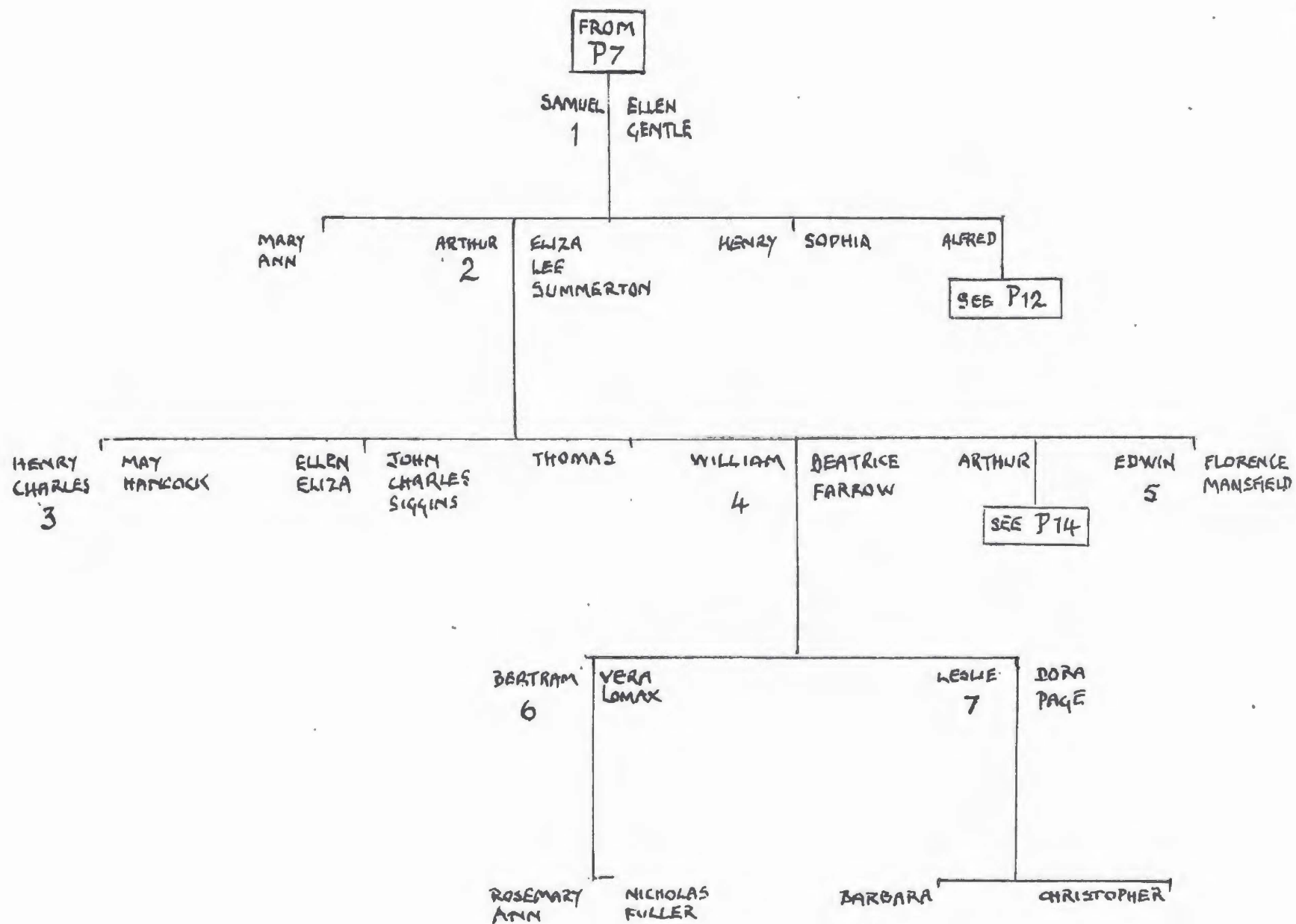




Daughter Beryl was born in Fulham in 1927 and married one Bingham in 1960 at Hampstead.

Albert 4

Albert son of Alfred (3) was born at Fulham in 1934. He married Pauline Thaddeus at Kingston in 1958 and is believed to have gone to Perth Western Australia.

Their son Mark was born at Kingston in 1964 and daughter Nicola Jane in 1966.

P 13

Samuel 1

Samuel the son of Austin and Kitty (P 7-3) was baptised at Hook Norton on 21 November 1790. When he went to Canada is not known but he was certainly in Montreal in 1825. Enquiries in Montreal and the State Archives in Ottawa made it evident that there was no possibility of finding out anything about him there. He had given a Power of Attorney to his brother Nathaniel Austin in 1825 to act for him in a Court case claiming their inheritance following the death of Thomas (P 9.1) in 1824. Although the children of Thomas admitted the validity of the claim there was insufficient cash to pay £500 each to Samuel and Nathaniel Austin. In 1826 the Court ordered parts of the farm to be sold and the proceeds to be paid to the Master in Chancery for its ultimate distribution.

On the 4th January 1828 some of the farm was put up for auction at the Bell Inn at Hook Norton in two lots. Lot 1 consisted of 12 acres of meadow land called Great Comb and 7 acres in Little Comb. Lot 2 was 8 acres of meadow land called Southill Ground.

Henry Huggins the husband of Mary Ann (one of the daughters of the deceased Thomas) started the bidding for Lot 1 at £400. Only two other bidders joined in, a Mr. Rouse and a Mr. Banister. The latter soon dropped out and it became a contest between Rouse and Huggins each increasing his bid by £5 until Huggins won with a bid of £645. For Lot 1 Banister, Tilsley, Kebble and Huggins took the bidding from £300 to £355 when Huggins and Kebble fought it out to £405 with victory for Huggins. On top of his £1050 he also had to pay for the timber on the land which cost him a further £75.

So Samuel and his brother got their legacies of £500 in 1828 plus interest which probably provided Samuel with the funds to return home eventually.

He was certainly back in England in 1841.

On 1st November 1842 when he was 52 he married Ellen Gentle aged 24 at Leamington Priors. He was described as a bachelor living at 95 Brunswick Street and a hairdresser. He frequently visited Stoneleigh Abbey where he trimmed Lord Leigh's hair a task made easier by Samuel's hair raising stories of a turbulent Canada where clashes often occurred between British and French born settlers as well as still militant Indians.

He died of chronic bronchitis in 1859 at Kennilworth Street Leamington.

His wife Ellen was 81 when she died in 1900.

Daughter Mary Ann was born in 1843 at Leamington and never married although she had a son, Frank Gentle; on the 4th October 1869 who did not survive. The birth Certificate does not give the name of the father. She died at Leamington at the age of 79.

Samuel and Ellen had three sons Henry, Arthur (2) and Alfred (P.12-1).

Henry was born in 1855. He joined the Army and served in the 9th Lancers but no family stories of his career have been passed on. He married his wife Sophia at Kensington in 1887 and after her death in 1912 he married again in 1913 to Clara Bowyer. Henry then a painter, of 24, Cornwall Street, Pimlico died in 1915.

Arthur 2

Arthur was born at 95, Brunswick Street, Leamington on 14th May 1845. His father obtained employment for him at Stoneleigh Abbey as a manservant where he had to take his turn in sleeping on the silver chest to foil burglars. He also travelled with the family when they stayed in London or went to their haunted mansion in Ireland. He swore that on a winter's night he too had heard the ghostly coach and four horses thundering down the tree lined drive with the daughter of the house eloping with her lover, pursued by a furious father on his mighty stallion. He killed them both.

On 1st October 1873 he married Eliza Lee Summerton, the daughter of a stonemason at St.Saviours Church, Pimlico his sister Mary Ann and brother Henry being witnesses.

As all his children were born in Pimlico it is evident he had left his employment at Stoneleigh Abbey long before. It is known that he worked for Bartrams who provided the catering service for civic functions and the major race meetings. Ascot was a great favourite particularly with his wife Eliza. He would come home late after a very tiring day and crawl into bed. Eliza would up-end his trousers and shake out a stream of golden sovereigns - tippers were very generous at the big race meetings. The boys used to search diligently

under the bed for any that Eliza missed. They lived well too, left overs from banquets found their way homeward and grouse, pheasant, hare and oysters were not unusual.

They had one daughter and five sons all born at 25 Vauxhall Bridge Road, Pimlico. His wife, of whom there is a photograph extant died in 1920 at the age of 76. Arthur was 82 when he died at Fulham Hospital on 11th July 1927. He was buried in Wandsworth Cemetary, Earlsfield.

As far as is known no photographs of him exist. My memories of my grandfather are of a thin, bent old man with white hair and a beard, tinged with nicotine stain from his cigarettes.

He had a high forehead, blue eyes and a thin nose that often had a dew-drop hanging from it until it was captured by a clean white handkerchief, if his shaky claw-like hand could get it out in time. He always had a nasty cough. He dressed neatly, clothes always brushed and pressed and wore an overcoat summer and winter. Each Sunday he would visit his sons in turn and pass on the family news. I can see him now, slowly walking along the street, in his bowler hat or 'Anthony Eden', umbrella neatly furled, overcoat buttoned up and his thin match stick legs just showing between his too short trousers and his polished lace-up boots. In one pocket of his overcoat was a bag of pear drops for me and in the other another bag for my brother. He would arrive in time for a midday meal at which he would give us any news and afterwards would sit quietly in an armchair reading the paper or my Dick Turpin 'blood and thunders'. After tea he would quietly amble off to catch a tram home. I never knew him to be cross or get bad tempered with us boys.

His daughter Ellen Eliza was born in 1876. She went to Canada in 1910 on her marriage to John Charles Siggins.

Henry Charles 3

Henry Charles was born in 1874 and lived with his grandparents until he married May Hancock in 1907 when he moved to 8 Granville Street Leamington. He was manager of the Cooperative Store there until his death in 1936 at the age of 61. His wife died in 1966 at the age of 85 leaving an estate of £1952.

They had no children.

William 4

William was born in 1879 and married Beatty Farrow in 1912. They lived in Latimer Road, Hammersmith. He was a cake and pastry cook at Harrods and always provided his brother Arthur with a perfect iced cake at Christmas. He died in 1932 at the age of 53. Beatty died in 1971 age 83.

Arthur see P.14

Edwin 5

Edwin was born in 1884 and married Florence Mansfield in 1916. They had one daughter Florence born in 1917 who married one Kent in 1942.

Edwin died in 1944 age 60 and his wife Florence died in 1955 age 74.

Bertram 6

Bertram the elder son of William (4) was born in 1914 and married Vera Lomax at Lewisham in 1944. They had one daughter

Rosemary Ann born in 1952 who married Nicholas Fuller at Tunbridge Wells in 1982.

Leslie 7

The younger son of William was born in 1926 and married Dora Page at Hammersmith in 1953. Their daughter Barbara was born at Uxbridge in 1958 and their son Christopher in 1961.

P.14

So far as Chart P 14 is concerned it is intended to give only names and basic dates in the hopeful anticipation that biographical information will be the subject of a separate study.

Arthur 1

Born 4th September 1881 to Arthur and Eliza.

Married 23 August 1913 to Annie Louisa Rosetta Plummer nee Saunders the widow of William Charles Plummer. He died 1st February 1971 age 90, she died 11 March 1973 age 92.

Reginald Arthur 2

Born 3rd July 1914

Married 15th October 1939 to Audrie Alice Florence Brooker.

Divorced 16th November 1971.

Married 28th June 1972 to Constance Mildred Cooper previously wife of Robert Davy.