

## CHAPTER

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## The HAMBLY Family

### *“Of Cornish Origins”*

Hambly is the surname of our G-Grandmother, **Ellen Maud Hambly**. For a few years we were unable to trace her as our Grandmother had told us that the surname was actually “Embly “. Her mother had died when she was quite young and it’s possible that she had never seen the name written. Anyway, eventually we were able to determine the correct spelling and that took us on a search which went all the way back to Cornwall in the south-west of England. It seems that the name Hambly, with various spelling variations, is of distinct Cornish origin. Almost all Hamblys originate from Cornwall, with a few straying into Devon. Our earliest known ancestor from this family is ....

### **William Hambly ( b. circa 1798 )**

From details on an 1844 birth certificate, we were able to prove that **William Hambly** was our GGG-Grandfather and the maiden name of his wife was **Mary Thomas**. He appears in the 1841 census, living with his family at 1 Fore Street, Lanteglos by Camelford, Cornwall. (Today, the town is just known as Camelford). With him at this address were his wife, Mary, and two children, Elizabeth (age 4) and Ellen (age 2). It also indicates that all members of the family were born in Cornwall. William was working as a Groom. Unfortunately, it has not yet been possible to trace anything further on William as he died in 1846.

In the 1851 census, Mary is listed as a Shopkeeper, living at 60 Fore Street, Lanteglos by Camelford, and indicates that she was born in the parish of Minster around 1810. With her are three children - Elizabeth (age 14), Helen (age 11) and Charles T. Hambly (age 7). So, as far as we know, the only known children are :

Elizabeth Hambly	b.circa 1836,	at St.Teath, Cornwall
Ellen (Helen) Hambly	b.circa 1839,	at Lanteglos by Camelford, Cornwall
Charles Thomas Hambly	b.1844,	at Lanteglos by Camelford, Cornwall

**Elizabeth Hambly** seems to have disappeared after the 1851 census, although it may be that she just got married and we do not know her married name.

**Ellen Hambly** married **Thomas W. Fisher**, a currier, from Hull in Yorkshire. It is quite likely that Thomas’ Yorkshire origins were the reason that Ellen & Thomas moved north to live in Hull - and indirectly, the reason why her younger brother (our GG-Grandfather) also moved to Hull.

**Charles Thomas Hambly** was our GG-Grandfather (see details below).

## Charles Thomas Hambly ( 1844 -1887 )

Our GG-Grandfather was **Charles Thomas Hambly** (b.1844, Camelford, Cornwall). Census records indicate that he spent a few years in the area of Bedminster, on the southern outskirts of Bristol, before migrating further north to Hull, Yorkshire in 1871. It was here that he reared his family and where he died in 1887. Charles originally worked as a Carpenter and subsequently as a French Polisher.

In the 1861 census he was 17 years of age and lodging at 11 Tavistock Street, Plymouth, Devon - the home of his sister **Ellen**, who had married **Thomas W. Fisher**, a currier, born in Hull, Yorkshire.

By the time of the 1871 census, Charles had moved almost 100 miles north and was living at 16 Somerset Street, Bedminster, Bristol. He had married **Harriet Prowle** (b.1846, in the small hamlet of Winford, Somerset) and they had a son, William Charles Hambly, aged 4 months. At the time of his birth, they had been living at 14 Langton Street, Bedminster, Bristol.

It was probably soon after this that Charles took his family further north to Hull, Yorkshire, as their second child was born there in 1872, at 18 Prospect Place, Drypool.

It is likely that their decision to move to Hull was influenced by the fact that Charles' sister (Ellen) and her husband (Thomas Fisher) had already moved back to the Fisher's home town of Hull and in 1871 they were living at 35 Walmsley Street, Sculcoates, Hull.

The Fishers had also travelled the same route from the south-west to Hull, living in Bristol for a few years as part of their journey. One of their children had been born in Bristol in 1867 and their youngest child had been born in there just 2 months prior to the 1871 census.

Hull was to be the place where the Hamblys would spend the remainder of their lives. During the next decade and a half, they would have a further five children. In the 1881 census, they were living at 2 Trent Terrace, Southcoates, Hull and they have 4 children at the time - William (age 10), Maude (age 8), Elizabeth (age 7) and Edward Charles (3 months). Unfortunately, Charles Thomas Hambly died at the relatively early age of 43. At the time, he was living in Cottingham, on the north-west outskirts of Hull.

By 1891, Harriet is living at 5 Alexandra Terrace, Barnsley Street, Hull, and is living off her own means. With her are her adult son, William Charles (by then, aged 20 and following in his father's footsteps as a French Polisher). Also at home are the oldest daughter, Helen Maud (age 18), and children, Edward Charles (age 10) and Alice (age 7). Harriet died in 1899 (aged 54), whilst living at the home of her daughter, Elizabeth, at 4 Londesborough Terrace, Marmaduke Street, Hull.

The six children of Charles Thomas Hambly and Harriet were :-

William Charles Hambly	b.1871,	in Bristol
Ellen Maud Hambly	b.1872,	in Hull, Yorkshire
Elizabeth Hambly	b.1874,	in Hull, Yorkshire
Charles Hambly	b.1879,	in Hull, Yorkshire



**Prospect Place, Drypool**

This photo shows No.1 Prospect Place, just prior to its demolition in the 1930s.

The Hambly family lived at No. 18 Prospect Place in the 1870s. It was probably similar to the above building.

Edward Charles Hambly    b. circa 1881,    in Hull, Yorkshire  
 Alice Hambly                b. circa 1884,    in Hull, Yorkshire

**William Charles Hambly** married **Sophia Revens**. In 1901 they were living at 38 Eastgate North, Driffield, Yorkshire. He was a French Polisher/Cabinet Maker and they had two children - Albert (age 3) and Charles (age 1), both born in Driffield.

**Ellen Maud Hambly** was our G-Grandmother (see details below).

**Elizabeth Hambly** initially worked as a domestic servant and in 1891 she is living at the home of William W. Reed, a jeweller's manager, at 72 Queen Street, Hull. Later that year, she married Herbert Albert Harris in 1891. He was a fisherman and later became a Trawler Skipper. In 1901, Herbert was probably at sea, as Elizabeth was living with just her 2-year old son (Herbert) at 4 Londesborough Terrace, Marmaduke Street, Hull.

*[ When our Grandmother, Daisy Myers, had an illegitimate son (James Myers) at the age of 16, it was her aunt, Elizabeth Harris (nee Hambly) who raised him. ]*

**Charles Hambly** died as an infant, aged 8 months.

**Edward Charles Hambly** does not seem to exist at the time of the 1901 census, so it may be that he died as a youngster.

**Alice Hambly** is listed in the 1901 census at Hull City Lunatic Asylum, age 17 and described as an imbecile. Nothing more is known of her.

## **Ellen Maud Hambly ( 1872 - 1913 )**

Our G-Grandmother was **Ellen Maud Hambly**. She was born at 18 Prospect Place, Drypool, Hull, on 20th April 1872, soon after her parents had moved to Hull from the south-west of England.

In the 1881 census, she was living with her parents at 2 Trent Terrace, Southcoates, Hull, and in 1891, after the death of her father, she was living with her mother and some of her siblings at 5 Alexandra Terrace, Barnsley Street, Hull.

On 18th December 1898, she married **Albert Thomas Myers** in the Hull Register Office, where the witnesses were her younger sister, Elizabeth Harris (nee Hambly) and her husband, Herbert Albert Harris.

Albert Thomas was 18 years her senior, having been born in 1854. He was a boilermaker by trade and both he and Ellen gave their address as Arundel Street, Hull. This was his second marriage as he had lost his first wife, Sarah Elizabeth Salter, just 17 months earlier. Albert & Ellen were already expecting a child in December 1898 as our Grandmother, **Daisy Myers**, was born just 8 days after their marriage. This was the only child from Albert's second marriage, although there were 5 surviving children from his first marriage.

In 1901, the couple were living at 2 Rolo Avenue, Arundel Street, Hull. With them were two sons from Albert's first marriage - Sidney (age 20), a sawyer, and Albert (age 17), a boilermaker's labourer, and their daughter, Daisy (age 2).

We have no further information on events in the family until 1913. It was at this time that an unfortunate accident took place. At the southern end of Craven Street, there was a large brick bridge, which carried the road across the Hull-Withernsea railway line. At the top of the bridge were stone steps which allowed pedestrians to take a short-cut to the footpath at the bottom. Whilst walking one day, and at the top of the steps, Ellen Maud caught her foot in the hem of her long dress. She tripped over and tumbled down the steps (from top to bottom was a distance of about 30 feet). She



**Ellen Maud Myers** (nee Hambly), with daughter, **Daisy**  
*Photos taken circa 1899*

sustained a number of injuries, but the most serious was a head injury. She never fully recovered from this accident and died at home at 19 Belmont Street, Hull, on 11th April 1913, age 41. Her cause of death was declared as “softening of the brain”.

Albert Thomas lived another 4 years and died of Bright’s Disease on 1st August 1917, age 62. At the time of his death, he was living at the home of his eldest son, James Carrick Myers, at 14 Waller Street, Hull. Both Ellen Maud and Albert Thomas are buried in Hedon Road Cemetery, Hull.

For further information on the above, see the chapter on the MYERS Family.