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The TYLER Family

“In Service “

The Tyler name first appears in our ancestry at the 3rd generation, where our G-Grandmother (and mother to Charles Smith) was **Charlotte Louisa Tyler**, wife of **William Robert Smith**.

Charlotte Louisa Tyler (1859 - 1955)

Charlotte was born in 1859 in Slaugham, Sussex and was a daughter of **Frederick George Tyler** and his wife, **Suzette Cecilia Beck**, both of whom were working “in service” in Slaugham. It was obviously a role which suited Charlotte as she also went into similar employment as she got older.

Our first encounter with the adult Charlotte is in the 1881 census at 44 Portman Square, St.Marylebone, London, where she was found working as a 22 year-old Lady’s Maid at the home of the Ricardo family. Portman Square seemed to be a very exclusive area of London at this time as all the neighbours were either Lords, Earls, Barons, Magistrates or Stockbrokers, etc. The head of the household, Mr Francis Ricardo, was a Member of the London Stock Exchange.

One of the Ricardo’s neighbours at 38 Portman Square was Sir George & Lady Wombwell of Newburgh, North Yorkshire. It appears that they must have had a vacancy for a Lady’s Maid as soon after 1881, Charlotte joined the Wombwell household as a Lady’s Maid to Lady Julia Wombwell. As with many wealthy families at that time, it was not uncommon for them to have multiple homes. The Wombwells were no different and had their "London residence" in Portman Square and the "Country home" at Newburgh Priory, Coxwold, North Yorkshire. It would have been typical for the family to spend a number of months at one residence and a number at another and they would take their main household staff with them when they travelled. So, when the family travelled back to Newburgh Priory, Charlotte would have travelled with them.

When she took the job as Lady’s Maid in London, it is doubtful that Charlotte would have known that this decision would have changed her life, as it was in Coxwold that she would meet her future husband.

Newburgh Priory is situated very close to the village of Coxwold and the Railway Station (where the Smiths lived, at Station House) is less than a mile from the Priory. William Robert Smith was in the army in the East Yorkshire Regiment and was stationed at the Victoria Barracks, just south of Beverley, East Yorkshire. It was here, on 27th Apr 1886 that the marriage of William Robert Smith to Charlotte Louisa Tyler took place, in the

Beverley Minster. At that time, he was a Colour Sergeant in the Regiment and her address was given as St.George's Place, London.

Soon after the marriage, Charlotte & William Robert moved to Market Weighton, East Yorkshire where he was designated as being a Training Instructor for the Regiment. It was here that most of their children were born.

During the period from 1887 until the last few years of the 19th century, William Robert and Charlotte lived at 54 Southgate, Market Weighton. Soon after this it seems that he retired from the army and moved the family to Hull. In 1901 they were at 96 St.George's Road, Hull and in the 1920s they were at 93 Hawthorn Avenue, Hull. William Robert died in 1928 and by 1937, her address was given as 14 Kempton Road, Hull.

Comments from some of the older family members (now deceased) indicated that Charlotte was linked to a shop and there was some mention of Seymour Street, so it may be that she was a shopkeeper in later life.

William Robert and Charlotte had 6 children :

Arthur Smith	b.circa 1887, at Market Weighton, East Yorkshire
Charles Smith	b.1888, at Market Weighton, East Yorkshire
Cecilia Smith	b.1888, at Market Weighton, East Yorkshire
Ethel Smith	b.circa 1889, at Market Weighton, East Yorkshire
Francis Smith	b.circa 1894, at Market Weighton, East Yorkshire
Charlotte Smith	b.circa 1897, at Kirton in Lindsey, Lincolnshire

For further details, see the chapter on the SMITH family.

Frederick George Tyler (c.1828 - 1868)

Frederick George Tyler was our GG-Grandfather and was born in Willesdon, Middlesex about 1828. In 1861 he was living at Ashfold Lodge, Slaugham, Sussex where he was "in service" as a Butler for William Peters (a Banker, from St.Georges, London) who resided in the main Ashfold House.

Living with Frederick in Ashfold Lodge were his wife, **Suzette Cecilia Tyler** who was described as a naturalised British Subject and worked as the Lodge Keeper, and their young daughter **Charlotte**, aged 2. Also living with them was **Louisa Beck**, a Lady's Maid. Both Suzette and Louisa were of a similar age and both were born in Switzerland. Given that Charlotte was given a middle name of Louisa, it is probably a fair assumption that Suzette and Louisa were sisters and that their family name was Beck.

Frederick died in 1868 in St.Georges, London, presumably whilst working in his role as a Butler,.

For further information on his widow, Suzette Cecilia Tyler, see the chapter on the BECK Family.