

## **Fielder Family Story (V1)**

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This document details what I know and have discovered from my research into the Fielder family tree. John Elliott Fielder was my 2x great grandfather and Ethel Fielder was my great grandmother. There was a close family connection to the Fielder family when I was young but at the time I did not know how we were related. The full family tree can be found on Ancestry. Feedback gratefully received [cehall@gmx.co.uk](mailto:cehall@gmx.co.uk)

### **John Elliot Fielder (1857-1933)**

John Elliot Fielder was born around July 1857 in Pocklington, Yorkshire. His mother was Isabella Fielder, daughter of Robert Elliot Fielder (1807-1875) and Elizabeth Tilford (1811-1890)

As well as John Elliot, Isabella had 9 other children as follows (father unknown):

Charles Heslop (1860-1860)

Charlotte (1861-)

Matilda (1862-1862)

Walter James (1864-1864)

Charles (1866-1871)

Lizzy (1868-1868)

George Robert (1869-)

Thomas (1876-)

Frederick (1878-)

### **John Elliot Fielder**

John Elliot Fielder was born around July 1857 and baptised in Pocklington on 2 Jan 1859.

1861 Census – John Elliot aged 3 was living with his mother Isabella and grandfather Robert in Great George Street, Pocklington.

1871 Census - John Elliot aged 13 was living with his mother Isabella and brother George in Great George Street, Pocklington, working as an errand boy.

Around Oct 1877 John Elliot Fielder married Ann Elizabeth Beckett. Ann Beckett was born around Oct 1857 in Pocklington.

John and Ann(Annie) had the following children:

Emily born 8 Oct 1876 (birth registered as Emily Beckett)

Robert Elliott born 24 Apr 1878

Walter George born 11 Aug 1879

Ethel born 11 Apr 1882

Charley (Charles) born 23 Sep 1883  
Ida born 8 Oct 1887  
Ella born 4 Mar 1889  
John E born 30 Sep 1890  
Sydney born 21 Dec 1892  
Thomas born Nov 1892 buried 4 Nov 1892 (1 day old)  
Wilfrid born Nov 1892 buried 4 Nov 1892 (1 day old)  
Edna born 9 Nov 1893  
Annie born 11 Feb 1896  
Cecil born 12 Oct 1898

(Most of these dates of birth are from the family bible)



1881 Census – John and Annie were living in Chapmangate. John was a joiner.

At the same time he was working part time for the local fire brigade.

In 1890 he took the decision to begin supplying coffins to the local community entering into the undertaking profession.

1891 Census – John and Annie were living in New Street. John was a joiner and wheelwright.

1901 Census – John and Annie were living at 1 London Street (Wyndham House). John was a builder and joiner.

1911 Census – John and Annie were living in New Street. John was a joiner and wheelwright.

John Elliot Fielder died on 10 Oct 1933 in Pocklington. Annie Fielder died on 4 Jun 1935 in Pocklington. Both are buried in Pocklington Cemetery.



## **Emily Beckett**

Emily Beckett was born on 8 Oct 1876 in Pocklington. In 1881 the family was living next door to the Tayleure family. In 1896, Emily married William Tayleure and they went onto have the following children:

Arthur John (1898-1915)  
Florence Ada (1899-1948)  
William (1901-1934)  
Doris Suzanne (1904-1932)  
Albert (1905-1978)  
Emily (1907-1983)  
George Bernard (1912-1994)

William was a joiner. The family moved to Lincolnshire where William died in 1930. Emily ended up in Northampton with some of her children. Their first son Arthur died in WW1 (See story in Adieu to Dear Old Pock). Their eldest son George ended up in California.

Picture of Emily Fielder from carlukeman on Ancestry



## **Robert Elliott Fielder**

Robert Elliott was born on 24 Apr 1878 in Pocklington. In the 1911 census Robert was 33 living at home in London Street working as a joiner and wheelwright. Two years later he marries Annie Williams in Bolton and continued to live in Salford working as a joiner. Robert died in 1949 at the age of 70. Annie died in 1978 in Salford at the age of 88. No record of them having children can be found.

## **Walter George(James) Fielder**

Walter George was born on 11 Aug 1879 in Pocklington. By the 1901 census Walter was 22 and a grocer but still living with his parents in London Street. In 1910 Walter married Annie Elizabeth Waterworth in Selby. Annie's father was a farmer in North Duffield, Selby. A year later, the 1911 census shows Walter and Annie living in Main Street, Bubworth, Selby and Walter employed as a grocer's manager. Walter appears to have changed his middle name from George to James. Walter and Annie had two children born in Bubworth, Howden: Cyril V Fielder born 1913 and John D Fielder born 1919.

The 1939 register shows that Walter and Annie were still living in Main Street, Bubworth with Walter as the grocer manager. It is thought that Walter and Annie retired to Scarborough. He died on 25 Jan 1961 and she died in 1988 in Scarborough.

## Ethel Fielder

Ethel was born on 11 Apr 1882. Ethel Fielder married William Knapton Dunning on 27 August 1903 in Pocklington. William was the son of William Dunning and Hannah Margaret Kelsey, born on 9 Feb 1882 in Pocklington. His father died in 1892. In the 1901 census, Hannah was the hotel proprietor of the Feathers Hotel and William was the coachman and domestic.

Shortly after getting married, William and Ethel had a daughter Margaret Dunning born on 21 April 1904. William was the innkeeper at Canal Head (now the Wellington Arms). Ethel Dunning died a year later on 15 September 1905 and is buried in the Pocklington Cemetery, adjacent to the chapel. Daughter Margaret was raised by her Fielder grandparents as their youngest child assisted by some of their daughters.

The 1911 Census shows that William was living and working at the New Red Lion Hotel, Pocklington, as an Ostler. In 1917 William Dunning joined the Northumberland Fusiliers and was a survivor of WW1.

Margaret Dunning married Walter Fussey in 1930 but her father William Knapton did not attend the wedding and Margaret was given away by her grandfather, John Elliot Fielder. Her bridesmaids were Hazel and Doreen Fielder, (John and Sydney Fielder's daughters). The best man was Ron Hotham, son of Harry Hotham and Edna (Fielder).



### **Charley (Charles) Fielder**

Charley (Charles) was born on 23 Sep 1883 in Pocklington. In 1901 at the age of 17 the census shows that he was a grocer's apprentice living with the family in London Street. By the 1911 census he was a coalminer living as a boarder in Ryhill near Wakefield. He married Alice Malpass on 14 Aug 1918 in Ryhill. Alice was born on 15 Mar 1900 in Royston. They went on to have the following children born in Hemsworth:

Annie (1918-)

Ida (1920-)

John E (1922-)

Ethel (1925-)

Walter J (1927-)

Ella (1929-)

Edna M (1931-)

Margaret (1932-)

Charley died in 1933 in Hemsworth. Alice married Robert Watson in 1937 in Hemsworth. Alice died in 1978.

## Ida Fielder

Ida was born on 8 Oct 1887. In 1911 at the age of 23 the census shows that Ida was a clerk in a cycle shop living with the family in London Street. The cycle shop was in Market Place owned by Fred Lee. Ten year earlier, according to the 1901 census, Fred Lee at the age of 25 was running a tobacconist and cycle shop where Ida worked. In the same year Fred married Sarah Harker and in 1904 they had a son Eric Lee. In 1910 Sarah died and Fred was left to bring up his 6 year old son on his own. The 1911 census shows that Fred was the head of the household with his widowed mother and Eric as well as a servant living above the shop in Market Place. In 1915 Fred Lee married Ida Fielder in Pocklington. A year later in 1916, they had a son John (Jack Lee). Fred Lee died on 27 Apr 1918 leaving 2 sons aged 13 and 1. It is assumed that Ida had to take over the running of the tobacconist shop as well as raising 2 children.



In 1933 Ida married Harry Enoch Stubbings in Maidenhead, Berkshire.

In the 1911 census Harry was living in Fulham, London with his wife Fanny (Smith) and working in the Wine and Spirits trade. Harry and Fanny had 2 children, Harold Alphonso Clifford born 1907 and Beatrice May born 1913. In 1927 Harry was working as the House Manager in The Feather's Hotel Pocklington when his Fanny died at the age of 52.

Picture provided by Tim Mowat from Ancestry

Harry and Ida Stubbing lived in Shaulea, Maxwell Road, Pocklington. Harry Stubbings died on 10 Feb 1937 in Pocklington. Ida Stubbings died on 29 Aug 1961 whilst on holiday in Aberdeen. Both were buried in Pocklington Cemetery.

Picture of Jean Hall(Fussey), Ida Stubbings/Lee(Fielder), Margaret Fussey (Dunning) on holiday in Blackpool



Eric Lee married Elsie Moore in 1930. In 1933, following the electrification of the Pocklington, Eric Lee founded Eric Lee Electrical in Market Place.

<https://pocklingtonhistory.com/archives/shoppubs/shops/ericlee/index.php>

Jack Lee took over the running of the tobacconist shop in Market Place and in 1944 he married Catherine Joyce Wilson (known as Joyce) the youngest daughter of Thomas and Mercy Maria Wilson, a shepherd originally from Millington.



### **Ella Fielder**

Ella was born on 4 Mar 1889. In 1911 at the age of 22 the census shows that she was living with the family in London Street. Ella died in 1921 at the age of 32.

### **John(Jack) Elliott Fielder**

John E was born on 30 Sep 1890. In 1910 at the age of 18, John joined the 5<sup>th</sup> Yorkshire Territorial Regiment for 4 years service. In 1911 at the age of 20 the census shows that he was following his father's profession as a joiner and wheelwright living with the family in London Street. They renamed the business J.E. Fielder & Son. John married Laura Elizabeth Hesselwood on 9 April 1917 in St Michaels Church, Thornton. On 30 Jan 1918 he joined the Royal Navy and 3 month later transferred to the RAF, presumably to make use of his joinery skills making/repairing aircraft. John and Laura had 2 children John Geoffrey born in 1921(known as Geoff) and Laura Hazel born in 1924 (known as Hazel). When John took over the business he began to expand. It was soon so

successful that they were looking for larger premises and by 1937 he had purchased a joiner's yard in George Street. In the 1939 register, John and Laura are living in 25 George Street. The occupation of John and son Geoff is joiner, wheelwright and undertaker. Geoff married Irene Jibson in 1950.

John died in Pocklington in 1968 at the age of 77. Laura died in Pocklington in 1985 at the age of 89.

In 1968 the business was renamed JG Fielder & Son.



Geoff and Irene Fielder

Geoff and Irene's son, Victor Fielder, now runs the business with his son Chris Fielder.

See: <https://www.jgfielderandson.co.uk/>

### **Sydney Fielder**

Sydney was born on 21 Dec 1892. In 1911 at the age of 18 the census shows that he was a grocer's assistant living with the family in London Street. Sydney married Gladys Scaife in 1922 in Pocklington. They went on to have 2 daughters Ella Doreen born 1924 and Gladys Hilary born 1928. The 1939 register shows that the family were living in Bishop Wilton with Sydney working as a Grocer. Ella married Leslie Eastwood in 1950 and Gladys married John Rowland in 1955. Sydney died in 1961 and his wife Gladys died in 1984. Both are buried in St Edith's Churchyard, Bishop Wilton.



### **Thomas and Wilfrid Fielder**

The twins Thomas and Wilfrid were born in Nov 1892. They only survived a day. Both were buried in Pocklington Cemetery on 4 Nov 1892.

### **Edna Fielder**

Edna was born on 9 Nov 1893. In 1911 at the age of 17 the census shows that she was a draper's assistant living with the family in London Street. In 1912 Edna married Harry Hotham in Pocklington. They had one son, Ronald Fredrick born in 1913 in Pocklington. Harry was a butcher working in his father shop in the Pavement, Pocklington. Harry became the master butcher when his father, Charles retired. During the Second World War, Harry was a Fire Brigade Officer and in 1944 he was awarded an MBE for his services. Harry died in 1950 at the age of 59. Edna died in 1986 in Pocklington. Both are buried in Pocklington Cemetery.

Ron Hotham married Rita Davies(Craggs) in 1955.

Ron and Rita had a son Richard born in 1955.

Previously Rita Craggs married William Davies in 1943 but he died on war service in July 1944. Later that year Rita gave birth to a daughter, Karen.

Ron Hotham died in 1998 in York.



### **Annie Fielder**

Annie was born on 11 Feb 1896. She was John and Annie Fielder's youngest daughter. Daughter Annie was 9 when her sister Ethel died and Ethel daughter, Margaret Dunning, was taken in by the Fielders. Annie looked after Margaret like a sister. In 1925 when Margaret was courting, Annie acted as her chaperone on a visit to Bridlington to see Walter Fussey. Walter and Margaret married in 1930 and had a daughter Jean. Annie was daughter Jean's godmother and was known as Auntie Nan.



Annie Fielder and Margaret Dunning Bridlington boating lake 1925.



On 31 March 1934 Annie Fielder married Percival Frederick Wimbush in Pocklington.

Percival Frederick Wimbush was born on 3 December 1899 in Hampton Lucy, Stratford on Avon, Warwickshire. Fred Wimbush as he was known, enlisted for the Army to fight in the First World War in December 1917 at the age of 18. He joined the 8th Battalion Gloucestershire Regiment and is recorded as Private Fred Wimbush Reg No.39466.

Elder brother Sydney Ernest Wimbush, born in 1896, was a Lance Corporal in the 15th Royal Warwickshire Regiment Reg No.10651. He was killed in action at the Somme on 30 Aug 1916 aged 20.

After marrying Annie, Fred worked as the Superintendent of Canal Gardens, Roundhay Park, Leeds.

Fred Wimbush died on 28 January 1963 in the Stanley Royal Hospital Wakefield at the age of 62. After Fred died, Annie moved back to Pocklington and lived in Shebuttgate. Sadly Annie was found dead in her home on 1 Jan 1966 having died 2 days earlier.



Margaret and Walter Fussey and Annie Wimbush(Fielder)

### **Cecil Fielder**

Cecil was born on 12 Oct 1898. During the first world war, presumably at the age of 18, he joined the Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, serving as a Private #50532 in the 1/4<sup>th</sup>, 2/4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Battalions. He was discharged on 22 Nov 2019 and was awarded the Victory and British War Medals. The 1939 register shows that the Cecil was living as a lodger with the Augustus and Mabel Porter in Burnby Lane Pocklington working as a motor transport driver. In the war he was in the Aux Fire Service. Cecil died in 1971 in Yorkshire.

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