### **PART TWENTY-THREE**

### The Wiltshire to Australia Line - 1550 to 1995

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This is the family line of Dorothy Shepherd (Ref. 23R4) of Mount Tarcoola in Western Australia and Christopher Lloyd whose great great grandfather was Edmund Lloyd (Ref. 23N3)

An earlier update included details of the life of Rose Laura Collett (Ref. 23P26) who suffered badly at the hands of her Swedish husband Johan Hedlund, all as provided by her great granddaughter Jenny Stanser

**WILLIAM COLLETT** was yeoman of Badbury near Swindon. He married Elizabeth and died in 1603. His Will was proved in 1604.

23G1	HENRY COLLETT	Born in 1570
23G2	Samuel Collett	Born in 1573

**HENRY COLLETT** was born in 1570 the eldest son of William Collett and like his father was yeoman of Badbury.

23H1	Robert Collett	Date of birth unknown
23H2	WILLIAM COLLETT	Born in 1602
23H3	Agnes Collett	Date of birth unknown
23H4	Margaret Collett	Date of birth unknown

- **Samuel Collett** was born in 1573 the youngest son of William Collett and was yet another yeoman of Badbury. He died in December 1639.
- **Robert Collett** was the eldest son of Henry Collett and was a yeoman of Badbury. He died after his son was born.

23I1 Henry Collett Date of birth unknown

**WILLIAM COLLETT** was born in 1605 and was yeoman of Badbury and the second son of Henry Collett. He married Mary Komm at Badbury and died intestate in 1660.

2312	WILLIAM COLLETT	Born in 1651
2313	Henry Collett	Born in 1654; died in 1661
2314	Richard Collett	Born in 1655
2315	Robert Collett	Born in 1657; died in 1661
2316	John Collett	Born in 1659

**2311** Henry Collett was the eldest son of Robert Collett and a yeoman of Badbury.

23J1 Robert Collett Born circa 1660

WILLIAM COLLETT was born in 1651 and was a yeoman of Badbury. He married Mary at St Ann's Church in Westminster and was a tallow merchant. The first two of their five known children were baptised at St Martin-in-the-Field in Westminster, while two were baptised at St Anne Soho in Westminster.

The chandlery that William Collett owned was suspiciously burned down for a second time in 1700 during property inheritance disputes amongst the male members of the family at that time.

William died in 1714 and Mary, who was born in 1653, had died a year earlier in 1713. The family was known to have a connection with the church of St Giles-in-the-Fields in London where their son Richard was baptised.

William Collett was referred to in Peter G Laurie's memoirs "Our Collett Ancestors" published in 1898. In this he was described as being 'William Collett of the Great House born 1651 and died 1714'. The Great House referred to was in Hog Street in St Giles in the Fields.

At a later time Hog Street was renamed Crown Street and today is Charing Cross Road. At one end of Hog Street there was a pond and this area became Tottenham Court Road and Tyburn Road which today is Oxford Street. Nothing of the house remains today.

23J2	Martha Collett	Born on 19.10.1683
23J3	Mary Collett	Born on 23.12.1685
23J4	William Collett	Born in 1687
23J5	RICHARD COLLETT	Born in 1690
23J6	Elizabeth Collett	Born in 1693

**Richard Collett** was born in 1655 was a citizen and vintner of London. He married (1) Arrabella with whom he had two daughters who were baptised at St Margaret in Westminster. It seems likely Arrabella died during or just after the birth of the second child, who also died when under three years old.

Richard later married (2) Elizabeth Hern in 1687 who presented her husband with six children of which only two of them survived to reach adulthood according to the Quaker records.

Richard died on 27.06.1721 of dropsy. He left a Will which was proved on 07.09.1721 in which property at Badbury was passed on, although the ownership and entitlement were disputed. His Will referred to him as 'Richard Collett, vintner of London'.

23J7	Susanna Collett	Born on 29.10.1682
23J8	Mary Collett	Born in 1684
23J9	Still born child	Born in 1688
23J10	Mordecai Collett	Born in 1689; died in 1689
23J11	William Collett	Born in 1691; died in 1714
23J12	Elizabeth Collett	Born in 1693
23J13	Jeremiah Collett	Born in 1695; died in 1698
23J14	Thomas Collett	Born in 1696; died in 1697

- **Robert Collett** was born around 1660 and at the age of 7 years was placed in the care of his uncle Richard Collett in December 1668. He married Ada Freeman in 1706.
- **Martha Collett** was born in Westminster on 19.10.1683 and was baptised at St Martin-in-the-field on 24.10.1683 as the daughter of William and Mary Collett. She married (1) John Pinke and later married (2) Richard Pane in 1726 at Lincoln's Inn Chapel in Holborn, London.
- **Mary Collett** was born at Westminster on 23.12.1685 and was baptised at St Martin-in-the-field on 01.01.1686, the baptism record confirming she was the daughter of William and Mary Collett.
- **William Collett** was born in Westminter in1687 and was baptised at St Anne Soho in Westminster on 09.01.1687, the eldest son of William and Mary Collett.
- **RICHARD COLLETT** was born in London around 1690 and was baptised that year at St Giles-in-the-Fields in London which confirmed he was the son of William and Mary Collett. He was a tallow chandler and he married Elizabeth Cobb in 1717. Richard died in July 1748 and was followed by Elizabeth in 1774.

23K1	RICHARD COBB COLLETT	Born in 1718
23K2	John Collett	Born in 1719
23K3	Elizabeth Collett	Born in 1721
23K4	Sarah Collett	Born in 1725
23K5	Peter Collett	Born on 27.10.1734

- **Elizabeth Collett** was born in London in 1693 and was baptised at St Anne Soho in Westminster on 10.05.1693 when her parents were recorded as being William and Mary Collett.
- **Susanna Collett** was born in London on 29.10.1682 and was baptised at St Margaret in Westminster on 03.11.1682, the record confirming she was the daughter of Richard and Arrabella Collett.

In 1703 she married James Norton a citizen and dyer of London. The couple never had any children and Susanna died after her father had died in 1721 since she was referred to in his Will.

- **Mary Collett** was born in London 1684 and was baptised at St Margaret in Westminster on 03.04.1684. The baptism the record listed her parents as Richard and Isabella Collett rather than Richard and Arrabella. Mary was around three years old when she died in 1687.
- **Elizabeth Collett** was born in 1693. She married in 1721 (1) John Green a wine cooper from London and (2) Thomas Greenhill of Bath in 1735. Thomas died in 1666 and his Will was proved in 1668.

Neither of the marriages produced any children and Elizabeth died in 1768. In her Will she left property to her cousin Elizabeth Collett nee Cobb, the widow of Richard Collett the elder (above).

**RICHARD COBB COLLETT** was born in London in 1718, and was the eldest son of Richard Collett and Elizabeth Cobb. He later married Mary Harrison around 1750.

Richard Cobb Collett died in February 1788 and his Will was proved on 29.03.1788. In the Will he was referred to as 'Richard Collett, Gentleman of St Luke's Chelsea'.

**23L1** RICHARD COBB COLLETT Born on 28.02.1752

**John Collett** was born in London in 1719 and was the son of Richard Collett and Elizabeth Cobb. The ship 'Doddington' in which he was travelling was wrecked on rocks near Bird Island off Port Elizabeth on the South Africa coast on 17.07.1755.

The ship and its cargo of gold owned by the merchant adventurer Robert Clive of the East India Company was lost and was subject to salvage recovery in 1977.

- **Elizabeth Collett** was born in London in 1721 and was baptised at St James in Clerkenwell 02.07.1721, the baptism record confirming she was the daughter of Richard Collett and Elizabeth Cobb. Tragically she suffered an infant death.
- **Sarah Collett** was born in London in 1725 the daughter of Richard Collett and Elizabeth Cobb. It is also known that she married Joseph Lowe a jeweller of Holborn in London, and that she died on 15.08.1773.
- **Peter Collett** was born in London on 27.10.1734 and was baptised at St Olave Old Jewry in the City of London on 25.11.1734. He was the youngest son of Richard Collett and Elizabeth Cobb.

St Olave's Church was dedicated to the patron saint of Norway, while Old Jewry was a precinct of medieval London populated by Jew until their expulsion from England in 1290. The original church was destroyed in the Great Fire of London in 1666 but was rebuilt in 1679 by the office of Sir Christopher Wren.

He attended St John's College at Oxford where he matriculated on 17<sup>th</sup> August 1751 aged 16. The university records confirmed that he was the son of Richard Collett of London. Peter obtained his Bachelor of Arts at Oxford on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1756.

Four years later Peter took up the role of curate of the parish church at Rye in Sussex, a position he held for thirty years.

Shortly after securing this position Peter married (1) Margaret Bourne who was born in 1734 but who died at Rye in Sussex on 06.05.1770 aged 36. Prior to her death Margaret presented Peter with five children, three of which died as infants. The name of the third infant is not known.

Following the death of his first wife Peter then married (2) Elizabeth Woodhams who was eleven years younger than Peter having been born in 1746. This marriage produced another five children for Peter all of whom survived.

During his life, and in addition to being the Reverend Peter Collett, he was also the Rector of Denton. Peter died at Rye on 14.09.1790 where he was also buried and was survived by his second wife Elizabeth for a further fifty years after his death. Elizabeth lived to be 95 and died on 11.02.1841 and was also buried at Rye.

A white marble plaque on the wall inside Rye Parish Church reads

"Sacred to the memory of Mrs Margaret Collett wife of the Reverend Peter Collett who died the 6<sup>th</sup> of May 1770 aged 36 years. Also of the above named Rev. Peter Collett Rector of Denton in this county and curate of this parish thirty years who died the 14<sup>th</sup> of September 1790 aged 55 years. And of three children who died in their infancy. Also of Elizabeth relict of the above named who died the 11<sup>th</sup> of February 1841 aged 95 years"

23L2	Margaret Collett	Born in 1763
23L3	Elizabeth Collett	Born in 1765
23L4	Peter Collett	Born in 1767; infant death
23L5	Jacky Collett	Born in 1769; infant death
23L6	Sarah Collett	Born in 1775
23L7	Richard Collett	Born in 1777
23L8	Anne Collett	Born in 1779
23L9	Mary Ann Collett	Born in 1781
23L10	Thomas Collett	Born in 1784

**RICHARD COBB COLLETT** was born in London on 28.02.1752 and was baptised at St martin Orgar & St Clement Eastcheap in London. The baptism record gave his parents as Richard Cobb Collett and his wife Mary.

Richard married Ann Parker on 18.05.1773 at St Bartholomew the Great in London. He was an attorney and established the firm of, Collett, Wimburn & Collett, at 62 Chancery Lane in London.

In 1807 he was promoted to the office of "One of the Four Sworn Attorneys of the Court of Exchequer of Pleas" a title that was taken up by his son Kenrick (below) between 1824 and 1826 prior to Richard's death in 1827.

Richard's Will was proved on 10.03.1827. In the Will he was referred to as simply 'Richard Collett, gentleman of Turnham Green in Middlesex'. There was a reference to the Christian name Cobb which it was stated, was not generally used by Richard.

In addition to all of the above, Richard Cobb Collett was coroner for the County of Middlesex and was referred to at the time of the death of his son Kenrick Collett in 1841 as "formerly of Chancery Lane and Acton and late of Turnham Green.

On 01.02.1831 Richard's wife Ann died at Turnham Green.

23M1	KENRICK COLLETT	Born on 01.01.1775
23M2	Clayton Collett	Born on 05.11.1776
23M3	Richard Collett	Born on 05.11.1778
23M4	Mary Ann Collett	Born in 1780; infant death
23M5	Robert Collett	Born in 1782

- **Margaret Collett** was born in 1763, the daughter of Peter Collett and Margaret Bourne. Around 1780 she married John Shoppee the son of J Shoppee and brother of Charles Shoppee who married Margaret's sister Elizabeth (below).
- **Elizabeth Collett** was born in 1765 and married Charles Shoppee the son of J Shoppee and brother of John Shoppee who married Elizabeth's sister Margaret Collett (above).

It may be significant that in Australia there were many people with the Shoppee surname that had Collett as part of their name. These included: Clarence Collett Shoppee (born 02.04.1902); John Stephen Collett Shoppee (born 27.03.1904); Walter Henry Collett Shoppee (born 26.01.1914); Charles Tilley Collett Shoppee (a aircrafts man in WWII); all of whom were involved in WWII.

In addition to these there was the celebrated Dame Marjorie Alice Collett Parker OBE, formerly Marjorie Alice Collett Shoppee the daughter of W Shoppee, who was born at Ballarat and died on 18.02.1991 and who married Max Parker on 12.06.1926.

- **Sarah Collett** was born in 1775 and was the daughter of Peter Collett and Elizabeth Woodhams. She never married, just like her two younger sisters Anne and Mary (below).
- **Richard Collett** was born in 1777 and was the son of Peter Collett and Elizabeth Woodhams. It is known that he was an assistant surgeon with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bombay Native Infantry and died on 25.06.1802 at Cannamore, probably as a direct result of the fighting which came to an end that year.
- **Anne Collett** was born in 1779 and was the daughter of Peter Collett and Elizabeth Woodhams. She never married and lived at Primley Hill in Paignton in Devon. She died on 19.11.1854 and was buried at Bromley in Kent. In her Will, which was proved on 28.12.1854, she was referred to as 'Anne Collett, spinster of Bromley in Kent'.
- **Mary Ann Collett** was born in 1781, the daughter of Peter Collett and Elizabeth Woodhams. She attended Bromley College and died at Bromley in Kent in May 1849.
- **Thomas Collett** was born in 1784 and he married Sarah Ireland with whom he had two daughters. He died in 1858
- **EXEMPTICE EXECUTE:** Was born on 01.01.1775 and was baptised at St Andrews in Holborn on 27.01.1775. He was named after Sir Kenrick Clayton, Baronet of Marden Park in Surrey to whose family his father Richard Cobb Collett had acted for many years as confidential adviser and trustee.

In 1797 he joined his father's firm of Collett, Wimburn & Collett at 62 Chancery Lane in London. Five years later on the 07.12.1802 at St Andrews Church in Holborn he married Mary Anne Webb the daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Webb of Hanwell, who was born on 12.03.1785.

Kenrick and his wife lived with the Lloyd family in Harley Street (see other references to the Lloyd family at 23N2, 23N3, 23O6 and 23O7) but frequently spent the winter months at Chancery Lane owing to the transportation difficulties during severe weather.

All of their children received their early education at Burlington House, a well known seminary in Fulham run by the Reverend Robert Roy.

In 1807 Kenrick, who was an attorney like his father, was promoted to the office of "One of the Four Official Clerks". From 1824 he took over the office of "One of the Four Sworn Attorneys of the Court of Exchequer of Pleas" previously held by his father.

Almost ten years later in 1833 he became "Master of the Court of the Exchequer" a post he held up to his death. He died on 25.02.1841 at 57 Harley Street and was buried in the family grave at Paddington on 04.03.1841.

His Will made in 1833 named his two sons Henry Parker and Charles Mynors as trustees, the whole of his estate being left to his wife who within a year was remarried (see below). Surprisingly perhaps, not one of his children were named in or benefited from his Will.

At the time of the married of his youngest daughter Elizabeth Collett in 1834, Kenrick was described as "of Harley Street and Holcrofts in Fulham", the latter being the home of Samuel Webb – Mary Anne's father.

In 1838 Kenrick Collett owned the following properties and was therefore entitled to vote at each of these locations:

44 Mansell Street; 12-14 Chamber Street; the Red Lion Public House all in the parish of St. Mary Whitechapel; Red Lion Stable Yard and shop; two houses adjoining in Castle Street Leicester Square; one house in Hemming Row and four houses in Princes Court, Whitcomb Street in the parish of St. Martin-in-the-Fields.

Other properties in his ownership were:

The Three Tuns Public House\* and other houses occupied by Sibley and Jennings in the parish of St. Mary Abbotts Kensington; ten houses from 6 to 28 Rose & Crown Court, numbers 3, 4, 5, 15 and 16 Daggett's Court, and 1-2 Daggett's Court Passage at Moorfields in the parish of St. Leonards, Shoreditch.

He also owned property in Church Passage in the parish of St. Lawrence Jewry; 20-21 New Street in the parish of St. Bartholomew the Great; and 2 Ten Court in the parish of St. Gabriel, Fenchurch.

On 01.02.1842, less than twelve months after Kenrick's death, his wife Mary Ann now aged 57 married the Reverend Martin John Lloyd of Depden in Suffolk at Holy Trinity Church in Sloane Street, Belgravia in London.

The marriage shocked the family as Martin was at least twenty years younger than Mary Ann and was in fact the brother-in-law of Mary Ann's own daughter Mary Ann Collett (below) who married Edmund Lloyd.

The Rev. Martin John Lloyd was the son of Edmund Lloyd and Bridget Eyre and was born on 20.05.1805 and was baptised at St Marylebone Church in London by the Reverend David Evans.

In 1832 Martin was considering marrying Sarah Loretta Timperon but her father would not agree as Martin at that time had no means by which to support her in the manner to which she was accustomed.

However his personal situation improved over the following years, with first in 1834 when he achieved an MA at Cambridge and became a priest at Worcester. Around this time he began writing to the Duke of Richmond using his then home address of Cavendish Square in Marylebone.

Two years later in 1836 the Duke, who was present at Quebec Chapel in London for one of Martin's services, was impressed enough to offer him the Rectory at Depden and 30 acres of glebe land, together with an annual salary of £5,000. Depden lies midway between Haverhill and Bury St Edmunds.

His new found wealth resulted in consent being given by Joseph Timperon for Martin to marry his daughter, and to be told that he would provide her with a dowry of £10,000 on their wedding day and a further £10,000 on his death.

Martin and Sarah were married on 18.05.1836 at St Peter's Abbey in St Albans and was reported in The Times on 20<sup>th</sup> May as follows: *the Rev. Martin John Lloyd of St. John's College, Cambridge, Domestic Chaplain to his Grace the Duke of Richmond and Rector of Depden, Suffolk to Sarah Loretta, eldest daughter of Joseph Timperon of New Barnes House, Herts.* 

It will be of particular interest to Collett researchers that on 08.11.1806 at St Marylebone Sarah Timperon's father Joseph of Harley Street married Anne Kyte the daughter of the late Reverend Doctor Kyte.

Exactly two years after Martin and Sarah were married Sarah died on 03.05.1838 at Horringer near Bury St Edmunds only a few days after giving birth to a still born son who would have been the couple's first child. A memorial on the church wall at St Mary's in Depden where she was buried commemorates her passing in her thirtieth year.

Martin could not bear to live in the same house after Sarah's death so dismissed all of the staff and moved into another house owned by the Duke of Richmond at Goodwood.

It was therefore less than four years after Sarah's death that he then married the widow Mary Ann Collett, the event reported as follows:

On the 1<sup>st</sup> February 1842 at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Chelsea, Rev. Martin John Lloyd M.A. Domestic Chaplain to his Grace the Duke of Richmond & Rector of Depden, Suffolk to Mary Ann relict of the late Kenrick Collett of Holcrofts, Fulham. And so, in this way, Mary Ann became sister-in-law to her own daughter.

Martin then organised the building of a new rectory at Depden and during its construction he and Mary Ann rented Branches Park Mansion from Mrs. Phoebe Ann Usborne of Queen Anne Street in Marylebone at £150 per quarter for three years.

The edition of The Times for 17<sup>th</sup> July 1848 reported the death of Mary Ann Lloyd as taking place on 14.07.1848 the same day that she was buried at Depden. She died of cancer of the breast and her tombstone which stands about seven feet high and under the shade of an elm tree was inscribed as follows:

In a vault beneath are deposited the remains of Mary Ann Lloyd beloved wife of Martin John Lloyd Rector of this Parish who under a deep sense of the blessing derived from a union of several years has caused this monument to be erected

The description on her Will read as follows: 'Mary Ann Lloyd, formerly Collett and before that Webb, wife of Depden in Suffolk, her Will proved on 25.09.1848'.

Ten years later, on 28.01.1858 at St Mary's Church in Cheltenham, Martin married for a third time. She was Adelaide Elizabeth daughter of the late Lt. Colonel Gregory of Bath and grand-daughter of the Honourable John Forsyth of Montreal in Canada.

This marriage for Martin lasted for the longest period of any of his three marriages, before he passed away on 13.09.1872. He died while at Depden of paralysis and was buried in a shallow grave alongside the monument to Mary Ann his second wife. Today the churchyard where they were buried is designated as deconsecrated ground.

His Will had been made on 30.11.1858 and was proved on 03.01.1873. He left his estates at Depden and St. Botolphs in Bishopgate, London to his wife Adelaide. His effects were valued at under £450 and his wife's address was given as "Belle View Cottage in Cheltenham.

During his life Martin officiated at a number of weddings for his siblings and other relatives and, in addition to his role as rector, he was also a Magistrate for Suffolk County.

It is interesting to note that The Three Tuns Public House\* in Kensington High Street and previously owned by Mary Ann's first husband Kenrick Collett was in December 1844 transferred to the joint ownership of:

(1) Martin J. Lloyd, Rector of Depden and Mary Ann his wife, (2) Henry Crawler of Chancery Lane, (3)

John Laurie of Holcrofts, Fulham, and (4) Peter Laurie of Lincoln's Inn. John Laurie married Elizabeth Helen Collett (below) and Peter was his brother.

23N1	Kenrick William Collett	Born on 06.10.1804
23N2	Henry Parker Collett	Born on 26.09.1805
23N3	Mary Ann Collett	Born on 16.05.1807
23N4	John Edward Collett	Born on 03.02.1809
23N5	George Frederick Collett	Born on 27.08.1810
23N6	Charles Mynors Collett	Born on 12.08.1812
23N7	ROWLAND WILLIAM DAVIES COLLETT	Born on 25.02.1814
23N8	Elizabeth Helen Collett	Born on 23.06.1815
23N9	Richard Fowler Collett	Born on 06.01.1819

**Clayton Collett** was born in London on 05.11.1776 and was baptised at St Andrews in Holborn on 02.12.1776. His parents were Richard Cobb Collett and his wife Ann, but sadly Clayton did not survive beyond infancy.

**Richard Collett** was born at the Breams Building in London on 05.11.1778 and was baptised at St Dunstan-in-the-West in London on 11.12.1778. The baptism record confirmed his parents were Richard Cobb Collett and Ann Collett. Later in his life he was known as Richard Collett, ironmonger of Middle Row in Holborn.

In 1805 he married Jane Newsome of Blackrock, Cork in Ireland and tragically all three of their children died before their parents. This was as a result of the smallpox epidemic and the children were buried at St Andrew's Cemetery. See also George Frederick Collett (above) another victim of smallpox.

In 1837 Richard was declared bankrupt and that year's May-August edition of the Metropolitan Magazine contained a list of bankrupts including the following entry on page 26 "R Collett, Middle Row, Holborn, ironmonger".

This event coincided with a change of address since, according to Dawn Peel an historian from Colac in Victoria Australia, Richard and Jane provided a home at 3 The Crescent in Edmonton for Anna Godwin from 1837 when she was orphaned at the age of 15.

The Crescent stands on the east side of Hertford Road immediately north of Edmonton Green. It was built in the mid eighteen-twenties, but was never finished as there is a gap at the northern end where further houses were to be built. Early census records for 1841, 1851 and 1861 reveal that the inhabitants were both middle class and genteel.

Jane Collett nee Newsome, who was the sister of Anna Godwin's mother from Cork, became the mother figure for Anna for the next twenty years and almost up until her death in 1857. The couple's Edmonton home was also the base for one of Anna's brothers and his family.

It is understood that around 1855/56 Richard and Jane were again in financial difficulties so Anna returned to Cork in Ireland where she married Edward Bage before she and Edward emigrated to Australia.

There are in existence letters from Richard Collett sent to Anna Newsome Bage when she was living in Australia in 1857. At that time Anna's husband Edward Bage was the District Surveyor in Colac.

Another letter was received by Anna from a relative in Cork following the death of her auntie Jane who relayed to her that "Uncle Collett (i.e. Richard) visited us in Cork recently and looked well despite his recent bereavement".

Jane died in 1857 and Richard in 1858, both of them being buried at Edmonton in London.

23N10	Mary Ann Collett	Born in 1809; died in 1821
23N11	William Winburn Collett	Born in 1811; died in 1821
23N12	Margaret Newsome Collett	Born in 1814: died in 1817

**Robert Collett** was born in London in 1782 and was baptised at St Andrews in Holborn on 11.09.1782. He was the youngest son of Richard Cobb Collett and Ann Parker and tragically he died as a minor when he fell from a horse.

**Kenrick William Collett** was born in London on 06.10.1804 and was baptised at St Andrews in Holborn on 11.11.1804, the son of Kenrick and Mary Ann Collett.

He was educated at Eton and at Christ Church College in Oxford where he matriculated on 17<sup>th</sup> April 1823 and where the records confirm he was the eldest son of Kenrick Collett of St Andrew's in Holborn, London.

It was at Christ Church College that he later obtained his B A on 1<sup>st</sup> February 1827. He then became a barrister-at-law at Lincoln's Inn in 1831 and eventually received his M A on 9<sup>th</sup> June 1836. In 1855 he was made Chief Justice in Sierra Leone. It is interesting that within the documentation listing the Alumni of Cambridge, Kenrick William Collett is recorded there achieving a B A during 1834, incorporated from Oxford.

Kenrick married Augusta Ann Richards before 1850 but, since all of their children were born in London and were still living there in 1881, it seems likely that Augusta did not accompany Kenrick to Sierra Leone where he died and was buried in 1856 at a time when Augusta was expecting their fourth child.

Augusta Ann Richards was born at Winchfield near Farnborough in Berkshire in 1813, but shortly after her parents John and Harriet Richards moved to London where Augusta was baptised on 01.06.1814 at Old Church in St Pancras.

By 1881 Augusta was a widow and was operating a private school at 39 Peak Hill Gardens in Lewisham. The census return described her as being sixty-seven and born at Winchfield in Berkshire.

Assisting her as live-in teachers were her two unmarried daughters Emily Collett who was 27 and born at Kennington in Surrey and Charlotte Collett who was 24 and born at Islington in Middlesex. At that time the school comprised five young ladies from 10 to 16 years of age, all supported by one domestic servant.

2301	George William Kenrick Collett	Born in 1850
2302	Richard Parker Collett	Born in 1852
2303	Emily Louise Collett	Born in 1854
2304	Charlotte Mary Collett	Born in 1857

**Henry Parker Collett** (known as H P) was born in London on 26.09.1805 and was baptised at St Andrews in Holborn on 24.10.1805. He was the son of Kenrick and Mary Ann Collett.

On 01.11.1826 Henry Parker Collett of Chancery Lane secretly married (1) Mary Anne Clarke of Hanbury Place at Marylebone Church. Mary was also referred to as of Blandford Place, Regents Park. The reason for keeping it a secret is not known but it was only after four years had passed that they publicly announced that they were married with an item in The Times on 31<sup>st</sup> August 1830. This married later produced two children.

Then in 1841 H P took on his father's business as attorney at Chancery Lane, following his death in February that year. A little while later his first wife passed away, perhaps while giving birth to the couple's second child. Shortly after that Henry married (2) Mary Ann Walker in 1845, the marriage producing a further three children.

The success of his business allowed him to take early retirement towards the end of 1840s having already amassed a substantial fortune. While working at Chancery Lane the family lived at 37 Gloucester Place, Portman Square in London but upon his retirement around the early part of 1846 the family moved to Yateley Hall near Farnborough in Hampshire from where the final four children were born.

Tragically the couple suffered with two stillborn daughters on 13.10.1848 and 06.05.1851. Henry also had a house at 4 Brunswick Terrace in Brighton where he died on 27.03.1855. This was followed by the death of his wife on 14.09.1856 at Yateley Hall.

Henry's Will was proved on 10.05.1855 less than two months after his death, whereas his widow's Will was proved nearly five months after her death on 09.02.1857.

In an extract from the diary of E.E. Lloyd dated 16<sup>th</sup> November 1856 there is a suggestion that some unpleasant news was received from the home of a relative of Mrs Henry Parker Collett which 'appears to be a very nasty business'.

This would have been the news that she had passed away, and this was followed just two months later by a long article in The Times on 24<sup>th</sup> January 1857 relating to a Prerogative Court about the death and Will of H.P. Collett.

2305	Henry Russell Collett	Born on 02.03.1837
2306	Cecil Mary Collett	Born in 1845
2307	Helena Parker Collett	Born on 06.11.1846
2308	Catherine Ann Spencer Collett	Born on 06.12.1849
2309	Horace Chambers Spencer Collett	Born on 11.06.1853

**Mary Ann Collett** was born in London on 16.05.1807 and was baptised at St Andrews in Holborn on 11.06.1807. Her parents were confirmed at the baptism as Kenrick and Mary Ann Collett.

Mary Ann married Edmund Lloyd of Harley Street at Fulham Church on 01.06.1825. Edmund was the brother of the Reverend Martin Lloyd who married Mary Ann's mother, the widow Mary Ann Collett (Ref. 23M1).

Edmund Lloyd, who was the son of Edmund Lloyd and Bridget Eyre, was born on 08.09.1795 and baptised at St Marylebone Church on 02.10.1795.

It is perhaps significant that their children were given second Christian names that reflected other family connections associated with the Collett and Lloyd families businesses. The same can be said of the children of Elizabeth Helen Collett (below) and John Laurie.

Edmund was a book seller at the shop and reading room of Lloyd & Son on the corner of Harley Street with Great Marylebone Street and to which Lady Caroline Lamb was a frequent customer in the 1820s.

Even before they were married and from the tender age of just twelve years Mary Ann Collett used to write to the Lloyd family from the Preston School for young ladies that she attended in Brighton.

In May 1821 Edmund aged 25 was still living with his mother Bridget aged 44 and his brothers and sisters at 64 Great Marylebone Street. His siblings at that time were: Mary 22, Rosa 21, Martin 15 - who later married the widow of Kenrick Collett (Ref. 23M1) and the mother of Mary Ann Collett (Ref. 23N3), Bazzett 13, Ellen 12, Fanny 9, and Arthur 6 years old.

Two months later in July 1821 sister Mary Lloyd married Thomas Bent of Hillingdon at St Marylebone.

Following their own wedding in June 1825 which was announced in The Times, Mary Ann and Edmund spent the honeymoon in Worthing. Just over a year later at the time of the birth of their first child, Mary Ann and Edmund were living at York Terrace on the south side of Regent's Park.

From 1828 to 1834 the family home was at 57 Harley Street, where in 1831 the annual rent was £160 and the rates were £32 and 13 shillings. At that time the household was made up of Mary Ann and Edmund and there four sons, Edmunds two unmarried sisters Ellen and Fanny who had lived with them since their mother's death in 1829, plus two servants.

Towards the end of 1834 Edmund's book business was in financial difficulties and was summoned to attend the bankruptcy court on 5<sup>th</sup> December with debts reputed to be upwards of £10,000.

It was around this time that the family move to Cole Hill Cottage opposite the Bishop of London's Walk. Fortunately for Edmund in early 1835 he inherited £2,000 from the Will of Samuel Webb Mary Ann's grandfather and a year later his wife Elizabeth Webb died leaving various sums of money to Mary Ann, husband Edmund, and their children.

Another move followed, this time to the Collett family home at Holcrofts in Fulham. Edmund now had deteriorating health and was suffering greatly from asthma. This prompted talk of selling up and moving abroad. Edmund's sister Rosa was now married and was living in Paris as Rosa Skiers.

By 1840 the Collett family had moved abroad and had let Holcrofts to the Laurie family, forcing Edmund and the Lloyd family to move to 27 Lowndes Street in Belgravia.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1843 Edmund was a witness at the wedding of his sister Ellen Lloyd to Robert William Cumberpatch at Winkfield in Berkshire, with the ceremony being carried out by their brother the Rev. Martin Lloyd Rector of Depden. In 1848 Robert and Ellen Cumberpatch were living in Turkey.

Between April 1844 and 1847 Edmund and Mary Ann moved house two more times. The first to 58 York Terrace and the second to 8 York Place in Portman Square. Midway between the two moves Edmund sold the book shop at 57 Harley Street to Robert Weir.

Shortly after the family moved to York Place Edmund sent sons Edmund Eyre and William Henry to Altona in Hamburg to study languages. It was intended that they would stay there for a least a year, but they were suddenly recalled to England after just six months, probably for financial reasons.

Yet another move took place the following year in 1848 when the family moved to 13 Norfolk Street off Park Lane and six years later they finally left London. Initially Edmund and Mary Ann went to live with their eldest son who was now the Reverend Samuel Webb Lloyd at The Shrubbery in Barham near Canterbury.

By the end of 1854 Edmund and Mary Ann had settled for the time being at 2 Lounden Crescent in Dover. In January of the next year their son Edmund Eyre Lloyd was appointed Assistant Surgeon with the East India Company and moved to live in India.

During the next four years Edmund's health worsened such that in early 1860 he and Mary Ann moved back to Barham where he died on 04.06.1860. He was buried in a vault near the west entrance to Barham Church, the vault being covered by a slab set two feet above ground level.

The Will of Edmund Lloyd was made on 12<sup>th</sup> February 1855 and left everything to his wife Mary Ann, which amounted to less than £4,000.

The 1861 Census records that Mary Ann Lloyd head of the household was living at The Shrubbery in Barham aged 55. Living with her was her unmarried son William Henry Lloyd aged 30, and nieces Cecil Mary Collett 15, Helena Parker Collett 14, Catherine Ann Spencer Collett 11, and nephew Horace Chambers Spencer Collett 7 (all listed above).

The whole of this family was supported by five female servants and a butler.

Within five years Cecil Mary Collett had married Henry Dyson Lloyd and Helena Parker Collett had married William Henry Lloyd.

Living nearby in Barham in 1861 at 6 Dussingstone Street was Mary Ann's son Oliver Wimburn Lloyd and his three children Robert C Lloyd aged 6, Emily M A F Lloyd aged 5, and Oliver J H E Lloyd aged 4.

Four years later Oliver received a loan of £1,700 from his mother but on 11<sup>th</sup> July he was declared bankrupt and only two week after Mary Ann Lloyd died on 25.07.1865.

In her Will she left £3,00 to her son Samuel Webb Lloyd and the balance of her estate to son William Henry Lloyd, with four-fifths of the sale of 14 Hemming's Row in St Martin's Lane (originally owned by her father Kenrick Collett) to be shared between the four of her sons excluding Samuel.

The Will was disputed and a Bill of Complaint was filed in the High Court of Chancery on 14<sup>th</sup> November 1865, naming as defendants Edmund Eyre Lloyd, Henry Dyson Lloyd and the three children of Oliver Wimburn Lloyd who were under 21. The result of the action is unknown but most of the money left in the Will was used to meet court expenses.

The windows in Barham Church either side of the sanctuary are dedicated to Edmund and Mary Ann Lloyd. In the church yard there is a gravestone that is dedicated to the memory of Edmund and Mary

Ann Lloyd, together with the Rev. Samuel Webb Lloyd and his wife Catherine Frances.

23O10	Samuel Webb Lloyd	Born on 09.06.1826; died 12.11.1886
23011	Oliver Wimburn Lloyd	Born on 06.01.1828; died 24.01.1917
23012	Edmund Eyre Lloyd	Born on 06.06.1829; died 08.04.1904
23013	William Henry Lloyd – see 2307	Born on 30.03.1831; died 17.11.1912
23014	Henry Dyson Lloyd – see 2306	Born on 11.09.1832; died 29.09.1923

### This is the family line of Christopher Lloyd details of which have been published in "The Lloyds of Harley Street, Associate Family and Friends"

**John Edward Collett** was born in London on 03.02.1809 and was baptised at St Andrews in Holborn on 12.04.1809, the son of Kenrick and Mary Ann Collett.

With his past family connections he was brought up to the Law but never practised and in 1839 was Administrator at the Middle Temple. In 1854 he went to New Zealand with the Honourable Henry Petre who held an appointment in the colony.

However, shortly afterwards he returned to England and died at Shepherd's Bush in London aged 49 on 27.05.1859 and was buried at Kensal Green on 31.05.1859 close to the graves of Charles Matthews and Madame Vestris.

**George Frederick Collett** was born in London on 27.08.1810 and was baptised at St Andrews in Holborn on 25.09.1810, the son of Kenrick and Mary Ann Collett.

Tragically he died of smallpox on his father's birthday of 01.01.1820 and was buried in St. Andrew's Burial Ground in Gray's Inn Road in London.

There was a smallpox epidemic at that time and his cousins, the children of his uncle Richard Collett (Ref. 23M3) of Middle Row in Holborn, also died and were buried in St. Andrew's Cemetery.

**Charles Mynors Collett** was born in London on 12.08.1812 and was the son of Kenrick Collett and Mary Ann Webb. He was baptised later that same year at St Andrews in Holborn on 03.11.1812.

He later married Mary Ann McKenzie on 31.08.1839 at Old Church in St Pancras. Mary Ann was the daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth McKenzie and was baptised at St Sepulchre's Church in Holborn on 09.07.1818, having been born at Holborn in 1816 or 1817. From the information provided below, there is a possibility that Mary Ann was his second wife.

Curiously no record of Charles and his wife Mary Ann has been found within the census of 1841. Initially there were thought to be two possibilities. The first choice would be Charles Collett who, with a rounded age of 30, was living alone within the St Pancras & Regents Park registration district of London. The second, which has now been discounted, was Charles Collett, age 28 and a brush man, who was living at St Helena Place in Finsbury (adjacent to St Pancras) with his wife Ann, age 30, and their five children; Emily 8, Charles 6, Benjamin 6, Henry 4, and Sarah who was also four. Even more curious was the census return for 1851, see below for details.

Charles later became a partner in his father's business, from which he retired in 1847 when the business practically came to an end. Around that time he was living at Earls Court Road in Old Brompton. It was Charles Mynors Collett who was instrumental in the publication of "Our Collett Ancestors" which appeared in The Times on 26<sup>th</sup> August 1845.

Charles' name also appeared in The Times newspaper on a number of other occasions, but not for any good news. On 29<sup>th</sup> April 1848 the paper reported on the Bankruptcy of Charles M. Collett "the bankrupt being a trader and professional man, a solicitor at Lincoln's-Inn-Fields and a patented bread and biscuit maker in Lambeth and Houndsditch.

By the time of the census of 1851 Charles and Mary were living at 15 Gladstone Street within the St George Southwark area of London. Charles M Collett, age 38 and born at Holborn, was an attorney and solicitor in actual practice, while his wife Mary A Collett was 34 and from Islington. Listed with the couple was their son Charles W M Collett [perhaps William Mynors] who was 15 and a solicitor's writing clerk from St Pancras, presumably working with his father. This would indicated that he was born around 1835, which was four years before Charles married Mary Ann, at a time when Mary Ann would have been under twenty years of age, which raises the question, was he their base-born son, or was Charles junior the son by a previous wife who had not survived.

Five years later on 15<sup>th</sup> July 1856 The Times published an article relating to the Insolvent Debtors Court which started "This insolvent, Charles Mynors Collett an attorney, was opposed for Messrs Shoolbred, linen-drapers, of Tottenham-court-road". The complaint was that the insolvent had contracted a debt by fraud with the opposing creditors to the sum of £239.19.10.

The goods were obtained through orders given by the insolvent's wife Mary Ann Collett. The insolvent lived with his family in Osnaburgh Street, at the south-east corner of Regent's Park and, according to his evidence she was only to obtain credit for £100. It was reported in the same article that the authorities had spent many months trying to track down Charles Collett, but the insolvent was not arrested until 1st March, having eluded the Sheriff's Officer since December 1855.

The reference to Regent's Park may well be an indicator that it was Charles Collett, age 30, who was recorded living there in the census of 1841, which raises the question, where was his wife Mary Ann and his son Charles, on that occasion.

It may have been as a direct result of their court appearance in July 1856 that, shortly after the case was settled, Charles and Mary left London and travelled north to Lancashire. The next census in 1861 placed the couple living within the Blackburn area where Charles Collett was 48 and Mary Ann Collett was 44. At that time they were the only two Colletts living in the Blackburn registration district, while no obvious record has been found for Charles' son on that occasion, when he would have been 25.

Sometime during the following decade the couple return to London where they were recorded as living in 1871. It was at Gray's Inn Lane within the St Pancras & Tottenham Court registration district of London that Charles M Collett was 58 and his wife Mary A Collett was 54. Ten years later, according to the census of 1881 Charles and Mary were lodging at 132 Kentish Town Road in St Pancras, the home of bricklayer George Parsons and his wife and family. Charles Mynors Collett, age 69 and born at Holborn, was described as a solicitor out of practice, while Mary Ann Collett was 64 and was also from Holborn, rather than Islington as previously stated.

It would appear that Mary Ann Collett nee McKenzie died sometime during the 1880s since she was not listed with her husband in the census of 1891. Instead it was just Charles Collett, age 78, who was recorded as living within the Holborn & Goswell Street area of London. Six years later Charles Mynors Collett died on 12<sup>th</sup> March 1897, and it seems very likely that he may have been buried close by his brother John Edward Collett (above) who was buried at Kensal Green.

23015 **Charles W M Collett**  Born in 1835

ROWLAND WILLIAM DAVIES COLLETT was born on 25.02.1814 and was named after his father's partner Rowland Wimburn. Just over a month later he was baptised at St Andrews in Holborn on 05.04.1814. He was originally brought up within the medical profession but was subsequently called to the Bar in 1841.

It was later that same year on 17.08.1841 that Rowland married Mary Ann Edwards at Old Church in St Pancras. The marriage produced six children for the couple, although three of the sons died while still in their teenage years.

Ten years later the couple were living at 4 County Terrace just off the New Kent Road in the Newington area of London to the south of the River Thames. Rowland was 37 and his wife was eight years younger at 29. Their children at that time were Kenrick 8, Francis 6, Rowland 5, Elizabeth 3, and one year old Herbert.

Just over two years after the census day Rowland died at the comparatively early age of thirty-nine on 07.05.1853. His Will, which was proved on 04.06.1853, confirmed his address at the time of his death

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as 4 Webbs County Terrace on the New Kent Road in Surrey.

By April 1861 Mary Ann Collett was living in the Grays Inn Lane area of St Pancras with just three of her children. The census confirmed she was a widow at the age of 39 and the children still living with her were Kenrick C Collett who was 18, Elizabeth who was referred to as Fanny H Collett 13, and Herbert E Collett who was 11.

Three of Mary Ann's sons eventually emigrated to Australia. These were the oldest three boys, Kenrick, Francis, and Rowland who was found dead and buried there in very mysterious circumstances when he was only eighteen years old.

During her life, in addition to losing her husband when her youngest child was yet one year old, Mary Ann also suffered the loss of her three youngest sons who all died during the 1860s. By 1881 Mary A Collett was sixty and was living at 75 Belsize Road in the South Hampstead area of London. Living with her was her granddaughter Maud MJ Fairweather aged eleven who was born in Monmouth and who was the daughter of Mary Ann's only daughter Elizabeth Helen Collett.

23016	Kenrick Clayton Collett	Born in 1842
23017	FRANCIS ALEXANDER EDWARD COLLETT	Born on 12.04.1844
23018	Rowland William Collett	Born in 1845
23019	Elizabeth Helen Collett	Born in 1847
23O20	Herbert Evans Collett	Born in 1849
23021	Murray Campbell Collett	Born in 1852

**Elizabeth Helen Collett** often referred to as Eliza, as born on 23.06.1815 five days after the Battle of Waterloo. She was baptised at St Andrew in Holborn on 26.10.1815, the daughter of Kenrick and Mary Ann Collett. Nearly twenty years later she married widower John Laurie of Harley Street on 09.07.1834 at Trinity Church, the being ceremony conducted by the Rev. Doctor Saxby Penfold.

John Laurie died early in 1881 and in the census that year Elizabeth of Fulham was listed as a widow and head of house aged 65, living at 47 Porchester Terrace in Paddington to where she had moved following the death of her husband.

Under occupation Elizabeth was listed as 'share holder'. The only relative living with her was three months old Kenrick Laurie her grandson born in London.

The remainder of the household comprised: Annie Tinkurn aged 49 a widow and cook of Salisbury; Maria Goodeer aged 30 a lady's maid from Leiston in Suffolk; Jane Weston aged 36 a housemaid; Matilda Ball aged 20 a kitchen maid of Surbiton in Surrey; John Nightingale aged 25 a footman of Walmer in Kent; and Mary Nails aged 57 a nurse from Canada.

Elizabeth died in 1891 and it is well known that she was much loved by Edmund Eyre Lloyd, her nephew. As early as 1832 there has been talk within the Lloyd household that Edmund wanted to take Eliza Collett to India with him.

John Laurie was previously married in 1831 to Mary Sparkes and she and her sister Elizabeth Sparkes, who married Robert Peter Laurie (John's brother) in 1833, had previously lived with their father Charles Sparkes at 21 Harley Street.

It was Peter G Laurie that wrote "Our Collett Ancestors" a copy of which is held at the Guildhall Library.

23022	John Wimburn Laurie	Born on 01.10.1835
23023	Helen Laurie	Born in 1836
23024	Peter George Laurie	Born in 1838; died in 1912
23025	Julius Dyson Laurie	Born on 09.12.1839
23026	Arthur Henry Laurie	Born on 04.11.1841
23027	Alfred Stag McAdam Laurie	Born in 1847; died in 1943
23028	Francis Duke Laurie	Born in 1849

**Richard Fowler Collett** was born at Cole Hill Cottage in Fulham on 06.01.1819 and the birth was listed in the Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January edition of The Times. He was a seafarer during his early life and

went to sea in the service of Honourable East India Company.

However, he subsequently quit the nautical profession and filled various appointments in London. On 20.02.1849 he married Fanny Edwards at St Andrew's Church in Enfield the daughter of A J Edwards of Westmoor House on Enfield Highway.

According to the 1881 Census the family was living at 57 Kent House Road in Lewisham. Richard was aged 62 and born at Fulham and his occupation was simply given as 'dividends' which is likely to refer to his income rather than employment.

Fanny his wife was aged 57 and of an unknown London parish, while daughters Helen S Collett aged 27 and Rose M Collett aged 24 were both born at Enfield in Middlesex.

The family was supported by a 17 years old servant Ruth Norton of Paddock Wood in Kent and had living with them boarder John Lyz aged 22 from Brooklyn in New York who was a finance clerk with a soap manufacturer.

Richard Fowler Collett died four years later on 13.04.1885 at Lewisham.

23029	Fanny Laura Collett	Born on 26.10.1850
23030	Helen Sarah Collett	Born on 27.02.1854
23031	Rose Marion Collett	Born in 1857

**George William Kenrick Collett** was born in London 1850. He married Louise Sandys in 1878 and in 1881 they were living at 4 Waterloo Terrace in Islington, London with their daughter Violet. George who was thirty-one and born at Marylebone was a retired mariner. Louise was 28 and from Essex (sic), and their daughter Violet was one year old and born at Camberwell.

No trace of the family has been found in 1891 but by March 1901 the family of four was living at Beckenham in Kent. George W K Collett was 51 and was a factor's cashier from Marylebone and his wife Louise was 48 and from Henley-on-Thames.

Still living with them was their two daughters Violet M Collett who was 21 and born in Camberwell, and Helen A Collett who was 14 and born in Islington. Sometime after this the family left Beckenham and moved back into London and in April 1911 they were living in Lewisham.

By that time the couple's eldest daughter Violet had already left the family home to be married, so the family then only comprised George William Kenrick Collett of Marylebone was 61, Louise from Henley was 58, and Helen Augusta was 24.

23P1	Violet Maude Collett	Born in 1880
23P2	George Augustus Collett	Born in 1881; died in 1888
23P3	Helen Augusta Collett	Born in 1886

- **Richard Parker Collett** was born in London on 17.12.1852 and was the son of Kenrick William and Augusta Ann Collett.
- **Emily Louise Collett** was born at Kennington in Surrey in 1854. By the age of 27 she was still unmarried and was a teacher at a private school operated by her mother Augusta Collett (Ref. 23N1) at 39 Peak Hill Gardens in Lewisham.
- **Charlotte Mary Collett** was born at Islington in Middlesex in 1857. Curiously she was baptised at Solihull in Warwickshire on 02.03.1859 where her parents were confirmed as Kenrick William and Augusta Ann Collett.

Just like her sister Emily Louise she was a teacher at the private school operated by her mother Augusta Collett. And also like her sister she was unmarried at the age of 24 years.

- Henry Russell Collett was born on 02.03.1837. He was baptised at St Mary's Church in St Marylebone Road in London, the son of Henry Parker and Mary Ann Collett. Sadly he died on 10.02.1852 aged 14 years. At that time he was the only son of Henry Parker Collett.
- **Cecil Mary Collett** was born at Yateley Hall in Hampshire in 1845. In 1861 Cecil Mary aged 15 was living at The Shrubbery in Barham with her aunt, the widow Mary Ann Lloyd nee Collett the daughter of Kenrick Collett.

In 1866 she married Mary Ann Lloyd's son Henry Dyson Lloyd, a clergyman of Marylebone who was born in 1833. Henry was the brother of William Henry Lloyd who married Cecil's sister Helena Parker Collett (below).

According to the 1881 Census the family was living at Strickstemming in Much Birch south of Hereford where Henry aged 48 and of Marylebone was a clergyman without care of souls, while his wife Cecil was aged 35 of Yateley and a clergyman's wife.

Their three children at that time comprised two sons Cecil Henry Lloyd and Evelin W C Lloyd and a daughter Jane A C Lloyd all born in Shropshire. The household was supported by a cook/domestic servant and a young male page/domestic servant.

Cecil Mary Lloyd nee Collett died in 1921.

23P4	Cecil Henry Lloyd	Born in 1868 at Cardeston
23P5	Evelin W C Lloyd	Born in 1873 at Eaton-Under-Haywood
23P6	Jane A C Lloyd	Born in 1877 at Wistanstow

Helena Parker Collett was born on 06.11.1846 at Yateley Hall. In 1861 Helena aged 14 was living at The Shrubbery in Barham with her aunt, the widow Mary Ann Lloyd nee Collett the daughter of Kenrick Collett. Also living there was her future husband to be, 30 years old William Henry Lloyd the son of Mary Ann Lloyd.

William Henry Lloyd was born at 57 Harley Street, Cavendish Square in London on 03.03.1831 and was the son of Edmund Lloyd and Mary Ann Collett. He was baptised at St Marylebone Church when his sponsors were his grandfather Kenrick Collett, his uncle Henry Parker Collett and his wife.

Four years later on 30.08.1865 Helena married her cousin solicitor William Henry Lloyd at St George's Church in Hanover Square. William was the brother of Henry Dyson Lloyd who married Helena's sister Cecil Mary Collett (above).

After the wedding the couple took up residence at 6 Burwood place near Hyde Park where their first two children were born. Following the upset of two failed births the family moved to Barham in Kent where the next three children were born.

Although their next child was born in Brighton the family home was still at Barham. One year later the family moved to Pembury near Tunbridge Wells close by to where Helena's unmarried sister Catherine Collett was living.

The family's final move happened in May 1884 when they moved to 34 Linden Road in Bedford to be close to William's brother Edmund Lloyd.

The 1881 Census confirmed William H Lloyd as aged 50 and a solicitor of St Marylebone. His wife was listed as Helena P Lloyd aged 34 of Yateley in Hampshire.

At that time the family was living at Station Road in Pembury near Tunbridge Wells in Kent. The household comprised the three of the four daughters and two of the three sons listed below. The household was supported by a governess and four domestic servants.

The family's next change of address took place in May 1884 when they moved to 34 Linden Road in Bedford to be close to William's brother Edmund Lloyd. Further moves took the family to Headcorn and Worthing, Bay Lodge in Danbury, Allington House near Devizes, and Frogmore House at Milton-Under-Wychwood from 1905 to 1908.

It was in January 1908 that William underwent a major operation and just a month later on 07.02.1908 his wife died while staying with a relative at Droitwich where she had been visiting the brine baths to ease her ailments.

Her death was reported as 'on the 7<sup>th</sup> instant at Droitwich Helena Parker the beloved wife of William Henry Lloyd of Otley House and late of Barham in Kent'

Following her death and in poor health himself, her husband moved to Droitwich so that he could be buried next to her when he died. William Henry Lloyd died on 17.11.1912 and was buried alongside his wife at St Andrew's Church Cemetery in Droitwich.

23P7 23P8	Mary Ann Lloyd William Edmund Eyre Lloyd	Born on 29.07.1866 at Hyde Park Born on 10.11.1867 at Hyde Park
201 0	a still born son	Born on 29.11.1868
	a miscarried child	Born on 27.10.1869
23P9	Helena Graham Lloyd	Born on 14.09.1872 at Barham in Kent
23P10	Kenrick Horace Lloyd	Born on 01.01.1874 at Barham
23P11	Camilla Parker Lloyd	Born on 17.09.1875 at Barham
23P12	Martin Archibald Lloyd	Born on 31.08.1878 at 12 Wilbury Rd, Brighton
23P13	Bridget Eyre Lloyd	Born on 12.05.1886 at 34 Linden Rd, Bedford

2308 Catherine Ann Spencer Collett was born on 06.12.1849 at Yateley Hall. In 1861 Catherine aged 11 was living at The Shrubbery in Barham with her aunt, the widow Mary Ann Lloyd nee Collett the daughter of Kenrick Collett.

By the time of the 1881 Census she was aged 31 and was unmarried. She was living at St Albans Lodge in Bridge Road in Speldhurst near Tunbridge Well, Kent not far from her sister Helena Lloyd (above).

In the census she was listed as having an 'interest in property' which presumably was where her income came from. Also living at the lodge was a lady's maid and cook/domestic servant.

Horace Chambers Spencer Collett was born at Yateley Hall in Hampshire on 11.06.1852, the youngest child of Henry Parker Collett and his second wife Mary Ann Walker. At the time of the census in 1861 he was seven years old and was living at The Shrubbery in Barham with his aunt, the widow Mary Ann Lloyd nee Collett, the younger sister of his father Henry Parker Collett.

Horace was education at schools in Harrow and Malvern, where he was 17 in April 1871, before entering Trinity Hall College in Cambridge on 14<sup>th</sup> December 1871. He matriculated during the following year, and obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1875. The record held by the university at the time of his admission confirmed he was the son and heir of Henry Parker Collett of Yateley Hall in Hampshire. It was the same year that he received his B A that he was admitted into the Middle Temple on 1<sup>st</sup> May 1875, at the age of almost 23, when he was described as being 'of Trinity Hall, and residing at 15 Lansdowne Crescent in Leamington.'

It was just two years later that Horace married Ann Spedding in 1877 and four years later Horace and Annie were living at 2 Oxford Park in Ilfracombe, North Devon, with their first two children, where they were recorded at the time of the census in 1881. Horace C Collett, of no occupation, was listed as being 26 and born at Yateley in Hampshire, while Annie Collett was 22 and from Egremont in Cumberland. Their two children were both born in London before the family moved to the West Country, and they were Louise Collett, who was two years old, and Margaret Collett who was one year old

Although not working at that time, Horace was clearly a man of some wealth, since he was employing two servants at that time in his life. They were Mary Keane age 26, a cook from Croyde Bay in Devon, and Eliza Tucker who was 18 and from Portsmouth, who was a general servant.

By the time the next census was conducted in 1891, Horace and his family were living at Westham, just a mile to the north of Eastbourne in Sussex. However, by that time Horace was no longer married to Annie, instead his wife was recorded as Emma, age 32. Horace Chas J Collett was 37, and the only

child still living with him was his youngest son Joseph H J Collett who was seven years old. His eldest son Horace Collett, who was born at Ilfracombe, was nine years old and was residing at an institution in the Fulham area of London. It is rather odd, but no record of any member of his family has been located within the census returns for 1901 and 1911.

The only other known fact is that Horace Chambers Spencer Collett died on 7<sup>th</sup> August 1908.

23P14	Louise Collett	Born in 1878 in London
23P15	Margaret Collett	Born in 1879 in London
23P16	Horace Collett	Born in 1881 at Ilfracombe
23P17	Joseph H S Collett	Born in 1883 at Ilfracombe

23O15 Charles W M Collett was born within the St Pancras area of London around 1836, the son of Charles Mynors Collett. Charles Mynors was married to Mary Ann McKenzie in 1839, so it seems logical that his son Charles was the issue from a previous marriage, and from which the child's mother did not survive. No record of Charles junior has been found within the census of 1851, nor that of his stepmother, while Charles Collett senior appears to have been living in the Regent's Park area of London.

Ten years later all three of them were recorded living at 15 Gladstone Street in Southwark St George, when Charles W M Collett, age 15 and from St Pancras, was already working for his father as a solicitor's writing clerk. Following a fall from grace in the mid-1850s, Charles' parents left London and moved to Blackburn in the north of England, where they were recorded in 1861. However, no record of Charles junior has been discovered in the census return for 1861, so he may have been out of the country on that occasion.

There then follows a conundrum. Was the Charles Collett, age 44 and from Lambeth, living at 39 Maritime Street in Stockton-on-Tees, Charles W M Collett from St Pancras? In the absence of more positive information, it has been assumed that he was. However, by that time in his life he had been married twice.

It would appear from the census records that Charles first married (1) Mary Ann with whom he had a son before Mary Ann passed away, perhaps during that birth, or the birth of a second child who also did not survive. The marriage may have taken place during the mid-1860s, since by the time of the census in 1871 Charles Collett, age 34, and Mary Ann Collett, age 22, were living in the Woolwich Dock Yard district of south London with their son Charles A Collett who was one year old. It is known that Charles had a daughter who would have been three years old, but he whereabouts at the time of the census in 1871 has not been determined.

During the following year Mary Ann must have died, leaving Charles free to married (2) Margaret around 1873, with the result that his second married also produced a son for Charles. However, not long after the child was born the family departed from London and to the north of England, as Charles' parents had done so approximately twenty years earlier. According to the next census in 1881, Charles Collett, age 44, was living at 39 Maritime Street in Stockton-on-Tees in County Durham, where he was a general dealer with a small shop. His place of birth was given as Lambeth, which may just be an simply error on his part, not knowing that he had been born at St Pancras, but lived most of his early life in the Southwark area, adjacent to Lambeth.

Living at Stockton with him was his wife Margaret Collett, also 44 and from Lambeth, and Charles' two sons Charles W Collett, who was 11 and born at Whitechapel, and Albert Collett who was six years old and born at Southwark. At that same time Charles' daughter Charlotte Collett, age 13, was a general servant at the home of chapel keeper Henry Claydon and his wife at 4 Osborne Place in Whitechapel.

Sometime during the 1880s, Charles and Margaret left Stockton-on-Tees, when they travelled the short distance across Middlesbrough, to settle in Normanby, to the east of the town. And it was there, at 10-12 Nelson Street, that the family was living in 1891. The census that year showed that Charles' daughter had been reunited with the family while they were still living in Stockton, and before the move to Normanby, since it was there that he son was born. However, by that time Charles' two sons were no longer living at the family home.

It would appear from Charles' occupation in 1891 that 10-12 Nelson Street was jointly his home and his place of business, since he was described as being a fishmonger and an employer. For the first time in any record, he was recorded as Charles G Collett, age 54 and from Lambeth in London. His wife Margaret Collett was 52 and from Westminster, while Charles' daughter was Charlotte Collett, age 22, who had been born at Whitechapel. Also living at the premises was grandson William Collett, who was three years old and born at Stockton, and servant Mary Kinsman who was 14 and from Stockton.

With no record found of Charles, Charlotte or William in the following census of 1901, it has been assumed that Charles had died during the 1890s, and his daughter Charlotte had married, resulting in a change of surname for her and her young son. The only member of the family so far found in the March census of 1901 is Charles' wife. Margaret C Collett, age 63 and from Lambeth, was once again living in the Stockton-on-Tees area, but on her own.

23P18	Charlotte Collett	Born in 1868 at Whitechapel
23P19	Charles W Collett	Born in 1870 at Whitechapel
23P20	Albert Collett	Born in 1874 at Southwark

**23016 Kenrick Clayton Collett** was born at Camden Town in London on 24.11.1842. By 1861 he was 18 and living with his widowed mother Mary Ann Collett at Grays Inn Lane in St Pancras.

Eight years later he married Mary Crumpton at Hackney in February 1869 with whom he had three children in London before the family emigrated to Australia. This was in some way confirmed by the census of 1871 when the couple were still living in the West Ham area of London with the first of their three English born children.

The census that year recorded the family as being Kenrick C Collett aged 27, his wife Mary 25, and their daughter Mary E E Collett who was one year old. The next two children were born in London, and it seems very likely that the fourth child was born somewhere between England and Australia.

It was nearly five years after the 1871 Census that the Kenrick and his young family sailed from Gravesend on 15<sup>th</sup> February 1876 to Western Australia on the ship 'Robert Morrison', arriving at Fremantle, to the south of Perth, on 19<sup>th</sup> December 1876 with four of their children. There were a total of 154 passengers on board the ship for the ten month voyage.

Kenrick was noted as a gardener at The Canning (see also below) and was buried at the Old East Perth Cemetery. The Canning is on the east side of Perth and may have been a reference to the Canning Vale district of the city or Canning Mills on the eastern outskirts of Perth.

Kenrick Clayton Collett died in Australia on 25.05.1912.

23P21	Mary Ellen Edwards Collett	Born in 1869
23P22	Kenrick Rowland Collett	Born in 1871 at London
23P23	Constance Machin Collett	Born in 1874 at London
23P24	Sydney Collett	Born in 1876 en route to Australia
23P25	Francis Albert Collett	Born in 1883 at Fremantle
23P26	Rose Laura Collett	Born in 1884

**23017 FRANCIS ALEXANDER EDWARD COLLETT** was born in London on 12.04.1844 and was the son of Rowland William Davies Collett. Six weeks after he was born Francis was baptised at old Church in St Pancras on 29.05.1844.

In 1851 the family was living at 4 County Terrace on the New Kent Road in Newington when Francis was six years old. Tragically just two years later his father died at the age of thirty-nine leaving Francis to be brought up by his mother Mary Ann Collett.

Francis later married Laura Augusta Wedlake on 05.03.1870 at Plaistow in Sussex. By the end of that same year the couple were living in the South Hackney area of London where the first of their seven children was born.

Francis and Laura were still living there just over a year later when their second child was born, both children then being baptised together in a joint ceremony on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1872 at Weld Chapel in

Southgate, London.

By the time of the birth of their next child the family was living at Marshside Close in Edmonton. However shortly after, and around the middle of the 1870s, Francis' work as an auctioneer took the family from London to the Isle of Guernsey where the next three children were born.

According to the census of 1881, the family was living a 3 St James Street in St Peter Port where Francis, who was referred to as Frank aged 37, continued his occupation as an auctioneer. His wife Laura was 36, and their five children at that time were Mabel 10, Rowland 9, Grace 6, Herbert 3, and Murray who was one year old, the last two confirmed as having been born at St Peter Port.

On that occasion the Collett family was being supported by Elizabeth le Lacheur, an eighteen years old servant from St Peter Port. One further child was born to Frank and Laura while they were still living on Guernsey and this happened almost one year later.

During the latter half of 1884 Frank and Laura and their six children left the Channel Islands and emigrated to Australia. The family sailed out of London on the ship 'Glengoil' with forty-two passengers on board, bound for Fremantle in Western Australia where they arrived on 11.10.1884.

The journey would have been difficult for the young family, but must have been particularly difficult for Laura as she was pregnant with the couple's seventh and last child Daisy who was born at The Canning (see reference above) two weeks after they had arrived in Fremantle.

Once the family was established in Australia, Frank continued with his work as an auctioneer.

Francis Alexander Edward Collett died on 05.10.1891, his wife Laura having died earlier that same year in June of 'the colonial fever' typhoid. The story within the family is that youngest son Hugh aged only nine was sharing his father's bed at that time and awoke to find him dead.

It was then that his son Herbert Brayley Collett took over as head of the household.

23P27	Mabel Laura Collett	Born on 20.12.1870
23P28	Rowland Francis Collett	Born on 20.01.1872
23P29	Grace Marion Collett	Born on 15.09.1874
23P30	HERBERT BRAYLEY COLLETT	Born on 12.11.1877
23P31	Murray William Collett	Born on 24.02.1880
23P32	Hugh Collett	Born on 11.04.1882
23P33	Daisy Belle Collett	Born on 25.10.1884

**Rowland William Collett** was born in London on 17.12.1845 and was the son of Rowland William Davies Collett and Mary Ann Edwards.

When he was aged five years, at the time of the 1851, Rowland and his family were living at 4 County Terrace in the Newington area of London. Just like his two older brothers Kenrick and Francis (above), Rowland also emigrated to Australia.

Tragically it was there in 1863 at the age of only eighteen years that Rowland died in what has been described as "suspicious circumstances". Following his death, he was buried at Denial Bay in South Australia on 11.03.1863.

**Elizabeth Helen Collett** was born in 1847 and very likely at 4 County Terrace in Newington where she and her family were lining in 1851 when she was three years old. With her father dying in 1853 Elizabeth and two of her brothers remained living with their widowed mother. So by 1861 Elizabeth, who was recorded as Fanny H Collett, was 13 and living at Grays Inn Lane in St Pancras.

As the only daughter of Mary Ann Edwards and Rowland William Davies Collett, is seems likely that during the late 1860s she married Mr Fairweather and that the couple initially settled in Monmounth.

Although no records for Elizabeth (or Fanny) Fairweather have been found it is the census of 1881 that includes the eleven years old granddaughter Maud M J Fairweather as living with Elizabeth's widowed mother Mary A Collett at 75 Belsize Road in London.

The census return indicates that Maud was born at Monmouth and was one year old in 1871, 11 in 1881 (as above), and 21 in 1891 when, as Maud M J Fairweather she was living within the Barton Regis district of Gloucestershire. In 1901 Maud is listed as being married to Edwin J Nancekievill 34 from Newport Monmouth, by which time she had two children Edwin 4, and Arthur one.

Herbert Evans Collett was born in 1849 when his family was living at 4 County Terrace just off the New Kent Road in the Newington. And it was there also the family was living in March 1851 when Herbert was one year old.

It would seem as though Herbert was in the process of emigrating to Australia, like other members of his family, when he died at sea off Ascension Island in 1864.

**Murray Campbell Collett** was born at 4 County Terrace off New Kent Road in Newington, London on 05.08.1852. Not long after he was born there was a succession of deaths within the family. The first of these was his father Rowland Collett who died in 1853 aged 39 when Murrary was only one year old.

Next to die was Murray's two older brothers Rowland Collett junior in 1863 aged 18, followed by Herbert Collett in 1864 aged 15. And five years later in 1869, Murray Campbell died at the age of seventeen.

- **John Wimburn Laurie** was born at the family home in Harley Street on 01.10.1835, the first born child of Elizabeth Helen Collett and John Laurie. John W Laurie died in 1912.
- **Helen Laurie** was born in 1836, the eldest daughter of Elizabeth Helen Collett and her husband John Laurie. Later in her life she was married, when she became Elizabeth Helen Brown.
- **Julius Dyson Laurie** was born at the family home at Munster House in Fulham on 09.12.1839 and died in 1909.
- **23O26** Arthur Henry Laurie was born at the family home at Munster House in Fulham on 04.11.1841 and died in 1872.
- **Fanny Laura Collett** was born on 26.10.1850. She married John Dag on 14.11.1879 and left England to live in Ireland. Sadly the marriage was less than eighteen months old when Fanny died in Limerick on 06.05.1881.
- **Helen Sarah Collett** was born in Enfield in London on 27.02.1854 and was the daughter of Richard Fowler Collett and Fanny Edwards. In 1881 she was twenty-seven and was still living with her parents at 57 Kent House Road in Lewisham.

Three years later in 1884 Helen married Edmund J Clark who was born in Portsmouth in 1854, the son of miller Edward Clark and his wife Fanny. Their wedding also took place in Hampshire.

The marriage produced a son for Helen and Edmund who was born at Southsea in 1886 and, who in 1901 at fourteen was living with his grandparents at Curdridge in Southampton. At that time Helen S Clark of Enfield and her husband Edmund were both 46 and living on their owns means in Portsmouth.

What happened to Edmund during the first ten years of the new century is not known, except that Helen Sarah Clark aged 53 and from Enfield and her son Douglas Richard Clark aged 24 were living alone at Steyning in Sussex.

23P1 Violet Maude Collett was born at Camberwell in the spring of 1880. Although no trace of Violet or her

family has been found in 1891, by March 1901 Violet M Collett of Camberwell was twenty-one and was with her family living in Beckenham in Kent where she was working as a solicitor's clerk. She married Henry Francis Parfitt during the first decade of the new century and by April 1911 Violet Maude and Henry Francis Parfitt were both thirty-one and were living in the Bromley area of Kent.

Violet Maude Parfitt nee Collett died on 18<sup>th</sup> January 1946 at the age of 65, and was buried at Beckenham Crematorium in Elmers End Road, Beckenham, Kent.

From the information on the headstone on the right, it can be seen that Henry Francis Parfitt was born on 25<sup>th</sup> December 1879, and died two days before his ninety-third birthday.

It can perhaps also be assumed that, following the passing of Violet, Henry took up with Helen Augusta Smith who was born on  $9^{th}$  October 1886, and who also died in the 1970s.



Helen Augusta Collett was born at Islington in 1886 and her family's whereabouts in 1891 has not been determined. However, according to the census of 1901, Helen A Collett was fourteen and was living with her family at Beckenham in Kent.

During the next decade her sister Violet (above) was married and Helen's parents moved back into London. In 1911 they were living in the Lewisham area of the city and living with them was Helen Augusta Collett who was twenty-four.

During the following year Helen married John Ernest Smith, but tragically he was killed during the fighting at Ypres on 10.08.1917. John was the son of Frederick George and Ellen Smith of St Michael's Road at Aigburth in Liverpool. He was Private 44846 with D Company 11<sup>th</sup> Battalion Royal Fusiliers.

At the time of his death he was thirty-two and his name appears on Panel 6 of the Menin Gate Memorial at Ypres. As his next-of-kin, Helen was listed in the military records as living at 55 Tannsfield Road in Sydenham, London.

**23Q1 George Ernest Collett Smith** Born in 1913 23Q2 John Frederick Sandys Smith Born in 1915

**Mary Ellen Edwards Collett** was born in 1869 in London and was one year old at the time of the census of 1871 when she and her parents were living in the West Ham area of the city.

During the next five years two more siblings were born into the family while they were still living in London, following which the family then sailed to Western Australia on the ship 'Robert Morrison'. By the time they arrived at Fremantle on 19<sup>th</sup> December 1876 another sibling had been added to the family, and a further two were added some years later to complete the family.

The only other fact known about Mary is that it was in Fremantle that she married Peter John G Hawley in 1893.

**23P26** Rose Laura Collett was born at Perth in 1884, and was baptised at Fremantle in Western Australia on 28.05.1884

It is possible that she was born while her parents were living at The Canning – a reference to The City of Canning in Perth.

When she was twenty-two years of age Rose married John August Hedlund from Brafors in Sweden. The wedding was a grand occasion which took place at Perth in August 1906.

This photograph of the bride and groom is an extract from a much larger picture which included all of the wedding guests.



The marriage produced two daughters for the couple while they were living in Perth. The first was Hilda who was born on 29.04.1909 and the second was Thelma who was born in 1911. Sadly for Rose she discovered too late that Johan was an abusive man and they were later divorced, following which he 'stole' the children from Rose and took them to Sweden telling them that their mother had died.

Rose and Johan lived at 12 Francis Street in Perth and in November 1912 Rose asked the court for a judicial separation on the ground of cruelty. Pending the hearing, the children were placed under the control of the state. The court denied the separation and Rose was forced to return to live with her husband.

This made life even more difficult for Rose and on the 21<sup>st</sup> January 1913 an order was made in the Perth Police Court granting her a divorce from Johan on the ground of cruelty. As both parents claimed custody of the two girls, Hilda and Thelma were placed at the Anglican Orphanage on Adelaide Terrace in Perth to where both parents were given visiting rights.

Johan continued with his forceful attitude to secure sole custody of the children which he finally won, but only on the basis that he agreed to allow their mother full visiting rights at all times. He never had any intention to keep his promise to the Court and in April 1914 he and the children 'disappeared' to Sweden. For whatever reason, Johan and the girls returned to Perth one year later at which point he placed them once again in the Anglican Orphanage, but giving firm orders that their mother was not to be allowed access to them.

By that time Rose had left Perth and was living with her sister in the country and refused to inform Johan of her whereabouts. This angered Johan who demanded to know her address. During 1916 Rose applied to the Supreme Court to try to get access to her children, which resulted in her being given full access at all times. It was as a result of that ruling that Johan finally decided to return to Sweden, taking Hilda and Thelma with him, and leaving Rose never to see her daughters ever again.

Rose Laura Hedlund nee Collett eventually died in Australia on 11.06.1942 aged 58. He ex-husband Johan August Hedlund had died during the previous year on 11.02.1941.

The news of the death of Rose was sent in a letter to her daughter Hilda by Hilda's cousin May Hawley in Australia. May was the daughter of Peter John G Hawley and Mary Ellen Edwards Collett (above, i.e. Rose's sister). In the letter May explained that Rose had died peacefully of a heart condition caused by years of suffering with rheumatic fever.

Of Rose's two daughters, Hilda went on to marry Gunnar Folke Perling on 24.12.1933 but died in 1944, while Thelma married Nils Oscar Stanser on 25.07.1942 ironically just after her mother had died, although she had been led to believe by her father that she had died over twenty-five years earlier.

Hilda and Gunnar had three sons, Gunnar Magnus, Leif Folke, and Lars Anders, and died during the birth of the latter. And it was Leif's daughters Karin of Motala in Sweden (born 14.03.1968) and Ingrid of Norrkoping (born 02.03.1972) who kindly provided details of the Swedish side of the family.

With so many unanswered questions about Hilda's and Thelma's early life, Gunnar the eldest son of Hilda travelled to Australia several times with his wife to found out what had actually happened to his grandmother Rose Laura Hedlund. Tragically on one such visit in 1992 he died of a heart-attack during the return flight home to Sweden.

The marriage of Thelma and Nils produced a son Goran Stanser who was born on 15.07.1943 and who was later married and had two daughters Susanne born on 07.09.1963 and Jenny who was born on 12.09.1971.

The various documents from the court proceedings are included in an appendix at the end of the family line. All of this information, together with the aforementioned detailed papers from the court proceedings, was kindly provided by Jenny Stanser of Stockholm, the great granddaughter of Rose Laura Collett.

**Mabel Laura Collett** was born at South Hackney in London on 20.12.1870 and was baptised at Weld Chapel in Southgate on 02.06.1872 in a joint ceremony with her brother Rowland (below).

When she was around five years of age her family left London and moved to Guernsey in the Channel Islands. By the time she was fourteen the family had emigrated to Australia, having arrived in Fremantle on 11<sup>th</sup> October 1884.

It was at Maddington in Perth in Western Australia, that Mabel married John James Harris in November 1892 but tragically she died shortly after on 24.02.1893 while still at Maddington. John Harris was born in Perth on 02.08.1864 and died at Maddington on 19.01.1929.

**Rowland Francis Collett** was born at South Hackney in London on 20.01.1872 and was later baptised on 02.06.1872 with his sister Mabel (above) at Weld Chapel in Southgate.

By 1876 Rowland and his family were living at St Peter Port on Guernsey, but in 1884 they emigrated to Australia.

And it was in Australia at Perth that he married (1) Louise Allen in 1894 with whom he had one daughter. Fourteen years later in 1908 Rowland married (2) Louisa Frances Long. This marriage produced six daughters and three sons for Rowland and Louisa.

Rowland later saw active service during the First World War and died at Ipswich in Queensland, Australia on 14.10.1945.

His entry in the Service Records of the National Archives of Australia (<a href="www.naa.gov.au">www.naa.gov.au</a>) for WWI confirms that: he was born at London in England (rather than Guernsey); he enlisted at Brisbane in Queensland; his service number was 618; and his wife and next-of-kin was Louisa Frances Collett.

He also had a role in the Second World War from 1940 to 1947 although, because of his advancing years, this was very likely to have been a 'home based' service.

The entry in the Service Records for WWII confirms that: he was born in London; he enlisted at Redbank in Queensland; his service number was Q/164787; and his wife and next-of-kin was Louisa Collett.

**Grace Marion Collett** was born at Marshside in the Edmonton district of London on 15.09.1874. Shortly after she was born the family moved from London and settled at St Peter Port on the island of Guernsey where they living until the middle of 1884.

By the end of 1884 Grace and her family were settled in Perth in Western Australia where in 1906 she married the much younger James Christopher Hennessey. Sadly she died at Goomalling in Western Australia on 12.07.1910 during childbirth.

James Christopher Hennessey was born in Ireland in 1883 and died at Goomalling on 13.02.1945.

23P30 HERBERT BRAYLEY COLLETT was born at St Peter Port on Guernsey on 12.11.1877 and in April 1881 he was three years old and was living with his family at 3 St James Street in St Peter Port.

One month before his seventh birthday he and his family arrived in Fremantle in Western Australian, having sailed there from London on the ship 'Glengoil'.

He attended Perth Grammar School and on leaving school he started work at the Public Library on 7<sup>th</sup> October 1891. Two years later in 1894 and at the age of sixteen, he joined the Metropolitan Rifle Volunteers as a private, but continued to work in the library where he was appointed sub-librarian in October 1897.



His promotion through the various grades to the higher rank of Lieutenant Colonel was singularly rapid. He appeared in Orders as Corporal in 1897, as Sergeant in 1898, as gazetted Lieutenant in 1899, and received his captaincy in 1900.

The next milestone in his life was his marriage to Ann E Whitfield which took place at the cathedral in Perth in 1904. And it was also at Perth that all of the couple's children were born. Annie Whitfield was the eldest daughter of Mr T Whitfield of West Perth.

Two years after he was married, Herbert attained his Majority and two years later he received his commission Lieutenant Colonel. When this happened he became the youngest officer in the Empire to reach that rank.

He later saw service during the first world war and was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel with 28<sup>th</sup> Battalion on 23.04.1915 prior to embarkation on 29.06.1915. Two months were spent training in Egypt before moving on to Gallipoli where they arrived on 10.09.1915.

28<sup>th</sup> Battalion then moved north to France where in 1916, between 28<sup>th</sup> July and 6<sup>th</sup> August, they took part in the major battle at Pozieres.

On 15.10.1917 he was put in temporary command of 7<sup>th</sup> Brigade Headquarter and on 27.03.1918 he was made temporary Colonel of No. 2 Command Depot which became a permanent appointment on 1<sup>st</sup> June that same year. He was mentioned in despatches for 'special meritorious service'.

It is also known that he was in London in late 1918 during his demob leave and that his appointment was finally terminated on 07.09.1919 when 28<sup>th</sup> Battalion was disbanded. His military record is headed 'Colonel Herbert Brayley Collett CMG, DSO, VD'.

A few years later in 1922 Herbert wrote a book about the First World War entitled "The 28<sup>th</sup> – A record of War Service with the Australian Imperial Force 1915 – 1919 Volume 1".

He later became a freemason and patron of the Totally and Permanently Disabled Soldier's Association of Australia. He entered the world of politics as a liberal and from 1933 to his death in 1947 he was Senator for Western Australia with the National United Australia Party.

Herbert died on 17.08.1947 at Mount Lawley in Western Australia. His entry in the Service Records of the National Archives of Australia (<a href="www.naa.gov.au">www.naa.gov.au</a>) confirms he was born in the Channel Isles and was a Colonel married to Annie E Collett.

In his obituary he was referred to as Lieutenant-Colonel Herbert Brayley Collett second son of the late Francis A E Collett of Perth.

23Q4 Herbert Thomas Wedlake Collett Born in 1905; died in 1911
23Q4 FRANCIS MURRAY GRAHAM COLLETT Born on 13.04.1906
23Q5 Lawrence Milburn Brayley Collett Born on 23.12.1908

23P31

**Murray William Collett** was born at Guernsey on 24.02.1880 and saw active service in the Boer War during which he died.

**23P32 Hugh Collett** was born at Guernsey on 11.04.1882 and he married Esther M Jackson. It is known that he saw active service during the First World War and perhaps even the Boer War.

His entry in the Service Records of the National Archives of Australia (<a href="www.naa.gov.au">www.naa.gov.au</a>) confirms that: he was born in the Channel Isles; he enlisted at Perth; his service number was 716; and his wife and next-of-kin was Esther M Collett.

Hugh died on 08.08.1958 at East Perth in Western Australia.

Daisy Collett married Thomas Flynn	Date of birth unknown
Mervyn Collett married Pearl	Died in 1976
Kenneth Collett	Date of birth unknown
Hugh Collett married Martha	Born in 1903
Laura Mary Mabel Collett	Born in 1904; died in 1913
Joseph James Kelvin Collett	Born in 1906; died in 1979
Francis Collett	Born in 1907; died in 1907
Murray William Collett	Born on 13.01.1909
Herbert Brayley Collett	Born on 02.08.1913
Francis Edward Collett	Born in 1920
	Mervyn Collett married Pearl Kenneth Collett Hugh Collett married Martha Laura Mary Mabel Collett Joseph James Kelvin Collett Francis Collett Murray William Collett Herbert Brayley Collett

- **Daisy Belle Collett** was born on 25.10.1884. She married Hialmar E Boge in 1910 and died on 21.08.1967 at Hollywood in Western Australia having had no children.
- **George Ernest Collett Smith** was born in 1913. He married Cecilia Williams in 1937 and served as a gunner in the 302<sup>nd</sup> Battery HAA Regiment during the Second World War. He later worked as a partner solicitor with the form of Herbert Smith in London.

George, who in the 1990s was living at Rotherfield, carried out extension research into the Collett family.

23R1	Michael John Henry Smith	Born in 1938
23R2	Charles George Stephen Smith	Born in 1942
23R3	Jennifer Jane Smith	Born in 1945

**FRANCIS MURRAY GRAHAM COLLETT** was born at Perth on 13.04.1906 and he married Estelle Redgrave in 1935. He joined the armed forces at the outbreak of the Second World War.

His entry in the Service Records of the National Archives of Australia (<a href="www.naa.gov.au">www.naa.gov.au</a>) confirms that: he was born at Perth; he enlisted at Narrogin in Western Australia; his service number was W/74223; and his wife and next-of-kin was Estelle Collett.

23R4	DOROTHY ESTELLE COLLETT	Born in 1936
23R5	Peter Graham Collett	Born in 1939

**Lawrence Milburn Brayley Collett** was born on 23.12.1908. He married Edna Thom in 1939 and they had one child. He was referred to as Laurie and is known to have played an active role in the Second World War.

His entry in the Service Records of the National Archives of Australia (<a href="www.naa.gov.au">www.naa.gov.au</a>) confirms that: he was born at Perth; he enlisted at Perth; his service number was 161877; and his wife and next-of-kin was Edna Collett.

23Q13 Murray William Collett was born at Perth in 1909 and married Jennifer. He saw active service during World War II between 1938 and 1948. He died in 1968.

His entry in the Service Records of the National Archives of Australia (<u>www.naa.gov.au</u>) confirms that: he was born at East Perth on 13<sup>th</sup> January 1909; he enlisted at Perth; his service number was 45044; and his next-of-kin was Sarah Collett.

23Q14 Herbert Brayley Collett was born at Perth on 02.08.1913 and he saw active service during the Second World War prior to getting married.

Herbert married Olive May Tyndall on 13.01.1944 and he died in 1973. In the 1990s Olive was living at Stirling Street in Perth.

His entry in the Service Records of the National Archives of Australia (<a href="www.naa.gov.au">www.naa.gov.au</a>) confirms that: he was born at East Perth; he enlisted at Kalgoolie; his service number was 29050; and his wife and next-of-kin was Olive Collett.

- 23Q15 Francis Edward Collett was born in 1920 and died in 1921.
- 23R4 DOROTHY ESTELLE COLLETT was born in 1936 and married Philip Shepherd in 1953.
- 23R5 Peter Graham Collett was born in 1939 and married Lorraine Gmelnor.

#### **APPENDIX**

DOCUMENTS USED IN THE SUPREME COURT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA RELATING TO ROSE LAURA COLLETT (REF. 23P26) AND JOHAN AUGUST HEDLUND

# In the Supreme Court of Western Australia In the matter of HILDA HEDLUND and THELMA HEDLUND, infants

### AND

## In the matter of an act to amend the law relating to the custody of the abovementioned infants

The First Day of June 1916. The Humble Petition of Rose Laura Hedlund presently residing at Napier Street, Cottesloe showeth:

- 1. That your Petitioner is the wife of John August Hedlund labourer presently of 12 Francis Street, Perth and the mother of the abovementioned Hilda Hedlund and Thelma Hedlund aged seven and five years respectively.
- 2. That your Petitioner has been living apart from her said husband since 21<sup>st</sup> Day of January 1913 under an Order of the Perth Police Court granting your Petitioner separation from her husband on the ground of his cruelty, also fifteen shillings per week maintenance.
- 3. That the abovementioned children are in the custody of the said John August Hedlund and he has placed them at the Anglican Orphanage, Adelaide Terrace, Perth which is under the control of the Church of England in Western Australia.
- 4. That the said John August Hedlund, without cause, caused the Petitioner to be excluded from access to the said children

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays that an Order may be made giving her access at all reasonable

times to the said children AND for such other order as in the circumstances may be just.

The Petitioner is presented by Rose Laura Hedlund through her solicitor, Walter Maxwell Nairn, Trustee Chambers, Barrack Street, Perth.

It is intended to serve this Petition on John August Hedlund of 12 Francis Street, Perth.

## In the matter of HILDA HEDLUND and THELMA HEDLUND, infants

- I, ROSE LAURA HEDLUND presently residing at Napier Street, Cottesloe, make oath and say:
- 1. I was married in 1906 to John August Hedlund labourer presently at 12 Francis Street, Perth and the abovementioned Hilda Hedlund and Thelma Hedlund are our children.
- 2. In November 1912 I applied to this Honourable Court for a judicial separation on the ground of cruelty. Pending the hearing, the children were placed under the control of the State, both parents having right of access. The application for judicial separation failed and I returned to live with my husband but disagreements continued and on the 7th Day of January 1913 an Order was made in the Perth police Court granting me separation from my husband on the ground of cruelty, also fifteen shillings per week maintenance. As both my husband and I claim custody of the children the Court decided that they shall be left in a neutral place where both parents might have access to them.
- 3. On the 10<sup>th</sup> October 1913 the Colonial Secretary (the Hon. W C Angwin) directed that the children be boarded out on the following conditions:
  - "Both parents will be allowed reasonable access to the children but neither will have the right to remove them or interfere with their control"
- 4. My husband continued to agitate for the control of the children and ultimately they were handed over to him on his definite undertaking that I should have access to them at all reasonable times. This was confirmed by Mr Angwin in a letter to my solicitor dated 18<sup>th</sup> February 1914 in which Mr Angwin stated:
  - "Mr Hedlund promised me as you state in the presence of Mr Stonberg, that he is prepared to give his wife access to her children at all reasonable times and under this condition the full custody of the children has been handed over to him"
- 5. My husband took the children to Sweden in April 1914 without giving me any intimation of his intention to move there. He returned with the children about April 1915 and placed them in the Anglican orphanage, Adelaide Terrace, Perth. There they have been visited by me at different times.
- 6. About six months ago I was obliged to give up my employment in Perth and take work in the country. I did not give my husband my country address because he had persistently molested me with communications which were very uncompromising in tone and often offensive. As a result he gave instructions that I was not to be allowed to see the children.
- 7. On the 25<sup>th</sup> May last I came to Perth for the purpose of seeing my children but I was informed by the authorities in charge of the Anglican Orphanage that they regretted they would not permit me to see the children as Mr Hedlund had given instructions to exclude me.
- 8. On the 30th May last my solicitor wrote my husband the following letter:
  - "Mrs Hedlund has come to town to see the children but she finds that you have forbidden her to see them. Apparently your only ground of complaint is that she will not give you her address. At the present Mrs Hedlund is staying with her sister at the old address in Cottesloe and she is unwilling to give you her country address because of the unpleasantness which has invariably followed upon all your communications with her. Your wife is by the separation order free to live where she chooses and you are not entitled to insist on her address.

You have complained to me personally about your wife taking legal steps against you but you refused to give her access to the children is only provoking repetition. Mrs Hedlund wishes to avoid this course of action and I am sure it will be better for you both if you will act reasonably and withdraw the order you have given at the Church Office. I am sending this letter by messenger and I shall be glad if you will give an intimation which the Church Office people can act upon. Otherwise, if Mrs Hedlund is excluded entirely from access to her children she will have no option but to apply for an order."

In Chambers, before his Honour Mr Justice Burnside

Upon reading the Petition and the affidavit of Rose Laura Hedlund both dated the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of June 1916 and filed herein and upon having the solicitor for the Petitioner and the Respondent, John August Hedlund appearing in person:

It is ordered that the said Rose Laura Hedlund do have access at all reasonable times to the above named children Hilda Hedlund and Thelma Hedlund.

Dated the 8th Day of June 1916 – signed by J H Chalk, Associate to Mr Justice Burnside