

Husband: **William Robert SMITH** #59

Born: 20 Apr 1852 in Liverpool, Lancashire ^{1,2}
 Occupation: Color Sergeant (Infantry)
 Died: 16 Sep 1928 in Hull, Yorkshire ³
 Occupation: 1897 - 1898 Pub Landlord, Ye Olde Blue Bell Inn, Market Place, Hull
 Father: William SMITH #1535 (Flour Dealer & Master Baker (1851/52))
 Mother: Mary BARWICK #4256

ADDRESS:

1852 - 45 Great George Street, Liverpool (birth)
 1886 - Victoria Barracks, Beverley
 1887 - 54 Southgate, Market Weighton
 1897 - 54 Southgate, Market Weighton
 1901 - 96 St.Georges Road, Hull
 19xx - Blue Bell Inn, Market Place, Hull
 1911 - 8 Aigburth Avenue, Hull
 1911 - 93 Hawthorn Ave, Hull
 1921 - 93 Hawthorn Ave, Hull
 1925 - 93 Hawthorn Ave, Hull

CENSUS:

1891 - 54 Southgate, Market Weighton, East Yorkshire
 William R SMITH Head M 38 Color
 Sergeant Liverpool, Lancs in Infantry
 (Instructor of Volunteers)

Charlotte L
 SMITH Wif
 e M 32
 Crawley, Sussex

Arthur SMITH Son
 4 Mkt Weighton,
 Yorkshire

Cecilia SMITH Dau
 2 Mkt Weighton,
 Yorkshire

Charles SMITH Son
 2 Mkt Weighton,
 Yorkshire

Ethel SMITH Dau
 1 Mkt Weighton,
 Yorkshire

1901 - 96 St.Georges Road, Hull, East Yorkshire
 William R. SMITH Head M 48 Customs
 Watcher Liverpool, Lancashire
 Charlotte L. SMITH Wife

M 42
 Slaugham, Sussex

Arthur SMITH
 Son 14 Mkt
 Weighton, Yorkshire

Cecilia M. SMITH D
 au 12 Mkt
 Weighton, Yorkshire

Charles SMITH S
 on 12 Mkt
 Weighton, Yorkshire

Ethel SMITH
 Dau 11 Mkt
 Weighton, Yorkshire

Francis SMITH Son
 6 Mkt Weighton,
 Yorkshire

Charlotte SMITH Dau
 4 Kirton in Lindsey,
 Lincs

1911 - 93 Hawthorne Avenue, Hull, East Yorkshire
 William Robert SMITH Head M 55 Army
 Pensioner, Customs Watcher Liverpool, Lancs
 Charlotte Louise SMITH Wife
 M 52 Crawley,
 Sussex
 Cecilia
 Mary SMITH Dau 22
 Laundry Market Weighton, Yorkshire
 Francis SMITH Son 16 Apprentice
 Plumber Market Weighton, Yorkshire
 Charlotte SMITH Dau 14
 School Kirton Lindsey,
 Lincolnshire

TRADE DIRECTORY:

1887 (Slater's) - Colour Sergeant, Southgate, Market Weighton
 1892 (Bulmer's) - Colour Sergeant, Instructor to 2nd Vol.Batt.
 E.Y.Regiment, Southgate, Market Weighton (E.Company)
 1897 (Kelly's) - Drill Instructor to 2nd Vol.Batt. E.Yorks Regiment
 (E.Co), Southgate, Market Weighton
 1914 (Kelly's) - Customs Officer,
 1921 (Kelly's) - Customs Officer, 93 Hawthorn Ave, Hull
 1925 (Kelly's) - Customs Officer, 93 Hawthorn Ave, Hull

NOTES:

At Marriage: aged 34 years, Colour Sgt in "The 15th" living at Victoria Barracks
 No longer at Market Weighton by 1901 (Trade Directory).

YE OLDE BLUE BELL INN :

The Hull Daily Mail, dated Wednesday 12 May 1897 shows that the Blue Bell was transferred from Robert Curtis to William Robert Smith.
 The Hull Daily Mail, dated Wednesday 16 February 1898 shows that the Blue Bell was transferred from William Robert Smith to James Tunbridge Jenkins. So, the rumour was true. It wasn't just somebody's imagination. Looks like William Robert had just 9 months as Ye Olde Blue Bell landlord, immediately after retiring from the army and prior to becoming a Customs Watcher.

DEATH:

Photograph of his gravestone supplied by Pete Maddra
 <petemaddra@gmail.com>.

MILITARY :

Regiment : East Yorkshire Regiment (15th Infantry)
 Service No : 1601
 Enlistment Date : 19th August 1873
 Age at Enlistment : 20 years 4 months
 Discharged : 14th August 1896
 Rank at Discharge : Colour Sergeant
 Served in England : 13th August 1873 - 1st February 1875
 Served in India : 2nd February 1875 - 31st March 1885
 Back in England : 1st April 1885
 Afghan War : 1879 - 1880
 Medals : Awarded Long Service Medal with Good Conduct &
 Afghan War Medal

HISTORY OF THE EAST YORKSHIRE REGIMENT:

(Information from Iain Kerr [iainkerr@clara.net])
 The regiment was originally Sir William Clifton's Regiment of Foot raised in 1685, later Colonel Emanuel How's Regiment of Foot, later The 15th Regiment of Foot, later The 15th York, East Riding Regiment of Foot, from 1881 The East Yorkshire Regiment, now part of The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire.

In 1858 a 2nd Battalion, 15th Foot was raised in Yorkshire, which went out

to Malta in Nov 1858, and served there and at Gibraltar, until 1868. This battalion went out to Bombay in 1875. It served in Afghanistan during the campaigns of 1879-80, proceeded to Aden in 1888, and returned to England the same year.

The 1st Battalion, 15th Foot was sent out to North America at the time of the "Trent" difficulty in 1861. It served there and in Bermuda until 1870, when it returned home. In 1878, the 1st Battalion was stationed in Preston, Lancashire.

The Cardwell reforms in Apr 1873 created a series of "brigade depots" and "sub-district brigade depots". The brigade depots were numbered sequentially starting with Number 1 at the north of England and heading south, with Scotland added on at the end. The 5th District Brigade Depot at Beverley, Yorkshire was responsible for the two battalions of the 15th Regiment of Foot. In 1881 these depots became the basis for permanent pairings into new named regiments, and the depots were renamed "regimental districts", taking their number from the pre-1881 battalion using the depot.

The Army Organisation Act, 1881, following territorial reforms of the British Army, initiated some years earlier by Secretary of War Cardwell, included the permanent pairing of infantry regiments into new regiments and the discarding of regimental numbers. In Jul 1881, as part of those territorial reforms of the British Army, the 15th Regiment of Foot was retitled The East Yorkshire Regiment (Duke of York's Own) with two regular and one militia battalion.

In 1885 the 1st Battalion, The East Yorkshire Regiment embarked for Gibraltar, proceeding to the West Indies in 1886, to South Africa in 1888, and to Egypt in 1893. From Egypt it proceeded to India, where it was still serving in 1899.

The 2nd Battalion, The East Yorkshire Regiment moved to Ireland in 1894, where it was still serving in 1899. In Aug 1897, HRH the Duchess of York presented new colours to the 2nd Battalion, at Dublin.

Militia and Rifle Volunteer Battalions:

In the 1881 post-Cardwell reforms, the county regiments adopted former militia units (e.g. those retained as reservists for home defence operations). The East York Militia became the 3rd Battalion, The East Yorkshire Regiment (Duke of York's Own) with its headquarters at Beverley. In the 1908 Haldane reforms that included the creation of the Territorial Force (later the Territorial Army), the militias became the "Special Reserve" and the 3rd Battalion became The 3rd (Reserve) Battalion, The East Yorkshire Regiment (Duke of York's Own). These reserve battalions had minimal organisational structure, their manpower was former regular soldiers with a reserve service liability. The Special Reserve was last embodied in 1919, and formally abolished in 1953.

The 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 10th Yorkshire East Riding Rifle Volunteer Corps were raised at Hull in 1859-60, and the 7th at Hedon in 1860. Within months all these were consolidated into the 1st as a single battalion, which became the Hull Rifle Volunteer Corps. In July 1881 it became a Volunteer Battalion of the newly named East Yorkshire Regiment (Duke of York's Own). In 1883 it was redesignated the 1st Volunteer Battalion, The East Yorkshire Regiment (Duke of York's Own). With the creation of the Territorial Force in 1908 it became the 4th Battalion, The East Yorkshire Regiment (Duke of York's Own) (Territorial Force). In 1914, the 4th Battalion was assigned to the Yorkshire and Durham Infantry Brigade, a territorial formation. Battalion Headquarters and A to F Companies were based at Londesborough Barracks, Hull and G and H Companies at East Hull.

{Sources: "Records and Badges of the British Army 1900"; by Henry M.Chichester and George Burges-Short; 2nd Edition; published in 1900 by Gale and Polden, Paternoster Row, London and Aldershot. And other documents.}

RANK OF COLOUR SERGEANT:

(Information from Iain Kerr [iainkerr@clara.net])

The Colour Serjeant (19th century spelling) was the senior Sergeant and non-commissioned officer in an Infantry company. There was one colour sergeant per company and up to ten companies in a battalion.

The appointment of Colour Serjeant was instituted in 1813 specifically to give some recognition and reward to good serjeants in the Peninsular War. According to the General Order, "It is His Royal Highness's Pleasure that the duty of attending the colours in the field shall be at all times performed by these Serjeants." Junior officers in infantry battalions had always carried the colours, but the idea for added protection probably came

from the number of conspicuous targets who had been killed, as well as the number of serjeants who had subsequently picked up the colours and valiantly defended them with their lives.

At the time the pay of a Colour Serjeant was 2s/4d a day. The original badge of rank was a crown above the Union Jack, the staff upright and the flag flying to the left (that is, to the wearer's rear as non-commissioned rank badges were worn only on the left sleeve). Beneath this were two crossed straight swords, points uppermost. Underneath the whole was a single chevron of double narrow gold or silver lace. In 1868, the badge was changed to three chevrons under crossed Union Jacks, surmounted by a crown (ie. that of a modern Staff Sergeant).

In those times, an infantry battalion could have had 1,000 men organised into eight or more companies, which were commanded by a Captain. There would have been one Colour Sergeant per company. The Colour Sergeant would be a career soldier who may have spent 10 or 15 years service obtaining promotion on merit before achieving that high non-commissioned rank. His normal duties would be the discipline, training and administration of some 200 men, assisted by a small number of sergeants and corporals. The commissioned officers then would have had little to do with such routine, but essential, business.

When the "double-company" system (ie. two companies were consolidated into a single company) was introduced early in the 20th century, the Colour Sergeants of each pair of companies became the Company Sergeant Major (the senior of the two) providing the disciplinary role, and the Company Quartermaster-Sergeant, who was involved with company stores. From then an

infantry battalion had four rifle companies about 200 strong.

The Colour Sergeant today is a Staff Sergeant (rank badge, a crown over three chevrons) and the second most senior non-commissioned officer in a company. Today infantry battalions have three rifle companies about 120 strong, a support company and a headquarters company.

Wife: **Charlotte Louisa TYLER** #60

Married: 27 Apr 1886 in Beverley Minster, Beverley ⁴

Born: 21 Nov 1858 in Slaugham, Sussex ⁵

Occupation: 1881-86 Lady's Maid

Occupation: after 1900 Shopkeeper

Occupation: 1939 Incapacitated ⁵

Resided: 1939 at Cliff House, Oswaldkirk ⁵

Died: 1955 in Hull, East Yorkshire ⁶

Father: Frederick George TYLER #1536 (Butler)

Mother: Suzette Cecilia BECK #1537 (Domestic Servant (HouseMaid / HouseKeeper))

ADDRESS:

1861 - Ashfold Lodge, Slaugham, Sussex

1881 - 44 Portman Square, Marylebone, London

1886 - St.George's Place, London

1887 - 54 Southgate, Market Weighton

1897 - 54 Southgate, Market Weighton

1901 - 96 St.Georges Road, Hull

1921 - 93 Hawthorn Ave, Hull

1933 - 93 Hawthorn Ave, Hull

1937 - 14 Kempton Road, Hull

CENSUS:

1861 - Ashfold Lodge, Slaugham, West Sussex

Frederick TYLER Head M 33 Butler

MF 551 WSRO

Willesden, Middlesex						
Cecele TYLER	Wife	M	28	Lodge Keeper		
Switzerland						
					(Naturelized British Subject)	
Charlotte TYLER	Dau		2			
Slaugham, Sussex						
Louisa BECK	Vis	U	28	Ladies Maid		
Switzerland						
1881 - 44 Portman Square, St Marylebone, London, Middlesex						RG11/0145
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Francis RICARDS	Head	M	47	Member of		
				London Stock Exchange		
Balham, Surrey						
Louisa J. RICARDS	Wife	M	41			
London, Middlesex						
Silvia F.C. RICARDS	Dau	U	16	Scholar		
London, Middlesex						
Beatrice E. RICARDS	Dau	U	14	Scholar		
London, Middlesex						
Sibyl A. RICARDS	Dau		11	Scholar		Old
Windsor, Berks						
Constance E. RICARDS	Dau		7	Scholar		
Staines, Berks						
Lilian S. RICARDS	Dau		2			
Old Windsor, Berks						
Mary A. EDWARDS	Serv	U	30	Cook		
Kidderminster, Worcs						
Mary A. WOOD	Serv	W	43	Nurse		
Ipswich, Suffolk						
Mary A. DOE	Serv	U	35	Lady's Maid		Stoke
On Clun, Suffolk						
Mary HAMBLEY	Serv	U	45	Housemaid		
Lantiglos, Cornwall						
Jane SOUTH	Serv	U	20	Housemaid		
Thorpe St Peters, Lincs						
Ellen FARR	Serv	U	22	Kitchenmaid		
Hanwell, Middlesex						
Sarah L. HARRIS	Serv	U	19	Scullerymaid		
Fleet, Dorset						
Charlotte BEARD	Serv	U	25	Nurserymaid		
Notting Hill, London						
Charlotte TYLER	Serv	U	22	Lady's Maid		
Sussex						
Anna C. VON SCUTTER	Govn	U	29	Governess (Prof)		(F),
Switzerland						
Richard SMART	Serv	M	46	Butler		
Rutland						
Henry TYLOR	Serv	U	25	Footman		
Tring, Hertfordshire						
George BRANT	Serv	U	17	Footman		Old
Windsor, Berks						
1881 - 38 Portman Square, St Marylebone, London, Middlesex						RG11/0145
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George WOMBWELL	Head	M	48	Baronet		
St. Georges, Middlesex						
Julia S.A. WOMBWELL	Wife	M	38	Earl's Daughter		
St. Georges, Middlesex						
Mabel C. WOMBWELL	Dau	U	17			
St. Georges, Middlesex						
Cecilia C. WOMBWELL	Dau	U	16			
Coxwold, Yorkshire						
Julia G.S. WOMBWELL	Dau	U	18			
St. Georges, Middlesex						
Thomas SOWTER	Serv	U	36	Footman		
Duffield, Derbyshire						
Elizabeth JONES	Serv	W	48	Housekeeper		
Mildenhall, Suffolk						

William ANDERSON	Serv U	20	Footman	
Edinburgh Castle				
Frances F. SYKES	Serv U	14	Footman	
Coxwold, Yorkshire				
Jane CREED	Serv U	26	Kitchenmaid	Kent,
England				
Lucy POWELL	Serv U	18	Scullerymaid	
Broughwood(...), Wales				
Walter GROVE	Serv U	21	Footman	
St.Georges, Middlesex				
James FLETCHER	Serv M	41	Usher of the Hall	Peak
Forest, Derbyshire				
Ellen ROBSHAW	Serv U	19	Housemaid (D)	
London, Middlesex				
Charlotte STENT	Serv U	25	Housemaid (D)	
London, Middlesex				
Amy JONES	Serv U	20	Housemaid (D)	
St.Georges, Middlesex				
Emily J. EKINS	Serv U	33	Lady's Maid (D)	
Hampstead, Middlesex				
Emma EVANS	Serv U	57	Nurse (D)	
Shropshire, England				

TRADE DIRECTORY:

1933 (Kelly's) - 93 Hawthorn Ave, Hull

1937 (Kelly's) - 14 Kempton Road, Hull

DEATH DETAILS:

GRO Index 1955 Jun 2d 753 York

NOTES:

Age at Marriage : 27 years

Birthplace (Slaugham) is on the A23 about one third of way from Crawley to Brighton.

Comments from family members - Seymour Street, Hull (some connection with 3 Shops?)

BACKGROUND ON EMPLOYERS IN LONDON (1881):

(Info from Eve McLaughlin [eve@varneys.demon.co.uk])

The name given in the 1881 Census is spelt incorrectly. The family name was RICARDO.

The head of the family was Francis Ricardo, and he was descended from the extremely wealthy (born Sephardic) Jewish family of 'Dutch' Jews, to which also belonged David Ricardo, the eminent economist. They all seem to have renounced their faith (David was an MP). Francis was the grandson of Abraham Ricardo and Rebecca (Delvalle) and son of Ralph Ricardo of Park Sq. London and Charlotte (Lobb) and he was the younger brother of Percy Ricardo of Bramley Park, Surrey. Louisa Jane Ricardo was daughter of Sir Thomas Erskine Perry, P.C., Member of the Council of India. Besides the daughters mentioned in the 1881 Census, there were also two sons, Wilfrid Francis Ricardo (b.1868) and Clement Stuart Ricardo (b.1870) - possibly both at school. The eldest daughter was Selina Frances Charlotte Ricardo, not Silvia as stated in Census. The country home of Francis Ricardo was at The Friary, Berks.

So, loads of money about, and, unusually, a fairly cultured family too.

RECOLLECTIONS BY JOYCE HOULDEN (the oldest child of Cecilia Mary Smith and Arthur Joseph Houlden) :

(Info from Pete Maddra)

" Grandma Smith (Charlotte Louise Tyler) was a stately old lady. Always wore long black dresses. She was very well educated, could speak French fluently. She was very well thought of by the Wombwell family. She used to travel abroad with them. She met Grandfather at a ball at "The Big House", as Mother used to put it. Mother was also ashamed of her, she was an alcoholic. Dorothy and I used to go and visit on a Sunday, but we had to be "seen and not heard". I think she was a very unhappy woman. I never saw her smile "

M Child 1: **Arthur SMITH** #63
Born: 25 Jan 1887 in Market Weighton, East Yorkshire ^{7,8,9,10}

M Child 2: **Charles SMITH** #19
Born: 7 Jul 1888 in Market Weighton, East Yorkshire ¹¹
Died: 4 Jan 1972 in Malton & District Hospital, Malton ¹²

F Child 3: **Cecilia Mary SMITH** #64
Born: 7 Jul 1888 in Market Weighton, East Yorkshire ⁷
Died: 12 Jul 1984 in Hull, Yorkshire ⁶

F Child 4: **Ethel SMITH** #178
Born: 30 Oct 1889 in Market Weighton, East Yorkshire ^{7,8,5,13}

M Child 5: **Francis SMITH** ⁸ #62
Born: 1895 in Market Weighton, East Yorkshire ⁸
Died: 13 May 1915 in Ypres, France ⁶

F Child 6: **Charlotte SMITH** #61
Born: 26 Sep 1896 in Kirton in Lindsey, Lincolnshire ⁸

¹ St.Caths Index - 1852 June Qtr (Liverpool), 8T14C.

² Birth Certificate - St.Thomas, Liverpool.

³ Gravestone in Western Cemetary, Hull.

⁴ Parish Records (Marriages) - Beverley Minster (St.John), PE129/23 No.386.

⁵ 1939 Register.

⁶ Info from Pete Maddra <petemaddra@gmail.com>.

⁷ Census Records - 1891.

⁸ 1901 Census.

⁹ Yorkshire Baptism Transcriptions.

¹⁰ British Royal Navy Seamen 1899-1924.

¹¹ from Death Certificate also, from Marjorie (daughter)

¹² Certificate (Death) - County of York (Ryedale/Malton), 135.

¹³ Copy of Birth Certificate.