates: Source Call No.:
Type: Printout Call No.: Type: C025711 1560 - 1735 0254207 Film 6904614 Film C025711 1736 -
1812 0254208

Gwinear, Cornwall

07 JUL 1667, Marriage - CFHS from FindMyPast
Gwinear, Cornwall, England

1625 1630 1635 1640 1645 1650 1655 1660 1665 1670 1675 1680 1685 1690

*Charles I
accedes to the throne*

*Charles I
begins the English
Civil War*

*Oliver Cromwell
makes himself Lord
Protector*

Great Plague of London

Parish Records Collection - marriage

Year:	1667
Supplied Surname :	<u>NICHOLS, NICHOLLS</u>
Surname :	<u>NICHOLS</u>
Full First name:	James
Supplied First Name:	<u>Jas</u>
Spouse Surname:	LEDDRA
Spouse Full First name:	Elizabeth
Spouse First Name:	<u>Eliz</u>
Place:	<u>GWINEAR</u>
County:	Cornwall
Record source:	Boyd's Marriage Index 1538-1840

From Boyds Marriage Index the marriage between James & Elizabeth in 1667

John Nicolas

England Births and Christenings, 1538-1975

residence: Cornwall, England

parents: James Nicolas



record title: England Births and Christenings, 1538-1975

name: John Nicolas

gender: Male

baptism/christening date: 19 Nov 1643

date:

baptism/christening place: GWINEAR,CORNWALL,ENGLAND

place:

father's name: James Nicolas

indexing project C02571-1

(batch) number:

system origin: England-ODM

source film number: 254208

John or James Nicolas baptised in 1643 from Parish records - Gwinear

JAMES NYCHOLLS b. 1625

James Nycholls was christened in Phillack Parish, Cornwall on 3 April 1625 the son of John Nycholls.

James moved to Sithney Parish and married Francisca Priske, aged 34, in Breage Parish in 1640.

Francesca (9 April 1606) was the first child born to William Priske

There were nine children born to William Priske:

Francesca b 1606
Margaret b 1608
Joanna b 1613 in Poughill
William b 1618 in Helston
Hamball b 1623 in Helston
Thomas b 1625 in Helston
Thomas b 1625 in Helston
Agnes & Alicia (twins) b 1629 in Helston

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James and Francisca moved to the parish of Gwinear where several children were born to the couple:

Tobias b 1640
James/John b 1643
Raphiell b 1646
Frances b 1652

James Nycholls

England Births and Christenings, 1538-1975

residence: Cornwall, England ▲

parents: John Nycholls

record title: England Births and Christenings, 1538-1975

name: James Nycholls

gender: Male

baptism/christening date: 03 Apr 1625

baptism/christening place: PHILLACK,CORNWALL,ENGLAND

father's name: John Nycholls

indexing project C02319-2

(batch) number:

system origin: England-ODM

source film number: 245198

the baptism record of James Nycholls in the parish of Phillack in 1625

JAMES NICHOLAS - *Individual Timeline*



James Nicholas was born on 3 April 1625 in Phillack, Cornwall, England. He is the son of John Nicholl and Margerie Bucher. He married Francisca Priske on 15 July 1640 in Breage, Cornwall, England. She was born in abt 1625 in Cornwall, England. She is the daughter of William Priske.

3 April 1625, Birth - Phillack Parish records
Phillack, Cornwall, England

15 July 1640, Marriage - CFHS transcription
Breage, Cornwall, England

1610 1615 1620 1625 1630 1635 1640 1645 1650 1655 1660 1665 1670 1675

*James I dies
Charles I accedes to the
throne*

*Cornishmen rise to
support Charles I*

*Charles II accedes to the
throne*

Great Plague of London

MARRIAGES - DETAILS OF RECORD ID 308782:

Parish or Registration District: Breage
Date: 15-Jul 1640
GROOM: John NICHOLAS
Groom's age:
Groom's condition:
Groom's rank/profession:
Groom's residence: Sithney
Father: John
Father's rank/profession:
BRIDE: Frances PRISKE
Bride's age:
Bride's condition:
Bride's rank/profession:
Bride's residence:
Father:
Father's rank/profession:
Banns(B) or Licence(L):
Groom Signed(S) or Marked(M):
Bride Signed(S) or Marked(M):
Witness 1:
Witness 2:
Register notes:
Transcriber Notes:
Transcriber: Althea Barker



The parish church of Breage

JOHN NYCHOLL B. 1604

John Nycholls' christening was recorded in the Phillack parish register as taking place on the 20 June 1604. His father was noted as Thomas Nycholl.

John married Margerie Bucher in Phillack on 22 November 1624.

Children born to John and Margerie were:

James	born in Phillack on 3 April 1625
Richard	born in Phillack on 29 March 1628
Anna	born in Phillack on 5 August 1630
Gregory	born in Phillack on 7 February 1632
Elizabeth	born in Phillack on 13 May 1635
Alice	born in Phillack on 4 December 1636
Judith	born in Phillack on 13 January 1638

John Nycholl died in Phillack on 8 Jan 1660

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The parish of Phillack, originally located in the Hundred of Penwith, was bounded on the north by Gwithian, on the east by Gwinear, on the south by St.Erth and on the west by St.Ives Bay and the River Hayle estuary - the latter separates it from Lelant. This is an area of sand dunes stretching from the mouth of the River Hayle at Riviere Towans, northward to Godrevy Point. It was not mentioned in the Domesday survey of 1086, but the area once appeared to have a Celtic monastery.

Named from the Cornish heyl, "estuary", the civil parish of Hayle was formally created from part of the civil parish of Phillack in 1888, combined with the civil parish of Phillack in 1935 and in 1937 was incorporated as part of the civil parish of St.Erth



The Phillack parish church

JOHN NICHOLL - *Individual Timeline*



John Nicholl was born on 20 June 1604 in Phillack, Cornwall, England, and died on 8 January 1660 in Phillack, Cornwall, England. He is the son of Thomas Nicholl and Elizabeth Eva. He married Margerie Bucher on 22 November 1624 in Phillack, Cornwall, England. She was born in abt 1590 in Cornwall, England.

20 June 1604, Birth - Phillack Parish registers
Phillack, Cornwall, England

22 November 1624, Marriage
Phillack, Cornwall, England

8 January 1660, Death - Phillack Parish registers
Phillack, Cornwall, England

1570 1580 1590 1600 1610 1620 1630 1640 1650 1660 1670 1680 1690 1700

*Elizabeth I dies
James IV
of Scotland accedes*

*William Shakespeare
dies*

*Charles I
begins the English
Civil War*

Great Plague of London

John Nycholl

England Births and Christenings, 1538–1975

residence: Cornwall, England ▲

parents: Thomas Nycholl

record title: England Births and Christenings, 1538–1975

name: John Nycholl

gender: Male

baptism/christening date: 20 Jun 1604

date:

baptism/christening place: PHILLACK,CORNWALL,ENGLAND

place:

father's name: Thomas Nycholl

indexing project C02319-2

(batch) number:

system origin: England-ODM

source film number: 245198

The baptism of John Nycholl in 1604 from the Phillack parish registers

John Nycholls

England Marriages, 1538-1973

spouse:	Margerie Bucher
marriage:	22 Nov 1624 — Phillack, Cornwall, England
record title:	England Marriages, 1538- 1973
groom's name:	John Nycholls
bride's name:	Margerie Bucher
marriage date:	22 Nov 1624
marriage place:	Phillack,Cornwall,England
indexing project (batch) number:	M02319-1
system origin:	England-ODM
source film number:	90263

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John Nycholls married Margerie Bucher in 1624 from the Phillack parish registers

THOMAS NYCHOLAS b 1587

Thomas was baptised in the Gwithian Parish on 9 October 1587. He was the son of Thomas Nycholls

Thomas was married on 12 Feb 1608/09 in St.Erth parish. Parish records give no information as to who his wife was.

Thomas' son **John** was possibly born out of wedlock, on 20 June 1604 in Phillack parish.

I have searched the International Genealogy Index, the parish registers for Breage, St.Erth, Gwinear, Lelant, Gwithian, Cambourne, Crowan, Sithney, Helston and Wendron and the St.Erth marriage is the only record that fits the criteria. For that reason, I have used the it.

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GWITHIAN'S BORDERS: A description of Gwithian's borders, found in the original parish register, immediately following the burials in 1631. It may be written as early as 1603, however, as Thomas Teague, who signed the account as the clerk, was known to be clerk of the parish from at least 1603-1608.

"A Note of the Bounds & Lymytts of Gwithian p'rishe wch. are to be viewed once any yeare the Rogation weeke the p'rambu'tion of the Circuit of the said p'rishe is not, through whose default is presented by the Church wardens"

"Gwithian bounds & lymitts"

"The first Bound is Gwithian bridge the one halfe of the Bridge is Gwithian; & the other Cambron. And from that to Pitt Mulfra, the Church pathe of Crane Godrevy; is the Bound betweene Gwithian & Camborne. The Bancke betweene Crane Godrevy, & Pencombe is the Bounde betwixt Gwithian & Camborne. All wch. Bounds are on the north. And at Vorne Ditch by Polmaidowe; & from thence to Calse Myne in Nantrisack is the Bounde betwixt Gwithian, Camborne & Gwynniar on the Easte. Another bounde betwixt Gwithian and Gwynniar on the Southeast; and from thence to the Longe Stone called Meane ?Leneall? on the southe: And form thence to Pitt Analan And the Bounde in three stones in a little (*page torn here*) southeast of Conner Downe, being the Bound betwixt Gwithian and Gwynnier and Phillack. And from thence to Boundes Kelebweetham where Gwithian boundeth wth Phillack: Such Bound is in the sands called by the name of Reene an bushelthen situate on the west" ("pr me Thoam Teags Clerica Curatum de Gwithian")

Parish Records Collection - baptism

Forenames:	Thomas
Surname:	NICHOLAS
Sex:	M
Relationship:	Son
Date:	9 Oct 1587
Parish:	Gwithian
County:	Cornwall
Father's forenames:	Thomas
Father's surname:	NICHOLAS
Mother's forenames:	-
Mother's surname:	-
Record source:	Cornwall Baptisms
Data provider:	Cornwall Family History Society

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Parish Records Collection - marriage

Groom's forenames: **Thomas**

Groom's forenames
alias:

Groom's forenames
signed:

Groom's surname: **NYCHOLAS**

Groom's surname
signed:

Date: **12 Feb 1608/09**

Bride's forenames: **-**

Bride's forenames
signed:

Parish: **St Erth**

County: **Cornwall**

Record source: **Cornwall Marriages**

Data provider: **Cornwall Family History Society**



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The Lych Gate of the parish church in St.Erth

THOMAS NYCHOLLS b about 1560

Thomas Nycholls was born about 1560. His birth is not recorded in Phillack or any of the surrounding parishes.

The only record of the baptism of a Thomas Nicholl (sic various spellings) is in the parish of Landulph to a Walteri and Ann Nicholl on the 27 May 1548. This may not be "our" Thomas. Landulph is a long way from the parish of Phillack.

We do know however that Thomas Nycholl was married to Elizabeth Eva on 23 November 1587 in Phillack parish.

The couple had six children, all born in Phillack parish:

Thomas	b 9 October 1587	
Henrye	b 4 April 1589	
Alce	b 22 March 1593	
Richard	b 13 January 1599	d abt 1608
John	b 20 June 1604	
Richard	b 22 July 1610	d 13 August 1672

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PHILLACK - 'Church of Sancta Felicitas' 1259 and normally to the 15th century, Felok 1388, Seynt Felleck c.1530, Phillacke 1613. From the dedication of the church to a saint Felek, of whom nothing at all is known. The Latin forms are due to an attempt to equate this saint with one of the several saints called Felicity; but the patron saint of this parish is earlier found as Felec and he or she remained so named locally, as shown in the later forms. Note too that the Ph of the modern spelling is a 17th century innovation, and that the names was formally always spelt with F. Circa 1170 the churchtown was also called Egglosheil'.

MARRIAGES - DETAILS OF RECORD ID 387934:

Parish or Registration District: Phillack

Date: 23-Nov 1587

GROOM: Thomas NICHOLL

Groom's age:

Groom's condition:

Groom's rank/profession:

Groom's residence:

Father:

Father's rank/profession:

BRIDE: Elizabeth EVA

Bride's age:

Bride's condition:

Bride's rank/profession:

Bride's residence:

Father:

Father's rank/profession:

Banns(B) or Licence(L):

Groom Signed(S) or Marked(M):

Bride Signed(S) or Marked(M):

Witness 1:

Witness 2:

Register notes:

Transcriber Notes: Phillimores

Transcriber: John Smith

The marriage of Thomas Nicholl and Elizabeth Eva from the Phillack parish registers in 1587

THOMAS NICHOLL - *Individual Timeline*



Thomas Nicholl was born on 9 October 1560 in Gwithian, Cornwall, England, and died in Cornwall, England. He is the son of Thomas Nicholl. He married Elizabeth Eva on 23 November 1587 in Phillack, Cornwall, England. She was born on 28 August 1559 in Cambourne, Cornwall, England. She is the daughter of Harri Eva.

9 October 1560, Birth - IGI Index and Cornwall OPC database
Gwithian, Cornwall, England

23 November 1587, Marriage - Parish Records (transcribed by tl
Phillack, Cornwall, England

1545 1550 1555 1560 1565 1570 1575 1580 1585 1590 1595 1600 1605 1610

*Henry VIII dies & is
succeeded by nine year old
Edward VI*

*Elizabeth I
accedes to the throne*

*Francis Drake
Circumnavigates the
world*



The Lanyon Quoit stands right beside the road leading from Madron to Morvah, Cornwall



CHURCH RECORDS

CHURCH (PARISH) REGISTERS & BISHOPS' TRANSCRIPTS

The principal source of information will be the records of baptisms, marriages and burials maintained in the past by the various churches and (since 1837) the records of births, marriages and deaths, held by the Registrar-General.

In 1537 the priests of the Anglican Church were instructed to keep a record of all Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, and this led to the introduction of the Church or Parish Register. At this time the Anglican Church, was very much the "official" Church of the nation and ruled supreme - carrying out not only its Church work but other duties which today would be part of government. This, without doubt, led to supervision and controls which would not have existed otherwise, and probably accounts for the survival of so many records!

From 1598 the priests had to also send these same details to their Bishop on an annual basis; these returns became known as "Bishops' Transcripts". Although many registers have been lost with the passage of time, Cornwall has a surprising number prior to 1700, and even 1600, which have survived. Whilst in comparison fewer Bishops' Transcripts exist today, they can often prove useful in filling gaps in the Church registers, and as a check on the Church Register.

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THE METHODIST CHURCH

The Anglican Church was virtually the only source of information through these comprehensive records of baptisms, marriages and burials, until the coming of the Methodist Church in the very late 1700s. Many left the Anglican Church to join this "new" Church, leading to its tremendous growth in the 1800s. In Cornwall, for example, there were 55 Methodist Churches in 1801, but by the end of the century, this figure had risen to over 600. Although they were not legally permitted to carry out such functions as marriages, there is little doubt but that some did.

From 1837 Methodists were permitted to perform marriages, but only in the presence of the Registrar, and it was not until the very end of the century that such Churches could be licensed for the independent conduct of marriages. Baptisms were certainly conducted, as were burials: unfortunately, there not being the same degree of control in comparison with the Anglican Church, few of the early Methodist registers have survived.

CHURCH RECORDS

OTHER CHURCHES

Other denominations such as the Jews, Quakers and Catholics have also kept their records but like those of the Methodists, they are not so freely available as are those of the Anglican Church; in most cases it is necessary to apply to the Church to see a register.

TRANSCRIPTIONS

Transcriptions are extracts, or even complete copies, which have been made from Church Registers, most being of marriages. Research centres usually hold transcriptions of one sort or another; some are printed, others being hand-written. Two of the best known and most extensive, are those by Phillimore and Boyd. Phillimore organised the transcription of the marriage records of many parishes chronologically. Boyd, on the other hand, organised his marriage transcriptions alphabetically in 25 year periods. Both Phillimore and Boyd provide a good coverage of the Cornish Registers, but, with few exceptions, have stopped at 1812. The Cornwall Family History Society database aims to index all marriages, please see the Transcription Progress page to see our progress so far. An index of burials is almost complete.

The Courtney Library, in the Royal Cornwall Museum, holds, copies of the "Ross Marriage Index" on film, which although not as easy to follow as some, this is probably the most extensive of them all - but only gives the year of marriage, not the actual date.



Nancye Gordon Nicholls at age 93 (photo taken in 2011)



Kaye Morgan daughter of Nancye



the clipper ships
of the mid 1800's