The Descendants of Richard Burnell and Priscilla Owen

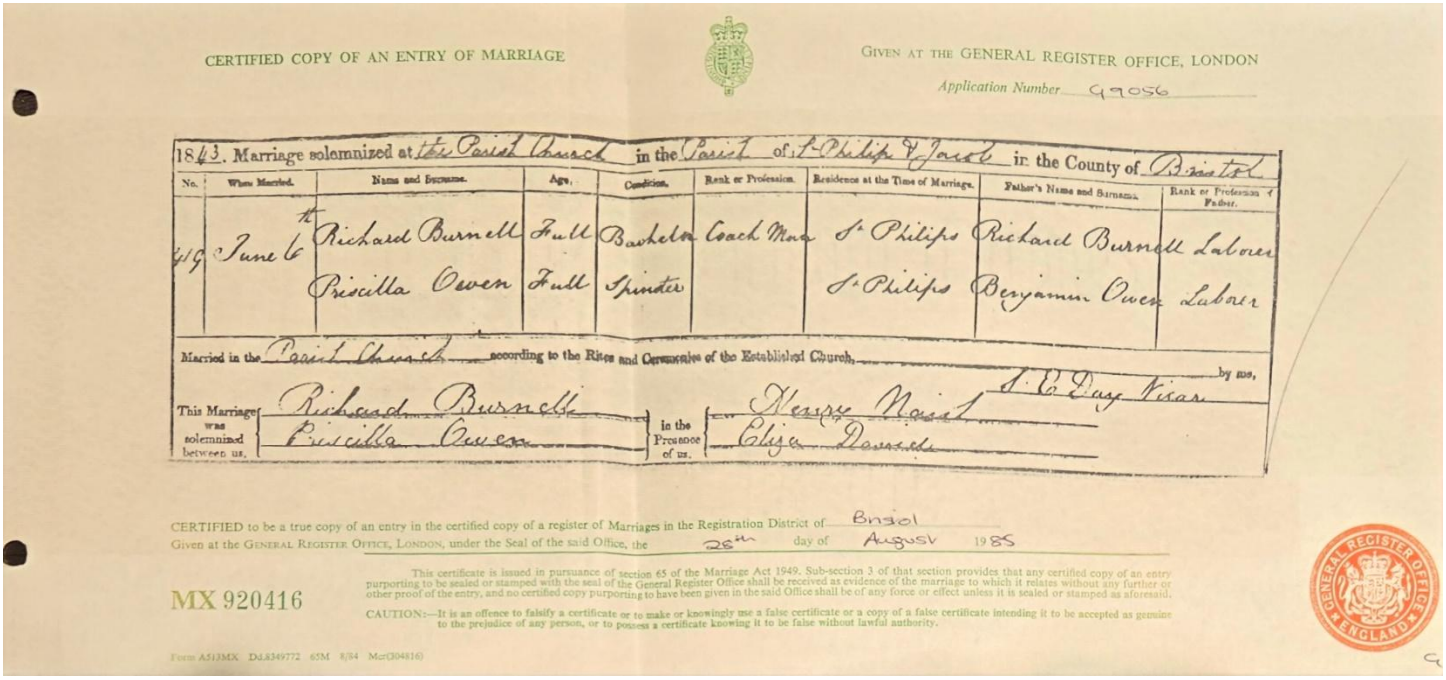
This story begins with two paintings of horses in my grandmother's photo album and a picture of my grandfather in Edith Welfare's back garden about 1918. For the longest time, I wondered why there were paintings in a photo album with no indication of whose they were or why they belonged there. But clearly there was some significance attached to these paintings to be kept with other family photos. The family heralds from the Bristol community and fanned out a little over the years to a place not too far south, about an hour's trip by country train to Bruton. Although I have discovered a reasonable way's back in the family, I personally only knew the more modern generations from the 20th century although my grandfather had contact with the family in the first world war when memories were still intact between sisters and cousins.

The real starting point to tying the family together came from my grandmother's bluebook which had the address of a Daisy Palmer. (Actually the following was written in her record book: Mrs. Daisy Palmer (Aunt Edith Lewis's cousin), Drummuir Nore Road, Portishead, Somerset, near Bristol, England, parcels sent during WWII d 12/7/50 or 52.) I took a chance that there might still be someone there 30 years later. In 1979, I received an answer from the present tenant who knew of the people of whom I was inquiring (he was the second person after Daisy Palmer died to live there) and gave me the address of an Isabel Lewis. Another key came *from my grandmother Anna's family photo album where I recalled seeing a picture taken of my grandfather Harry Ross Haacke during the first world war in Bristol and another picture close by of a cousin, Edith. Pursuing these clues led to the following results going back many six generations.

The first generation of families connected to grandfather Harry's mother Maud Fisher were:

Richard Burnell born circa 1780-1790 who married 26 March, 1811 to Mary Jane Quarterly.

Their son Richard Burnell born 1815 married 6 June, 1843 to Priscilla Owen. He was of full age, bachelor, coachman, St. Philips, father: Richard Burnell, labourer. She was of full age, spinster, St. Philips, father: Benjamin Owen, labourer. Both signed the marriage certificate. (St. Philip and St. Jacob was one of Bristol's poorer, more industrial parishes in this period, home to many of the city's coachmen, hatters, and other tradesmen -- fitting company for both the Burnell and Fisher lines.)



CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF MARRIAGE

GIVEN AT THE GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON

Application Number 49056

1843. Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish of St Philip & Jacob in the County of Bristol

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
419	June 6th	Richard Burnell	Full	Bachelor	Coach Man	St Philips	Richard Burnell	Labourer
		Priscilla Owen	Full	Spinster		St Philips	Benjamin Owen	Labourer

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by me, J. E. Day Vicar

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Richard Burnell, Priscilla Owen. in the Presence of us, Henry Nash, Eliza Daniels

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a register of Marriages in the Registration District of Bristol

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 28th day of August 1985

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This certificate is issued in pursuance of section 65 of the Marriage Act 1949. Sub-section 3 of that section provides that any certified copy of an entry purporting to be sealed or stamped with the seal of the General Register Office shall be received as evidence of the marriage to which it relates without any further or other proof of the entry, and no certified copy purporting to have been given in the said Office shall be of any force or effect unless it is sealed or stamped as aforesaid.

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She was the daughter of their future in-laws, Benjamin Owen who married 13 Sept., 1813 and Mary Woodriffe (born 1817, died 1868). After Priscilla died, Richard married again to Maria Excell? These events all took place in St. Philips County, Bristol. A key piece of documentation ensuring I had the family in line correctly came from this marriage record:

1843 Marriage solemnized at the Parish of St. Philips Jacob in the County of Bristol
#419 June 6, 1843 Richard Burnell, full, Coach Man m Priscilla Owen, full
Residence St. Philips, his father Richard Burnell, her father Benjamin Owen
Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church
S. E. Day, Vicar, w Henry Naist and Eliza Davids
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Richard and Priscilla had five children, all of whom in some way have become known to me now and whom my grandfather may well have known in person thanks to his visit back to Bristol and Bruton.
These were: 111 - Edwin Burnell (born 1840) d 11 Aug., 1920;

211 - Elizabeth Emma Burnell (b 25 January, 1844, Clifton) m1) 28 July, 1862, Henry Fisher (son of George Fisher (hatter) born in London, lived at 7 Church Alley, Castle Precinct, married Elizabeth) and m2) 18 June, 1888, to John Walker Russell (she or they with their children emigrated possibly to New York City first and then to Toronto in the late 1880s)**;** (New York City was the standard first landfall for English emigrants of this era, with many families, like this one, moving on to Toronto or elsewhere in Canada only after an initial stop in the US.)

311 - Sarah Burnell (m February 17, 1867 to Edwin Lewis);

411 – Edith Burnell (born to Mary Excell?) and

511 - Priscilla Burnell (born 1870 to Mary Excell?). By the time my grandfather Harry Haacke arrived there in the first world war most of these children would have been approaching 70 years of age. Elizabeth then Elizabeth Russell was Harry's grandmother (we have a four generation photo with Elizabeth, Maud, Harry and his daughter Dorothy taken likely in Toronto or perhaps at the cottage, see Figure 1 below).

To give this family history a simple generational perspective:

generation 1) 1 - Richard and Mary Jane Burnell;
generation 2) 11 - Richard and Priscilla Burnell;
generation 3) 211 - Elizabeth Emma Burnell Fisher Russell;
generation 4) 1211 - Maud Fisher married George Haacke;
generation 5) 21211 - Harry Ross Haacke;
generation 6) 321211 - Ewart Mortimer Haacke;
generation 7) 3321211 - Mark Haacke (myself);

A Mr. Gilbert J. Crocker with whom I had gotten in touch through the Bristol Family History Society of which I was a member wrote me numerous letters during late 1981 and throughout 1982. From his legwork:

- The 1841 census gave at Wilder St., St. Paul, Richard Burnell age 25, Coachman with Priscilla age 25 and Edwin age 1.
- In 1871, at 7 Victoria Street, St. Paul's Bristol, Richard age 53, Coachman (now with wife Maria age 34 born Bath, Somerset) and Priscilla 3 months born in Bristol. Also living with them a Mary Ann Excell, widow. Age 65. [I have not obtained a copy of his second marriage certificate.] He was born at Lydeard St. Lawrence, Taunton, Somerset. (The 1871 census (taken 2 April 1871) shows Priscilla as 3 months old, implying a birth around Jan-Feb 1871, not 1870 as given here. If Richard was born in 1815 (as stated elsewhere, and consistent with the 1841 census age 25), he'd have been about 55-56 in 1871, not 53. The ages of people were notoriously inaccurate on census records.)

- A Richard Burnell, a laborer, married Jane Quarterly (w.? Elizabeth Burnell) on 26 March, 1811 with children James (b1821, c 24/6/1821), Robert (b1822, c 16/2/1822), George (b1826, c 19 11, 1826) and Elizabeth (b1828, c 6/7/1828). (Recall that in 1862 the witnesses to Elizabeth's marriage were Richard and Mary Jane Burnell.) [I have not checked for their death records yet.]
- On the Fisher side, the 1851 census revealed: at 7 Church Alley, St. Philip and St. Jacob was George (47) a hatter born London, Elizabeth (42), William (20) also a hatter, Walter (19), Ebeneezer (14), Daniel (12), Henry (10) (my ancestor, and also a hatter I believe), Elizabeth (8), Charles (6), and John (4) all born within Bristol Castle Precincts. From a sticky note, George's wife was Elizabeth Squibb.

In 1983, I wrote to a Mr. Geoffrey Roberts, a Genealogist in England, to continue this line of attack. He found from St. Philip and Jacob, Bristol the marriage of Richard to Priscilla Owen, his father was Richard, a labourer, and her father was Benjamin, a labourer as shown two pages earlier.

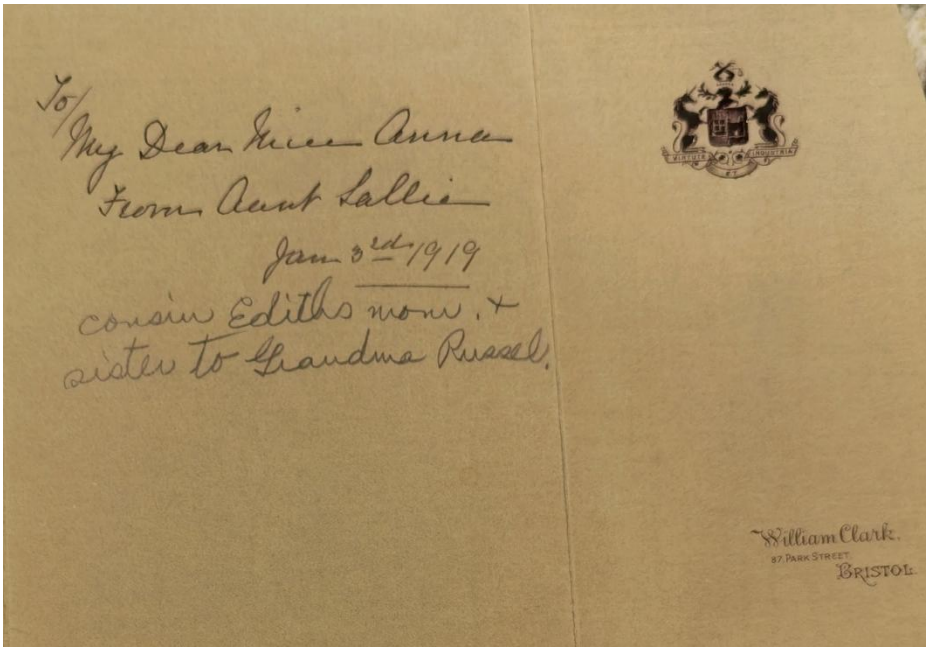
- In St. Peter, on 13 Sept., 1813, Benjamin Owen and Mary Woodriffe, both made their mark. So, Phyllis' family was close. Owen was a maiden name, not for Sarah Burnell but for her mother Priscilla.

The next step (1976) was to acquire the marriage certificate of Maud Fisher and George Haacke. Luckily the Ontario Registrar's office had this record and her father was listed as Henry Fisher. In 1977, the president of a research firm in England, Kenneth Gowie, contacted me.

- In 1978, they found that Alice Maud Fisher was born 20 Feb., 1872 to Henry Fisher and Elizabeth Emma Burnell. She was registered 1 April, 1872 as Alice Maud Mary Fisher. Anne Rotter from Kintracers sent me this information 27 February, 1978. Ken Gowie had also tried to help from Kintracers.
- Searching further, in 1979, they found the marriage certificates for Henry Fisher and Elizabeth Emma Burnell. They married 28 July, 1862 while she was still a minor. Henry was a hatter as was his father George while Elizabeth's dad, Richard, was a coachman. Both families lived on Victoria Street. The witnesses were Richard Burnell and Mary Jane Burnell. PHOTO OF MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE?

Finally, the connection with the Lewis family came via the following marriage certificate:
#335 Edwin Francis Lewis, full, Bachelor accountant
m February 17, 1867 (registered March, 1867 Vol. 6A, page 63.
Sarah Ann Burnell minor spinster
Both reside in St. Pauls
His father George Lewis and her father Richard Burnell both Coachman
w Wm. White and Daniel Gardiner
copy 5 November, 1980 MB 233768
So now the relationship between Elizabeth Emma Burnell and Sarah Ann Burnell was clear, they were sisters.

Edith and Russell 20 August, 1932.


To/
My Dear Niece Anna
From Aunt Sallie
Jan 3rd 1919
cousin Ediths mom, +
sister to Grandma Russel.

William Clark.
87, PARK STREET,
BRISTOL.

This letter with the pictures below in it came from Bristol. Who was Aunt Sallie (Harry's mother's family). Could this be the wife of William Clark on this letterhead?

Edith Lewis on the left and Edith's mom Sarah Burnell sister to mom (Elizabeth Burnell).

SMILING AT DEATH, FAMOUS FUN-MAKER PASSES TO REWARD

NEW YORK, May 29.—(By Universal.)—Harry Fisher, famous comedian, died yesterday as he had lived, 'spoofing' the audience.

Fisher, former member of the vaudeville team of Fisher and Carroll, and leading fun maker in Lew Field's shows, was recovering from an attack of pneumonia.

Yesterday as his physician deplored the necessity of cutting a hole in the sleeve of Fisher's pajamas to give him a hypodermic injection, Fisher said:

"It's all right Doc. They only cost 98 cents a suit."

He died as he spoke, with a smile on his face. Death was due to heart failure.

Fisher was born in Bristol, England. He appeared on the stage for the last time three years ago in "Oh, Lady, Lady!" Since then he has conducted a tea room in an old Dutch mansion in Brooklyn.

Generation 3)

211 - Elizabeth Emma Burnell Fisher Russell m Henry Edwin Fisher in Bristol

Henry Edwin Fisher was a hatter. He was born July, 1841 and died 4 Sept 1877 in New York City. So that means they must have come over 1877 or earlier when they were both not even 30 years old yet. I wonder what brought them to New York City.

Figure 1: Elizabeth Burnell Descendants

A four generation picture with Elizabeth Emma Burnell, seated, married first to Henry Fisher in Bristol, England and then to John Russell in Long Island, New York. Alice Mary Maud Haacke nee Fisher, on the left, was a daughter of Elizabeth by her first marriage to Henry Fisher. Harry Ross Haacke, son of Alice Mary Maud Fisher and George Haacke, the only male on the right. Harry's daughter, Dorothy Aileen Haacke, is the little girl, so this would make it about 1913 or 1914. She is sitting on her great-grandmother's lap.

Note how they are all dressed up for this picture. Satin tops for the women and a nice suit for Harry. My guess is this picture was taken in Toronto before or after a visit to the cottage.

A fellow researcher, Bonnie Coleman wrote with the following information:

"To help answer some of your questions, I found Elizabeth Emma Russell's Death Certificate. She died on November 8, 1920 in York County, Toronto, Canada."

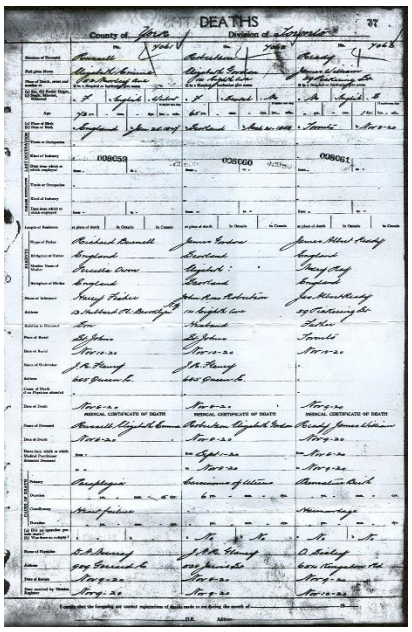

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Figure 2: Elizabeth's death certificate Elizabeth died Nov. 8, 1920 at age 73. However, we have her born, 25 January, 1844 so she would have been, 76 years, 10 months, 14 days. The nice thing about this death record is it is modern enough to give the names of her parents as: Richard Burnell and Priscilla Owen so we know that this is the correct Elizabeth from the records in England as well.

I have also found her Marriage Certificate to John Walker Russell on June 18, 1888 in Toronto, Canada. However, according to Elizabeth E. Russell's Death Certificate, she was living at 13 Hubbard Place, Brooklyn, New York.

Harry was listed as the Informant. According to both the 1910 and 1920 Federal Census, Harry Fisher was living in Brooklyn, New York at the same address.

This is a bit strange that she may have died in New York City, but according to this tombstone she was buried with her daughter Maud along with William George Haacke as shown in Figure 3 below from the tombstone in St. John's Cemetery.

Figure 3: The family tombstone in St. John's cemetery, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Elizabeth Emma Burnell and Henry Fisher had four children. Her husband Henry must have died, possibly back in England and somehow Elizabeth ended up in Toronto.

1211 - Alice Mary Maud b 20 Feb, 1872, died 1938?

2211 - Bess (25 October, 1885 and died 22 Nov., 1948, she m1) a Mr. Walker and 2) Ed Schluter. There was a child named Milton Walker who was raised as a Fisher. Given the obit below, I wonder if this might have been say William Milton Walker?) and a twin

3211 - Dorothy (Dorothy died young, buried Astoria, Long Island, NY) and

4211 – Harry Edwin Fisher Jr. (27 Aug., 1868 in Bristol – d 28 May, 1923) m Annie L. Collins (b 1864 – d 1935). They lived in Kings, New York in 1920. She was the Annie who wrote to my Grandmother Anna about Harry visiting them and finding him hiding in the garden.

Also, a George Stanley Fisher is mentioned and a baby died young.

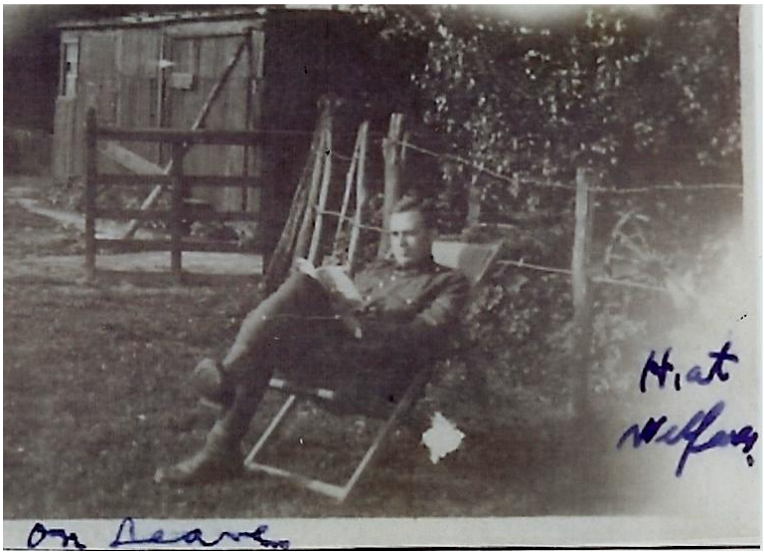
311 – Sarah Burnell Lewis

She married 17 February, 1867 to Edwin Lewis. They had the following children:

1311 – Leonard b about 1870 m Adeline (Ada) Pratt
- 11311 – Doris (born 1900) lived in Portishead died 1978
- 21311 – Isabel (born 1904 – still living in 1980)

2311 - Florence Augusta Lewis (died 1941) who married 1899 John Stuart Jones (d 1960). They had a daughter:
- 12311 - Phyllis Lewis Jones (born 17 April, 1903, d 22 June, 1982) m 21 July, 1927 to Reginald Couzens (3 Aug., 1899, d 23 Aug., 1970). They had a son
  - 112311 - Brian Ralph Couzens b 3 Aug., 1928, d 18 Dec., 1989 - I was in touch with him in the 1980s. Brian married Wendy Hastings whom I met on my trip to give a talk on hydrocephalus in Bristol in 2014. They had two children:
    - 1112311 - James b 1959 and
    - 2112311 – Charles b 1961 (I met and had coffee with in London and then later upon his invitation visited his mother in Bruton at the same place Harry visited 100 years earlier!)
- 22311 – John (Jack) Edwin (born 1906) m Norah Daniel

3311 – Lillian Lewis
4311 – Emeline Lewis
5311 – Edith Lewis (a very clever music teacher) m a Mr. Welfare
6311 – Daisy Maud Lewis (who married Ernest G. Palmer).



This picture says on the right: H. (Harry) at the Welfares. And at the bottom: On leave.

Wendy Couzens, Mark Haacke, (myself) and her son Charles Couzens

Reginald's family was from Bruton back into the 1700s. His full name was Reginald William Hume Couzens. He was a tax commissioner, secretary to the Engineer's Guild, and himself an electrical engineer. He was the son of Harold William Couzens (18 Dec., 1871, d 24 Aug., 1948). He was the son of Rev. James John Couzens of Bruton, b 10 Aug., 1840, 19 Jan., 1921. His father was John Couzens b 27 July, 1796, d 1 Dec., 1853. He was a farmer. And finally the first known progenitor of this family, William Cozens m Elizabeth Down 23 Nov., 1795. Brian and Charles have a full tree of this family.

On the Jones side, John Stuart Jones 19 Oct., 1874, d 25 Sept., 1960 in Bruton. He married Florence Augusta Lewis b 1899, d Bristol, 23 Sept., 1942. His father was John Hellyer Jones b 3 May, 1845, d 28 May, 1927. His father was John Jones b 9 Sept., 1802 in Wickwar, Gloucestershire, d 9 Sept., 1888 in Bruton. He was a Maltster. And his father was James Jones b 1766 in Wickwar, Gloucestershire, m Sarah Longden.

To give this branch of the family a connection to my direct branch:

1 - Richard and Mary Jane Burnell;
11 - Richard and Priscilla (Owen) Burnell;
211 - Elizabeth Emma Burnell Fisher Russell;
1211 - Maud Fisher married George Haacke;
21211 - Harry Ross Haacke;
321211 - Ewart Mortimer Haacke;
2321211 - Mark Haacke (myself);
12321211 - Bryon and
22321211 - Daniel Haacke; and
generation 9) Scott, Haley, Eva and Logan Haacke.

311- Sarah Ann Burnell Lewis
1311 – Leonard Lewis and 2311 - Florence Lewis Jones
21311 – Isabel Lewis and 12311 – Phyllis Jones Couzens
112311 - Brian Couzens
1112311 – Charles and James Couzens

Elizabeth and Sarah were sisters.
Maud and Florence cousins
Harry and Phyllis second cousins
Ewart and Brian third cousins
Mark and James fourth cousins – we met in 2015 in Bristol for lunch when I was attending a meeting there.

Thanks to the then current resident (Mr. Wells) of that old address for Mrs. Daisy Palmer, that led to an address for Phyllis Couzens. When I wrote, an Isabel Lewis answered my letter. She was the daughter of Leonard Lewis and Ada Pratt. Her Grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Ann Burnell Lewis, lived at 60 Waverly Rd. in Redland, Bristol. Her grandfather died before she was born. She remembered several aunts, Edith, according to Isabel, a very clever music teacher, (and the Edith whose picture my grandmother had in her album), Emeline (she did not marry but looked after elderly ladies), Mrs. Flo Jones and Mrs. E. Palmer (Daisy). She said: "I remember one of your family came to visit in the 1914 War." Finally, in a letter from 15 June, 1980, (her third letter to me), she gave me the address of a Mrs. R. Couzens (Phyllis Jones).

Here's part of Phyllis' response, from 3 July, 1980, Green Close, Bruton; her wonderful letter answered my questions and told me more about my grandfather too, someone I wish I had known. She wrote:

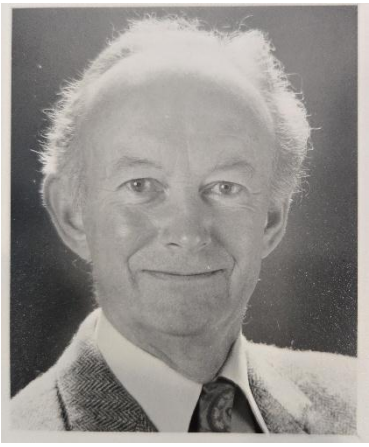
"Firstly, I remember your grandfather Harry Haacke coming here to Bruton during the first world war. I have 2 photographs of him in his smart [army] uniform, taken by me a little girl with an old box camera. I can remember him coming into the house in which my son and his family now live. I was sitting at a table drawing horses and he came up behind me and looked over my shoulder to see what I was doing. I must have been 14 at the time." She continued to say that: *"Her grandmother was Sarah Lewis, wife of Edwin Lewis. Sarah had a cousin Edith who went to (or was born in) America. [This is likely Elizabeth's sister Edith Whittaker.] She came to England for a visit to my grandmother's house when I was a child."*

(Canadian soldiers stationed in Britain during WWI were often granted short leave before being sent to the front, which is likely when Harry took the chance to visit relatives he might otherwise never have met in person.)

I wrote back to Phyllis Couzens giving her the information I had found so far and on July 23, 1980, received a reply, part of which went:

"The name Burnell certainly does mean something to me. Inside a large old fashioned bible which came to my home after the death of my grandmother Lewis was the name Sarah Burnell! This old bible is nowhere to be found now and my family has been inclined to think I made a mistake about my grandmother Lewis' maiden name. There was some idea it was Owen." She continues: "This is all fascinating to me as I am a historian and wrote the Bruton History about 12 years ago."

Brian wrote me a letter 22 Dec., 1985 from St. Catherines, Bruton, Somerset, U.K. Tel. 0749812371. I had written his mother Phyllis earlier and she died suddenly 22 June, 1982 having suffered a massive heart attack. He said he had all her papers, but being an active teacher and having an acre of garden to care for, I didn't have time earlier to go through them. I retire August, 1988. I plan to go through my mother's "History of Bruton" and revise it where necessary and review my mom's genealogical information. My eldest son James has made a family tree for the Clarke, Jones and Couzens families. I gather the Burnell's are related through my maternal grandmother Florence Augusta Lewis. My wife Wendy and I had two sons: James Richard born 1959 married to Catherine Gillham and he is now a solicitor in Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire; and Charles Harry born 1961, currently doing research on the effect of Planning on the Countryside of Exeter University which will lead to an M. Phil. He has made his career in conservation and has worked for the Yorkshire Naturalist Trust and for the Devon Conservation Trust.
I hope you will again have cause to visit the U.K. and you will be most welcome here.
[Indeed, I was most welcome when I visited in 2014 and met Charles and took a train to Bruton and met Wendy too with Charles. They indeed have a fantastic garden!]

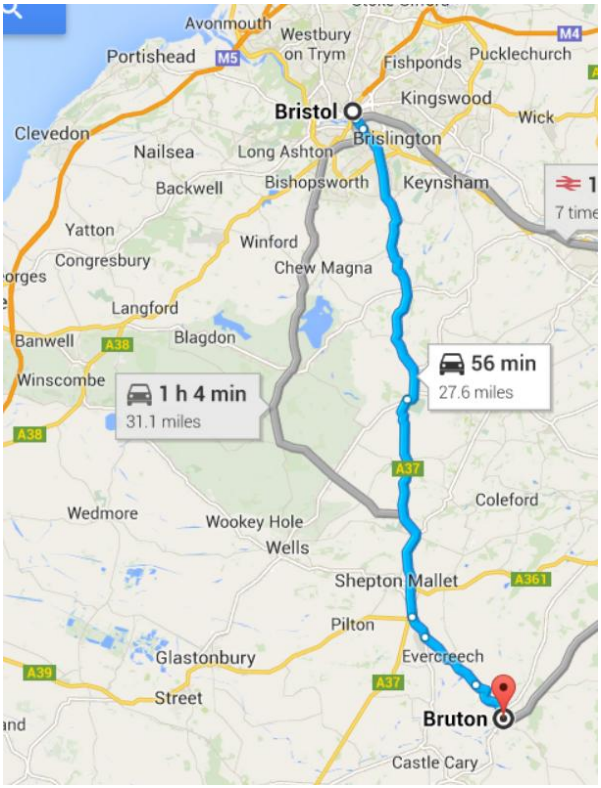


Left: Brian Couzens and Charles with the beard (he had just returned from a pre-university trip to Kenya) and Wendy. This is taken in front of our garden.

Of course, this faint memory indeed had a touch of truth in it as it was the maiden name of Sarah's mother, Priscilla Owen!

This picture may be Harry in Bristol or Bruton.

A postcard from Harry from this time period.



From Bristol to Bruton by train in 2014. Pontishead can also be seen here where my grandmother had an address for one of the family still living there in the 1950s. The land was sold by Edith Emily Lewis in 1954 to Capt. Turner and then in 1970 to WLJ Sell who received my letter and gave me Isabel Lewis's address!

Back to North America and the 1900s

My grandfather, Harry Ross Haacke, died before I was born. He had fought in World War I and seen his sons enlist for World War II. He lived to see them safely back home after their individual war efforts. Anna Rittenhouse Fidler, my grandmother, lived with us in the summer at our cottage on Crowe Lake near Marmora, Ontario, Canada. She was a keeper of interesting tidbits, both for physical items such as stamps, newspaper articles and other general interest items as well as family memorabilia such as photos and a record/address book. This 5"x8" one inch thick address book (hereinafter referred to as the blue book) contained wedding announcements, poems, pictures and was replete with names and dates of events for family members: initially, I did not know many of the names therein. Little did I know that three special entries in that book along with two or three photos hiding in one of a dozen photo albums, would lead me to Bristol, England.

The brunt of my early schooling in genealogical research was on my father's family who had settled in Toronto prior to 1800. As I traced his line back, I was lucky enough to find out something about the wives' families too. Unfortunately, I had little to go on about Harry's mother, Alice Mary Maud Fisher and Anna was no longer alive in 1976 to help me pursue this avenue. However, my father, Ewart Mortimer Haacke, remembered some visitors to the cottage (evidently the summer time was ideal for inviting far away relatives to come together again) an artist, George Benson, and an elderly lady Mrs. Russell. One photo also showed her at the cottage, with an inscription on the back reading: "grandma Russell". How was Fisher related to Russell? Both of these people were from New York City. Some time later, I discovered a card from my father to my mother from New York during some training during the World War II. He said he was taking some time to visit his "Aunt Bess", but the best he could do for a last name was Slater. Finally, the blue book had some help, it listed, "Bess Schluter from Phoenix died 1948". At last, something concrete to go on. She lived with her daughter Mrs. M. H. White, Edna, at 6206 S 2nd Avenue. (This Aunt Bess was probably Bessie Walker Russell who married Everett A. Bowman, 2 January, 1902, in Jamaica, New York City. However, see below because she must have married a second time to Ed Schluter.)

A second foray into the Schluter family: With contributions from Bill Smith in Phoenix

In 1986, I got in touch with Bill Smith from Phoenix who was related to me through Mary Anne Haacke who married Joseph Fisher back in 1834. Bill (a 4th cousin once removed) was interested in the Fisher side but also discovered my interest in the Fisher family. He became a dedicated genealogist and for a while this for a living. Two others helped here too, Richard Burnell (actually born Schluter) and Bonnie Coleman. Again, from my grandmothers blue notebook (which I examine every year for more clues as I learn more about the family), I found the following Schluter notations:

- Aunt Bess Schluter (Mrs. Ed); (Elizabeth Walker); b 25 Oct., 1885, d 22 Nov., 1948 Phoenix, Ariz. She had had a stroke in 1947 and died of a coronary thrombosis.
- Had a d. Dorothy, son Richard, and Edna or Mrs. M. H. White, lived 6206 S 2nd Ave. and
- Mrs. Josh (Edith) Whittaker, Gran's sister was given as Aunt Bess's half sister (I assume that means Bess was born a Russell – yes her death certificate shows this.)
- Richard and Betty Schulter (m 1942) had a son Douglas Richard b 1 March, 1944 living in Jamaica, N.Y.

Bill sent me the death certificate of Mrs. Elizabeth Walker Schluter, N.Y., father John Russell of Scotland and mother nee Burnell. She died 22 Nov., 1948 of coronary thrombosis due to arteriosclerosis. In 1987, I received a detailed letter informing me that: "the house that Edwin and Bess lived in was owned by none other than George Benson!" George had married their daughter, Dorothy E. (b 20 June 1909) and in 1976 they moved to San Diego. George died as did his two sons Roger and Bruce and Dorothy remarried to Carol O'Brenivitch. *Richard (24 Jan., 1918) changed his name during the war to Richard S. Burnell* (Schluter being a German surname, this was a common move during WWII, when anti-German sentiment led many German-American families to anglicize their names. How interesting that his mother named him after her mother's maiden name, an indirect connection again to the Burnell relationship in Bristol, as no one else in the family knew why they had used the name Burnell.)

Edwin Schluter had a brother Charles who designed, fabricated and installed smokestacks with Edwin. He moved to Phoenix in 1946 and died 1961 at age 87. He first appeared in the Phoenix directories in 1949 and sporadically after that until 1958. Another daughter, Edna A. m Melvin H. White, had a son Stacy. Edna was a screen actress and played bit parts in two films. Interestingly, her screen name was Lyn or Lin Russell.

Edwin and Elizabeth Schluter died intestate.([Phoenix grew rapidly from a small desert town into a small city across the early-to-mid 20th century, drawing many out-of-state transplants like the Schluters, often for the climate or work.) They were cremated in the Columbarium at Greenwood Cemetary in Phoenix. Their ashes are on deposit there. He was cremated 31 January, 1961 and she was cremated 24 November, 1948. But Bill found some vital statistics. 1) Mrs. Edna A (Schluter) White was born 23 May 1911 and married Melvin H. White. They had a son Stacey who has two children. 2) They had another daughter Dorothy E. (Schluter) Benson born 20 January 1909. She married George W. Benson a free-lance artist with the Phoenix Gazetter. He purchased the property that Elizabeth and Edwin were renting on South 7th Ave. Edwin died in 1961. He was 87 years old. In 1976, the Benson's moved to San Diego where George committed suicide by hanging himself. They had two sons: Roger a mongoloid who died in 1964. Dorothy remarried to Carol O'Brenivitch. 3) A son Richard Schluter changed his name to Richard S. Burnell and he moved back to New York State. Edna was an actress and used the name Lyn or Lin Russell.

Edwin had a brother Charles and they were in the design, fabricating and installation smokestack business.

From Elizabeth Walker Schluter's obituary, she had a sister Edith Whittaker. Her services were presided over by the minister Dr. Charles S. Kendall of the Central United Methodist Church. Edith's husband may have been Joshua Whittaker. From Edwin's obituary, 4647 S 7th Ave. The funeral services were conducted at Bloom's South Phoenix Mortuary.

Confirm Match

In your tree

Elizabeth Walker Schluter
Great-grandmother's half sister

Birth: Oct 25 1885 - Brooklyn, Kings, New York, United States
Death: Nov 22 1948 - Phoenix, Maricopa, Arizona, United States
Parents: John W Russell and Elizabeth Emma Russell (born Burnell)
Siblings: Edith Emma, Thomas, Harry Edwin, George Stanley, Alice Mary Maud, Baby, Dorothy and William Walker

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In Names & Stories in Newspapers from OldNews.com (New York, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Connecticut)

Marriage:	Jan 2 1902 Jamaica, Queens, New York, United States
Mother:	Elizabeth Russell
Husband:	Everett A. Bowman
Article themes:	Marriages And Engagements, Society, Local News
Newspaper:	The Long Island Farmer
Publication:	Jan 3 1902 Jamaica, Queens, New York, United States
Text:	...Murray, of Woodhull avenue, who has been traveling in the southern states for several months past, returned home on Tuesday. Miss **Bessie Walker Russell**, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Russell, and Everett A. Bowman, of Brooklyn, were married Tuesday evening by the Rev. Mr....

Miss Bessie Walker Russell, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Russell, and Everett A. Bowman, of Brooklyn, were married Tuesday evening by the Rev. Mr. Fatherly. The bride wore a gown of gray silk, trimmed with white silk and chiffon. The ceremony was witnessed by nearly one hundred guests. A wedding supper was served. They will reside in Brooklyn.

The above pictures are from Granny Haacke's photo album. Ed appears to be close to 70 here so this would make the picture around 1950 perhaps or earlier. Dad visited there I think in the 1940s and this may be from his trip there as he seems to have remembered the name George Benson and his being an artist.

On a more modern note, Richard S. Burnell wrote that: "I remember meeting Aunt Maud at my mother's house in Astoria, Long Island, New York." Aunt Edith lived in Brooklyn. This is the house that William George Haacke and Maud Fisher lived in at 53 Morley Avenue.

1 - Richard and Mary Jane Burnell;
11 - Richard and Priscilla (Owen) Burnell;
211 - Elizabeth Emma Burnell Fisher Russell;

First marriage to Henry Fisher

1211 - Maud Fisher (b 1872) married William George Haacke (b 1866);
21211 - Harry Ross Haacke (b 1894);
321211 - Ewart Mortimer Haacke (b 1920);
2321211 - Mark Haacke (myself, b 1951);
12321211 - Bryon (b 1981) and
112321211 Scott Haacke (b 2011)
212321211 Haley Haacke (b 2013)
22321211 - Daniel Haacke (b 1988); and
122321211 Eva Haacke (b 2016).
222321211 Logan Haacke (b 2018).

2211 – Harry Edwin Fisher, Jr. (d 1918?) m Annie (lived in Hyde Park, Chicago in 1910, see next page)
12211 – Milton Fisher (actually was the son of Bess when she was m to a Walker, but she asked Harry and Annie to raise him)

3211 – Edith Emma (supposedly m 5 times) m Josh Whittaker m a Albert E. Mr. Allen – lived in Brooklyn
13211 – Albert J. (E.?) Allen (Bert) m Cora – no children in 1991
23211 – Ralph Allen

Second marriage to John W. Russell (lived on Long Island)

4211 – Bess Walker Russell d 22 Nov., 1948 m Edwin (Ed) Schluter
14211 – Dorothy E. Schluter b 20 Jan., 1909 – 1990 m George Benson (artist dad remembered)
114211 – Roger bc 1947
214211 – Bruce Benson
1214211 – Kerry Benson (about 1990?)
2214211 – Julie Benson
24211 – Edna A. Schluter m Melvin H. White
124211 – Mabel White?
224211 – Stacy White – lives in Laveen, Arizona in 1991 m Vicky
1224211 – Amanda White (1979)
334211 – Richard S. Burnell (changed his name because of the war) b 24 January, 1918
- m Alexandra E. Allison
134211 – Douglas Richard Burnell b 1/3/44 m Ruby Wheeler
1134211 – Jennifer b 1973 living in Bayport LI in 1990
2134211 – Heather b 1974
234211 – Ronald Allison Burnell b 1948 m Geraldine Krohn
1134211 – Gregory Burnell b 1975 living in Islip LI in 1990
2134211 – Jeffrey Burnell b 1976
334211 – Barbara Sandra (Bonnie) b 1951 m John Coleman
1334211 – Rebecca Elizabeth Coleman b 1979 living in Chicago in 1990
2134211 – Jeffrey Coleman b 1981

5211 – Dorothy 25 October, 1885 in Brooklyn, Kings, New York – may have died young

In the fall of 1990, I wrote to Stacy White. Not long after, I received a call from his mother. We spoke on the phone for some time and she verified much of the information I have just given on her family from New York. Richard S. Burnell lived in Calabash Acres in North Carolina in 1991. He wrote that Edith Whittaker was married 5 times. One of these was to a Mr. Allen. They had a son Albert J. Allen. "Bert" married a Cora (maiden name unknown) and they had no children. Aunt Edith lived in New York while grandma Russell lived on Long Island. He also said that: "I recall meeting Aunt Maud at my mother's home in Astoria, Long Island, N.Y." Aunt Edith lived in Brooklyn. [Grandma Russell died and is buried with Maud in Toronto.]

The puzzle was not quite complete though. Back in the late 1970's, I had spoken with my father's aunt Mrs. Gladys Percival. She had moved to Buffalo 50 years before and knew little of the family, except she recalls another sister of her mother named Annie! In 1991, I found an old post card dated 1910, mailed from Hyde Park, Chicago. On it is a picture of a very unique structure. The picture contains a windmill like structure outside the backyard (or garden) beside the main house. It is a three story structure, probably a storage and guest house combined and behind it is a carriage house (similar to our garages of today). My grandfather is in the garden in the picture (he was 16 then) standing by a garden swing set similar to one built at our cottage many years later and, according to my father, one which Harry always enjoyed relaxing in. I have written to the Hyde Park Historical Society to see if they could find the address for this house (and years later I visited Hyde Park and a local historian in an effort to locate the home – no luck). There is a short note on the post card (which has no return address) that reads:

"Dear sister,

I guess we will be in Toronto this season and so will have a chance to see you all. Love to all the folk.
Your sister,
Annie."

Addressed to Mrs. Maud Haacka
2 Berkeley Road
Toronto, Canada

With the following little note written above Dear sister, "Can you find Harry? This is our house."

This Annie would have been the wife of Harry Edwin Fisher, Annie L. Collins.

POST CARD

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PLACE STAMP HERE

NAME AND ADDRESS HERE

Mrs Maud Haacka
2 Berkley Road
Toronto
Canada

Can you find Harry this is an horrible
Dear Sister
I guess we will be
in Toronto this season
& so will have a chance
to see you all love to
all the folk. Your Sister
amie

More recent US Immigration records available through ancestry.com reveal trips that Harry and Anna took to New York as they crossed the border to visit.

Moral of the genealogical story: There are many resources required to follow the often complicated path of successful genealogical research. Clearly, perseverance is an important trait. During the collection of data it is also crucial to review your old sources even as new ones arise as your understanding of relationships may have changed and what didn't make sense before might now fit into a more comprehensive picture. The blue book of my grandmother is one such case, it contained a wealth of information much of which only became clear to me years later. And the stories that we hear, although often perhaps not perfectly remembered as illustrated here, often contain a grain of truth that can, in the end, prove as powerful as a direct source or in finding that missing ancestor as in the Owen family in Bristol or George Benson the artist here in the United States. Finally, communicating with many relatives can often supply that little tidbit of data that turns out to be so important. None of these comments precludes the need for a careful review of primary sources such as vital statistics records, newspapers, bibles, land records, apprenticeship records etc. which, in the end, often provide the proof we need. Today, with the internet, and the scanning of more and more material, we are incredibly lucky to be able to search these online. Even then, everything is still far from online, such as family bibles, local historical society records, and personal notes and family records that may contain just the information we are seeking.

E. Mark Haacke

March 8, 2023

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Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON

Application Number 4215 B

Registration District of Bristol

1867. Marriage solemnized at The Parish Church in the Parish of St. Paul in the County of Bristol

No.	1 When married	2 Name and Surname	3 Age	4 Condition	5 Rank or profession	6 Residence at the time of marriage	7 Father's name and surname	8 Rank or profession of father
335	Feby 17th	Edwin Francis Lewis	full	Bachelor	Accountant	Saint Pauls	George Lewis	Coachman
		Sarah Ann Burnell	Minor	Spinster	—	Saint Pauls	Richard Burnell	Coachman

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by me

This marriage was solemnized between us, Edwin Francis Lewis, Sarah Ann Burnell in the presence of us, Wm. White, Daniel Gardiner, John H Rogers, Curate

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Marriages in the District above mentioned.

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 5th day of November 1950.

MB 233768

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GIVEN AT THE GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON

Application Number G 9056

1862. Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish of St Paul in the County of Bristol.

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
280	July 28	Henry Fisher	full	Bachelor	Hatter	Victoria St	George Fisher	Hatter
		Elizabeth Emma Burnell	Minor	Spinster		Victoria St	Richard Burnell	Coachman

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by _____ or after Banns by me, A Rogers

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Henry Fisher, Elizabeth Emma Burnell in the Presence of us, Richard Burnell, Mary Jane Burnell.

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a register of Marriages in the Registration District of Bristol

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 28th day of August 1985

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STATE OF ARIZONA
Certified Copy of Vital Record

STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY
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NATIONAL OFFICE OF VITAL STATISTICS

ARIZONA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS

State File No. 6110
Registrar's No. 2233

1. Place of Death: (a) County Maricopa (b) City or Town Phoenix (If outside city limits also write RURAL) (c) Location 6206 S.2nd Ave. (St. & No. (or) Name of Institution)
(d) Length of Stay: In Hospital or Institution None; In Community 3 Years; In Arizona 3 Years (Specify whether years, months or days)
2. Usual Residence of Deceased: (a) State Arizona; (b) County Maricopa; (c) City or Town Phoenix (If outside city limits also write RURAL)
(d) Street No. 6206 S. 2nd Ave.; (e) Citizen of foreign country (Yes or No) No
If Yes, which country
3. (a) FULL NAME Elizabeth Walker Schluter (b) If veteran name war None (c) Social Security No. None

4. Sex Fe
5. Race White [X] Indian [ ] Negro [ ] Oriental [ ]
6. (a) Single, married, widowed or divorced Married
6. (b) Name of husband or wife Edwin A. Schluter
6. (c) Age of husband or wife, if alive ___ yrs.
7. Birthdate of deceased October 25, 1885 (Month) (Day) (Year)
8. AGE: Years 63 Months 0 Days 27 If less than one day hrs. ___ min. ___
9. Birthplace Brooklyn, New York (City, town or county) (State or Country)
10. Usual Occupation Housewife
11. Industry or Business Home
Father 12. Name John Russell
Father 13. Birthplace Scottland (City, town or county) (State or Country)
Mother 14. Maiden Name Unknown Burnell
Mother 15. Birthplace England (City, town or county) (State or Country)
16. (a) Informant's own signature Edwin A.Schluter
(b) Address 6206 S.2nd Ave.Phoenix,Ariz.
17. (a) Burial, Cremation or Removal Cremation
(b) Place Greenwood,Phoenix (c) Date 11-24-48
18. (a) Embalmer's Signature Robert W. Tracy 282
(b) Funeral Director A. L. Moore & Sons
(c) Address 333 W. Adams,Phoenix,Arizona
19. (a) DEC 2 - 1948 (Date received Local Registrar)
(b) M. Kerr Deputy (Registrar's Signature)

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION

20. DATE OF DEATH (Month, day and year) November 22, 1948
TIME (Hour and minute) 5:00 AM M.
21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from 11-22, 1948 to 11-22, 1948
that I last saw her alive on NEVER, 19__
and that death occurred on the date and hour stated above.
Immediate cause of death
Due to CORONARY THROMBOSIS
Due to ARTERIOSCLEROSIS
Other conditions (Include pregnancy within three months of death)
Major findings: Of operations
Of autopsy

DURATION

PHYSICIAN
Underline the cause to which death should be charged statistically

22. If death was due to external causes, fill in the following:
(a) Accident, suicide or homicide (specify)
(b) Date of occurrence
(c) Where did injury occur? (City or Town) (County) (State)
(d) Did injury occur in or about home, on farm, in industrial place, in public place? (Specify type of place)
While at work? (e) Means of injury
23. Signature [illegible] M. D.
Address Rt 5 Box 476 Date signed 11-2[illegible]

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England, Select Marriages, 1538–1973 about Sarah Ann Burnell

Name:	**Sarah Ann Burnell**
Gender:	Female
Marriage Date:	17 Feb 1867
Marriage Place:	Bristol, Gloucester, England
Father:	Richard Burnell
Spouse:	Edwin Francis Lewis
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Gender:	Female
Birth Date:	27 Jul 1846
Baptism Date:	20 Jun 1847
Baptism Place:	Bristol, Gloucester, England
Father:	Richard Burnell
Mother:	Priscilla
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Name:	**Sarah Ann Burnell**
Estimated Birth Year:	abt 1848
Registration Year:	1904
Registration Quarter:	Jan-Feb-Mar
Age at Death:	56
Registration district:	Bristol
Parishes for this Registration District:	View Ecclesiastical Parishes associated with this Registration District
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Name:	**Edith Lewis**
Age in 1911:	36
Estimated Birth Year:	abt 1875
Relation to Head:	Daughter
Gender:	Female
Birth Place:	Bristol
Civil Parish:	Bristol
County/Island:	Gloucestershire
Country:	England
Street address:	60 Waverley Road, Redland
Marital Status:	Single
Occupation:	Teacher Of Music
Registration district:	Bristol
Registration District Number:	319
Sub-registration district:	Clifton
ED, institution, or vessel:	32
Household schedule number:	271
Piece:	14857

Household Members:

Name	Age
Sarah Ann Lewis	65
Lilian Lewis	41
Agnes Lewis	38
Edith Lewis	36
Daisy Lewis	28

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- Edith Lewis 1901 England Census
- Edith E Lewis 1891 England Census
- Edith Eardley Lewis England & Wales, FreeBMD Birth Index, 1837-1915
- Edith Eardley Lewis England & Wales, FreeBMD Death Index, 1837-1915
- Edith Lewis 1881 England Census

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1911 England Census about Edwin Leonard Lewis

Name:	**Edwin Leonard Lewis**
Age in 1911:	43
Estimated Birth Year:	abt 1868
Relation to Head:	Head
Gender:	Male
Birth Place:	Bristol, Gloucestershire
Civil Parish:	Bristol
County/Island:	Gloucestershire
Country:	England
Street address:	2 Crofton Avenue, Horfield, Bristol
Marital Status:	Married
Occupation:	Traveller In Biscuit Trade
Registration district:	Bristol
Registration District Number:	319
Sub-registration district:	Ashley
ED, institution, or vessel:	31
Household schedule number:	45
Piece:	15090

Household Members:

Name	Age
Edwin Leonard Lewis	43
Ada Lucy Lewis	43
Ada Doris Ruth Lewis	12
Isabel Frances Lewis	9

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- Edwin L. Lewis 1881 England Census

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1881 England Census about Sarah Ann Lewis

Name:	Sarah Ann Lewis
Age:	34
Estimated Birth Year:	abt 1847
Relationship to Head:	Wife
Spouse:	Edwin F. Lewis
Gender:	Female
Where born:	Bristol
Civil Parish:	Bristol St James and St Paul Out
County/Island:	Gloucestershire
Country:	England
Street address:	Grove House 6
Marital Status:	Married
Education:	
Employment status:	View image
Registration district:	Barton Regis
Sub-registration district:	Ashley
ED, institution, or vessel:	18
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Piece:	2486
Folio:	118
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Household Members:

Name	Age
Edwin F. Lewis	35
Sarah Ann Lewis	34
Edwin L. Lewis	13
Lilian Lewis	12
Florence Lewis	10
Emmeline Lewis	8
Edith Lewis	6

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- Sarah Lewis 1901 England Census
- Sarah A Lewis 1891 England Census
- Sarah Ann Lewis 1911 England Census

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1911 England Census about Daisy Maud Lewis

Name:	Daisy Maud Lewis
Age in 1911:	20
Estimated Birth Year:	abt 1891
Gender:	Female
Birth Place:	Bristol, Gloucestershire
Civil Parish:	Bristol
County/Island:	Gloucestershire
Country:	England
Street address:	10 Providence Place, Redfield, St George, Bristol
Occupation:	sorter in Match Factory
Registration district:	Bristol
Registration District Number:	319
Sub-registration district:	St George
ED, institution, or vessel:	12
Household schedule number:	298
Piece:	14958

Household Members:

Name	Age
Mary Jane Lewis	66
Isabella Lewis	34
Alice Mary Lewis	31
Daisy Maud Lewis	20

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- Daisy Maud Lewis England & Wales, FreeBMD Birth Index, 1837-1915
- Daisy M Lewis 1891 England Census
- Daisy Maud Lewis England & Wales Christening Records, 1530-1906
- Daisy M Inker England & Wales, Death Index, 1916-2007
- Joseph Inker England & Wales, Marriage Index, 1916-2005
- Daisy M Lewis England & Wales, Marriage Index, 1916-2005
- Daisy Maud Lewis British Army WWI Service Records, 1914-1920
- Daisy M Lewis 1901 England Census

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England & Wales, FreeBMD Marriage Index, 1837-1915 about Daisy M Lewis

Name:	Daisy M Lewis
Spouse Surname:	Palmer
Registration Year:	1915
Registration Quarter:	Jul-Aug-Sep
Registration district:	Bristol
Parishes for this Registration District:	View Ecclesiastical Parishes associated with this Registration District
Inferred County:	Gloucestershire
Volume:	6a
Page:	418
Records on Page:	Name
	Thomas Harper
	Daisy M Lewis
	Gwendoline H Lewis
	Ernest G Palmer

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Find others researching Daisy M Lewis

1891 England Census about Daisy M Lewis

Name:	Daisy M Lewis
Age:	8
Estimated Birth Year:	abt 1883
Relation:	Daughter
Father's Name:	Edwin Lewis
Mother's name:	Sarah A Lewis
Gender:	Female
Where born:	Bristol, Gloucestershire, England
Civil Parish:	The United Parishes of St James and St Paul
Ecclesiastical parish:	St Andrews
Town:	Bristol
County/Island:	Gloucestershire
Country:	England
Street address:	
Occupation:	
Condition as to marriage:	View image
Education:	
Employment status:	
Registration district:	Barton Regis
Sub-registration district:	Ashley
ED, institution, or vessel:	5
Neighbors:	View others on page
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Household Members:	Name / Age
	Edwin Lewis 45
	Sarah A Lewis 43
	Edwin L Lewis 23
	Lilian P Lewis 22
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These records may also be relevant to **Daisy M Lewis:**

- Daisy Lewis 1901 England Census
- Daisy Lewis 1911 England Census

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Dear Mark

It was very good to meet you on Saturday and I hope that you talk on Sunday went well and you managed to get in a bit more walking around Bristol. James my brother has printed off the enclosed which gives a bit more detail of the Lewis family. It would be great to get some more details of the Burnell and Haacke genealogy when you can send it over in due course. Hopefully we can meet up in Toronto before too long.

Best wishes

Charles

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From: James Couzens
Sent: Saturday, September 06, 2014 11:01 AM
To: Charles Couzens
Subject: RE: the family tree

Given the Lewis connection I thought a Lewis genealogy might be useful and attach it

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Dear Charles,

Thank you again for your kind hospitality. It was lovely to meet Wendy and Gail. I had a most lovely time at Tolpenny. I did find another letter from your grandmother and one from your dad with some pictures of himself and you and James too when you were young sporting a beard.

Wendy's garden was a gem and I was delighted to send a copy of it to my wife for her to see just what can be done with a garden and landscaping. She would love having something like that in her backyard.

This is a wonderfully detailed outline of the family from James. I pulled off his email from these notes and am copying him on this as a means to say hello. For another family researcher it is a dream to find that someone has done "the other side" so to speak where I hope to fill in some missing details for him as well.

I am enclosing what I have so far. It is not properly referenced at this time, which is a bit odd since I am a scientist and pride myself in complete and exhaustive referencing. The only excuse I have is that this was prepared almost 35 years ago and was based to a large degree on family stories. I do however have the original materials such as wedding certificates from the old location of "Somerset House" and later I believe interestingly enough for you "St. Catherine's House" and references to census etc. Luckily many of these are now on Ancestry and far more accessible than the many hours and days I spent physically hunting for things when I first came to London in 1972 some 40 years ago as a young student.

I only wish I had discovered some of these things earlier, but then again don't we always wish that!

Now the Haacke lines are not given in detail here. For that you can see www.haacke.com where you will find things more in line with what James has done and you can find the details there about Maud Fisher and George Haacke's family.

Well I hope you are able to digest this information in its rather story like format. Actually I have to say I had fun putting all this together, but it was most rewarding to be able to walk in the foot steps of my grandfather. You see he died in 1950 and I was born in 1951 so I never knew him except through these and other stories.

With best wishes, and I look forward to seeing you someday in our neck of the woods perhaps in Toronto sometime!

Mark

PS James you will find tidbits here and there where you are missing some details that I appear to have dug up to complement your notes. I am glad this may be a little help to all the work you have done. If you find something wrong in what I have please do let me know so I can correct it. Mark

PPS At the end are some print screen shots of some relevant census and other records that I pulled off Ancestry over the weekend.

Memories of Bristol: Fact or Fantasy

by E. Mark Haacke*

My grandfather, Harry Ross Haacke, died before I was born. His widow, grandmother Anna Rittenhouse Fidler, summered at our cottage on Crowe Lake near Marmora, Ontario, Canada. She was a keeper of interesting tidbits, including stamps, newspaper articles, family photos and a record/address book. This inch-thick book (known as the Blue Book) contained wedding announcements, poems, pictures, and was replete with names and dates of events for family members.

Little did I know that two special entries in the Blue Book, along with two or three pictures hiding in one of dozen photo albums, would lead me to Bristol, England.

Having traced my father's family to Toronto prior to 1800, I was able to find information on most of the wives' families as well. However, I knew little about Harry's mother, Alice Mary Maud Fisher, except that she had married George Haacke. And, unfortunately, Anna was no longer alive to help me with details.

The marriage certificate of George Haacke and Maud Fisher, obtained from the Ontario Registrar General's Office, listed her father as Henry Fisher. After a considerable search, both in Ontario and England for her birth or baptism, a record of the latter was found, with professional assistance, in the parish register of Bristol St. Paul. Alice Mary Maud was born to Henry Fisher and Emma Burnell, and baptized 20 February 1872. This date was close to the one recorded in the Blue Book. Further research uncovered the marriage of Henry Fisher and Elizabeth Emma Burnell at the same parish church on 28 July 1862. Since she was still a minor, her father, Richard Burnell, coachman, had to sign. Witnesses at the ceremony were Richard Burnell and Mary Jane Burnell.

Thirty Year Old Address Useful

I had earlier discovered a photograph, taken by grandfather Harry in Bristol during World War I, of a cousin Edith. The only listing for the Bristol area in the Blue Book, however, was a Daisy Palmer. Even though thirty years had passed, I took a chance that someone living at the same address now might know of her. The present occupant, although new, was able to send the address of Isabell Couzens, a relative to whom I then wrote. However, an Isabell Lewis answered. Her grandmother, Mrs. S. Lewis lived in Bristol. She remembered four aunts—Edith, a music teacher; Emeline; Mrs. Flo Jones; and Mrs. E. Palmer (Daisy). Edith was the cousin in the picture taken by Grandfather Harry during World War I. Isabell also gave me the address of another relative, Mrs. R. Couzens of Green Close, Burton, who filled in many gaps about the family and Grandfather Harry, someone I wish I had known. She wrote:

> "Firstly, I remember your grandfather Harry Haacke coming here to Burton during the first World War. I have two photographs of him in his smart uniform, taken by me, a little schoolgirl with an old box camera. I can remember him coming into the house in which my son and his family now live. I was sitting at a table drawing horses and he came up behind me and looked over my shoulder to see what I was doing. I must have been fourteen at the time." She continued that "her grandmother was Sarah Lewis, wife of Edwin Lewis. Sarah had a cousin Edith, Elizabeth Burnell's daughter and Harry's Aunt Edith Whittaker, who went to (or was born) in America. She came to England for a visit to my grandmother's house when I was a child."

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Isabell Lewis turned out to be the daughter of Sarah and Edwin Lewis' only son Leonard. Mrs. Phyllis R. Couzens was the daughter of Florence Lewis who married John Jones. In addition to Leonard and Florence, Sarah and Edwin were the parents of Lilian, Emeline, Edith and Daisy (who married a Mr. Palmer). I asked Phyllis if she knew anything about the surname Burnell. And she replied:

> "The name Burnell certainly does mean something to to me. Inside a large old-fashioned Bible, which came to my home after the death of my Grandmother Lewis, was the name Sarah Burnell. This old Bible is nowhere to be found now and my family has been inclined to think I made a mistake about my Grandmother Lewis's maiden name. There was some idea it was Owen."

I was able to put her mind at ease with the marriage certificate, obtained from St. Catherine's House, of Edwin Francis Lewis, son of George Lewis, coachman, and Sarah Ann Burnell, minor, daughter of Richard Burnell, coachman.

Another gap had been filled on my ancestral chart. Sarah and Elizabeth Burnell were sisters. And Alice Mary Maud Fisher was a first cousin of the Bristol area family members.

Research Progress Made

During the past decade, through census returns and marriage certificates, a great deal of information has been added about the Burnell family and Fisher families. For instance, Richard Burnell (coachman) married Priscilla Owen (spinster) 16 June 1843 in the Bristol Parish of St. Phillip and

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Memories of Bristol

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Jacob. Sure enough, the surname Owen did enter the picture as that of Sarah's mother, not of Sarah.

The puzzle is not quite complete though. Back in the late 1970s, I had spoken with Harry's sister, my great aunt Mrs. Gladys Percival. She had moved to Buffalo fifty years before and knew little of the family, except she recalled a sister of her mother named Annie.

This year I found an old post card mailed from Hyde Park, Chicago in 1910. The picture, contains a windmill-like structure outside in the garden behind the main house. It has three stories, probably a storage and guest house combined, and behind it is a carriage house (similar to the garages of today). My grandfather Harry, then aged sixteen, is in the picture standing beside a garden swingset. On the postcard is a short note with no return address. It reads:

> "Dear Sister, I guess we will be in Toronto this season and so will have a chance to see you all. Love to all the folk. Your sister, Annie."

Addressed to Mrs. Maude Haacke, 2 Berkeley Road, Toronto, Canada. The following little note was written above the salutation:

"Can you find Harry? This is our house."

Annie was a new name to me. I did not think Maud had a sister by that name. Only recently did I find a clue. A letter arrived from Edna White, the child of Elizabeth Schluter, who was the daughter of Elizabeth Burnell and aunt of Harry Ross Haacke, my grandfather. Edna mentioned her Uncle Harry and his wife Annie. Since I already knew the names of my grandfather's siblings, this was quite likely the brother of Alice Mary Maud Fisher, and Annie was her sister-in-law. ~~The Harry on the postcard was no doubt~~ Harry Fisher, after ~~for~~ whom my grandfather Harry Haacke was named, must have lived in Chicago in 1910,

Note

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Book Review

Genealogist's Handbook for Atlantic Canada Research. Editor Terrence M. Punch, CG(C). Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1989. Hardcover, 142 pp. $10.00 (U.S.) + shipping $2.50 (U.S.).

This publication is the greatest single treasure for researching ancestors in the Canadian provinces of Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick: a region of close economic and historical ties, but with different methods of civil and land administration. Regional experts in each province have contributed the four main chapters, detailing major repositories, all the basic records series and bibliographies. Newspaper collections, societies, periodicals and reference maps are also included, and readers will appreciate the concise index of subjects and institutions.

In addition to the descriptions and locations of records and sources for the four provinces, there is an extra chapter called "Regional Bodies". This is a necessary feature, in the same format as the others, to describe the Acadian periods through the French regime in British North America to their post-1785 re-settlement in this region. Reference, of course, is made to the unique *Centre d'Etudes acadiennes* at the *Université de Moncton*, which employs a full-time genealogist. A second unique institution is the Genealogical Institute of the Maritimes, which has been certifying researchers in two categories for the past eight years.

It is a tribute to the Institute itself that the editor and authors are all Certified Genealogists (Canada) and have produced such excellence in this book.

Brenda Dougall Merriman
Rockwood, Ontario, Canada

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Four generation picture with Maud
Anna on the left standing, Dorothy on the right,
Sitting: Maud Fisher m William George Haacke and after he
Did she m again and then a 3rd time to a
Mr. Stubbs. And this must be one of Dorothy's children.

This is just a note I have written on a piece of paper and may have nothing to do with the Owen family related to the Burnell family.

John Owen b 1737
M 31 January, 1760
D 5 November, 1822

Filton, St. Peter, Gloucester

M Wolstanton, Staffordshire

Sarah Hancock
b 1745
24 June, 1824

Richard Burnell

M (Bristol England)

Pricella Owen

Elizabeth Burnell — Sarah Burnell

M

Henry Fisher

Harry Fisher d 1918?

Elizabeth Russell - (2nd Marriage) to John Russell

Alice Mary Maud — Edith — Elizabeth (twin Dorothy?)

Twin Dorothy ? died in childhood and is buried in Astoria, L.I., N.Y.
Elizabeth Walker (Schluter) had a son, he was given to Harry & Anne Fisher to bring up as their own-- His name was Milten. (Fisher)

Elizabeth Walker

M

Edwin Schluter

Dorothy 1909 - 1990	Edna (1912)	Richard (1919)
M	M	M
George Benson (died)	Melvin White	Alexandra E. Allison
Bruce (died) — Roger (53)	Stacy White	Douglas Richard 1944
		Ronald Allison 1948
		Barbara Sandra 1951

Richard changed his name legally during W,W. II - Richard S. Burnell

George Benson died.

Bruce Benson died in his 20's leaving 2 children - Kerry & Julie
His wife remarried.

Stacy White lives in Laveen, Arizona with wife Vicky and daughter Amanda White age 12.

Douglas Richard Burnell
M
Ruby Wheeler — Live in Bayport L.I., N.Y.

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- Jennifer (18)
- Heather (17)

Ronald Allison Burnell
M
Geraldine Krohn — Live in Islip, L.I., N.Y.

- Gregory (16)
- Jeffrey (15)

Barbara Sandra (Bonnie) Burnell
M
John Francis Coleman — Live in Chicago, Ill.

- Rebecca Elizabeth (12)
- Bradley (10)

As I recall Aunt Edith (Whitaker) was married (5) times. One of these marriages was to ___?___ Allen. They had a son named Albert J. Allen or Bert. He married Cora ___?___, left no children.

I also recall meeting Aunt Maud at my Mother's house in Astoria, L.I., N.Y.

Aunt Edith lived in Brooklyn, New York. This might be the reason you are unable to get any information on death of Elizabeth Russell (grandma Russell).

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In your tree

Dorothy Russell
Great-grandmother's half sister

Birth: Oct 25 1885 - Brooklyn, Kings, New York, United States
Parents: John W Russell and Elizabeth Emma Russell (born Burnell)
Siblings: Edith Emma, Thomas, Harry Edwin, George Stanley, Alice Mary Maud, Baby, Elizabeth Walker and William Walker

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In FamilySearch Family Tree

Parents: John W Russell
Elizabeth Emma Burnell

Siblings: Elizabeth Walker Schluter (born Russell)
William Walker Russell
Edith Emma Allen (born Fisher)
Harry Edwin Fisher Jr
George Stanley Fisher
Alice Maud Mary Haacke (born Fisher)
Baby Fisher

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Dorothy Russell
1885–Deceased • G8SM-NZS

Children (0)

+ ADD CHILD

+ ADD SPOUSE

+ ADD CHILD WITH AN UNKNOWN FATHER

Parents and Siblings

John W Russell
1845–Deceased • LTLR-XNS

Elizabeth Emma Burnell
1844–1920 • KP48-LHN

No Marriage Events

Children (3)

Dorothy Russell
1885–Deceased • G8SM-NZS

Elizabeth Walker Russell
1885–1948 • LBPM-3VG

William Walker Russell
1890–1958 • G8SM-H5Z

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Harry Edwin Fisher Jr
1868 - 1923
Great-great-uncle

Parents: Henry Edwin Fisher, Elizabeth Emma Fisher (born Burnell)

Siblings: Edith Emma Allen, Thomas Fisher, George Stanley Fisher, Alice Mary Maud Haacke (born Fisher), Baby Fisher, Elizabeth Walker Schluter, Dorothy Russell, William Walker Russell

Name

First name:	Harry Edwin
Last name:	Fisher Jr

Birth

Date:	Aug 27 1868

Residence

Address:	Buffalo, Ward 08, E.D. 04, Erie, New

Harry E Fisher
1868 - 1923

Children: ron Fisher, daughter Fisher

Name

First name:	Harry E
Last name:	Fisher

Birth

Date:	Circa 1868

Harry Edwin Fisher Jr

Great-great-uncle

Birth: Aug 27 1868 - Bristol, England, United Kingdom

Death: May 28 1923 - New York City, New York, United States

Parents: Henry Edwin Fisher, Elizabeth Emma Burnell

Illinois):

Harry Fisher

Text: " Burns. County Attorney Earl Simpson informed him that' a w.r **Harry Fisher**, Comedian, Dies Spoofing Doctor New York, May 29-**Harry Fisher**, famous comedian, died Monday as he had lived, spoofing the audience. Mr. **Fisher**, former member of the vaudeville team, **Fisher**..."

Birth: Bristol, England

Occupation: Comedian
and 3 more occupations

Death: May 28 1923 - Brooklyn, New York, United States

Newspaper: Rochester Daily Post and Record

Publication: May 29 1923 - Rochester, Olmsted, Minnesota, United States

Harry Fisher of Burnell Family

Harry Edwin Fisher Jr from your family tree was found in a historical record.

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In your tree

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Harry Fisher

Gender:	Male
Summary:	Harry Fisher, famous stage comedian, dies from heart failure in Brooklyn, NY, known for his spoofing audience and career in vaudeville.
Birth:	Bristol, England
Residence:	Old Dutch mansion Between 1920 and 1923 Brooklyn, New York, United States (old Dutch mansion)
Occupation:	Stage comedian

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Occupation:	Stage comedian
Occupation:	Tea room owner Brooklyn, New York, United States
Affiliations:	Cultural: Fisher and Carroll vaudeville team Cultural: Lew Fields' shows
Death:	May 28 1923 Brooklyn, New York, United States
Cause of death:	Heart failure
Article themes:	Obituaries And Death Notices, Arts And Entertainment
Newspaper:	The Omaha Morning Bee
Publication:	May 29 1923

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Publication: May 29 1923

Omaha, Douglas, Nebraska, United States

Text: ...belonging to Best Shannon, was held. Noted Stage Comedian Dies as He Had Lived, Spoofing Audience By Universal Service. Nw York, May 28.-**Harry Fisher**, famous comedian, died today as he had lived, spoofing the audience. **Fisher**, former member of the vaudeville team of **Fisher** and...

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Harry Edwin Fisher Jr

Great-great-uncle

Birth: Aug 27 1868 - Bristol, England, United Kingdom

Death: May 28 1923 - New York City, New York, United States

Parents: Henry Edwin Fisher, Elizabeth Emma Burnell

Illinois):

Harry Fisher

Text: " Burns. County Attorney Earl Simpson informed him that' a w.r **Harry Fisher**, Comedian, Dies Spoofing Doctor New York, May 29-**Harry Fisher**, famous comedian, died Monday as he had lived, spoofing the audience. Mr. **Fisher**, former member of the vaudeville team, **Fisher**..."

Birth: Bristol, England

Occupation: Comedian
and 3 more occupations

Death: May 28 1923 - Brooklyn, New York, United States

Newspaper: Rochester Daily Post and Record

Publication: May 29 1923 - Rochester, Olmsted, Minnesota, United States

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Edith Emma Allen

Great-grandmother's sister

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Number of living children:	2
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Children:	Albert E Allen Ralph Allen

Census

Township	New York City	Ward	11	Sheet	18
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State	New York	Series	T623	Line	72
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Edith E Allen

Gender:	Female
Birth:	Apr 1863 England
Residence:	1900 New York City, Kings, New York, USA
Age:	37
Marital status:	Married
Marriage:	Circa 1881

Form B, Jan. 1, 1880.

CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH, BROOKLYN. 2292

1.—*Full Name of Child,* Albert Jay Allen.
2.—*Sex: Male, Female.** 3.—*No. of Child of Mother,* ; 4.—*White,* ~~*Colored.**~~
5.—*Date of Birth,* April 2d 1886; 6.—*Hour of Birth,* 5-10 A. M.; ~~P. M.~~;
7.—*Place of Birth,*† 123 Waverly Ave, ~~St.~~, Ward; *Mother's res.,* 123 Waverly Ave.;
8.—*Mother's Full Name,* Edith Emma Allen; 9.—*Age,* 23 years;
10.—*Mother's Maiden Name,* Edith Emma Fisher; 11.—*Birthplace,*‡ Bristol Eng.;
12.—*Father's Full Name,* Albert E. Allen; 13.—*Age,* 26 years;
14.—*Father's Occupation,* Gold Pen Maker; 15.—*Birthplace,*‡ Brooklyn N.Y.;
16.—*Medical Attendant,* E. J. Miller Nurse; *Address,* 123 Waverly Ave.;
17.—*Person making this Return,* A E Allen Brooklyn;

* Cross off words not required.
† If in Public Institution, state name.
‡ Insert State or Country.

Date of Return, 4-5- 1886

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OFFICE OF REGISTER APR. 5 1886

Timeline of the Discovery Process

The family history above did not arrive all at once -- it was pieced together over roughly fifty years, one letter, certificate, and photograph at a time. This timeline traces the research itself: who was contacted, when, and what each new source unlocked.

1972 – My first trip to Europe brought me to London as a young student. While I was there, I began the search for the English side of the family, starting with the paper trail from my father's line via my grandmother's blue record book which had information and addresses on family in England on the Haacke side and to visit my mom's family in Wednesfield near Wolverhampton. At that time my great Aunt Alice was still alive.
1976 – Obtained Maud Fisher and George Haacke's Ontario marriage certificate from the Registrar's office; it listed her father as Henry Fisher -- the first solid thread back toward Bristol.
1977 – Contacted by Kenneth Gowie, president of an English research firm, who took up the Fisher line.
1978 – Gowie's team, with Anne Rotter, located Alice Maud Fisher's birth record: born 20 February 1872, registered 1 April 1872.
1979 – The 1862 marriage certificate of Henry Fisher and Elizabeth Emma Burnell was located. Separately, a letter to Daisy Palmer's old Portishead address reached the current tenant, who passed along an address for Isabel Lewis.
1980 – An extended correspondence with Isabel Lewis (three letters through the year) led to the address of Phyllis Couzens (née Jones). Phyllis's first letter (3 July 1980) recalled grandfather Harry's wartime visit to Bruton; her follow-up (23 July 1980) recalled the name "Burnell" written inside a family Bible. Years later I went to Bruton and visited the family there. They still own the same property and the same place that my grandfather would have visited. I felt an affinity with him and his visit as I enjoyed their gardens.
1981–1982 – Gilbert J. Crocker of the Bristol Family History Society researched the 1841 and 1871 censuses and the 1811 Burnell–Quarterly marriage, corresponding by letter throughout.
1983 – Genealogist Geoffrey Roberts located the 1843 Richard Burnell/Priscilla Owen marriage record and the 1813 Benjamin Owen/Mary Woodriffe marriage.
1985 – A formal copy of the 1843 marriage certificate was obtained (28 August 1985); a letter arrived from Brian Couzens (22 December 1985) offering to go through his late mother Phyllis's papers.
1986 – Contact was established with Bill Smith of Phoenix, a fourth cousin once removed and dedicated genealogist, which opened up the American Fisher/Schluter branch.
1987 – A detailed letter arrived laying out the Schluter/Benson family, including the discovery that George Benson -- the artist remembered from my father's childhood cottage memories -- had married into the family.
1990 – Wrote to Stacy White in the fall; a phone call with his mother confirmed much of what had been pieced together about the New York branch.
1991 – Contact with Richard S. Burnell (born Schluter) of North Carolina filled in the Edith Whittaker line. The same year, a 1910 postcard from Hyde Park, Chicago surfaced, showing a sixteen-year-old Harry in the garden of the house where Harry Fisher Jr. and Annie lived.
2014 – A trip to Bristol -- to give a talk on hydrocephalus -- led to meeting Wendy Hastings and Charles Couzens, and a visit to Bruton: the very house Harry had visited nearly a century earlier. While there, I met James Couzens as well in Bristol for lunch.
2023 – This account written and compiled, 8 March 2023.

As the closing note above observes, the throughline of all this is perseverance, revisiting old sources as new ones arise, and the surprising reliability of family stories once a document turns up to confirm them.

Appendix: Historical Context Notes

The following notes are independent background material -- not part of the family narrative itself -- added to give some of the settings above a bit more texture. They are general historical context rather than researched facts.

Bristol and St. Philip's Jacob parish
St. Philip and St. Jacob, where both the Burnell and Fisher families lived and married through the mid-1800s, was one of Bristol's more industrial, working-class parishes -- packed with the trades that show up throughout this account: coachmen like the two Richard Burnells, and hatters like George Fisher and his sons. It sat close to the docks and glassworks that drove Bristol's economy in this period, which is likely why so many of these families' occupations cluster around transport and manufacturing rather than trade or the professions.

Transatlantic emigration, 1870s–1890s
The pattern in this family -- Henry and Elizabeth Fisher emigrating to New York City in the mid-1870s, and Elizabeth later relocating to Toronto -- was a common one. New York was the standard first landfall for English emigrants of this era; some families stayed, while others moved on to Canada afterward, drawn by land, relatives already settled there, or simply better prospects. It's not unusual for a family's immigration story to have this kind of two-step shape, which can make the paper trail harder to follow if a researcher only looks for a direct Bristol-to-Toronto crossing.

World War I and family visits across the Atlantic
Harry Ross Haacke's wartime visit to his Bristol and Bruton relatives -- remembered decades later by both Isabel Lewis and Phyllis Couzens -- fits a broader pattern. Canadian and other Commonwealth soldiers stationed in Britain during WWI were often granted short home leave before being sent to the front, and many used it to look up relatives they had only heard about through family letters. These visits, brief as they were, are often the last point of living contact between branches of a family before letters (and eventually genealogical research) became the only thread connecting them.

New York and Brooklyn's immigrant communities
The Fisher/Russell branch's long residence in Brooklyn and on Long Island -- from Harry Edwin Fisher Jr.'s household to the various Schluter and Benson addresses -- places them within the wave of English and northern European immigrants who settled New York's outer boroughs from the 1880s onward. Brooklyn in particular absorbed large numbers of English, Irish, and German immigrants in this period, which is part of why so many of this family's American vital records (deaths, obituaries, cemetery records) turn up in Kings County rather than Manhattan.

WWII-era name changes
Richard Schluter's decision to change his surname to Burnell during the war is a recognizable pattern rather than an isolated choice. Schluter is a German surname, and World War II brought a renewed wave of anti-German sentiment in the United States (as WWI had before it), which led some German-American families to anglicize or otherwise change their names -- sometimes formally, sometimes simply by adopting a new name in daily use. That Richard chose “Burnell,” his own mother's maiden name, rather than an unrelated English surname, is a nice detail: it kept a real family connection alive even while shedding the German one.

Phoenix, Arizona's early-to-mid-20th-century growth
The Schluter and White families' presence in Phoenix from the 1930s onward coincides with the city's transformation from a small desert agricultural town into a genuine city. Phoenix's population grew several times over between 1920 and 1950, driven by the citrus and cotton industries, the dry climate's appeal to people with respiratory conditions, and later, wartime industry and military bases. Out-of-state transplants like the Schluters were part of that broader influx.