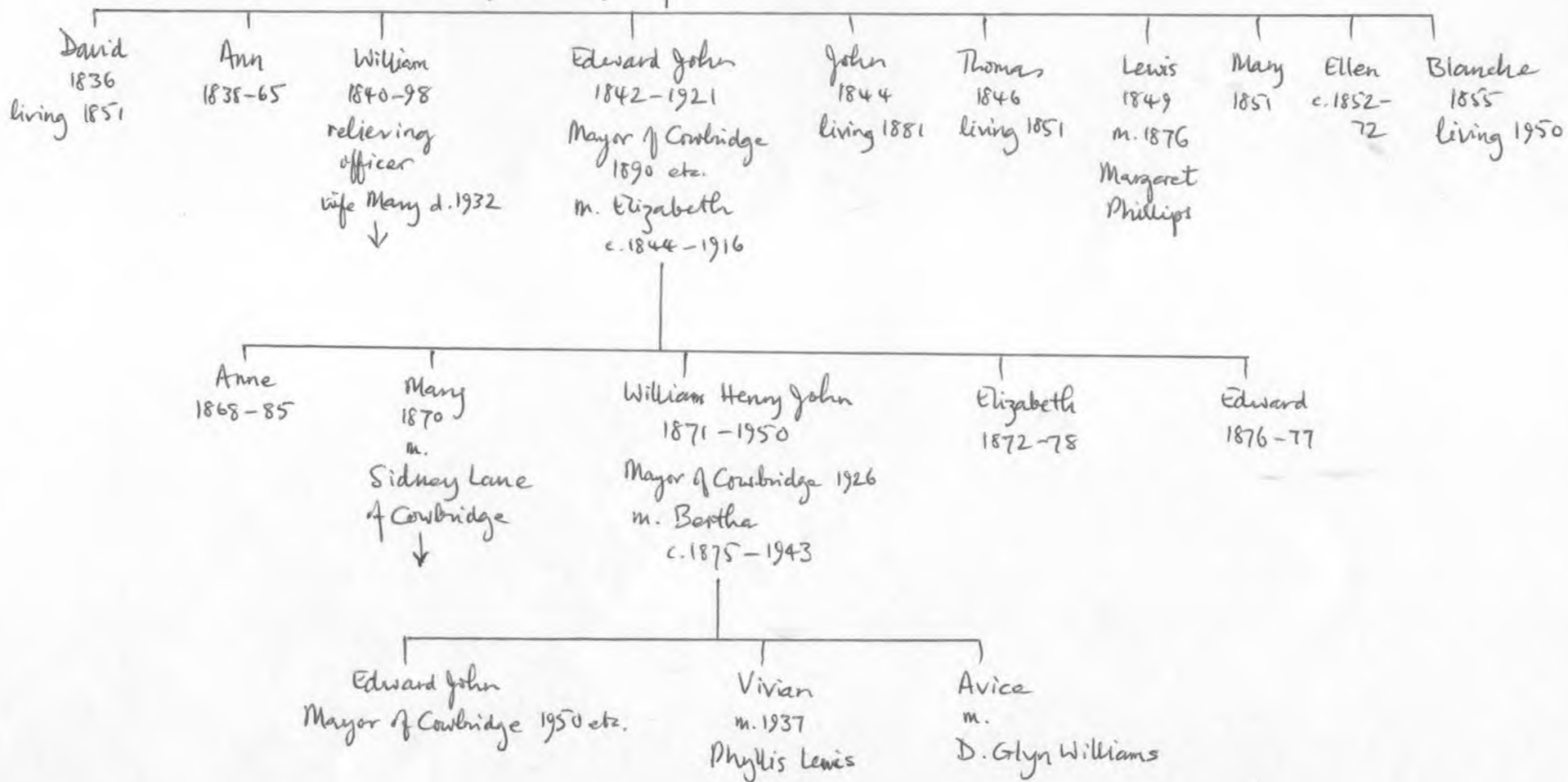


JOHN family
(Eagle Stores)

William John ¹⁸³⁵ = Mary Anderson
 of East Village,
 Cowbridge
 tailor (1836-46)
 coal carrier (1849-55)
 c. 1807-67
 M1 Cowbridge churchyard



EDWARD JOHN

LANE
FAMILY

LANE

Mr A.H.Lane

28.05.02

Dear Sir,

Thank you for "Cowbridge Buildings & People" and sorry for the lack of post and packing – enclosed is £1 stamp.

Yes, the Lanes in Cowbridge are my relatives. In the 1881 census Robert Lane from Stockland Devon had a farm of 252 Acres st St Hilary called "The Hills" so I am told, in the census his wife is down as just M.A Lane from St Athan – apparently they were known as "The Lanes of St Hilary". They had six children, all born in Llanblethian – I wonder why there? The sixth child is Sidney who was my Paternal Grandfather and he was married to Mary John – I remember a big formal picture of a bearded man in mayoral robes and chain of office hanging in my parents room in Bridgend (I wonder where it is now), my Mother told me he was Edward John – my Grandfather, but Edward was my Great Grandfather, can you shed any light? Anyway, Sidney who lived at No.6 Westgate in your very fine book and Mary had eight children – Frank Percival (my father), Anne, Robert Edward, Sydney, Alice, Ernest, Doris and William Eaton who was killed in France in 1916. I was in Cowbridge recently and saw his name on the Cenotaph – he was down as a Private, when in fact he was a Sgt (photo enclosed). But never mind, that is just incidental. Another name in your book was Maud Gunter – I remember her, she was a good friend of my Aunt Doris. I see in the book on page 52 that Sidney was a gardener – on my Dads Birth Certificate he was an Agricultural Implement Agent in 1899 and in Dads Marriage Certificate in 1923 he was a Malster! Also my Father Frank worked for Edward John in Eagle Agricultural Shop, when the Great War came in 1914, he joined up and lied about his age being only 15 – a lot of young men did that I gather.

Sorry I rambled on and hope you can make sense of this!

Thank you again



In
Memory
of

22226 SGT. W. E. LANE
11th. S.W.B.

KILLED
IN
ACTION
23.8.16

6/11
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WILLIAM EATON
LANE

(KILLED IN FRANCE
1916)

Cowbridge Record Society

1 Mill Park Cowbridge CF71 7BG

01446 - 773373

3rd June 2002

Dear Mr Lane,

Thank you for the £1 stamp, and for your information on the Lanes, especially Sergeant WE Lane. One of the purposes of the Record Society is to collect information of this sort and to make it available to the interested public, so the details of your family are very helpful.

I can fill in some gaps for you, I think. In the 1881 census, Robert Lane was not recorded in St Hilary, but in Aberthin, probably at Aberthin House, farming 252 acres. He is also shown there in the censuses of 1861 (farming 40 acres) and 1871 (farming 100 acres). Aberthin is a village within the parish of Llanblethian, which explains why his six children were born in Llanblethian. In the 1881 census, Coed Hills farm in St Hilary, probably the 'Hills' you referred to, was occupied by Thomas Jones, a farm servant 'in charge of 400 acres' - so probably/possibly much of this was Robert Lane's farm, and Jones was in charge. Aberthin House, though it has rights of grazing on the common, does not really have much farm land adjacent, so Robert's land could have been mainly in St Hilary all the time. The other point is that his wife in the two earlier census was shown as Mary Ann. The deeds for 6 Westgate record Robert Lane of St Hilary - probably he had moved to Coed Hills by then, but I don't have immediate access to St Hilary information.

Edward John, married to Elizabeth ? of Llanblethian, was of course Mayor of Cowbridge. He was your mother's grandfather, and was highly regarded in the town. I enclose a photocopy of a photocopy of his obituary in the Western Mail.

I hope this is of some interest.

Yours sincerely,

Jeff Alden
Editor

Alice (as Alice Williams) farmed at Aberthin House in the early twentieth century and there's just a note about how she used to drive her cattle through the village down to the meadows near the river Thaw. For Jim Lane, our 92-year old correspondent said this: In 28 High Street "were the Lanes, who had moved from Westgate. A dentist from Bridgend came to set up a surgery once a week (in the 1920s); Jim Lane's daughter married the dentist. She was a cousin of Eddie John, so it is not surprising that Eddie's father, Willie John the Eagle, retired to live here during the last war..."

RE: ALICE & JIM LANE

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COWBRIDGE WEDDING

Mr. Vivian John, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. John, Eagle House, Cowbridge, and grandson of the late Alderman Edward John, Cowbridge, was married at the Limes Presbyterian Church, Cowbridge, to-day to Miss Phyllis Lewis, only daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. W. H. Lewis, Eastgate-street, Cowbridge.

The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. Gwyn Lewis, wore a dress of off-white satin with a cap of white silk plaited straw with large eye veil, and carried a shower bouquet of deep pink roses. She was attended by Miss Avice John, sister of the bridegroom, who wore a Victorian style dress of lilac taffeta and a wreath of pink and silver leaves and carried a Victorian posy of pale pink roses.

The Rev. Emrys J. Davies officiated and Mr. Eddie John, brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man. Messrs. Harry Lewis and D. Glyn Williams were groomsmen.

Mr. Vivian John is a draughtsman on the staff of Messrs. Turner and Newalls, Rhoose, and Miss Lewis was on the staff of Crossways Hospital, Cowbridge.

The Lanes/Johns of Westgate and Aberthin

Mr AH Lane of Yeovil, the grandson of Sidney Lane who lived at No. 6 in 1912, has written about his family :

Sidney was one of six children of Robert and Mary Ann Lane, who lived in Aberthin, probably Aberthin House (recorded there 1861, 1871 and 1881 censuses). Sidney had married Mary John.

His grandson wrote : 'I remember a big formal picture of a bearded man in mayoral robes and chain of office hanging in my parents' room in Bridgend; my mother had told me he was Edward John, my great-grandfather.

Sidney and Mary had 8 children – Frank Percival (my father), Anne, Robert Edward, Sydney, Alice, Ernest, Doris and William Eaton, who was killed in France in 1916. I was in Cowbridge recently and saw his name on the Cenotaph – he was down as a private, when in fact he was a serjeant.

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