

FAMILY HISTORY

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Edward Lloyd born 1815, died 1890, aged 75. He and his brother George Lloyd were the sons of a yeoman farmer or small landowner near Betws-y-Coed and went to London as young men where George studied medicine, eventually becoming a well known West End physician and Edward was articled to a Solicitor but gave up the law and started a local newspaper, calling it the Clerkenwell News, being largely an advertising sheet which eventually became The Daily Chronicle. He also started a Sunday paper called Lloyds News which probably preceded the Daily Chronicle. To supply his newspapers he started paper mills at Bow in London but moved them to Sittingbourne somewhere about 1860.

Note The newspapers were sold about 1922 and the paper mills in 1926 after Uncle Frank Lloyd's death.

Edward Lloyd lived at Walthamstow, then a village near London and drove himself daily in a pair horse buggy to his office in Salisbury Square, Fleet Street. He married twice, having 4 children by his first wife and a very large number (I am not sure how many) by his second wife.

One son by the first marriage, Fred Lloyd, was once High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire and was the father of Alidah Heathcote, my first cousin, who lived at Crudwell during the last war and whose son is Edwards-Heathcote - trainer of a few horses.

Uncle Frank Lloyd was the eldest of the second family and was made head of the newspapers and mills before his father died in 1890. Only two other sons of Edward Lloyd took part in the business, my father, Herbert Lloyd, and Uncle Harry Lloyd the father of Hester Galloway.

I know little of my father, Herbert Lloyd's, early life. Born about 1858 he married my mother Christina Mabel Evans (born 1864 died 1924) but it was not a happy marriage and when I was 3 or 4 they separated but came together again. He was Consumptive and spent a long time in South Africa to be in a dry climate and worked as Amateur Assistant to the Astronomer Royal in Natal, whose name was Nevill, hence my Christian name.

Returning to England and always a sick man he eventually went to Falmouth in the care of Taffy Parker and died there in 1899.

Note Taffy Parker came to my mother for my birth in 1888 and stayed on as housekeeper-companion until I came of age.

In 1893 my father re-built Coombe Farm, Addington, its 90 acres being farmed for him (and later for my mother) by the bailiff, Kennedy, for some years. My mother continued to live there till about 1910 when it was bought by Uncle Frank Lloyd to be occupied by his daughter Winifred Garwood and her family.

Other children of my grandfather Edward Lloyd were William Lloyd, father of my 1st cousin Lancelot Lloyd (a retired Cavalry soldier who lives in Norfolk with whom I have entirely lost touch). His father William was a well known Hackney horse breeder and exhibitor many years ago.

Percy Lloyd a parson

Arthur Lloyd who lived near us at Coombe Farm and had no children, the only memory of whom is seeing him in a pink hunting coat.

An Aunt who married the Rev. Fred Coggin (father of Marlborough Housemaster Leslie Coggin).

An Aunt who married the Rev. Bullen;

I think the reason why I know so little of my Lloyd relations is because there was, apparently, some estrangement between most of them and my mother so we hardly ever saw them. Also there was an enormous disparity in age as they started being born from about 1840 onwards.

Uncle Frank Lloyd who died about 1926 aged 72 lived at Coombe House, Addington and had one daughter, Winifred, who married Col. John Garwood R.E., having two daughters who now live near Croydon, both parents having died.

Uncle Frank and his wife Nellie were great experts on Worcester china and their collection, said to be the 2nd best in the world, was given by them to the British Museum where it is now called "The Frank Lloyd Collection". Uncle Frank was also a great gardener and orchid grower. He rented a moor in Scotland for many years (Phoness Lodge, Newtonmoor) where I spent a month each year with him shooting grouse. In 1909 he took me into the business where I worked till I enlisted in the Army when war broke out and after the war I continued as a Director until the mills were sold in 1926.

The Evans Family

My grandparents after retiring lived at Fairlawn, Tadley, Berks. He was an Army doctor in the service of the East India Company and was Surgeon General for Madras during the Indian Mutiny 1857. Grandmother was a Miss Soames, hence our relationship to Bunty Mitchell, nee Soames.

Their son Uncle Alfred Evans played cricket for England and afterwards founded Horris Hill School about 1885. He married a Miss Isabel du Boulay (see below for Alfred's family). Another son, Fred, who did not marry, commanded the Royal Munster Fusiliers. The third son was William (see below for his family), a doctor first in South Africa and later at Tadley. My grandparents also had 3 daughters, Chris (my mother) Clare who was some kind of scientist and Dora, the two latter not marrying.

Uncle Alfred Evans' family

A.J. (Johnny) Major, Royal Flying Corps, in 1914-18 war. Wrote the well known book "The Escaping Club" died 1960. Played cricket for England v. Australia 1920. Had 4 blues at Oxford. Had 1 son who is an actor in America and 2 or 3 daughters.