

## BISHOP

### *The Bishop Family*

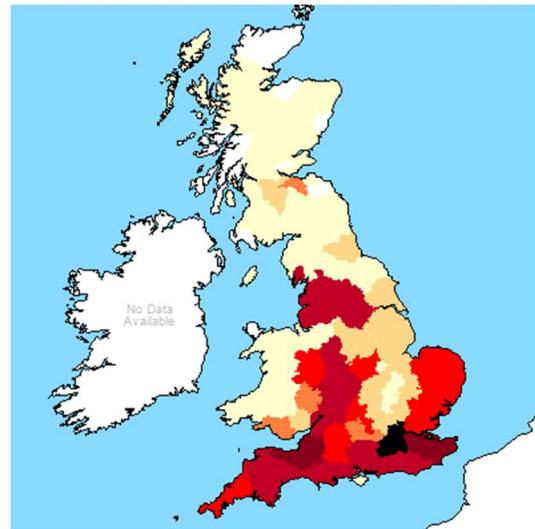
The surname Bishop is widespread, although few are found in Wales or the north of England.<sup>1</sup> It is suggested that the name may have originated from those who played the part of a bishop in a mystery play, or who had the appearance of a bishop.<sup>2</sup> This does not seem to account for the frequency with which the surname is found. Perhaps servants of bishops also adopted the name.

The Bishop line goes back to 9x great grandfather **Christopher Bishop**. His son, also **Christopher** and 8x great grandfather, was baptised on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October 1626 at Plympton St. Maurice, Devon.<sup>3</sup>

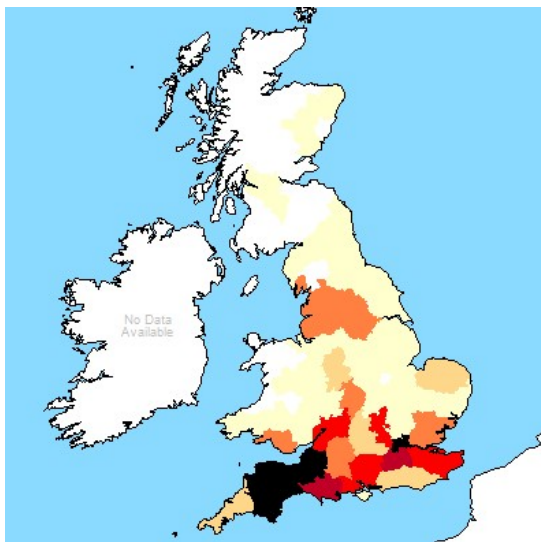
Plympton St. Maurice is also known as Plympton Erle. Is a small town on the edge of Dartmoor, about seven miles up the River Plym from Plymouth. It was one of the stannary towns, where locally mined tin could be weighed, assayed and stamped. Unfortunately, the tin mines produced silt, which washed down stream and impacted on what had been a busy port at Plympton. By the time Christopher was baptised, tin mining had begun to decline but other

trades, such as tanning, brewing, hat-making, brewing and coopering were common. During the seventeenth century two additional fairs were added to the four that were already being held annually.<sup>4</sup>

No mother is named in the baptism register but a marriage licence for Christopher Bishop and **Jane Thorne** was issued by the Diocese of Exeter on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March 1625/6 at Plympton St. Maurice; both were 'of Plympton'.<sup>5</sup> There is however no corresponding marriage entry in the Plympton St Maurice parish register,<sup>6</sup> perhaps they were married elsewhere. It is however almost certain



**The Origin of the Surname Bishop**



**The Origin of the Surname Thorne**

<sup>1</sup> *The British C19th Surname Atlas* Archer Software (2003). The darker areas indicate the highest incidences of the name.

<sup>2</sup> P. H. Reaney, *A Dictionary of Surnames* Routledge and Kegan Paul (1979).

<sup>3</sup> Parish register for Plympton St Maurice, Devon held at Plymouth and West Devon Record Office ref 695/1, via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>4</sup> W.G. Hoskins *Devon* Phillimore & Co. Ltd (2003).

<sup>5</sup> Printed transcript of the Diocese of Exeter Marriage licences via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

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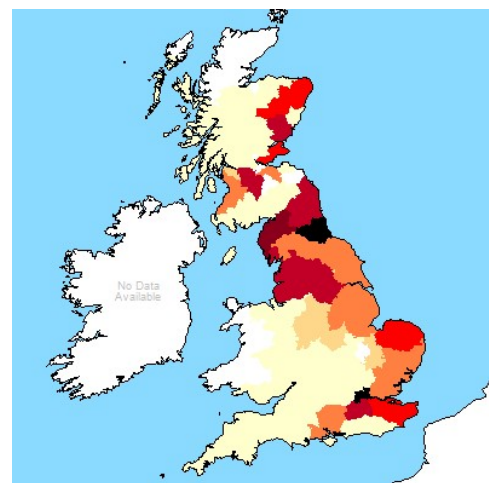
that 9x great grandmother was Jane. The surname Thorne predominates in Devon and Somerset.<sup>7</sup> It derives from 'dweller by the thorn bushes'.<sup>8</sup>

A Christopher Bishop, widower, married Annis Maddick at Plympton St. Maurice on the 30<sup>th</sup> of November 1622.<sup>9</sup> There is no record of a first marriage for Christopher husband of Annis.<sup>10</sup> There is however a burial of a Wilmott Bishop, wife of Christopher on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March 1620/1 in Plympton St. Maurice.<sup>11</sup> This Christopher, husband of Wilmot and Annis, is almost certainly the Christopher who went on to marry Jane Thorne, although it is possible that he could be an earlier generation.

Walter, another child of 9x great grandfather Christopher Bishop, was baptised at Plympton St Maurice on the 24<sup>th</sup> of August 1628. He married Elizabeth Blake at Plympton St. Maurice on the 28<sup>th</sup> of December 1648.<sup>12</sup> After Elizabeth's death he married Mary Snyttall on the 10<sup>th</sup> of August 1656, also at Plympton St. Maurice.<sup>13</sup>

There is record of letter of administration for Christopher Bishop of Plympton in 1650 but the document no longer survives<sup>14</sup> and no burial record has been found.<sup>15</sup> It is likely that Jane remarried, to Bernard Head, on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 1651 and was buried on the 6<sup>th</sup> of April 1679, both at Plympton St. Maurice.<sup>16</sup>

8x great grandfather Christopher married Marie **Bowman** on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May 1656 at Sampford Spiney, Devon.<sup>17</sup> Bowman is a name that is rarely found in the south-west, the greatest concentration being on the



The Origin of the Surname Bowman

<sup>7</sup> *The British C19th Surname Atlas* Archer Software (2003). The darker areas indicate the highest incidences of the name.

<sup>8</sup> P. H. Reaney, *A Dictionary of Surnames* Routledge and Kegan Paul (1979).

<sup>9</sup> Parish register for Plympton St Maurice, Devon held at Plymouth and West Devon Record Office ref 695/1, via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>10</sup> Parish register for Plympton St Maurice, Devon held at Plymouth and West Devon Record Office ref 695/1, via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk). Index to baptisms and marriages via [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).

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<sup>13</sup> Parish register for Plympton St Maurice, Devon held at Plymouth and West Devon Record Office ref 695/1, via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>14</sup> Devon Wills Index.

<sup>15</sup> Parish register for Plympton St Maurice, Devon held at Plymouth and West Devon Record Office ref 695/1, via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk). Index to baptisms and marriages via [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).

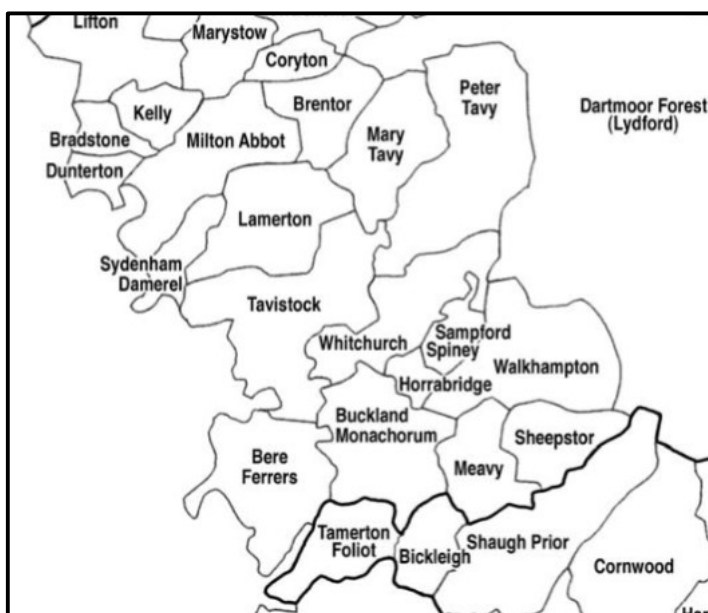
<sup>16</sup> Parish register for Plympton St Maurice, Devon held at Plymouth and West Devon Record Office ref 695/1, via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>17</sup> Copy of the marriage register of St. Mary's, Sampford Spiney, Devon via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

east coast, particularly in County Durham.<sup>18</sup> The meaning is self-explanatory, one who was proficient with the long bow. Sampford Spiney is a small moorland village, twelve miles to the north of Plympton. Only one child has been found for Christopher and Marie, 7x great grandfather **Christopher** who was born on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May 1657 and baptised at Sampford Spiney on the 24<sup>th</sup> of June.<sup>19</sup> Nothing further is known about this generation.

7x great grandfather is almost certainly the Christopher Bishop who, in 1685, was paid three shillings by the Churchwardens of Whitchurch, Devon for three young foxes.<sup>20</sup> It was common to reward parishioners who rid the community of vermin in this way. Whitchurch is about three miles from Sampford Spiney and six miles from Buckland Monachorum, where Christopher married Mercy Cloake on the 12<sup>th</sup> of October 1696.<sup>21</sup> In the previous century, Sir Francis Drake had worshipped at this church. No burial has been found for Mercy but on the 13<sup>th</sup> of January 1701/2, Christopher 'of Buckland Monachorum' married again, at Mary Tavy, to **Katherine Elford**.<sup>22</sup>

Christopher was overseer of the poor for Buckland Monachorum in 1702,<sup>23</sup> responsible for collecting the poor rates and redistributing the funds to deserving paupers. It was common to give paupers food, fuel, medicines or clothing purchased from the poor rates, rather than actual money. He would also have been responsible for the parish poor house. In 1661, an almshouse, known at 'The Gift House' was constructed in Buckland Monachorum,<sup>24</sup> supervising this may also have been part of Christopher's remit.



**Extract from a Parish Map**  
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<sup>18</sup> *The British C19th Surname Atlas* Archer Software (2003). The darker areas indicate the highest incidences of the name.

<sup>19</sup> Copy of the marriage register of St. Mary's, Sampford Spiney, Devon via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>20</sup> Churchwardens' Accounts Whitchurch, Devon via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk) originals held at Plymouth & West Devon Record Office 1685 796/25.

<sup>21</sup> Index to marriages for St. Andrew's, Buckland Monachorum, Devon, via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

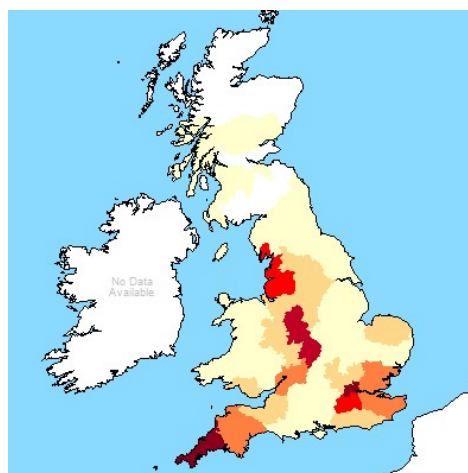
<sup>22</sup> See Elford paper. Marriage register of St. Mary's, Mary Tavy, Devon via Devon Family History Society [www.devonfhs.org.uk](http://www.devonfhs.org.uk).

<sup>23</sup> Overseers' Accounts for St. Andrew's, Buckland Monachorum, Devon via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk) originals held at Plymouth & West Devon Record Office 1702 600/59.

<sup>24</sup> <https://britishlistedbuildings.co.uk/101105461-the-gift-house-buckland-monachorum> accessed 4 January 2021.

Christopher and Katherine had at least four children baptised in Buckland Monachorum. 6x great grandfather **Christopher** on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February 1702/3, Elizabeth on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 1704/5, Peter on the 21<sup>st</sup> of June 1707 and John on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May 1715.<sup>25</sup> It is almost certain that the William Bishop, 'son of George', baptised at Buckland Monachorum on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February 1708/9, belongs to this family.<sup>26</sup> There is no George Bishop in the area at this time. Elizabeth was buried at Buckland Monachorum on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July 1729.<sup>27</sup>

6x great grandfather Christopher married **Margaret Nicholls** on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April 1728 at Sheepstor.<sup>28</sup> Nicholls is a patronymic surname, meaning, son of Nicholas<sup>29</sup> and is found in the greatest numbers in Cornwall.<sup>30</sup> Christopher and Margaret had ten children baptised in Buckland Monachorum. The first two were presumably twins. Catherine and Elizabeth were baptised on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December 1728<sup>31</sup> and buried three days later.<sup>32</sup> Christopher was baptised on the 31<sup>st</sup> of January 1730.<sup>33</sup> He married another Margaret Nicholls, probably a relative of his mother, at Buckland Monachorum on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April 1761<sup>34</sup>



**The Origin of the Surname Nicholls**

Betty was baptised on the 29<sup>th</sup> of March 1732<sup>35</sup> and married Peter Nile in Buckland Monachorum on the 9<sup>th</sup> of September 1753.<sup>36</sup> Agnes was baptised on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May 1735.<sup>37</sup> She married Richard Glubb at Buckland Monachorum on the 11<sup>th</sup> of December 1758.<sup>38</sup> The next daughter, Ann, was baptised on the 5<sup>th</sup> of July 1738.<sup>39</sup> She married Elias Dunrich on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May 1758 at Buckland Monachorum.<sup>40</sup>

<sup>25</sup> Index to baptisms for St. Andrew's, Buckland Monachorum, Devon, via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>26</sup> Index to baptisms for St. Andrew's, Buckland Monachorum, Devon, via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>27</sup> Burial register of St. Andrew's, Buckland Monachorum via the late Joyce Bishop née Amos.

<sup>28</sup> Marriage register of St. Leonard's, Sheepstor, Devon via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>29</sup> P. H. Reaney, *A Dictionary of Surnames* Routledge and Kegan Paul (1979).

<sup>30</sup> *The British C19th Surname Atlas* Archer Software (2003). The darker areas indicate the highest incidences of the name.

<sup>31</sup> Index to baptisms for St. Andrew's, Buckland Monachorum, Devon, via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

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Buckland Monachorum

5x great grandfather **William** was baptised on the 21<sup>st</sup> of December 1740.<sup>41</sup> He was followed by John, who was baptised on the 9<sup>th</sup> of October 1742, Peter baptised on the 6<sup>th</sup> of July 1743 and James baptised on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March 1746/7.<sup>42</sup>

5x great grandfather William married **Grace Johns** on the 17<sup>th</sup> of November 1763 at nearby Bere Ferrers, on the River Tamar. Strangely, the banns were called in September but the marriage was not until November. William was able to sign his name and Grace managed a 'J'. Robert Johns witnessed the marriage; this was almost certainly Grace's father, as her brother would only have been sixteen.<sup>43</sup> Their story continues below.

Bere Ferrers nestles between the River Tamar and the River Tavy. This too was a mining settlement, with tin, silver and lead mines, as well as a smelting works in the area. It was also noted for growing apples, strawberries and black cherries.<sup>44</sup>

### ***The Bowden and Johns Families***

8 x great grandparents were **John** and **Alice Bowden**<sup>45</sup> of Bere Ferrers in Devon but no baptisms or marriages have been found for them. They had three children baptised in Bere Ferrers, 7x great grandmother **Phillippa** on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September 1680, Mary baptised on the

<sup>41</sup> Index to baptisms for St. Andrew's, Buckland Monachorum, Devon, via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>42</sup> Index to baptisms for St. Andrew's, Buckland Monachorum, Devon, via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>43</sup> Marriage register of St. Andrew's, Bere Ferrers, Devon via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>44</sup> W.G. Hoskins *Devon* Phillimore & Co. Ltd (2003). White's Devonshire Directory 1850.

<sup>45</sup> See the Elford paper for a discussion of the Bowden name.

26<sup>th</sup> of February 1686/7 and Robert baptised on the 21<sup>st</sup> of October 1693.<sup>46</sup> Alice was buried in Bere Ferrers on the 19<sup>th</sup> of April 1733.<sup>47</sup>

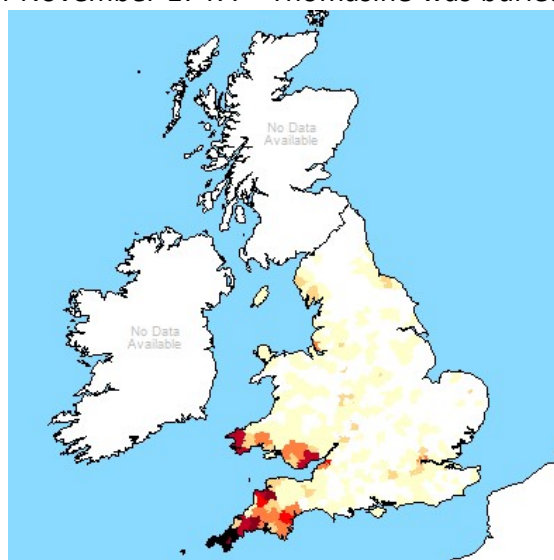
Johns is a patronymic surname, meaning 'son of John'. It is a west-country surname, found in Cornwall and west Devon as well as Wales.<sup>48</sup>

Phillippa married **Thomas Johns** at Bere Ferrers on the 29<sup>th</sup> of May 1703.<sup>49</sup> They had five children baptised in Bere Ferrers. Joan on the 17<sup>th</sup> of September 1703, Mary on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of December 1708, Alice on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March 1711/12, 6x great grandfather **Robert** on the 17<sup>th</sup> of June 1715 and Hanor on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September 1718.<sup>50</sup> Thomas was buried at Bere Ferrers on the 18<sup>th</sup> of June 1722.<sup>51</sup> Phillippa may have been buried in 1733 in Menheniot, Cornwall.<sup>52</sup>

Robert married **Thomasine Sammel** or **Sambell**<sup>53</sup> on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October 1742 at Bere Ferrers.<sup>54</sup> They had two children baptised in Bere Ferrers, 5x great grandmother **Grace** on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March 1743/4 and Robert Bowden on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November 1747.<sup>55</sup> Thomasine was buried in Bere Ferrers on the 9<sup>th</sup> of October 1782 and Robert on the 16<sup>th</sup> of July 1785.<sup>56</sup>

### ***William and Grace Bishop née Johns***

William and Grace had eight children baptised in Bere Ferrers. The eldest was William who was baptised on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October 1764. He was followed by Thomasin on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December 1766, Margaret on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 1770 and John on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March 1777.<sup>57</sup> Margaret was buried in Bere Ferrers on the 27<sup>th</sup> of October 1771 and John on the 11<sup>th</sup> of October 1778<sup>58</sup> and another John was baptised on the 24<sup>th</sup> of June 1781.<sup>59</sup> The two youngest children were 4 great



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<sup>46</sup> Baptism register of St. Andrew's, Bere Ferrers, Devon via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>47</sup> Burial register of St. Andrew's, Bere Ferrers, Devon via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>48</sup> *The British C19th Surname Atlas* Archer Software (2003). The darker areas indicate the highest incidences of the name.

<sup>49</sup> Marriage register of St. Andrew's, Bere Ferrers, Devon via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>50</sup> Baptism register of St. Andrew's, Bere Ferrers, Devon via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>51</sup> Burial register of St. Andrew's, Bere Ferrers, Devon via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>52</sup> Index to Cornish baptisms, marriages and burials, via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>53</sup> See notes on the Sambell Family <https://thehistoryinterpreter.files.wordpress.com/2020/03/sambell.pdf>.

<sup>54</sup> Marriage register of St. Andrew's, Bere Ferrers, Devon via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

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grandfather **Robert**, who was baptised on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March 1784 and Grace, who was baptised on the 10<sup>th</sup> of August 1788.<sup>60</sup>

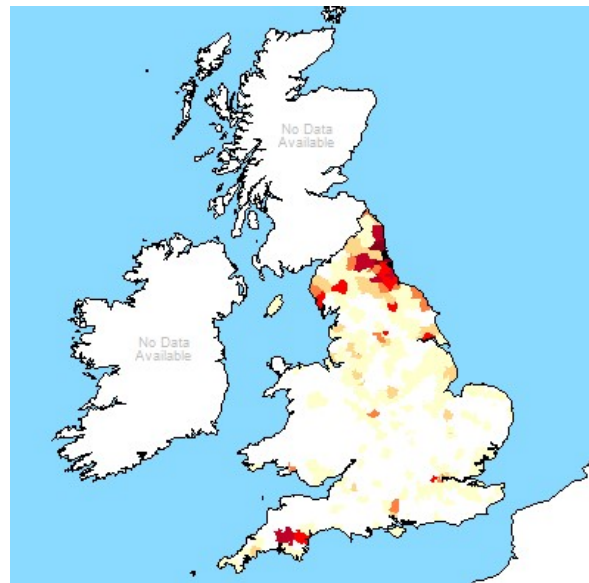
William was almost certainly buried in Bere Ferrers on the 19<sup>th</sup> of June 1808, it is likely that the William Bishop buried there on the 31<sup>st</sup> of January 1786 was his son, though it could be the other way round.<sup>61</sup> Grace was buried on the 15<sup>th</sup> of June 1812.<sup>62</sup> Grace left a will, which was written in 1809. She mentions her surviving children, daughter Thomasin, by this time married to Thomas Wyville and sons Christopher, John and Robert. Her youngest daughter, Grace, received the bulk of the estate including a property in Bere Alston.<sup>63</sup>

4x great grandfather, Robert Bishop married **Thomasine Burn** on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November 1807 in Bere Ferrers.

### ***The Burn Family***

The name Burn has an interesting distribution, being found in Northumberland and in south Devon.<sup>64</sup> The meaning, 'dweller by the burn or stream', makes more sense in its Northumbrian location.

5x great grandfather, **Richard Burn** married **Elizabeth Kinsman** at Buckland Monachorum, Devon on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April 1772.<sup>65</sup> According to his age at burial, Richard was born about 1740<sup>66</sup> however a likely baptism is in Mary Tavy in 1745, the son of Henry and Thomasine.<sup>67</sup> It has not been possible to identify Elizabeth's baptism. Richard and Elizabeth had five children baptised in Buckland Monachorum, Jane on the 17<sup>th</sup> of April



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<sup>60</sup> Baptism register of St. Andrew's, Bere Ferrers, Devon via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>61</sup> If it was William junior who was buried in 1808 it is likely that there might be a marriage for him, which there is not. Equally Grace making a will in 1809 might suggest that her husband had died fairly recently.

<sup>62</sup> Burial register of St. Andrew's, Bere Ferrers, Devon via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>63</sup> The will of Grace Bishop written 1809, proved 1812.

<sup>64</sup> *The British C19th Surname Atlas* Archer Software (2003). The darker areas indicate the highest incidences of the name.

<sup>65</sup> Index to marriages St. Andrew's, Buckland Monachorum, Devon, compiled by Devon Family History Society, Via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk). Bishop's Transcripts for St. Andrew's, Buckland Monachorum, Devon via [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).

<sup>66</sup> Index to burials for St. Andrew's, Buckland Monachorum, Devon, compiled by Devon Family History Society, via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>67</sup> Index to baptisms for Mary Tavy, Devon, compiled by Devon Family History Society, via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

1773, Mary on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September 1775, John on the 29<sup>th</sup> of November 1778,<sup>68</sup> Henry on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February 1783 and 4x great grandmother **Thomasin** on the 15<sup>th</sup> of February 1789.<sup>69</sup> Richard was buried in Buckland Monachorum on the 26<sup>th</sup> of May 1825 and Elizabeth on the 24<sup>th</sup> of January 1830; she was described as being 'of the poor house'.<sup>70</sup>

### ***Robert and Thomasine Bishop née Burn***

Robert and Thomasine Bishop had seven children baptised in Bere Ferrers. Grace was baptised on the 30<sup>th</sup> of October 1808. William and Richard were both baptised on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April 1810 and the gaps in the children suggest that they were twins. Elizabeth was baptised on the 29<sup>th</sup> of August 1813 and her baptism record reveals that Robert was a cordwainer, or shoemaker of Bere Ferrers. 3x great grandfather **John** was baptised on the 17<sup>th</sup> of May 1817.<sup>71</sup> His death certificate suggests that he was born about 1815.<sup>72</sup> This time Robert was listed as a cordwainer of Bere Alston. These details were the same when Thomasin was baptised on the 9<sup>th</sup> of June 1822 and when Jane was baptised on the 5<sup>th</sup> of February 1826.<sup>73</sup> Jane was buried on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October 1828 in Bere Ferrers.<sup>74</sup> Bere Alston is a village three miles to the north of Bere Ferres, within the historic parish of Bere Ferrers.

Thomasine was buried at Bere Ferrers on the 10<sup>th</sup> of January 1834 'of Bere Alston'.<sup>75</sup> In 1836, Robert claimed that he was too poor to pay 6d poor rate.<sup>76</sup> In 1841, widowed Robert, a shoemaker, was living in Pepper Street, Bere Alston, with his daughter Thomasin.<sup>77</sup> Perhaps this was the property mentioned in his mother's will. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 1843, Robert married the widowed Martha Tratten née Williams, at Plymouth St. Andrew, Devon. Robert was recorded as being a cordwainer. Both were listed as 'of Old Town Street' and made their marks. The witnesses were Charles Hatch, who was almost certainly Robert's son-in-law and James Burns Horne.<sup>78</sup>

In 1851, Robert and Martha were living in Bedford Street, Bere Alston and Robert was working as a cordwainer. Robert, still a cordwainer, died on the 19<sup>th</sup> of September 1855 at Bere Alston of paralysis, presumably as the result of a stroke. He had been suffering for thirteen months.

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<sup>68</sup> Index to baptisms St. Andrew's, Buckland Monachorum, Devon, compiled by Devon Family History Society, via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>69</sup> Bishop's Transcripts for St. Andrew's, Buckland Monachorum, Devon via [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).

<sup>70</sup> Index to burials for St. Andrew's, Buckland Monachorum, Devon, compiled by Devon Family History Society, Via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>71</sup> Baptism register of St. Andrew's, Bere Ferrers, Devon via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>72</sup> Death certificate (pdf) of John Bishop 1874 from the General Register Office.

<sup>73</sup> Baptism register of St. Andrew's, Bere Ferrers, Devon via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>74</sup> Burial register of St. Andrew's, Bere Ferrers, Devon via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>75</sup> Burial register of St. Andrew's, Bere Ferrers, Devon via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>76</sup> Churchwardens' Accounts for St. Andrew's, Bere Ferrers, Devon via the late Joyce Bishop née Amos.

<sup>77</sup> 1841 census for Pepper Street, Bere Alston, Devon HO107 240/3 folio 14.

<sup>78</sup> Marriage register of St. Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).



Rebecca Wivel, perhaps a nurse, was present at the death.<sup>79</sup> Robert was buried at Bere Ferrers on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September 1855 'of Bere Alston'.<sup>80</sup>

### ***The Laundry Family***

Laundry is spelt in many ways, including Landry, Laundrey, Launder and Lander. It has been standardised in this narrative for convenience. 5x great grandparents **Richard Laundry** and **Jane Mildren** married at St. Mellion, Cornwall on the 6<sup>th</sup> of October 1775. Many believe that Richard was baptised some twenty miles away in St. Neot, Cornwall in 1750, the son of Richard and Mary Laundry née Barnacott but equally, if not more, likely baptisms are that of Richard, son of John and Margaret Laundry née Bond on the 21<sup>st</sup> of June 1747, or Richard son of Richard and Deborah Laundry née Daw on the 26<sup>th</sup> of October 1753 both in Callington, Cornwall where 5x great grandfather Richard lived.<sup>81</sup> It is likely that these two Callington Richards were first cousins. It must be noted however that 5x great grandfather Richard's burial, on 12 June 1832 in Callington, suggests a birth date of c. 1749/50, which is more in line with the St. Neot baptism.<sup>82</sup> I do also have a DNA match with someone who purports to descend from one of the St. Neot Laundrys.

Jane's burial, on the 11<sup>th</sup> of January 1818 at Callington, suggests that she was born c. 1746.<sup>83</sup> She is almost certainly the Jane Mildren baptised in Callington on the 28<sup>th</sup> of March 1749, daughter of John and Mary Mildren née Dawe but there are other options.<sup>84</sup>

Richard and Jane had four sons. John was baptised on the 16<sup>th</sup> of October 1776 in Callington. 4x great grandfather **Richard Laundry** was baptised on the 13<sup>th</sup> of October 1778 at St. Mellion. Samuel was baptised on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 1781 and William on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 1785, both in Callington.<sup>85</sup>

On the 29<sup>th</sup> of June 1802 4x great grandfather, Richard Laundry, married **Mary Hitchins** at Bere Ferrers.<sup>86</sup> Mary was born about 1783 in Devon.<sup>87</sup> Three daughters have been found for the couple. There is a long gap before the first child, suggesting that perhaps some were born elsewhere, or perhaps Richard was involved in the Napoleonic wars. The known children were 3x great grandmother **Thomasin Laundry** baptised on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May 1814,<sup>88</sup> Mary born on

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<sup>79</sup> Death certificate (pdf) of Robert Bishop 1855 from the General Register Office.

<sup>80</sup> Burial register of St. Andrew's, Bere Ferrers, Devon via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>81</sup> Cornwall Online Parish Clerks' Database [www.cornwall-opc-database.org](http://www.cornwall-opc-database.org).

<sup>82</sup> Cornwall Online Parish Clerks' Database [www.cornwall-opc-database.org](http://www.cornwall-opc-database.org).

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<sup>86</sup> Marriage register of St. Andrew's, Bere Ferrers, Devon via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>87</sup> 1841 census for Wite Clift, Bere Ferrers, Devon HO107 240/5 folio 4. Death certificate (pdf) of Mary Laundry 1838 from the General Register Office.

<sup>88</sup> The baptism register reads daughter of John and Mary but Thomasine's marriage certificate, the 1841 census for Wite Clift, Bere Ferrers, Devon HO107 240/5 folio 4 and the lack of John and Mary Laundry in the parish at this time suggests that this is an error for Richard and Mary.

the 26<sup>th</sup> of March<sup>89</sup> and baptised on the 13<sup>th</sup> of April 1817 and Jane baptised on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October 1819, all at Bere Ferrers.<sup>90</sup>

In 1841 Richard and Mary Laundry, with daughters Thomasin and Jane were living at Wite Clift, Bere Ferrers and Richard was described as a farmer.<sup>91</sup> Mary married Peter Daws, a miner, on the 14<sup>th</sup> of December 1840 at Bere Ferrers.<sup>92</sup> They had five children and later lived in Calstock, Cornwall, where Peter as a market gardener and beer retailer at The Rising Sun.<sup>93</sup>

Jane married James Channon, a sawyer, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May 1846 in Stoke Damerel.<sup>94</sup> They had three daughters born in Bere Ferrers.<sup>95</sup> Jane died in 1894.<sup>96</sup>

Mary Laundry died on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January 1848 at Lopwell from dilation of the heart, of two years' duration; her husband was the informant.<sup>97</sup> She was buried at Bere Ferrers on the 24<sup>th</sup> of January.<sup>98</sup> In 1851, Richard was living next to his daughter Thomasin at Lopwell, where he was a beer retailer.<sup>99</sup> Ten years later, nothing had changed but we learn that the beer shop was known as The Cross Oars.<sup>100</sup>



**Richard Laundry c. 1778-1870**

Richard died on the 26<sup>th</sup> of February 1870 at Lopwell, of old age and senile gangrene of both feet, from which he had suffered for fourteen days, possibly he was suffering from diabetes. The informant was his son-in-law John Bishop.<sup>101</sup> He was buried at Bere Ferrers on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March.<sup>102</sup>

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<sup>89</sup> Daws family bible via [www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk).

<sup>90</sup> Baptism register of St. Andrew's, Bere Ferrers, Devon via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>91</sup> 1841 census for Wite Clift, Bere Ferrers, Devon HO107 240/5 folio 4.

<sup>92</sup> Marriage register of St. Andrew's, Bere Ferrers, Devon via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>93</sup> 1851 census for Vinegar Hill, Bere Ferrers, Devon HO107 1883 folio 73. 1871 census for The Rising Sun, Gunnislake, Cornwall RG10 2145 folio 92.

<sup>94</sup> Marriage register of Stoke Damerel, Devon via [www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk).

<sup>95</sup> 1851 census for Frog Street, Bere Alston, Bere Ferrers, Devon HO107 1883 folio 65. 1871 census for 2 Vinegar Hill Cottage, Bere Ferrers, Devon RG10 2142 folio 43.

<sup>96</sup> Death indexes of the General Registrar.

<sup>97</sup> Death certificate (pdf) of Mary Laundry 1838 from the General Register Office.

<sup>98</sup> Burial register of St. Andrew's, Bere Ferrers, Devon via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>99</sup> 1851 census for Lopwell, Bere Ferrers, Devon HO107 1883 folio 73.

<sup>100</sup> 1861 census for Cross Oars, Lopwell, Bere Ferrers, Devon RG9 1457 folio 55.

<sup>101</sup> Death certificate (pdf) of Richard Laundry 1870 from the General Register Office.

<sup>102</sup> Burial register of St. Andrew's, Bere Ferrers, Devon via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

### ***John and Thomasin Bishop née Laundry***

On the 7<sup>th</sup> of September 1836, John Bishop married Thomasine Hatch at Bere Ferrers. Both were 'of this parish' and neither could sign the register. The witnesses were John Sprague and Nicholas Geek.<sup>103</sup> No children have been found for the couple.<sup>104</sup> Thomasine was about fifteen years older than John. She died in 1840 and was buried in Bere Ferrers on the 20<sup>th</sup> of December.<sup>105</sup>

In 1841 John was lodging in the house of William Paul at Pepper Street, in Bere Ferrers; he was an agricultural labourer.<sup>106</sup> John remarried to Thomasin, or Tamzin, Laundry on the 28<sup>th</sup> of August 1841 at Stoke Damerel, Devon. Both were said to be of 18 Market Street. John was a labourer. John made his mark and Thomasine signed the register. The witnesses were John Hamley and Grace Algar.<sup>107</sup>

The eldest child of John and Thomasine Bishop was great great grandfather **Richard Laundry Bishop**, who was born on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August 1842 at what looks like 'Will', in Bere Ferrers, Devon.<sup>108</sup> John was a labourer at the time of Richard's birth. Richard was baptised at Bere Ferrers on the 14<sup>th</sup> of August and the address was then given as Bere Alston.<sup>109</sup> Three more sons were born in Bere Ferrers, William in 1844, John about 1847 and Robert in



**John Bishop c. 1815-1874**



**Bere Alston**

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<sup>103</sup> Marriage register of St. Andrew's, Bere Ferrers, Devon via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>104</sup> Baptism register of St. Andrew's, Bere Ferrers, Devon via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk). Index to baptisms for many Devon parishes, compiled by Devon Family History Society, via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>105</sup> Burial register of St. Andrew's, Bere Ferrers, Devon via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>106</sup> 1841 census for Pepper Street, Bere Ferrers, Devon HO107 240/3 folio 10.

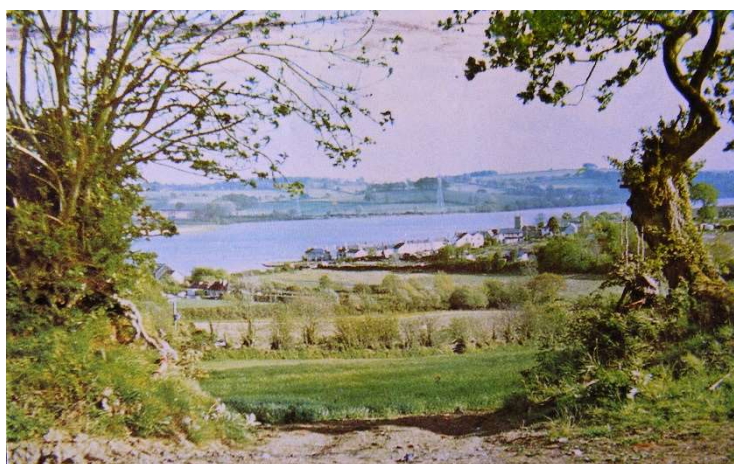
<sup>107</sup> Marriage certificate of John Bishop and Tamzin Laundry 1841 from the General Register Office.

<sup>108</sup> Birth certificate (pdf) of Richard Laundry Bishop 1842 from the General Register Office.

<sup>109</sup> Baptism register of St. Andrew's, Bere Ferrers, Devon via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).



1849.<sup>110</sup> When John was baptised on the 21<sup>st</sup> of February 1847, John senior was described as a quarryman of White Cliffs.<sup>111</sup> They were still at White Cliffs on the 17<sup>th</sup> of June 1849, when Robert was baptised; this time John was described as a labourer.<sup>112</sup>



**Lopwell**

By 1851, the family were living at Lopwell, Bere Ferrers, John was an agricultural labourer and the eldest three boys were scholars.

Next door was Thomasine's father, Richard Laundry.<sup>113</sup> They were still there ten years later, with the address 'Lopwell Cottage'; John and Richard were copper miners.<sup>114</sup> William was an agricultural labourer and the other children were scholars.<sup>115</sup> The family had added three more children to the family, Fanny in 1851, Tamzin in 1853 and Alexander in 1856.<sup>116</sup>

In 1861, John and Thomasine were at Lopwell Cottage with six of their seven children, John having left home. Ten years later, John, Thomasine and their children John, Fanny and Alexander were at Lopwell Cottage in Bere Ferrers. John was now a Farmer.<sup>117</sup> John died on the 26<sup>th</sup> of May 1874 at Lopwell; he was described as a beershop keeper and gardener. He died of Emphysema of the lungs, which he had had for years and bronchitis, of four days' duration. His time as a miner may have been a contributing factor. The informant was his son John.<sup>118</sup> He was buried at Bere Ferrers on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May.<sup>119</sup> Thomasine died two years later, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November 1876 at Lopwell, of cerebral effusion and coma her son Alexander was the informant.<sup>120</sup> She was buried at Bere Ferrers on the 7<sup>th</sup> of November 1876.<sup>121</sup>

<sup>110</sup> 1851 census for Lopwell, Bere Ferrers, Devon HO107 1883 folio 73. Birth indexes of the General Registrar.

<sup>111</sup> Baptism register of St. Andrew's, Bere Ferrers, Devon via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>112</sup> Baptism register of St. Andrew's, Bere Ferrers, Devon via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>113</sup> 1851 census for Lopwell, Bere Ferrers, Devon HO107 1883 folio 73.

<sup>114</sup> 1861 census for Lopwell, Bere Ferrers, Devon RG9 1457 folio 55.

<sup>115</sup> 1861 census for Lopwell, Bere Ferrers, Devon RG9 1457 folio 55.

<sup>116</sup> 1861 census for Lopwell, Bere Ferrers, Devon RG9 1457 folio 55. Birth indexes of the General Registrar.

<sup>117</sup> 1871 census for Lopwell Cottage, Bere Ferrers, Devon RG10 2142 folio 45.

<sup>118</sup> Death certificate (pdf) of John Bishop 1874 from the General Register Office.

<sup>119</sup> Burial register of St. Andrew's, Bere Ferrers, Devon via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>120</sup> Death certificate (pdf) of Tamsin (Thomasine) Bishop née Laundry 1876 from the General Register Office.

<sup>121</sup> Burial register of St. Andrew's, Bere Ferrers, Devon via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

### ***The Children of John and Thomasin Bishop née Laundry***

William worked as an agricultural labourer.<sup>122</sup> On the 31<sup>st</sup> of July 1869 he married Caroline Hutchings.<sup>123</sup> They had a short lived son, John, who was born and died in 1870.<sup>124</sup> Fanny was born on the 14<sup>th</sup> of August 1871 in Bere Ferrers.<sup>125</sup> In the 1870s, William worked in the USA on railway construction. It is not known if he went alone or with the family. The gap in the children might suggest that he left Caroline and the children behind but he may have joined his brother Robert.<sup>126</sup> Esther Elizabeth was born on the 28<sup>th</sup> of November 1876 and Horace William on the 16<sup>th</sup> of January 1879, both in Bere Ferrers.<sup>127</sup> By 1881 William was living near his older brother, Richard, in Cargreen and was working as a bargeman.<sup>128</sup> Ida Ethel was born at Cargreen on the 28<sup>th</sup> of May 1884.<sup>129</sup> They then moved to Millbrook where Lucy was born on the 28<sup>th</sup> of May 1884 and Wilfred John on the 19<sup>th</sup> of August 1888.<sup>130</sup> On the 9<sup>th</sup> of March 1891 William was lost from the barge *Mayflower* in a blizzard. The barge belonged to John Parsons and was transporting bricks from Millbrook, Cornwall to Poole in Dorset.<sup>131</sup> William is not named in a newspaper report on the loss but a charity football match was played in aid of the families of William and the other missing crew member.<sup>132</sup>



**William Bishop 1844-1891**

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<sup>122</sup> 1861 census for Lopwell, Bere Ferrers, Devon RG9 1457 folio 55.

<sup>123</sup> Oral evidence from the late Joyce Bishop née Amos.

<sup>124</sup> Oral evidence from the late Joyce Bishop née Amos.

<sup>125</sup> Oral evidence from the late Joyce Bishop née Amos. 1881 census for Cargreen, Landulph, Cornwall RG11 2282 folio 35.

<sup>126</sup> Oral evidence from the late Joyce Bishop née Amos.

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<sup>132</sup> *Western Morning News* 28 March 1891 page 5 col a.



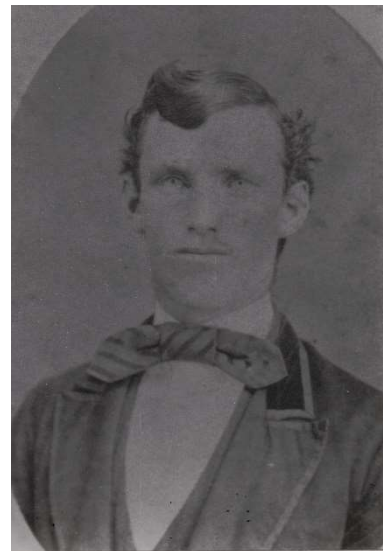
John married Elizabeth Ann Harris in 1890 in Newton Abbot, Devon registration district.<sup>133</sup> They had no children.<sup>134</sup> He worked as a gardener at Buckland Abbey.<sup>135</sup> He died on the 9<sup>th</sup> of November 1921 of 1 Richmond Terrace, Buckland Monachorum.<sup>136</sup>



**John Bishop 1846-1921**

Robert emigrated, firstly to the USA, then moved to Australia.<sup>137</sup> Fanny married William Hamley in 1872 in Tavistock, Devon registration district.<sup>138</sup> They had three children.<sup>139</sup>

Thomasin married John Abel Finnemore on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of December 1874 at Broad Clyst, Devon.<sup>140</sup> They had a daughter Lily Bishop Finnemore, who was born in Helston, Cornwall registration district in 1875, before emigrating to Australia from Plymouth on the *Corona*.<sup>141</sup> They arrived in Australia on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July 1877.<sup>142</sup> More children were born in New South Wales including Maude Lindsay born on the 1<sup>st</sup> of February 1880 and Ethel born on the 17<sup>th</sup> of January 1882, who were both baptised at Parramatta, New South Wales<sup>143</sup> and Florrie May who was born in 1885.<sup>144</sup> Thomasin died in Chatswood, New South Wales district in 1912.<sup>145</sup>



**Robert Bishop 1849-**

<sup>133</sup> The marriage indexes of the General Registrar.

<sup>134</sup> Oral evidence from the late Joyce Bishop née Amos.

<sup>135</sup> Oral evidence from the late Joyce Bishop née Amos.

<sup>136</sup> The indexes of the Principal Probate Registry.

<sup>137</sup> Oral evidence from the late Joyce Bishop née Amos.

<sup>138</sup> Oral evidence from the late Joyce Bishop née Amos. The marriage indexes of the General Registrar,

<sup>139</sup> 1881 census for Chumland Cottage, Bere Ferrers, Devon RG11 2215 folio 48. Oral evidence from the late Joyce Bishop née Amos.

<sup>140</sup> Oral evidence from the late Joyce Bishop née Amos.

<sup>141</sup> Passenger list for the *Corona* State Records Authority of New South Wales, Australia Persons on bounty ships (Agent's Immigrant Lists) series 5316, reel 2140 via [www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk). Oral evidence from the late Joyce Bishop née Amos.

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<sup>143</sup> Baptism register of St. Johns, Parramatta, New South Wales, Australia.

<sup>144</sup> Marriage registers of the Anglican Church Diocese of Sydney, New South Wales, Australia via [www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk).

<sup>145</sup> New South Wales death indexes via [www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk).



**Fanny Bishop 1851- and Thomasine Bishop 1853-1912**

Alexander married Mary Hall on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 1879 at Buckland Monachorum.<sup>146</sup> They had one daughter, Bertha, born in 1880.<sup>147</sup> In 1891 they were living at Cremyll Cottage, Maker, Cornwall and Alexander was a labourer.<sup>148</sup>

***Richard Laundry and Elizabeth Bound Bishop née Buckingham***

On the 27<sup>th</sup> of April 1864, John and Thomasine's eldest child, Richard Laundry Bishop, married great great grandmother **Elizabeth Bound Buckingham**,<sup>149</sup> who was eight years his senior. They married at the Baptist Chapel in Saltash, although they were both living in Cargreen. The witnesses were Joseph Bound Buckingham and Thomasine Buckingham. Richard was a lead miner at the time.<sup>150</sup> Elizabeth had already had a daughter, Bessie Lucas



**Alexander Bishop c. 1856-**

<sup>146</sup> Oral evidence from the late Joyce Bishop née Amos.

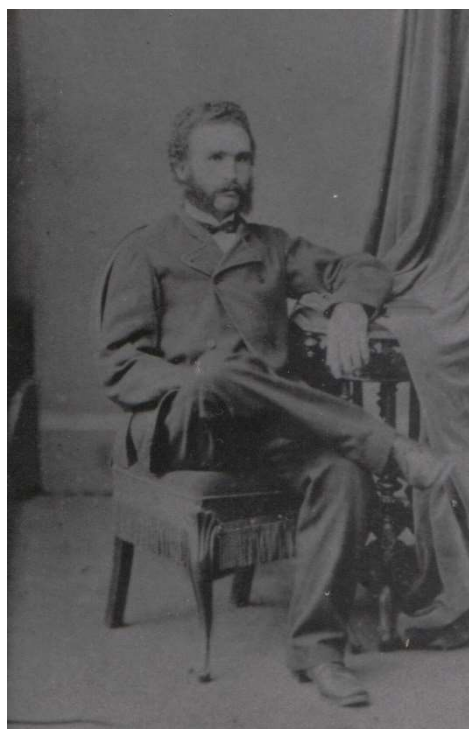
<sup>147</sup> 1891 census for Cremyll Cottage, Maker, Cornwall RG12 1806 folio 49.

<sup>148</sup> 1891 census for Cremyll Cottage, Maker, Cornwall RG12 1806 folio 49.

<sup>149</sup> See Buckingham narrative for details of Elizabeth's ancestry.

<sup>150</sup> Marriage certificate of Richard Laundry Bishop and Elizabeth Bound Buckingham 1864 from the General Register Office.

Buckingham, who was born on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January 1859 in Cargreen, Cornwall.<sup>151</sup> Her name suggests that her father was a Mr Lucas. She was brought up as member of the Bishop family.<sup>152</sup>



**Richard Laundry Bishop 1842-1899**

Richard Laundry and Elizabeth Bound Bishop's eldest child was Joseph who was born just seven weeks after the wedding on 9 June.<sup>153</sup> Amelia Matilda was born about 1866 in Landulph.<sup>154</sup> Great grandmother **Fanny Thomasine** Bishop was born on the 8<sup>th</sup> of August 1869 in Cargreen. Her father was a miner at the time.<sup>155</sup> In 1871, the family were living in Cargreen and Richard was, by then, an agricultural labourer. This period saw the decline of the Great Consols Mine, which began to produce arsenic, rather than copper. This may well have prompted Richard's change of occupation.

Next was Silvey Phillip, born about 1872<sup>156</sup> and then Archibald John on 20 October 1874 in Landulph.<sup>157</sup> On Christmas Day 1875, the five Bishop children, including Fanny Thomasine, were baptised at St. Leonard and St. Dilphe Church in Cargreen.<sup>158</sup> The youngest child, Kate was born in 1877<sup>159</sup> and baptised in Landulph on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July in the same year.<sup>160</sup>

By 1881, the family were still in Cargreen and Fanny, Silvey and Archibald were scholars. Joseph and Bessie Lucas having left home. 3x great grandmother, Elizabeth Buckingham, was living with them.<sup>161</sup> Two of the Bishop children died young, Kate in 1886 and Silvey Philip in 1890.<sup>162</sup> The family were still in Cargreen in the 1891 census, in a cluster of cottages by the River Tamar. Amelia and Archibald were at home with their parents. Amelia was a domestic servant and Archibald a bargeman on the river. Richard Laundry Bishop was a market

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<sup>151</sup> Birth certificate of Bessie Lucas Buckingham 1859 from the General Register Office.

<sup>152</sup> 1871 census for Cargreen, Landulph, Cornwall RG10 2231 folio 35.

<sup>153</sup> Great Western Railway Company Staff Records RAIL 264/342 at The National Archives via [www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk).

<sup>154</sup> Birth indexes of the General Registrar. 1871 census for Cargreen, Landulph, Cornwall RG10 2231 folio 35.

<sup>155</sup> Birth certificate of Fanny Thomasine Bishop 1869 from the Local Registrar.

<sup>156</sup> Birth indexes of the General Registrar.

<sup>157</sup> Birth indexes of the General Registrar. 1871 census for Cargreen, Landulph, Cornwall RG10 2231 folio 35. 1939 Register for 37 Butt Park Road, Honicknowle, Plymouth, Devon RG101/6779F/010/4 letter code WEBL.

<sup>158</sup> Baptism register of St. Leonard & St. Dilpe, Landulph, held at Cornwall Record Office.

<sup>159</sup> Birth indexes of the General Registrar. 1881 census for Cargreen, Landulph, Cornwall RG11 2282 folio 37.

<sup>160</sup> Baptism register of St. Leonard & St. Dilpe, Landulph, held at Cornwall Record Office.

<sup>161</sup> 1881 census for Cargreen, Landulph, Cornwall RG11 2282 folio 37.

<sup>162</sup> Death indexes of the General Registrar.

gardener.<sup>163</sup> In close proximity were the married daughters, Fanny Thomasine and Bessie Lucas. Amelia Matilda died later in 1891.<sup>164</sup>

Richard Laundry Bishop, an agricultural labourer, died on the 21<sup>st</sup> of August 1899 at Hatt, Cargreen, of phthisis, or tuberculosis, which he had had for fourteen months and exhaustion.<sup>165</sup> He was only fifty seven; his life foreshortened perhaps by his time in the mines. In 1901, his widow Elizabeth was living with Archibald John and her grandson Albany, in Cargreen.<sup>166</sup> She died on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of January 1907 of heart disease and dropsy.<sup>167</sup>



**Cargreen**

### ***The Married Children of Richard Laundry and Elizabeth Bound Bishop née Buckingham***

Elizabeth Buckingham's daughter, Bessie Lucas Buckingham, married Albert Francis Richards in 1876 in Stoke Damerel, Devon registration district.<sup>168</sup> They had four children. William Albert was born in 1877 and Percival James 'Percy' on 15 August 1880,<sup>169</sup> both in Cargreen.<sup>170</sup> In 1881, Albert, Bessie, William and Percy were living in Cargreen and Albert was working as a bargeman.<sup>171</sup> Their daughter, Laura Winifred 'Winnie'<sup>172</sup> was born on the 7<sup>th</sup> of October 1885.<sup>173</sup> In 1886 William Albert died.<sup>174</sup> The youngest child, Cyril Arthur, was born on the 4<sup>th</sup> of January 1887.<sup>175</sup>

Albert joined his father's market gardening business in Cargreen and the business is still run by the Richards family today.<sup>176</sup> Percy, Cyril and Winnie were remembered by the children of their half-cousin Albany. It was thought that Albany was brought up by the Richards, after his mother's second marriage,<sup>177</sup> although he is not with them in the 1901 census.<sup>178</sup> Albany's

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<sup>163</sup> 1891 census for Cargreen, Landulph, Cornwall RG12 1808 folio 34.

<sup>164</sup> Death indexes of the General Registrar.

<sup>165</sup> Death certificate (pdf) of Richard Laundry Bishop 1899 from the General Register Office.

<sup>166</sup> 1901 census for Cargreen, Landulph, Cornwall RG13 2189 folio 31.

<sup>167</sup> Death certificate (pdf) of Elizabeth Bishop née Buckingham 1907 from the General Register Office.

<sup>168</sup> Marriage indexes of the General Registrar.

<sup>169</sup> 1939 Register for Cargreen, Landulph, Cornwall RG101/6731J/008/9 letter code WBLQ.

<sup>170</sup> Birth indexes of the General Registrar. 1881 census for Cargreen, Landulph, Cornwall RG11 2282 folio 35.

<sup>171</sup> 1881 census for Cargreen, Landulph, Cornwall RG11 2282 folio 35.

<sup>172</sup> Handwritten family tree by Cyril Albany Braund, in family possession.

<sup>173</sup> 1939 Register for Cargreen, Landulph, Cornwall RG101/6731J/008/9 letter code WBLQ.

<sup>174</sup> Death indexes of the General Registrar.

<sup>175</sup> 1939 Register for Cargreen, Landulph, Cornwall RG101/6731J/009/10 letter code WBLQ.

<sup>176</sup> <https://bjrichardsflowers.co.uk/family-history> accessed 13 February 2020.

<sup>177</sup> Handwritten family tree by Cyril Albany Braund, in family possession.

<sup>178</sup> 1901 census for Cargreen, Landulph, Cornwall RG13 2189 folio 31.



son, Stanley, visited the Richards in Cargreen regularly in the 1950s.<sup>179</sup> Laura never married. In 1939 she was living with her mother at Fernleigh, Cargreen and is listed as a dairy farmer.<sup>180</sup> She died on the 13<sup>th</sup> of July 1961.<sup>181</sup> Percy and Cyril both married and had children and grandchildren.<sup>182</sup>

By 1881, Joseph Bishop had left home to work as a gardener and the census finds him living at Paynter's Cross, Pillaton, Cornwall.<sup>183</sup> In 1883 he commenced working for the Great Western Railway as a Porter in Plymouth.<sup>184</sup> It is highly likely that this influenced grandfather, Albany Braund, Joseph's nephew, in his career choice. Joseph Bishop married Elizabeth 'Lizzie'<sup>185</sup> Dunstan Netting, who was eighteen years his senior, in 1884 in Stoke Damerel, Devon registration district.<sup>186</sup> They had two daughters, both of whom died shortly after birth, Eva Jane Netting in 1884 and May in 1890.<sup>187</sup>

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of November 1887 Joseph was reprimanded for driving a barrow of luggage carelessly.<sup>188</sup> In 1891 Joseph was living in two rooms at 34 Hanwell Street, Plymouth, Devon and was a railway porter. Although he was listed as married, Lizzie was away from home.<sup>189</sup> She was visiting at Little Coldrenick, Tideford, St. Germans, Cornwall.<sup>190</sup> In 1896, Joseph was in trouble at work again, this time for not checking that the vacuum pipes were connected before starting the train.<sup>191</sup> By 1901, Joseph and Lizzie were living in two rooms that formed part of 6 May Terrace in Plymouth. Joseph was a railway guard.<sup>192</sup> Ten years later they were living at 103 Tavistock Road Plymouth and Joseph was working for the Great Western Railway as a Passenger Guard.<sup>193</sup>

Lizzie died in 1924 in Plymouth.<sup>194</sup> Joseph died in 1937 and was buried in Landulph on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April. His home address was given as 37 Butt Park Terrace in Honicknowle, Plymouth.<sup>195</sup>

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<sup>179</sup> Oral evidence from Cyril Albany Braund via Gwendoline Catherine Braund née Smith.

<sup>180</sup> 1939 Register for Cargreen, Landulph, Cornwall RG101/6731J/008/9 letter code WBLQ.

<sup>181</sup> Gravestones in the churchyard of St. Leonard & St. Dilpe, Landulph, Cornwall.

<sup>182</sup> Birth, Marriage and Death indexes of the General Registrar.

<sup>183</sup> 1881 census for Paynter's Cross, Pillaton, Cornwall RG11 2282 folio 60.

<sup>184</sup> Great Western Railway Company Staff Records RAIL 264/342 at The National Archives via [www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk).

<sup>185</sup> Handwritten family tree by Cyril Albany Braund, in family possession.

<sup>186</sup> Marriage indexes of the General Registrar.

<sup>187</sup> Birth and Death indexes of the General Registrar.

<sup>188</sup> Great Western Railway Company Staff Records RAIL 264/342 at The National Archives via [www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk).

<sup>189</sup> 1891 census for 34 Hanwell Street, Plymouth, Devon RG12 1732 folio 43

<sup>190</sup> 1891 census for Little Coldrenick, St. Germans, Tideford, Cornwall RG12 1807 folio 80.

<sup>191</sup> Great Western Railway Company Staff Records RAIL 264/342 at The National Archives via [www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk).

<sup>192</sup> 1901 census for 6 May Terrace, Plymouth, Devon RG13 2095 folio 63.

<sup>193</sup> 1911 census for 103 Tavistock Road, Plymouth Devon RG14 12941 page 27.

<sup>194</sup> Death indexes of the General Registrar.

<sup>195</sup> Burial register of St. Leonard & St. Dilpe, Landulph, held at Cornwall Record Office.



Archibald John Bishop married Lily Bessie Jackman in St. Germans registration district in 1905.<sup>196</sup> In 1911, they were living in Hatt, Cargreen, where Archibald was a market gardener. The couple had four daughters, Vera Elizabeth born on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1912,<sup>197</sup> Lilian Winifred born on the 7<sup>th</sup> of September 1914,<sup>198</sup> Evelyn Frances born on the 24<sup>th</sup> of April 1918 and Ruby Joan on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March 1921.<sup>199</sup> All four married and at least two had children.<sup>200</sup>

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of December 1888, Fanny Thomasine Bishop gave birth to a son, Albany.<sup>201</sup> It is not known where she got this unusual Christian name from. On the 10<sup>th</sup> of January 1889 Fanny married great grandfather **William James Braund**, at the register office, across the river in Stoke Damerel, Devon. William was working as a baker and living in Fore Street, Devonport at the time,<sup>202</sup> although he had grown up in a Cargreen cottage close to Fanny's own.<sup>203</sup> Both William James and Fanny Thomasine were able to sign the register. The marriage was witnessed by Fanny's brother-in-law, Albert Richards and Thomas Boulden.<sup>204</sup> It seems, from a marginal note on the birth certificate, that Fanny attempted to register Albany's birth without William being present. Although they were married by this time, as they had not been when Albany was born, the father's name remains blank. There is however a marginal correction, done on the 12<sup>th</sup> of August 1889, to indicate that William was the father.<sup>205</sup> DNA confirms that William James was Albany's father.

When Albany was just fourteen months old, on the 6<sup>th</sup> of February 1890, Fanny gave birth to another son, William, in Cargreen and it seems that they may never have lived in Devonport as a family. William James was back working for the family baker's business in Cargreen.<sup>206</sup> 1891 was to be an appalling year for Fanny. After a week's illness, her son, William, died of bronchitis, on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March at Cargreen; he was thirteen months old.<sup>207</sup> The 1891 census finds William James, Fanny Thomasine and Albany living in Cargreen, in a cottage close to the River Tamar.<sup>208</sup> On the 28<sup>th</sup> of April, six weeks after the death of her son, Fanny gave birth again and named her third son William James Braund.<sup>209</sup> On the 10<sup>th</sup> of July 1891 her husband,

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<sup>196</sup> Marriage indexes of the General Registrar. 1911 census for Hatt, Cargreen, Landulph, Cornwall RG14 13605 page 22.

<sup>197</sup> Oral evidence from the late Lilian Peck née Bishop. 1939 Register for 37 Butt Park Road, Honicknowle, Plymouth, Devon RG101/6779F/010/4 letter code WEBL.

<sup>198</sup> Death indexes of the General Registrar.

<sup>199</sup> Oral evidence from the late Lilian Peck née Bishop. 1939 Register for 37 Butt Park Road, Honicknowle, Plymouth, Devon RG101/6779F/010/4 letter code WEBL.

<sup>200</sup> Birth, Marriage and Death indexes of the General Registrar. Oral evidence from the late Lilian Peck née Bishop.

<sup>201</sup> Birth certificate of Albany Braund 1888 from the General Register Office, issued 1940, in family possession.

<sup>202</sup> Marriage certificate of William James Braund and Fanny Thomasine Bishop 1889 from the General Register Office.

<sup>203</sup> 1881 census for Cargreen, Landulph, Cornwall RG11 2282 folio 37.

<sup>204</sup> Marriage certificate of William James Braund and Fanny Thomasine Bishop 1889 from the General Register Office.

<sup>205</sup> Birth certificate of Albany Braund 1888 from the General Register Office, issued 1940, in family possession.

<sup>206</sup> Birth certificate of William Braund 1890 from the Local Registrar.

<sup>207</sup> Death certificate of William Braund 1891 from the Local Registrar.

<sup>208</sup> 1881 census for Cargreen, Landulph, Cornwall RG12 1808 folio 34.

<sup>209</sup> Birth certificate of William James Braund 1891 from the Local Registrar.

William James, died of tuberculosis, from which he had been suffering all their married life. His father was described as being in attendance, so William may have left the family home during the last days of his illness.<sup>210</sup> Fanny would have been preoccupied as her baby son was also ill. He died the following day of 'debility from birth', perhaps he had been premature.<sup>211</sup>

It seems likely that Fanny and Albany remained living in Cargreen for the next few years. On the 25<sup>th</sup> of June 1898, Fanny remarried, to a man six years her junior, Frederick Barrett Hole,<sup>212</sup> known as Ted,<sup>213</sup> at Holy Trinity Church in Plymouth.<sup>214</sup> The witnesses were once again Fanny's brother-in-law Albert Richards, and Frederick's father, William Barrett Hole.<sup>215</sup> Fanny's signature in the register is particularly neat.<sup>216</sup> Frederick was a plumber who was living in Plymouth and it seems that Fanny went there to live. Albany remained in Cargreen and lived with his half-aunt and the Richards family, in Hatt, near Cargreen.<sup>217</sup>

Fanny gave birth on an almost yearly basis, having six more sons and finally a daughter. Fanny returned to Cargreen for the birth of her first two children.<sup>218</sup> The eldest Frederick William lived for just a few months in 1899.<sup>219</sup> The next son, Francis, was born on the 11<sup>th</sup> of August 1900 in Cargreen but the family home was 72 George Street, Devonport at the time; Frederick was working as a plumber for the Dockyard.<sup>220</sup> The 1901 census shows that they were living in two rooms, sharing 72 George Street with the Hamley family.<sup>221</sup> Percy lived just a few weeks at the end of 1901.<sup>222</sup> By the time Stanley was born on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 1903, the Holes were living at 39 Princes' Street in Devonport.<sup>223</sup> Thirteen months later, when Arthur was born, on the 29<sup>th</sup> of April, they had moved again, this time to 18 Tavistock Street, Devonport, which became Fanny's home for nearly twenty years.<sup>224</sup>

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<sup>210</sup> Death certificate of William James Braund 10 July 1891 from the General Register Office.

<sup>211</sup> Death certificate of William James Braund 11 July 1891 from the General Register Office.

<sup>212</sup> Marriage certificate of Frederick Barrett Hole and Fanny Thomasine Braund, formerly Bishop 1898 from the Local Registrar. Marriage register of Holy Trinity, Plymouth, Devon via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>213</sup> Oral evidence from Cyril Albaeny Braund, grandson of Fanny Thomasine, via Gwendoline Catherine Braund née Smith.

<sup>214</sup> Marriage certificate of Frederick Barrett Hole and Fanny Thomasine Braund, formerly Bishop 1898 from the Local Registrar. Marriage register of Holy Trinity, Plymouth, Devon via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>215</sup> Marriage certificate of Frederick Barrett Hole and Fanny Thomasine Braund, formerly Bishop 1898 from the Local Registrar. Marriage register of Holy Trinity, Plymouth, Devon via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>216</sup> Marriage register of Holy Trinity, Plymouth, Devon via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>217</sup> Oral evidence from Gwendoline Catherine Braund née Smith, Albany's daughter-in-law. 1911 census for Hatt, Cargreen, Landulph, Cornwall RG14 13605 page 22.

<sup>218</sup> Birth indexes of the General Registrar. Birth certificate of Francis Hole 1900 from the Local Registrar.

<sup>219</sup> Birth and Death indexes of the General Registrar.

<sup>220</sup> Birth certificate of Francis Hole 1900 from the Local Registrar.

<sup>221</sup> 1901 census for 72 George Street, Devonport, Devon RG13 2107 folio 124.

<sup>222</sup> Birth and Death indexes of the General Registrar.

<sup>223</sup> Birth certificate of Stanley Hole 1903 from the Local Registrar.

<sup>224</sup> Birth certificate of Arthur Hole 1904 from the Local Registrar. Death certificate of Fanny Thomasine Hole née Bishop, lately Braund 1921 from the General Register Office.

The next short-lived son was Fernley, who was born and died in 1906.<sup>225</sup> We do know a little more about this child. He was admitted to the Royal Albert Hospital Devonport on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March 1906 due to 'imperforate anus'. He was discharged the following day and the record is annotated 'recovery opn'. Presumably he had had an operation to correct this and was being sent home to recover.<sup>226</sup> Fernley died as a result of his condition and exhaustion on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May at home at 18 Tavistock Street.<sup>227</sup> Having given birth to nine sons, Fanny finally had a daughter, Winifred Elizabeth, born in 1907; sadly, she too only lived a few months.<sup>228</sup>

In 1911, Frederick, Fanny, Stanley and Arthur were living in three rooms at 18 Tavistock Street, Devonport and Frederick was still working in the dockyard as a plumber.<sup>229</sup> Francis was living in Hatt, Cargreen with the Richards family.<sup>230</sup> Frederick died in Plymouth registration district in 1919.<sup>231</sup> Fanny Thomasine died of an aneurism and heart disease on the 25<sup>th</sup> of June 1921 at 18 Tavistock Street, with her son, Stanley, in attendance.<sup>232</sup> Although Albany's three sons were born by this time, they never spoke as if they had met their grandmother.<sup>233</sup>

A little is known of the three Hole sons who survived infancy. Francis, known as Frank, is thought not to have had any children.<sup>234</sup> He may have died in St. Thomas' district of Exeter, Devon in 1919.<sup>235</sup> Stanley married Florence Mabel Ahearn in Devonport in 1922<sup>236</sup> and brought up two sons and three daughters in the Plymouth area.<sup>237</sup> He had numerous grandchildren and died in 1961.<sup>238</sup> Arthur is said to have had five children.<sup>239</sup> He may be the Arthur Hole who died in Lewisham, Kent in 1960.<sup>240</sup>

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<sup>225</sup> Birth and Death indexes of the General Registrar.

<sup>226</sup> Index to the Royal Albert Hospital Devonport Case Register Admissions & Discharge Book 1904 – 1914, held at Plymouth & West Devon Record Office folio 48 via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>227</sup> Death certificate (pdf) of Fernley Hole 1906 from the General Register Office.

<sup>228</sup> Birth and Death indexes of the General Registrar.

<sup>229</sup> 1911 census for 18 Tavistock Street, Devonport, Devon RG4 13019 page 175.

<sup>230</sup> 1911 census for Hatt, Cargreen, Landulph, Cornwall RG14 13605 page 22.

<sup>231</sup> Death indexes of the General Registrar.

<sup>232</sup> Death certificate of Fanny Thomasine Hole née Bishop, lately Braund 1921 from the General Register Office.

<sup>233</sup> Oral evidence from Cyril Albany Braund, grandson of Fanny Thomasine, via Gwendoline Catherine Braund née Smith.

<sup>234</sup> Oral evidence from Doreen Mabel Davies née Hole, daughter of Stanley Hole.

<sup>235</sup> Death indexes of the General Registrar.

<sup>236</sup> Marriage indexes of the General Registrar. Oral evidence from Doreen Mabel Davies née Hole, daughter of Stanley Hole.

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<sup>238</sup> Death indexes of the General Registrar.

<sup>239</sup> Oral evidence from Doreen Mabel Davies née Hole, daughter of Stanley Hole.

<sup>240</sup> Death indexes of the General Registrar.