

Ralls, Collings, Turner, Morgan, Whone family

A folder of photographs and documents were brought into the History Room in November 2014 because of their Cowbridge family history interest (donated from the museum).

The following notes are made from those of the original donor, presumably Stanley Ralls, a descendant of this family. He has numbered most of the items, recorded on the scanned labels, and his notes are attached. My added notes are in italics :

1. *chs00476* Dorothy Warren or Dorothy Jenkins. Dorothy's mother Lucy was in school with Annie Elizabeth Collings (nee Roberts).

Dorothy Warren married Harry Gibbs; their home was 23 Eastgate, Cowbridge

2. *chs00477* Harry Gibbs and wife (Dorothy Warren) – baker and bread deliveries in Cowbridge. *Their shop was beside the Town Hall, where Pebbles is today. Harry was one of Joseph Gibbs's sons, Joe being a printer in Eastgate with David Brown – see Gibbs family file for the photograph.*

3 and 4, 6 and 8 unknown *chs00478,479 and 480 (3 and 6 both taken by Cowbridge photographer Samuel Hayter. 6 is of a minister of religion).*

5. *chs00652* Mr John Pickard

7. *chs00481* The Revd. Gilbert Thomas, Vicar of Holy Cross, Cowbridge, who married Percival Clifford Ralls and Lilian Maud Collings (*the donor's parents*) in August 1930.

9. *chs00483* Thomas Heal and Sarah Ralls, nee Pickard (*the donor's grandparents*), with their son Arthur Gilbert Ralls.

Thomas Ralls was deputy registrar and collector of poor rates, at 52 Eastgate in 1926 Kelly's Directory.

10. *chs00484* Percival Clifford Ralls in centre – pupil at Pontypridd Grammar School around 1921.

11. *chs00485* P C Ralls on right, possibly when student at Cardiff university. He obtained an English degree.

12. *chs00486* Nellie Morgan, nee Ralls second from right (*donor's great-aunt*). She lived in St Hilary and was married to a farmer ? Arthur Morgan.

13 and 14. *Chs00487 and 00488* Annie Elizabeth Collings, nee Roberts. She married Harry Harris Collings. Before her marriage she lived in Rose Cottage; afterwards at 9 Westgate.

15. *chs00489* From the left : Lilian Maud Ralls, nee Collings (*donor's mother*), Annie Elizabeth Collings, nee Roberts, Mark Roberts (*donor's great grandfather*) holding baby Stanley Ralls (*the donor*).

Mark Roberts, who came from Cheshunt, Herts., lived at 26 High St in 1891. He died on 14th January 1936 from 'multiple injuries due to being knocked down by a motor lorry', aged 81. At the time of the photograph, he was living at 28 Eastgate.

See photo 26.

16. *chs00490* Thomas Ralls – right; possibly Sarah Ralls, nee Pickard – behind left.

17. *chs00491* Sidney Collings, brother of Harry Harris Collings, about 1929.

18. and 34. *Chs00492* Annie Elizabeth Collings and Harry Harris Collings. Annie was a tough lady. She had a mastectomy in what must have been the early days for this operation. Possibly taken when she was recovering.

In the 1935 directory, they were living at 9 Westgate.

19. Unknown.

20. *chs00494* Arthur Gilbert Ralls and wife Violet Ralls, nee Whone (not sure of spelling).

The Whones lived in Woodlands, Westgate – Ernest, Minnie and Iris there in the 1935 directory. Arthur died in the 1940s and I had no further contact with Violet. They had one child, Roger, who was killed in a motor accident when about 4 years old.

21. *chs00495* Sarah Ralls, nee Pickard. The Pickards lived in West End – see picture of their house (*photo no. 35*).

22., 25. and 38. *Chs00499* Thomas Heal Ralls
(*38 is duplicated, with different number*)

23. Possibly Thomas Heal Ralls, *as is no. 24*

26. *chs00500* Harry Harris Collings, Lilian Maud Ralls, baby Stanley Ralls (*the donor*), Annie E Collings, and her father Mark Roberts.

See photo 15.

27. *chs00501* Percival Clifford Ralls – left side; *possibly Lilian Maud nee Collings (his wife or future wife) on right*

28. and 30. *Chs00502 & 504* Possibly Joseph Turner (*donor's great great grandfather – his mother was uncertain with the identification*).

29a and b. *chs00503* Sid Collings and his message sent during Great War, 1917, to his brother Harry Collings, watchmaker in Cowbridge.

31. *chs00505* Harry Harris and Annie Elizabeth Collings with daughter, Lilian Maud.

32. *chs00506* Percival Clifford Ralls

33. *chs00507* Lilian Maud Ralls (*donor's mother*)

35. *chs00509* Pickards' house in ? Westgate (thought to be Ty Dafydd).

36. *chs00510* Pupils at Pontypridd Grammar School, attended by P C Ralls.

37. *chs00511* Cowbridge High School, form 2a, about 1918 – Lilian Maud Collings 5th from left, back row.

39. *chs00513* Back row, from left – Annie Elizabeth Roberts with parents Mark and Ann Roberts, nee Turner. Rest unknown.

(Photo probably taken by Samuel Hayter, Cowbridge photographer – see photo 40).

40. *Same couple marrying as in photo 39 – unidentified, but taken by Samuel Hayter, Cowbridge photographer.*

41. *chs00515* Wedding photo of Arthur Gilbert Ralls and Violet Whone, August 1934. *(The donor's mother was not on the photo as she was giving birth to the donor).*

Back row – George Whone, Ernest Ralls, Bessie Ralls, ? , ?Whone, Percy C Ralls, Arthur Ralls and Violet, ? ? ? ? Mr Miles?

Front row – Nellie Ralls, Mr Whone, Sarah Ralls, Iris Whone, Mrs Whone, Mrs Lily Miles (Mrs Whone's sister)

Betty Alden, November 2014.

Details about Photographs

(40)

- ① Dorothy Warren or Dorothy Jenkins. Annie Elizabeth Collings in school with Dorothy's mother Lucy.
- ② Harry Gibbs and wife. Baker; bread deliveries in Cowbridge.
- ③ Unknown
- ④ Unknown
- ⑤ Unknown) BOOK BACK. IDENTIFIED AS MR. PICKARD.
- ⑥ Unknown
- ⑦ Rev. Gilbert Thomas. Vicar of Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge. Married my parents; Percival Clifford Ralls and Lillian Maud Collings in August 1930.
- ⑧ Unknown
- ⑨ Thomas Heal Ralls; Sarah Pickard; Arthur Gilbert Ralls
My grandparents My wife.
- ⑩ Unknown; Percival Clifford Ralls; Unknown
Pupils at Pontypridd Grammar School circa 1921-23?
- ⑪ Unknown; Percival Clifford Ralls
Gown on left indicates it could be Cardiff University where my father obtained a degree in English.
- ⑫ Second from right Nellie Morgan née Ralls; my Gt. Aunt. Lived in St. Hilary - married to Arthur? Morgan a farmer.
Rest unknown
- ⑬ } Annie Elizabeth Collings née Roberts. Married to Harry Harris Collings
⑭ } lived at 9 Westgate Street. Before her marriage Annie lived in Rose Cottage, Cowbridge.
- ⑮ From the left:-
Lillian Maud Ralls née Collings - my mother
Annie Elizabeth Collings née Roberts
Mark Roberts - my Gt. Grandfather. Originally came from Chesham in Hertfordshire. Moved to Cowbridge and lived at 26 High St, Cowbridge in 1891
Died on 14 Jan 1936 from 'Multiple injuries due to being knocked down by a motor lorry'. Aged 81. Lived then at 28 Eastgate St.
Stanley Ralls - me!

- (16) Unknown; Unknown; Sarah Pickard?; Unknown; Unknown; Thomas Heal Ralls
- (17) Sidney Collings; Harry Harris Collings' brother date 1929?
- (18) Annie Elizabeth Collings; Harry Harris Collings
Annie was a tough lady. She had a mastectomy in what must have been the early days for this operation. Possibly taken when she was recovering.
- (19) Unknown.
- (20) Arthur Gilbert Ralls = Violet Ralls née Wohne (not certain of spelling)
The Wohne's lived, as far as I can remember at the end of Westgate beyond the entrance to the cricket ground. Arthur died in the 1940's, and I had no further contact with Violet. They had one child, Roger, who was killed in a motor accident when about 4 years old.
- (21) Sarah Ralls née Pickard. The Pickards lived in West End. - picture of house later on (No. 35)
- (22) Thomas Heal Ralls (23) T.H. Ralls? (24) Unknown (25) T.H. Ralls
- (26) Harry Harris Collings; Lilian Naud Ralls; Stanley Ralls; Annie E. Collings; Mark Roberts
- (27) Percival Clifford Ralls; Unknown; Unknown.
- (28) Joseph Turner - I think! My. Gt. Gt. Grandfather. Not too certain - my mother couldn't identify it with certainty.
- (29a) (29b) Sid Collings + message sent during Gt. War.
- (30) Joseph Turner ??
- (31) Harry Harris Collings; Lilian Naud Collings; Annie Elizabeth Collings
- (32) Percival Clifford Ralls (33) Lilian Naud Ralls
- (34) Same as no. (18)
- (35) Pickards' House.
- (36) Pupils at Pantypridd Grammar. - in there is my father. P.C. Ralls !!
- (37) Cowbridge High School - back row 5th from left, Lilian Naud Collings, circa 1918
- (38) Thomas Heal Ralls
- (39) Back Row Annie Elizabeth Roberts; her mother Ann Roberts née Turner; Mark Roberts rest unknown.

(41) Marriage of Arthur Gilbert Ralls and Violet Wohne. August 4, 1934 - my mother not in photo because she was having me.

Back Row
~~Ernest Ralls,~~
 George Wohne, Earnest Ralls, Bessie Ralls, ? Wohne; Percy C. Arthur R. Violet; ? ? ? ? ? Mr. Nites?

Front Row
 Nellie Ralls; Mr. Wohne; Sarah Ralls

Iris Wohne; Mr. Wohne; [Mr. Wohne's Sister]

(40) Same couple as on no. 39. Who?