**HE Norris l83376 and AE(H) Chalk l83375**

N.B. I have tried to highlight in red basic information e.g. dates not on the Williams Family Tree (WFT) database (I’ve not not highlighted the narrative). We are investigating lines going further back, but what appears below is what we have verified so far.

**Harry Ernest NORRIS (2) l83376**

Born 17th April 1888, 2 Montague Villas, Nunhead Grove, s/o Harry Ernest Norris (1) (Commercial Clerk) and Amy Jemima Norris formerly Milledge. Registered by father, 23 May 1888 (long birth certificate); Registrar Josh S. Sweet.

Died 11th July 1957, Hove (family knowledge)

Army Attestation 4 June 2016 as a ‘Derby Scheme’ man – Surrey Recruitment Registers. Joined London Rifle Brigade 17th September 1916, transferred to MGC/Tank Corps. We have his war diaries (WW1 1917 - 1919) which are amazingly detailed and which we have yet to transcribe. Also have all his army service records.

**Employment** (HEN own written record, in manuscript)

Army 4 June 1916 – 6 March 1919 78485 Service in France, in Tank Corps, BCoy, 8th Battn. to 5th February 1919.

Jos. Mackintosh & Son 1903 – 8 Jan 1932 (spice importers) – believed to have been in management position there but lost job following the firm’s closure in the Depression.

Various temporary clerical, storekeeping and portering posts with LCC Public Assistance June 1933 – October 1935, Feb – August 1936 and October 1936 – September 1937, Camberwell BC Nov 1935, Post Office Dec 1935 – Jan 1936 and December 1937 (full details held).

South London Hospital for Women, theatre porter; 4 April 1938 – 29 March 1947; moved to live in Hove. Started work at Bentons 14 Apr 1947.

Can find no trace on 1939 Register, suspect he might have been living unofficially at his workplace.

**Antecedents** (**none of what follows on HEN is in WFT database**)

Father Harry Ernest Norris (1) b. 19 March 1867 5 Chandlers Place, Old Kent Road, Camberwell; Registrar William John M….. d. 12 May 1938 (family documents incl. memorial card)

Mother Amy Jemima Milledge b. 21 Oct 1866 41 Pages Walk Bermondsey; Registered by mother; R. Hellier Registrar. d. 10 Feb 1933 (family documents incl. memorial card)

Married 3 April 1888 (certificate seen, not held)

Grandparents paternal

William Henry Norris Clerk in the Money Order Office, City in 1867 (HEN 1 birth certificate); Clerk in the GPO London 1851 on his marriage certificate

Mary Ann Bowler

Married 28 Oct 1851 St Nicholas Deptford (Parish of Greenwich); witnesses S.G.Bowler, Sophia Esther Norris

Grandparents maternal

Henry Milledge Corn Chandler of 6 Thomas’s Place, Old Kent Road on marriage certificate 1857; dairyman on daughter’s birth certificate 1866

Amy Levett born 15 May 1838 Peperharrow, Surrey, Registrar Frederick Eade(?) (birth certificate); residence Royal Common Godalming in 1857 on her marriage certificate; died 1931

Married 17 Oct 1857 Christ Church (Parish Church), Surrey; witnesses D Levett and J Levett.

Great Grandparents paternal (investigations continuing of all these)

William John Norris; Messenger to the Lord Privy Seal 1851 (WHN marriage certificate)

Sophia Esther Fincham b. 30 July 1807

Married 11 July 1826 Greenwich St Alphege (IGI)

Richard Joseph Bowler; Wheelwright 1851 (WHN marriage certificate)

Mrs Bowler

Great Grandparents maternal

Charles Milledge, Builder on 1857 (HM marriage certificate)

Mrs Milledge

Deaden Levett, Carpenter 1838 at Peperharrow (birth cert. Amy Levett) and in 1857 on her marriage certificate where his name is written Deacon

Elizabeth Crundle

Married Farnham 15 Oct 1826 (IGI)

**Siblings** (all born Camberwell)

1. **Reg**inald Frank born 8 Sept 1889 m. his cousin Florence E Q1 1916. Died Q1 1963, Ealing. Only known child Stella V b. Q3 1923 m. 1945 Frank Miller, 1955 Thomas S.A. Rowley, both Brighton.

2. Percy Ralph born 13 Nov 1890; m (2) Dorothy Cato, his cousin, born Dorothy Norris, sister of above Florence E, Q4 1934, Brighton. Died Q2 1961 Hove. No known children (Dorothy had three daughters by Mr Cato).

3. Agnes **Maud** born 30 Aug 1894 d. Q3 1965 m Q3 1931 Frederick Taylor [b. 31 Dec 1893 d. Q4 1976, chef in 1939]. Only child Frederick **Edgar** Taylor b. 10 Feb 1932, d. Q4 1998 m. 18 Sept 1954 Rita Sheppard, Andover. The wrong Agnes Maud appears on a family tree on Ancestry as a half sister with an unknown father (rubbish!).

4. Florence Edith born 23 April 1904 (not married) died 19 Nov 1996. She appears in two family trees on Ancestry as Florence Smith Norris. This was not her name!

**Annie Emily (Henrietta) CHALK l83375**

Born 15 January 1890 at 205 Thomas Street, Kennington, d/o Walter John Chalk (Brass Turner, Journeyman) and Anne Elizabeth Chalk, formerly Beale. Registered by father, 24 February 1890 (both short and long birth certificates); Registrar Geo.J.Tear

Married St John’s East Dulwich, 28 December 1912 (certificate). Witnesses Percy Ralph Norris and Walter John Chalk. Their marriage was turbulent (a very long story) and eventually they parted, Annie taking son John Ernest (Mike’s father) and Harry taking the daughter Ivy (whose own life story she wrote in some detail). Anne and John moved around South East London, living in poverty, and in the 1939 Register they are together at 204A Anerley Road, Penge. Ivy was at that time living at her workplace, Cornhill Insurance, which had moved out to Shalford House, Guildford, where she appears on the register.

Died 28 May 1978, aged 88, Cane Hill Hospital, Coulsdon (death certificate)

Birth brief of Michael Norris (attached – sorry it’s a bit rough!) summarises relevant known information on antecedents of HEN and AE(H)C; nothing contradicts what you have already but there is some additional information.

**Antecedents**

Father Walter John Chalk (1) l83029

Born 27th January 1869, 11 Sutherland Square, Walworth, s/o William Chalk l82864 and Hester Lines l82865. Registered by mother, 8 Mar 1869 (long birth certificate); Registrar Francis Thornton.

Died Camberwell Q2 1914.

Mother Anne Elizabeth Beale l83032

Born 6 Nov 1866, 10 Otto Street, Walworth, d/o Henry Beale l83033 and Emily Beale l84736 formerly Bates. Registered by mother, 17 Dec 1866 (long birth certificate); Registrar Francis Thornton.

Appears on 1939 Register with same birth date.

Grandparents paternal

William Chalk l82864

Hester Lines l82865

Married 29 June 1856 St Peter’s Church Walworth (Newington Parish), witnesses Robert James Rix and Esther Scott. William was a house decorator, widower. Residence of both, 6 Portland Street (marriage certificate)

Great grandparents paternal

James Chalk

Nathaniel Lines (deceased by 1856, marriage cert of l82864/l82865)

Grandparents maternal

Henry Beale l83033

Journeyman cricket ball maker. Residence 10 Otto Street, Walworth in November 1866 (AEB birth cert.); 45 Langton Road Camberwell in August 1866 (marriage certificate)

Emily Bates l84736

Married 26 August 1866, Emmanuel Church Camberwell, witnesses William Beale, Jane Lewis Beale, residence Langton Road, Camberwell (marriage certificate)

Great Grandparents maternal

John Beale Gardener 1866 (marriage cert of l83033/l84736)

Mrs Beale

William Bates Labourer 1866 (marriage cert of l83033/l84736)

Mary Brice; investigations continuing.

**Siblings** (informationadditional to that on WFT) (all born Camberwell)

Walter John (2) l83377 b. 6 Dec 1891, registered in Lambeth (not Woolwich), d Q3 1941 Dulwich. Married Annie M French [b. 30 Oct 1894] Children Irene D. b. 6 May 1920, and Dennis.

Harry William l83378 b. 23 Sept 1893 (I don’t think the 1892 date on the database is correct as he gives his birth date as 23 Sept 1893 on the 1939 Register and this is what the family had – I believe he is the Henry William Chalk registered in Camberwell in Q4 1893 and this is an example of the common mistranscription of Harry as Henry). Died Q4 1961 Bournemouth.

John **Leslie** l83380b. 4 May 1901 m. Louisa Elsie Raven [b. 25 Sept 1899] Camberwell. Children Joan Christine May b. 3 Nov 1927 and Corinna b. Q2 1937 d. 2015

Alfred Albert l83381 b.31 Dec 1904 (said to have emigrated to Australia)

Gertrude Elise/Elsie b.1907 l83382 m. Leonard G Griffin Q4 1926. Children Peggy b. 24 March 1927 Lambeth, Ronald L b. Q2 1928 Camberwell and said to have died with third child Norman b. and d. Q1 1930 Islington (but can find no evidence of her death)

Winnifred Ada l83383 b. 1908 d. unmarried

(two additional children born 1896 l83384 and 1898 l83379, Gertrude Emily, died in infancy)

**Descendants of HEN and AE(H)C**

**Children**

Ivy Sylvia Norris b. 15 May 1916 Croydon; d. 21 Dec 2004 North Devon, m Q3 1947 Croydon, Harold Shirley [b. 21 Jan 1914 Burnley, d. Feb 1985 Barnstaple]

John Ernest Norris b. 19 Jan 1922, d. 25 April 2004 Wokingham m. 25 Mar 1944 Dunmow, Hildegard Beata Loeb [b. Darmstadt 25 Dec 1920 d. 3 Jan 2013 Wokingham] witnesses Annemarie Curson, James McCunnall.

**Grandchildren**

David Shirley b. 17 May 1947 Croydon; d. 23 Aug 2005 Malaga, Spain; m 10 Dec 1977 Jennifer Woodbridge (divorced)

Hazel Shirley b. 6 April 1950, d. Sept 2000 East Surrey; m. (1) James Merryfield (divorced) (2) Arthur Henty

Michael Norris b. 14 Jan 1947 Nottingham; m. 12 July 1969 Walsall, Helen Frances Arnold [b. 24 March 1947 Darlaston]

Susan Norris b. 5 Nov 1949 Nottingham; m. 17 July 1971 Easthampstead, Nigel Kenneth Fowler [b. 21 Dec 1946 Stourbridge]

**Great grandchildren**

Emma Louise Shirley b. 6 Oct 1979 Barnstaple

Eleanor Ivy Henty b. Q2 1979 S.E.Surrey

Michelle Louise Fowler b. 19 March 1976 Wallingford m. Devizes Ephraim Joseph Sogga [b. 17 March 1976 Zanzibar]

Mark Christopher Fowler b. 21 March 1979 Reading

**Great great grandchildren**

Martha Sogga b. 10 Nov 2008 Bedford

**Step great great grandchildren**

Eliada Sogga b. Zanzibar

Neema Sogga b. Zanzibar

We have additional information on e.g. descendants, siblings etc. of the Norris side, should it be required.

Helen Norris

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