

Curtis family (Redditch) - descendants of Francis Curtis c.1595

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This document covers the Curtis family living in Redditch in the 19th Century. The family origins were in Gloucestershire around the towns of Cam and Dursley. One of the earliest mentions of the name in Gloucestershire is on the Gloucestershire Tax roll of 1327.

*Walter Curteys, Rodmarton
Agatha Curteys, Aston Super Carent
Matilda Curteys, Upton St Leonard
Matilda Curtyes, Morton*

Curtis is a common surname so it can be very difficult to trace the family accurately but luckily our branch of the family remained in the Cam and Dursley area until the middle of the 19th century when Robert Collier Curtis and Elizabeth Terrett moved to Redditch.

There is only limited information on those born after 1920. Most of the information is from public sources.

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1. Descendants of Francis Curtis & Sarah Parker (c.1595)

Francis Curtis (c.1595). Fraunces. He was born around 1595. The earliest ancestor we have found so far. Francis married Sarah Parker in Cam on the 15th May 1620.^{1 2}

Thomas Curtis (c.1621). Probably the son of Francis. He had three children, Francis, Richard and Edward.

Alicea Curtis (b.1602). Alice. Probably the sister of Francis. Alice married Nicholas Chamberlaine in 1623.³

2. Children of Thomas Curtis (c.1621)

Richard Curtis (c.1645). Possibly the son of Thomas. Richard married Mary.

Edward Curtis (b.1650). Possibly the son of Thomas. He may have married Honor.

Francis Curtis (1639-1716). The son of Thomas (c.1621). He was baptised on the 20th October 1639 in Dursley. Francis married three times and had eight children^{4 5}

Francis married Joan in about 1664. They had several children, Anne (b.1665), Hannah (b.1667), Mary (b.1669), Elizabeth (b.1670) and Martha (b.1672).

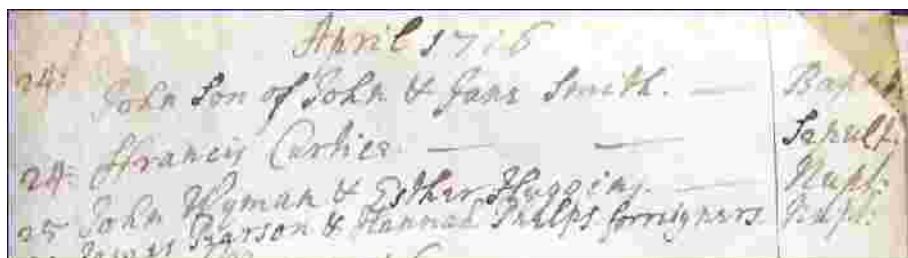
Joan died in 1676.

Francis then married Elizabeth Attwood in North Nibley, Gloucestershire on the 4th January 1685. They had one daughter Joan born in 1686 who married in 1714.

Francis finally married Catherine Pegler (1661-1747) in Stinchcombe, Gloucestershire on the 3rd March 1688/89. Francis was 50 and Catherine was 26. Catherine's father was Thomas Pegler of Kingscote.^{6 7} Catherine was born in King's Stanley on the 12th May 1661.⁸

Catherine (also Katherine) died on the 2nd April 1747, age 88, and there is a memorial in Dursley.⁹

Francis died on the 2nd April 1716 aged 77 and was buried in Dursley.¹⁰



Dursley Parish registry entry for burial of Francis Curtis 1639-1716

3. Children of Francis Curtis (b.1639) and Catherine Pegler

Francis Curtis (1692-1758). The son of Francis and Catherine. He was christened on the 5th March 1692 in Dursley.¹¹ Francis married Mary Fowles in Dursley on the 29th May 1724.¹²

Francis made a Will in 1758.¹³

Will of Francis Curtis 1758

I Francis Curtis Clothier in Dursley in the County of Gloucester doe make this as my last Will and Testament and I will give all my Money and Goods and Stock to my wife Mary Curtis, paying and discharging all my debts and to receive all my debts. And do give all my wearing apparel linnen and Woollen to Francis Curtis, Carpenter in Dursley after the decease of Mary Curtis my Wife.

I do give the remainder to Francis Curtis Carpenter and Nathaniel Young Schoolmaster and to be equally divided between them. And to pay to William three pounds and to Mary Curtis three pound and Cathyrin Watkins three pound, one year after the decease of my wife Mary Curtis.

July 27th 1758
Francis Curtis

Appeared personally William Blake of Dursley in the County of Gloucester, Timber Merchant and Charles Stevens of Dursley aforesaid. Blue dyer and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists to depose the truth, deposed as follows.

That they well knew and were acquainted with Francis Curtis late of Dursley in the County of Gloucester, Clothier deceased for many years before and to the time of his death and during such time have often seen him write and subscribe his name and thereby became well acquainted with his manner and character of handwriting and have now carefully viewed and perused the paper writing hereunto annexed purporting to be the last Will and Testament of the said deceased beginning thus "I Francis Curtis Clothier in Dursley in the County of Gloucester do make this this my last Will and Testament" and ending thus "July 27th 1758 and thus subscribed "Francis Curtis". Thus these deponents depose and say that they verily believe the whole [xxx] thereof and the name Francis Curtis set and subscribed thereto to be all of the proper handwriting of the said Francis Curtis deceased.

William Blake
Charles Stevens

The Eleventh day of May 1759. The said William Blake and Charles Stevens were sworn to the truth of the above affidavit before me Charles Wallington.

On the first day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and sixty one Administration (with the Will annexed) of the Goods Chattels and Credits of Francis Curtis late of Dursley in the County of Gloucester deceased was granted to Mary Curtis Widow the Relict of the

deceased and universal Legatee for life named in the said Will she having first sworn by Commission to administer for that no Executor or residuary Legatee is named therein.

Deaths

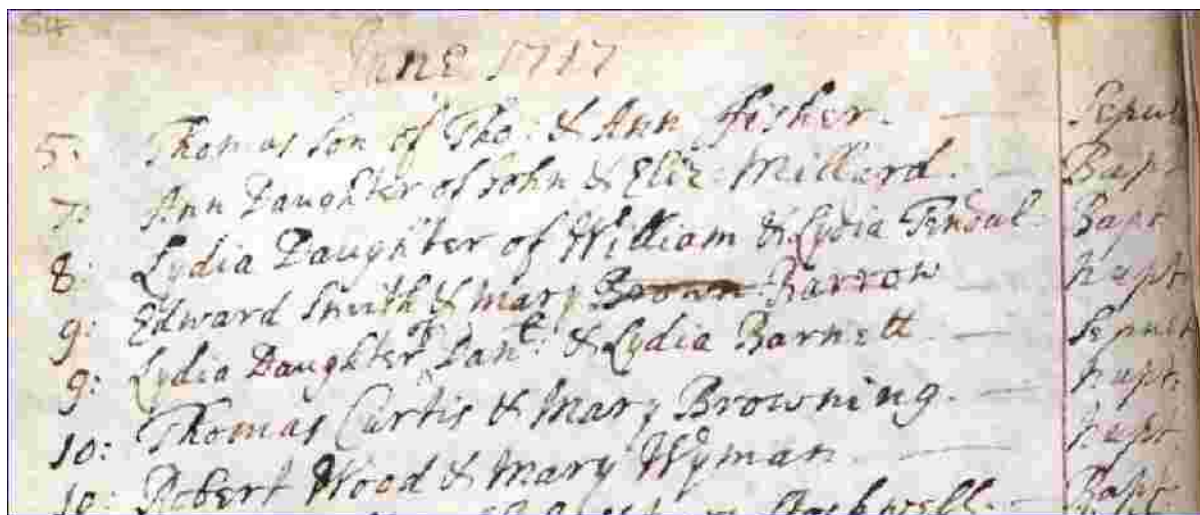
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Francis and Mary had two children: Francis (c.1725) and Elizabeth (b.1727).

Thomas Curtis (1690-1757). The son of Francis and Catherine. He was born in Dursley in 1690.¹⁴

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Thomas married Mary Browning on the 10th June 1717 in Dursley.¹⁶ Mary's father was possibly Samuel Browning a shoemaker and her mother Elizabeth a servant who were married in Dursley on the 24th September 1683.



Dursley Parish registry entry for the marriage of Thomas Curtis & Mary Browning 1639-1716

He may be the Thomas Curtis from Dursley who left a Will in 1757.¹⁷

4. Children of Thomas Curtis (b.1690) & Mary Browning

Thomas Curtis (1720-1722). The son of Thomas and Mary. He was christened on the 1st November 1720 in Dursley. He died on the 11th July 1722.¹⁸

Samuel Curtis (b.1721). The son of Thomas and Mary. He was christened on Christmas day 1721 in Dursley.¹⁹

Samuel married Anne Mors on the 30th October 1748 in Coaley.²⁰ They had one child. Samuel Curtis (bd.1748). He was christened on the 26th February 1748 in Coaley and died only two days later on the 28th February 1748.²¹

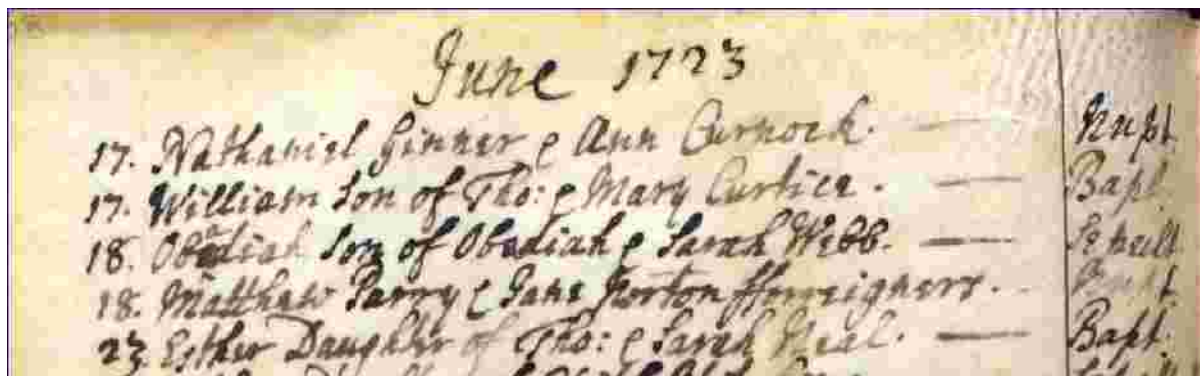
Samuel may have remarried in 1752 to Mary Tyrel.

Mary Curtis (b.1726). The daughter of Thomas and Mary. She was christened on the 23th October 1726 at Dursley.²²

Mary married Thomas Hancock on the 19th August 1744 in Dursley.²³

Catherine Curtis (b.1728). The daughter of Thomas and Mary. She was christened on the 18th February 1728 in Dursley.²⁴ She may have married James Watkins on the 7th July 1751 in Dursley.²⁵

William Curtis (b.1723). Also Curtice. The son of Thomas and Mary. He was christened on the 17th June 1723 at Dursley.²⁶

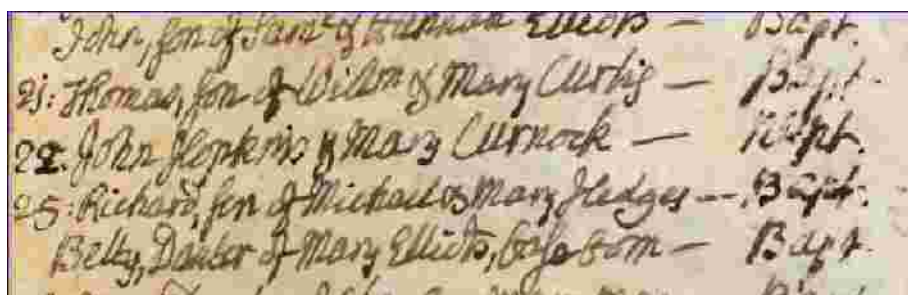


Dursley Parish registry entry for the birth of William Curtis 1723

William married Mary Heath in Cam on the 2nd May 1757.²⁷ He was living in Dursley when he was married. Mary came from Cam. Her father was John Heath born about 1695. Her mother may have been Susanna Amy; they were married at Gloucester, St. Nicholas on the 18th April 1723.

5. Children of William Curtis (b.1723) & Mary Heath

Thomas Curtis (1757-1844). The son of William and Mary. He was christened on the 21st December 1757 in Dursley.²⁸



Thomas married Sarah Cussons in 1779 in Wootton Under Edge.

At the 1841 census they were living in Dursley, next to John (their nephew) and Selina.²⁹

1841 Census. Dursley

In Vizard's Wood

Thomas Curtis, age 80, Ag. Lab

Sarah Curtis, age 65

Henry Curtis, age 6

Thomas died, aged 87, in 1844; registered at Dursley in the March quarter. He was buried at St. James, Dursley on the 18th February.^{30 31}

Katherine Curtis (bd.1759). The daughter of William and Mary. She was christened on the 6th May 1759 in Dursley and died on the 12 July 1759.³²

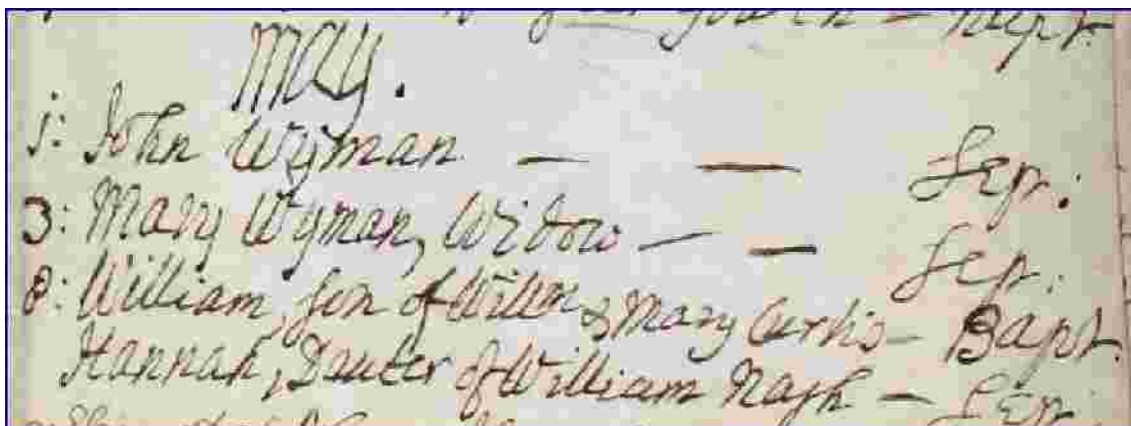
Katherin Curtis (b.1762). The daughter of William and Mary. She was christened on the 26th August 1762 in Dursley.³³ Katherin married William Workman in Dursley on the 16th August 1800.³⁴

Mary Curtis (1765-1768). The daughter of William and Mary. She was christened on the 10th March 1765 in Dursley.³⁵ Mary died in 1768.³⁶

Daniel Curtis (b.1767). The son of William and Mary. He was christened on the 20th July 1767 in Dursley.³⁷

Mary Curtis (b.1769). The daughter of William and Mary. She was christened on the 20th July 1769 in Dursley.³⁸

William Curtis (1760-1841). The son of William and Mary. He was christened on the 3rd May 1760 at Dursley.³⁹



Dursley Parish registry entry for the birth of William Curtis 1760

William married Sarah Purchas in Dursley on the 6th August 1797.⁴⁰

Sarah was christened in Dursley in 1777 and was 17 years younger than William. Her father was John Purchase and her mother may have been Mary Fisher; they were married at Uley in 1772.

William signed the marriage certificate of his son John in 1837; he was 77.

William died, aged 81, in 1841; registered at Dursley in the March quarter.⁴¹

6. Children of William Curtis (1760-1841) & Sarah Purchas

Elizabeth Curtis (b.1798). The daughter of William and Sarah. She was christened on the 12th August 1798 in Dursley.

Esther Curtis (b.1801). The daughter of William and Sarah. She was christened on the 31st May 1801 in Dursley.⁴²

Thomas Curtis (b.1803). The son of William and Sarah.

William Curtis (bd.1806). The son of William and Sarah. He was christened on the 12th January 1806 in Dursley.⁴³ He died as an infant.

John Curtis (bd.1807). The son of William and Sarah. He was born in Dursley and was christened on the 31st May 1807.⁴⁴ He died the same year.

Louise Curtis (b.1810). The daughter of William and Sarah. She was christened on the 6th May 1810 in Dursley.⁴⁵

William Curtis (b.1811). William J. The son of William and Sarah. He was probably the witness on the marriage certificate for his brother John in 1837.

Mary Anne Curtis (b.1814). The daughter of William and Sarah.

John Curtis (1815-1886). The son of William and Sarah. He was christened in Dursley on the 31st May 1815.⁴⁶

John married Selina Clark in Dursley on Christmas day 1837.⁴⁷ Selina was described as a 'wine silter' on her marriage certificate; wine silting was the process of boiling needles in wine to clean them.

1837. Marriage solemnized								
			in the Parish of <i>Dursley</i>		in the County of <i>Gloucestershire</i>			
Time	Who Married	Name and Surname	Age	Condition	Rank or Profession	Parish or Place of Birth	Father's Name and Profession	Rank or Profession of Mother
4	December 25 th	<i>John Curtis</i>	20	<i>Bachelor</i>	<i>Labourer</i>	<i>Dursley</i>	<i>William Curtis</i>	<i>Labourer</i>
		<i>Selina Clark</i>	19	<i>Spinster</i>	<i>Wine Silter</i>	<i>Dursley</i>	<i>Richard Clark</i>	<i>Labourer</i>
Married in the <i>Parish Church</i> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the <i>Church of England</i> by Mr. <i>J. G. Evans</i>								
This Marriage was solemnized between us,		<i>John Curtis</i>		in the Presence of us,		<i>Richard Clark by name</i>		

Dursley Parish registry entry for the marriage of John Curtis & Selina Clark 1837

At the 1841 census John and Selina were living in Dursley with Selina's family.^{48 49}

1841 Census

In Vizard's Wood, Dursley
John Curtis, age 20, Ag lab
Selina Curtis, age 20
John Curtis, age 3
Mary Curtis, age 2
Richard Clark, age 65, Ag Lab
Alice Clark, age 60
Henry Clark, age 30, Ag Lab
Susan Clark, age 20
Richard Clark, age 15, Labourer
Alice Clark, age 13
Oswald Clark 9 Months

At the 1851 census they were living in Woodmancote, Dursley.⁵⁰

1851 Census

Woodmancote, Gloucestershire
John Curtis, Head, age 33, labourer, born Dursley
Selina Curtis, Wife, age 32, born Dursley
John Curtis, Son, age 13, Errand boy, born Dursley
Mary Curtis, Daughter, age 11, Scholar, born Dursley
Thomas Curtis, Son, age 6, Scholar, born Dursley
Sidney Curtis, Son, age 3, Scholar, born Dursley
James Curtis, Son, age 6 months, born Dursley
Charlotte Thornhill, Visitor, unmarried, age 22, Servant, born Slimbridge, Gloucestershire

John's father in law Richard Clark, aged 76, a widower was living next door with his unmarried son Richard Clark, aged 25.⁵¹

At the 1861 census they were still in Woodmancote.⁵²

1861 Census

Woodmancote, Dursley
John Curtis, Head, age 44, Farmer, born Dursley
Selina Curtis, Wife, age 41, born Dursley
Thomas Curtis, Son, age 16, Stoker, born Dursley
Sidney Curtis, Son, age 13, Farmer's boy, born Dursley

James Hill Curtis, son, age 10, Scholar, born Dursley
Margaret Collier Curtis, daughter, age 4, Scholar, born Dursley
Robert Collier Curtis, son, age 2, born Dursley
Charles M J Box, boarder, born Dursley

A 'stoker' was someone who felled and cut trees.

At the 1871 census John and Selina were living in Woodmancote, Dursley.⁵³

1871 Census

Woodmancote Dursley
John Curtis, Head, age 54, Labourer, born Dursley
Selina Curtis, Wife, age 51, born Dursley
Thomas Curtis, Son, age 25, Unmarried, ?, born Dursley
Sidney Curtis, Son, Widower, age 23, Labourer, born Dursley
Margaret Curtis, Daughter, age 14, born Dursley
Robert Curtis, Son, age 12, Scholar, born Dursley
John Curtis, Grandson, age 3, born Dursley

At the 1881 census John and Selina were living in Woodmancote.⁵⁴

1881 Census

Woodmancote, Dursley
John Curtis, Head, male, age 66, Late Farmer's Labourer, born Dursley,
Selina Curtis, Wife, female, age 61, born Dursley
Robert Curtis, Son, male, age 22, Pin Machinist, born Dursley
Elizabeth Curtis, Son's Wife, female, age 22, Late Servant, born Cam
Margaret A Curtis, Son's daughter, female, age 9 months, born Dursley
John Curtis, Grandson, male, age 13, Stationer's Errand Boy, born Dursley

A photograph of about 1885 may be of John and Selina.

John died, age 69, in 1886; registered at Dursley in the September quarter. He was buried at Dursley on the 17th July 1886.^{55 56}

Selina (1820-1898) was born in Dursley in 1820. Her father was Richard Clark (b.1775) of Newport, Vale of Berkeley and her mother was Alice Hill; they were married in Dursley on the 16th December 1808. Selina had several brothers and sisters.⁵⁷

At the 1891 census Selina was living in Woodmancote.⁵⁸

1891 Census

Woodmancote, Dursley
Selina Curtis, Head, Widow, age 71, born Dursley
Selina Curtis, Granddaughter, age 13, General servant, born Dursley

Selina died, aged 78, in 1898; registered at Dursley in the September quarter.⁵⁹

7. Children of John Curtis (1815-1886) & Selina Clark

John Curtis (b.1838). The son of John and Selina. He was born in 1838; registered at Dursley in the March quarter.⁶⁰

At the 1841 census, age 3, he was living at home in Dursley.

At the 1851 census, age 13, he was at home in Dursley and working as an errand boy.

Mary Curtis (b.1839). Mary Ann. The daughter of John and Selina. She was born in 1839; registered at Dursley in the March quarter.⁶¹

At the 1841 census, age 2, she was at home in Dursley.

At the 1851 census, age 11, she was at home in Dursley.

Mary married Henry Green (d.1882) on the 27th May 1860; registered at Dursley in the June quarter.^{62 63}

They had several children. Thomas Henry (b.1860), Alice Selina (b.1862), Sidney (b.1863), John Curtis (b.1864), Lucetta (b.1867), Roseanna (b.1870), Samuel (b.1872), Arthur (b.1875), Harry (b.1878).

Thomas Curtis (b.1845). The son of John and Selina. He was born in 1845; registered at Dursley in the March quarter.⁶⁴

At the 1851 census, age 6, he was at home in Dursley
At the 1861 census, age 16, he was at home and working as a Stoker
At the 1871, age 25, Thomas was living at home in Woodmancote. Dursley.

Thomas married Mary Ann Colwell in 1872; registered at Gloucester in the March quarter.⁶⁵

By the 1881 census Thomas and Mary were living in South Hamlet, Gloucestershire.⁶⁶

1881 Census

6 Norfolk Street, South Hamlet, Gloucestershire

Thomas Curtis, Head, married, age 32, born Dursley, Fitter (Eng)

Mary Curtis, Wife, married, age 34 Tibberton, Gloucester, Formerly Servant

Richard Curtis, Son , age 9, born Gloucester

James Curtis, Son, age 5, born Gloucester

Selina Curtis, Daughter, age 3, born Gloucester

Francis Curtis, Son, age 1, born Gloucester

At the 1891 census Mary and the children were in the District Union Workhouse, Wootton St Mary.⁶⁷

Mary Curtis, age 47, married, charwoman, born Tibberton

Frank Curtis, age 11, born Gloucester

Sydney Curtis, age 8, born Gloucester

Thomas Curtis, age 5, born Gloucester

At the 1901 census they were living at Hill Square, Quagg, Cam.⁶⁸

1901 Census

Cam, Dursley

Thomas Curtis, Head, married, age 55, cloth carrying labourer, born Dursley

Mary Curtis, Wife, married, age 58, born Tibberton

Thomas Curtis, Son, age 15, Wool oiling labourer, born Gloucester City

Sidney Curtis (b.1847). The son of John and Selina. He was born in 1847; registered at Dursley in the December quarter.⁶⁹

At the 1851 census, age 3, he was living at home in Dursley
At the 1861 census, age 13, he was at home in Dursley and working at a Farmer's boy
At the 1871 census, age 23, he was at home in Dursley and described as a Widower.

Sidney was married (a second time?) in 1871; registered at Dursley in the December quarter (either to Elizabeth Gazard or Jane Elizabeth Griffiths).⁷⁰

James Curtis (1850-1863). James Hill. The son of John and Selina. He was born in 1850; registered at Dursley in the December quarter.⁷¹

At the 1851 census, age 6 months, he was living at home in Dursley
At the 1861 census, age 10, he was at home in Dursley

He may be the James Curtis who died in 1863; registered at Dursley in the March quarter.⁷²

Margaret Curtis (b.1856). Margaret Collier or Collyer. The daughter of John and Selina. She was born in 1856; registered at Dursley in the December quarter.⁷³

At the 1861 census, age 4, she was living at home in Dursley

At the 1871 census, age 14, she was at home in Dursley

Margaret married James Taylor in 1890; registered at Godstone, Surrey in the December quarter.⁷⁴

Three children are mentioned on the 1891 census. Arthur (b.1884), Hubert (b.1885), Maurice (b.1886). It may be that they are children from an earlier marriage of James Taylor.

Robert Curtis (1858-1905). Robert Collier. The son of John and Selina. He was born on the 15th December 1858 in Woodmancote, Dursley; registered in the March quarter 1859. His father was described as a Tanner's labourer on his birth certificate.^{75 76}

At the 1861 census, age 2, he was living at home in Dursley

At the 1871 census, age 12, Robert was living at home in Dursley.

Robert married Elizabeth Terrett (1858-1942) in Coaley in 1879; registered at Dursley in the March quarter 1880.⁷⁷ There are photographs probably taken on their wedding day and one of him taken when he was about 35.



Robert Collier Curtis c. 1890

At the 1881 census Robert, age 22, and his wife Elizabeth were living with his parents in Woodmancote, Dursley. Robert was described as a Pin Machinist and Elizabeth as a former servant.⁷⁸

Alice (Robert's second daughter) remembered him pulling her out of a mill race at Dursley, by her hair. This must have been about 1886.⁷⁹

In about 1888 the family moved to Brinscombe (near Stroud) in Gloucestershire.

In about 1889 they moved from Brinscombe, Gloucestershire to Redditch. Robert may have been joining a relative Fred Curtis; Fred was a needlemaker in Redditch based in Walford Street from about 1850: *Fred Curtis and Sons, Needle manufacturer, Walfond Street, Redditch*. A family story says they originally lived in Walford Street when they first moved to Redditch.⁸⁰

At the 1891 census they were living in Windsor Street, Redditch.⁸¹

1891 Census

24 Windsor Street, Redditch

Robert C Curtis, Head, married, aged 32, Pin mechanic, born Dursley

Elizabeth Curtis, Wife, married, age 32, born Cam

Margaret Curtis, Daughter, age 10, Scholar, born Dursley

Alice Curtis, Daughter, aged 9, Scholar, born Dursley

Herbert Curtis, Son, age 7, Scholar, born Dursley

Robert Curtis, Son, age 5, Scholar, born Dursley

Selina Curtis, Daughter, age 3, Scholar, born Brinscombe

Matilda Curtis, Daughter, age 1, born Brinscombe

At the 1901 census Robert and Elizabeth were living in Redditch at 135 St George's Road.⁸²

1901 Census

135 St George's Road, Redditch, Worcestershire

Robert C Curtis, Head, married, 42, Pin maker/Needle maker, born Dursley

Elizabeth Curtis, Wife, married, 42, born Cam

Alice M Curtis, daughter, single, 19, Fish Hook Maker, born Dursley

Herbert F Curtis, son, 17, Pin maker, born Dursley,

Robert C Curtis, son, 15, Floats Fishing tackle, born Dursley

Selina K Curtis, daughter, 13, Needle header, born Brinscombe Gloucestershire

Matilda Curtis, daughter, 11, born Brinscombe Gloucestershire

John Curtis, son, 9, born Redditch

Lyttleton Curtis, son, 7, born Redditch

Sydney Curtis, son, 5, born Redditch

Jesse H Curtis, son, 2, born Redditch

Bessie O Curtis, daughter, 2 months, born Redditch



135 St. George's Road, Redditch c.2012

Robert was pin maker and machinist and he invented and held patents for a machine for putting glass heads on pins and for making brass pins. These machines were later used by his sons when they were in business and are now in the National Needle Museum in Redditch.

Robert died on the 14th April 1905, aged 46 years; registered at Bromsgrove in the June quarter. He was described as a 'Pinmaker, Journeyman' on his death certificate. The cause of death was '*Bronchitis 9 months. Fibrous Phthisis 2 months*'. In retrospect his illness was probably caused by inhaling dust grinding pins. His daughter Alice was present at the death and was the informant.^{83 84}

The memorial card read:-

In Memoriam

*In Memory of
Robert C Curtis
Who died April 14th 1905
Aged 46 years
Interred at Redditch Cemetery April 19th*

*Weep not for me for I am happy still,
And mourn not at our great Father's will;
Let not this blow your faith in Jesus shake,
It was His will to give, and it is his to take.*

Elizabeth Terrett (1858-1942). 'Granny Curtis' was born on the 15th August 1858 in Upper Cam; registered at Dursley in the June quarter.⁸⁵

Elizabeth's father was George Terrett who was born in Cam in about 1824. Her mother was Arabella (Bella) Jobbins who was born in Dursley in 1830. They were married on the 4th June 1853 in Cam.⁸⁶ There is a photograph of George and Arabella perhaps taken on their wedding day.⁸⁷ George was described as a Husbandman on Elizabeth's birth certificate in 1858 and was a gamekeeper at Slimbridge in 1869; this was probably the wild fowl shoot at Berkeley which later became the Slimbridge wild life sanctuary.

Elizabeth bought a piano in 1909 for the younger children to practice on.

There are several photographs of Elizabeth from about 1900 both at Redditch and visiting her sisters in Coaley, and a photograph of her surrounded by her grandchildren when she was 70 in 1928.



Elizabeth Curtis & Grandchildren 1928

At the 1911 census Elizabeth was living at 135 St. George's Road, Redditch.⁸⁸

1911 Census

*135 St. George's Road, Redditch
Elizabeth Curtis, Head, age 52, Widow, born Upper Cam*

Alice Maud Curtis, Daughter, age 29, single, Fish Hook maker, born Dursley
 Lena Kate Curtis, Daughter, age 23, single, Needle grinder?, born Dursley
 Matilda Curtis, Daughter, age 21, single, Needle sticker, born Brinscombe, Gloucs.
 John Curtis, Son, age 19, single, Needle pointer, born Redditch
 Lyttleton James Curtis, Son, age 17, single, Cabinet maker assistant, born Redditch
 Sidney Thomas Curtis, Son, age 15, single, Cycle worker, born Redditch
 Jesse Claude Curtis, Son, age 12, School, born Redditch
 Bessie Olive Curtis, Daughter, age 10, School, Redditch
 George William, Son, age 9, School, Redditch
 Doris Rose Curtis, Daughter, age 8, School, born Redditch.

The Curtis children are shown in the photograph below, taken in 1928.



Curtis family c. 1928

Elizabeth died, age 84, in 1942; registered at Bromsgrove in the December quarter.⁸⁹

Pin making in Gloucestershire

Gloucestershire was the original seat of the pin-making industry, and until about the middle of the 19th century nearly all pins made in the country were the results of labours of the folk living on the slopes of the Cotswold Hills. Dursley played an important part in this industry.⁹⁰

The wire was first drawn out into long, straight pieces, and then cut to the required lengths with shears. These lengths, called 'shanks', were then pointed, a dozen at a time or more, according to the fancy of the pointer, by working backwards and forwards between the fingers and thumb, the ends of the shanks being pressed against a revolving steel cutter or mill. The making of the head was a very tedious process. Each head was a little coil of wire which was fastened to the shanks by a single stroke of the hammer; considerable deftness was required on the part of the workman engaged in heading the pins in order to turn out hundreds of pins a day. A pin making machine was exhibited at Saltaire in 1887 by the Stroudwater Pin company, of Dursley, which turned out pins completed at the rate of 100 to 180 a minute.

8. Children of Robert Curtis (1858-1905) & Elizabeth Terrett

Maggie Curtis (b.1880). Maggie Arabella. The daughter of Robert and Elizabeth. She was born on the 28th July 1880 in Dursley; registered in the September quarter.⁹¹

At the 1881 census, age 1, she was at home in Dursley
 At the 1891 census, age 10, she was at home in Redditch.

Maggie married George Henry Holmes, registered at Bromsgrove in the December quarter 1900.⁹²

At the 1901 census they were living in Redditch at Back 107 Beoley Road.⁹³

George H Holmes, married, aged 24, Plate Polisher, born Birmingham
 Margaret Holmes, Wife aged 20, Fish Hook Maker, born Dursley

They had one daughter: Bessie Lilian Holmes born in Redditch in 1902; registered at Bromsgrove in March quarter.⁹⁴

Alice Curtis (1881-1975). Alice Maud. The daughter of Robert and Elizabeth. She was born in Dursley on the 20th November 1881.⁹⁵

Alice remembered her father pulling her out of a mill race, at Dursley, by her hair. This must have been about 1886.⁹⁶

At the 1891 census, age 9, she was living at home in Redditch.

At the 1901 census, age 19, she was living at home in St. George's Road and working as a Fish Hook maker.

1911 Census

Alice Maud Curtis, Daughter, age 29, single, Fish Hook maker, born Dursley

Alice did not marry and looked after her younger brothers and sisters at St. George's Road; Redditch; the family home.

They are listed on the 1939 register at 135 St. George's Road.⁹⁷

1939 Register

*Curtis Household (3 People) 135 St George's Road , Redditch
Maud A (Alice) Curtis, b. 20 Oct 1880, Spring Coiler, single
Elizabeth Curtis, b.15 Aug 1858, Unpaid domestic duties, widowed
George H Curtis, b. 8 Aug 1901, Hand gun filing, married*

On the 5th December 1944 Alice bought a cemetery plot (H-81) in Plymouth Road cemetery in Redditch.⁹⁸

Alice died, aged 93, in Redditch in 1975; registered at Bromsgrove in the June quarter.⁹⁹

Herbert Curtis (1883-1959). Herbert Frederick. The son of Robert and Elizabeth. He was born on the 25th September 1883; registered at Dursley in the December quarter.¹⁰⁰

At the 1891 census, aged 7, he was at home in Redditch.

At the 1901 census, aged 17, he was living at home at St George's road, Redditch and was working as a Pin maker.

Herbert married Rosa May Adams on the 26th December 1907; registered at Bromsgrove in the December quarter.^{101 102}

The family is listed in Birmingham on the 1939 register.¹⁰³

1939 Register

*Curtis Household (5 People) 178 School Road, Birmingham
Herbert F Curtis, b. 25 Sep 1883, Foreman - Maker, married
Rose M Curtis, b. 7 Apr 1883, Unpaid domestic duties, married
Vera R Sims, (nee Curtis), b. 27 Feb 1917, Building Society shorthand typist, single
Francis H Curtis, b. 12 Jun 1922, Clerk – BSA Tool Dept. single
Graham Curtis, b. 4 Feb 1927. At school*

Herbert died on the 14th February 1959.¹⁰⁴

Herbert and Rosa had five children: Alfred (b.1908), Wilfred (b.1909), Vera K (b.1917), Frank H (b.1922), Graham (b.1927).

Robert Curtis (b.1885). Robert Collyer, also Robert Collier.. The son of Robert and Elizabeth. He was born in Dursley in 1885; registered in the September quarter.¹⁰⁵

At the 1891 census, age 5, he was living at home in Redditch.

At the 1901 census, aged 15 he was living at home in St. George's road, Redditch and his occupation was: Floats Fishing Tackle

Robert married Edith Davis in 1908; registered at Bromsgrove in the March quarter.¹⁰⁶

They are living in Redditch at the 1911 census.¹⁰⁷

1911 Census

247 Beoley Road, Redditch

Robert Collier Curtis, Head, married, Float maker, age 25, born Gloucestershire

Edith Curtis, Wife, married, Needle Eyer, age 22, born Liverpool

Robert Collier Curtis, Son, age 2, born Redditch

They are listed on the 1939 register.¹⁰⁸

1939 Register

Robert Curtis b.13 Jul 1885, Triplex Safety Glass Polisher, Married

Edith Curtis b.7 May 1883, Brass Case Maker, Married

Sidney G Curtis b.26 Sep 1916, Cycle Polisher, Single

Robert and Edith had three children, Robert C (1908-1963), Mona (c.1914), Sidney G (b.1916).

Selina Curtis (b.1887). Selina Kate. The daughter of Robert and Elizabeth. She was born in Brinscombe, Gloucestershire in 1887; registered at Stroud in the December quarter.¹⁰⁹

At the 1891 census, age 3, she was living at home in Redditch.

At the 1901 census, aged 13, she was living at home at St George's road, Redditch and was working as a Needle Header.

Selina married Matthew Wilkinson in 1915; registered at Bromsgrove in the June quarter.¹¹⁰

The family is listed on the 1939 census, in Redditch.¹¹¹

1939 Register

Wilkinson Household (6 People)

79 Batchley Road, Redditch

Mathew Wilkinson, b. 7 Mar 1886, Lathe Hand Turner?, Cycle Parts, Married

Lily M Walls (Wilkinson), b. 31 May 1917, Laundry Worker, Single

Iris K Danks, b. 23 Oct 1919, Hosiery Needle Grinding, Single

Eric G Wilkinson, b. 30 Apr 1922, Bricklayers Improver, Single

Selina and Matthew had five children: Daisy F (b.1916), Lily M (b.1917), Iris K (b.1919), Eric G (b.1922), Christine (c.1925), Wilkinson

Matilda Curtis (b.1889). The daughter of Robert and Elizabeth. She was born on the 21st September 1889 in Brinscombe; registered at Stroud in the December quarter.¹¹²

At the 1891 census, aged 1, she was at home in Redditch.

At the 1901 census, aged 11, she was living at home at St. George's road, Redditch.

Matilda married William Knight in 1913; registered at Bromsgrove in the December quarter.¹¹³

The family is listed on the 1939 census.¹¹⁴

1939 Register

Knight Household (3 People), 2 Bellevue, Birmingham Road, Bromsgrove

Matilda Knight, b. 21 Sep 1889, Unpaid domestic duties, married

William Knight, b. 19 Oct 1888, Motor Driver Car or Lorry, married
James D Knight, b. 14 Sep 1914, Garage Fitter Motor Bus, single

Matilda and William had three children: James Dennis (b.1914), William Kenneth (b.1919), Eunice, Knight (c.1921).

John Curtis (1891-1966). Known as Jack. The son of Robert and Elizabeth. He was born on the 7th December 1891 in Redditch; registered at Bromsgrove in the March quarter 1892.¹¹⁵

At the 1901 census, aged 9, he was living at home in Redditch.

1911 Census

135 St. George's Road, Redditch

Elizabeth Curtis, Head, age 52, Widow, born Upper Cam

Alice Maud Curtis, Daughter, age 29, single, Fish Hook maker, born Dursley

Lena Kate Curtis, Daughter, age 23, single, Needle grinder?, born Dursley

Matilda Curtis, Daughter, age 21, single, Needle sticker, born Brinscombe, Gloucs.

John Curtis, Son, age 19, single, Needle pointer, born Redditch

Lyttleton James Curtis, Son, age 17, single, Cabinet maker assistant, born Redditch

Sidney Thomas Curtis, Son, age 15, single, Cycle worker, born Redditch

Jesse Claude Curtis, Son, age 12, School, born Redditch

Bessie Olive Curtis, Daughter, age 10, School, Redditch

George William, Son, age 9, School, Redditch

Doris Rose Curtis, Daughter, age 8, School, born Redditch.

John married May Phillips (1891-1980) in 1919; registered at Bromsgrove in the September quarter.¹¹⁶

The family is listed on the 1939 register.¹¹⁷

1939 Register

Curtis Household (3 people), 51 Marsden Road, Redditch

John Curtis, b. 6 Dec 1891, married

Violet M Curtis, b. 16 Jun 1891, House Keeper unpaid, married

Derrick J Curtis, b. 10 Jul 1924, Apprentice Machine Tool maker (Accumulator Works), single

John died, age 74, in 1966; registered at Bromsgrove in the September quarter.¹¹⁸

May died in 1980; registered at Bromsgrove in the December quarter.¹¹⁹

John and May had two children: Derek (b.1924), Bertram J (b.1928).¹²⁰

Lyttleton Curtis (1893-1960). Lyttleton James, also Littleton. The son of Robert and Elizabeth. He was born in Redditch in 1894; registered at Bromsgrove in the March quarter.¹²¹

At the 1901 census, aged 7, he was living at home in Redditch.

Lyttleton married Ada M Portman (1894-1946) in 1915; registered at Bromsgrove in the December quarter.¹²²

The family are listed on the 1939 register.¹²³

1939 Register

Curtis (Lyttleton) Household (3 people), 420 Evesham Road, Redditch

Lyttleton Curtis, b. 23 Nov 1893, Glass Polisher Heavy Worker married

Ada M Curtis, b. 30 Jul 1894, Power Press Operator Heavy Worker, married

Ronald H Curtis, b. 7 Nov 1922, Bricklayers Labourer Heavy Worker, single

Ada died in 1946. Lyttleton married Gladys Blackwell at King's Norton, Birmingham in 1948.^{124 125}

Lyttleton died, age 67, in 1960; registered at Bromsrove in the December quarter.¹²⁶

Lyttleton and Ada had two children; Winifred (1916-1998), Ronald (1922-1997)^{127 128 129}

Sydney Curtis (1895-1983). Sidney or Sydney Thomas. The son of Robert and Elizabeth. He was born in Redditch on the 23rd November 1895; registered at Bromsgrove in the March quarter.¹³⁰

At the 1901 census, aged 5, he was living at home in Redditch.

Sidney Thomas Curtis, Son, age 15, single, Cycle worker, born Redditch

Sydney was in the Army in the First World War. He joined up on the 18th November 1915, age 20. He was a Driver with the Army Service Corps. He joined from home (135 St. George's Road) and on his application he describes his occupation as a 'Lathe hand'. His height was given as 5ft 11in.

He was based in the UK from 18th November 1915 to 16th January 1916. He then served with the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force, 486 Corps, 27th Division from 17th January 1916 to the 27th October 1918.

The MEF fought at Gallipoli (April 1915 - January 1916) and in Salonika from October 1915 and later in Sinai.

Sydney was back in the UK from 28th October 1918 to 8th November 1918.

Sydney suffered from Malaria and was disabled by a gas attack at some point in his service and was described as 20% disabled when he was transferred to the Reserves on the 20th March 1919. He received a War pension of 3s 6d. He suffered from poor health as a result of the gas for the rest of his life.

Sydney was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Sydney married Beatrice M Hodgkins in 1919; registered at Bromsgrove in the December quarter.¹³¹

The family are listed on the 1939 register.¹³²

1939 Register

Curtis Household (3 People), 198 Beoley Road, Redditch

Sidney T Curtis, b.22 Nov 1895, Welder, Married

Beatrice M Curtis, b.24 Jan 1896, Capstan Lathe Hand, Married

Sidney R Curtis, b.14 Jun 1920, Machinist Springs, Single

Sydney died in 1983; registered at Bromsgrove in the December quarter.¹³³

Sydney and Beatrice had three children: Sidney R (b.1920), Nina B (b.1922), Cedric (b.1926).^{134 135}
136 137 138 139 140

Jesse Curtis (1898-1980). Jesse Claud. Also Claude. The son of Robert and Elizabeth. He was born in Redditch on the 22nd July 1898; registered at Bromsgrove in the September quarter.¹⁴¹

At the 1901 census, aged 2, he was living at home.

Jesse Claude Curtis, Son, age 12, School, born Redditch

Jesse married Ruth I Pratley in 1927; registered at Chipping Norton in the June quarter.¹⁴²

The family is listed in the 1939 register.¹⁴³

1939 Register

Chestnut Road, Astwood Bank, Redditch

Jesse C Curtis, b.22 Jul 1898, Needle Pointer, married

Ruth I Curtis, b.10 Dec 1905, Shorthand typist, married

Jesse died in 1980; registered at Bromsgrove in the June quarter.¹⁴⁴

Jesse and Ruth had one son: Basil H Curtis (b.1930).¹⁴⁵

Bessie Curtis (1900-1969). Bessie Olive. The daughter of Robert and Elizabeth. She was born in Redditch on the 27th July 1900; registered at Bromsgrove in the September quarter.¹⁴⁶

At the 1901 census, aged 2 months, she was living at home in Redditch.
At the 1911 census, age 10, she was living at home in Redditch.

Bessie married Victor (Joe) Canadine (1894-1959) in 1919, in Redditch.

The family are listed on the 1939 register.¹⁴⁷

1939 Register

93 Mount Pleasant, Redditch

Bessie O I Canadine, b.27 Jul 1900, Canteen Worker, married

Joseph C V Canadine, b.29 Dec 1893, Cycle & Motor Brazier Heavy Worker, married

Betty C Cooper, b.15 ? 1920, Fly Dresser, Married

Annie G Rushgrove, b. 28 ? 1869, Needle worker, widowed

Bessie died in 1969; registered at Bromsgrove in the September quarter.¹⁴⁸

Bessie and Joe had two daughters: Betty C (b.1920), Barbara Jill (b.1928).

George Curtis (1901-1961). George William. The son of Robert and Elizabeth. He was born in Redditch on the 8th August 1901; registered at Bromsgrove in the September quarter.¹⁴⁹

At the 1911 census, age 9, he was at home in Redditch (135 St. George's Road).

George William, Son, age 9, School, Redditch

George married Lilian Wright on the 4th September 1926 at St. George's church, Redditch. He was a bachelor aged 26 and she was a spinster aged 25. Lilian's occupation was described as: Clerk. Her father was Albert Wright (deceased) a Fish hook maker. The witnesses were: Jesse Claude Curtis and Bessie Lilian Holmes.¹⁵⁰

Lilian Wright was born on the 3rd Decmeber 1899 at Lodge Road, Upper Beoley. Her mother was Elizabeth Wright (formerly Mills).

The family are listed on the 1939 register.¹⁵¹

1939 Register

135 St. George's Road, Redditch

George H Curtis, b.8 Aug 1901, Hand Gun Filing, Married

Elizabeth Curtis, b.15 Aug 1858, Unpaid Domestic Duties, Widowed

Maud A (Alice) Curtis, b.20 Oct 1880, Spring Coiler, Single

George died from Tuberculosis whilst he was having treatment at Davos in Switzerland in 1961. At his death his occupation was described as: Filer

George and Lilian had two children: Joy D (b.1930), Della L (b.1937).^{152 153}

Doris Curtis (1903-1993). Doris Rosa. The daughter of Robert and Elizabeth. She was born in Redditch on the 17th January 1903; registered at Bromsgrove in the March quarter.¹⁵⁴

At the 1911 census, age 8, she was at home (135 St. George's Road)

Doris married Leonard P Harber (known as Pat) a police sergeant in 1926; registered at Bromsgrove in the March quarter.¹⁵⁵

Stoke Prior Police Station¹⁵⁶

The Police House in Stoke Prior was built in about 1936 at a cost to the police authority of £400. Previously the police station was a cottage in Stoke Works. For the last five years of the life of the

old station in Stoke Works, the village constable was Leonard Patrick Harber and for PC Harber and his wife Doris the prospect of moving into a new detached police house (situated about half a mile way in Stoke Prior) was of considerable appeal.

Recalling the events some fifty five years later, Mrs Harber remembers witnessing, with much excitement, the very first work setting down the house foundations. They moved into the new house and remained there for about ten years, including all the war years.

Stoke Works is the site of a 19th Century salt works.

The family is listed in the 1939 register.¹⁵⁷

1939 Register

*Police Station, Stokes Works, Winsford, Shaw Lane, Droitwich
Doris R Harber, b.17 Jan 1903, Unpaid Domestic Duties, married
Leonard (P) Harber, b.17 Mar 1903, Police Constable, married*

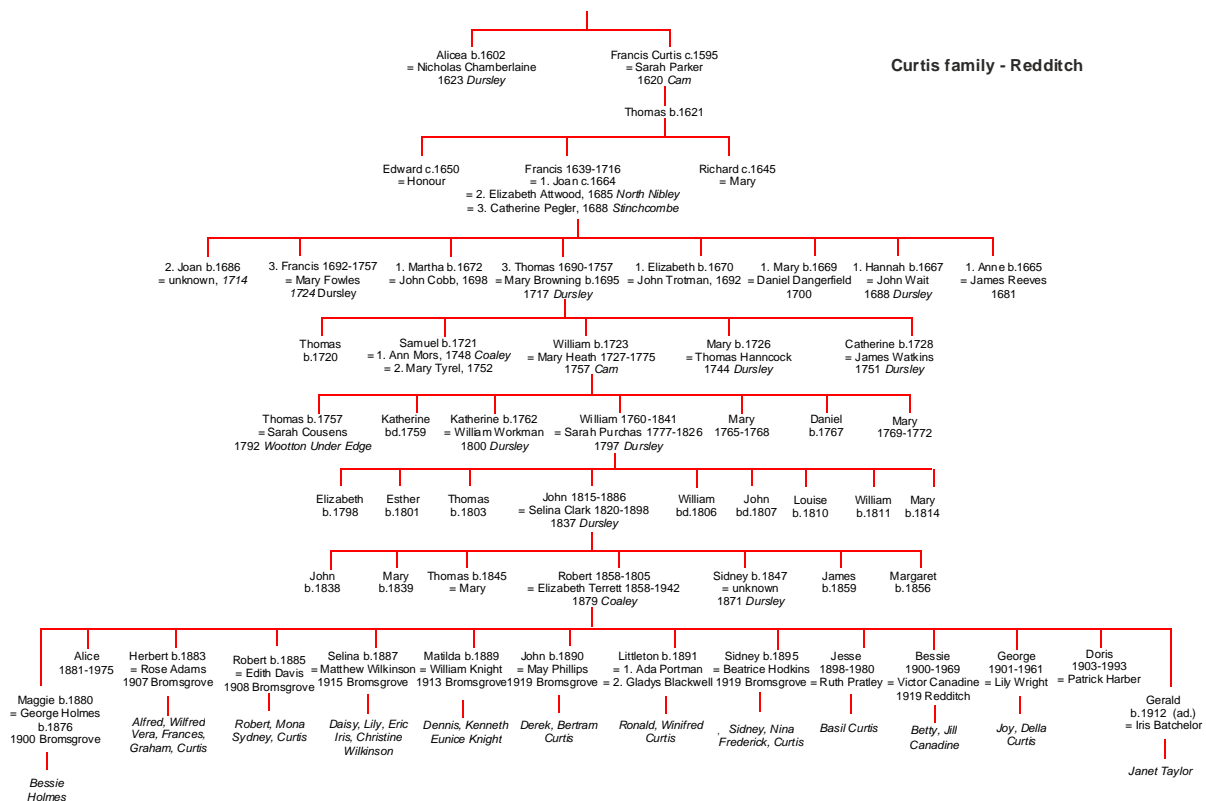
Pat Harber died in 1950.

Doris died in 1993; registered at Bromsgrove in the December quarter.¹⁵⁸

Gerald Curtis (1908-2004). Birth name Taylor. The adopted son of Robert and Elizabeth. He was born on the 18th August 1908. He was adopted in about 1912.

Gerald married Iris Batchelor and they had one daughter: Janet Taylor. ¹⁵⁹

9. Family Tree



- 1 IGI: Marriage, Frances Curtis = Sarah Parker, 15 May 1620, Cam, Gloucestershire
- 2 Parish registers: Cam. 7 Feb 1568/9 - 20 Apr 1663. Frances Curtes & Sarah Parker, 15 May 1620
- 3 IGI: Marriage, Alicea Curtiss = Nicholas Chamberlaine, 16 July 1620, Dursley
- 4 Bigland - Dursley
- 5 IGI: christening, Francis Curtis, 20th October 1639, Dursley
- 6 Parish Registers: Stinchcombe
- 7 IGI: Marriages, Francis Curtis = Catherine Pegler, 3 Mar 1688, Gloucestershire
- 8 Parish registers: Kingscote, Gloucestershire. P191 IN 1/1
- 9 Bigland - Dursley
- 10 Bigland - Dursley
- 11 IGI: Francis Curtis, christening, 5 Mar 1692, Dursley
- 12 IGI: Francis Curtis = Mary Browning, marriage, 29 May 1724, Dursley
- 13 PRO: Wills. Prob 11/869
- 14 Dursley Parish Registers
- 15 IGI: Thomas Curtis. christening, 1690, Dursley
- 16 IGI: marriage, Thomas Curtis = Mary Browning, 10 June 1717, Gloucestershire
- 17 GLRO: 1757 Curtis thomas, Dursley 1757/28 Carpenter. Wills 1541 - 1800
- 18 IGI: Thomas Curtice. Birth 1 Nov 1720 Dursley. Death. 11 July 1722
- 19 IGI: Samuel Curtice, christening, 25 Dec 1721, Dursley
- 20 IGI: Samuel Curtice = Anne Mors, marriage, 30 Oct 1748, Coaley
- 21 IGI: Samuel Curtis. Birth 26 Feb 1748, Coaley. Death. 28 Feb 1748.
- 22 IGI: Mary Curtis, christening, 23 Oct 1726, Dursley
- 23 IGI: Mary Curtis = Thomas Hancock, 19 Aug 1744, Dursley
- 24 IGI: Catherine Curtice, christening, 18 Feb 1728, Dursley
- 25 IGI: Catherine Curtis = James Watkins, 7 July 1751, Dursley
- 26 IGI: William Curtice, christening, 17 June 1723, Dursley
- 27 IGI: William Curtis = Mary Heath, 2 May 1757, Dursley
- 28 IGI: Thomas Curtis, christening, 21 Dec 1757, Dursley
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- 30 GRO: Deaths. Curtis Thomas, March 1844, Dursley 11 283
- 31 FFHS: National Burial Index. Thomas Curtis, 18 Feb 1844, St James Dursley
- 32 IGI: Katherine Curtis. Birth 6 May 1759, Dursley. Death. 12 July 1759.
- 33 IGI: Katherine Curtis, christening, 26 Aug 1762, Dursley
- 34 IGI: Catharine Curtis = William Workman, marriage, 16 Aug 1800, Dursley
- 35 IGI: Mary Curtis, christening, 10 Mar 1765, Dursley
- 36 Parish registers Dursley
- 37 IGI: Daniel Curtis, christening, 20 July 1767, Dursley
- 38 IGI: Mary Curtis, christening, 20 July 1769, Dursley
- 39 IGI: William Curtis, christening, 3 May 1760, Dursley
- 40 IGI: William Curtis = Sarah Purchas, marriage, 6 Aug 1797, Dursley
- 41 GRO: Deaths. Curtis William, March 1841, Dursley 11 280
- 42 IGI. Esther Curtis, christening, 31 May 1801, Dursley
- 43 IGI: William Curtis, christening, 12 Jan 1806, Dursley

44 IGI: John Curtis, christening, 31 May 1807, Dursley
45 IGI: Louise Curtis, christening, 6 May 1810, Dursley
46 IGI. Christening. William Curtis. 31 May 1815
47 GRO: Marriages. John Curtis = Selina Clark, 25 Dec 1837, Dursley 11 333
48 1841 Census. Dursley. HO107; Piece 347; Folio: 31; 16
49 PRO: Marriages. John Curtis = Selina Clark, Dec 1837, Dursley 11, 333
50 1851 Census. Dursley. HO 107; Piece: 1958; Folio: 384; Page: 17
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59 GRO: Deaths. Curtis Selina, Sep 1898, Dursley 6a 139
60 PRO: Births. John Curtis, Mar 1838, Dursley 11 274
61 PRO: Births. Mary Ann Curtis, Mar 1839, Dursley 11 299
62 PRO: Marriages Mary Ann Curtis = Henry Green, June 1860, Dursley 6a 363
63 PRO: Marriage certificate. Henry Green = Mary Ann Curtis, 27 May 1860
64 PRO: Births. Thomas Curtis, Mar 1845, Dursley 11 351
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66 1881 Census, Dursley Gloucestershire RG11/2535/125/18
67 1891 Census, Wootton, Gloucestershire.
68 1901 Census, Cam Gloucestershire
69 PRO: Births. Sidney Curtis, Dec 1847, Dursley 11 292
70 PRO: Marriages. Sidney Curtis, Dec 1871, Dursley 6a 455
71 PRO: Births. James Hill Curtis, Dec 1850, Dursley 11 323
72 PRO: Deaths. James Curtis, Mar 1863, Dursley 6a 167
73 PRO: Births. Margaret Collier Curtis, Dec 1856, Dursley 6a 163
74 PRO: Marriages. Margaret Collyer Curtis = James Taylor, Godstone Dec 1890, 2a 353
75 GRO: Birth certificate. Robert C Curtis. 15 Dec 1858
76 GRO: Births. Curtis Robert Collier, Mar 1859, Dursley 6a 185
77 GRO: Marriages. Robert Collier Curtis, Mar 1880, Dursley 6a 341
78 UK census 1881
79 Family information
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83 GRO: Death certificate of Robert C Curtis, 14 Apr 1905, Redditch
84 GRO: Deaths. Curtis Robert Collier, age 46, June 1905, Bromsgrove 4c 199
85 GRO: Births. Terrett Elizabeth, June 1858, Dursley 6a 168
86 GRO: Marriages. Terrett George, June 1853, Dursley 6a 349
87 GRO: Marriages. George Terrett, Jun 1853, Cam
88 1911 Census, Redditch, Worcs. RG14; Piece: 17822; Schedule: 201
89 PRO: Deaths. Elizabeth Curtis, age 84, Bromsgrove, Dec 1942, 6c 281
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91 GRO: Births. Curtis Maggie Arabella, Sep 1880, Dursley 6a 239
92 GRO: Marriages. Curtis Margaret, Dec 1900, Bromsgrove 6c 740
93 UK census 1901
94 GRO: Births. Holmes Bessie Lilian, March 1902, Bromsgrove 6c 389
95 GRO: Births. Curtis Alice, Dec 1881, Dursley 6a 236
96 Family information
97 1939 Register: RG101/5792J/015/22 Letter Code: QJOB
98 Family information
99 GRO: Deaths. Curtis Alice Maud, Sep 1975, Bromsgrove 29 0064
100 GRO: Births. Curtis Herbert Frederick, Dec 1883, Dursley 6a 230
101 GRO: Marriages. Curtis Herbert F, Dec 1907, Bromsgrove 6c 703
102 PRO: Marriages. Herbert Curtis = Rosa May Adams, 1909 Alcester 6d 672
103 1939 Register, Birmingham
104 Family information from Maxine Curtis
105 PRO: Births. Curtis Robert Collyer, Sep 1885, Dursley 6a 243
106 GRO: Marriages. Curtis Robert Collier, Mar 1908, Bromsgrove 6c 461
107 1911 Census, Redditch. RG14PN17823 RG78PN1090 RD382 SD3 ED16 SN135
108 1939 Register. RG101/5792I/003/18 Letter Code: QJOA
109 GRO: Births. Curtis Selina Kate. Dec 1887, Stroud 6a 335
110 PRO: Marriage. Selina K Curtis = Wilkinson, June 1915, Bromsgrove 6c 528
111 1939 Register. Ref: RG101/5793F/019/11 Letter Code: QJOG
112 GRO: Births. Curtis Matilda, Dec 1889, Stroud 6a 345
113 PRO: Marriages. Matilda Curtis = Knight, Dec 1913, Bromsgrove 6c 490
114 1939 Censaus, Bromsgrove
115 GRO: Births. Curtis John, Mar 1892, Bromsgrove 6c 380
116 GRO: Marriages. Curtis John. Phillips. Sep 1919, Bromsgrove 6c 626
117 1939 Register. Ref: RG101/5794F/004/9 Letter Code: QJON
118 GRO Deaths. John Curtis, b.1892, Sep 1966, age 74, Bromsgrove Vol. 9d 29
119 GRO Deaths. Violet May Curtis, b. 16 Jun 1891, Dec 1980, Bromsgrove Vol. 29 Page 64

- 120 GRO Deaths. Derrick John Curtis, b.10 Jul 1924, Sep 1981, Bromsgrove Vol. 29 Page 80
- 121 GRO: Births. Curtis Lyttleton James, Mar 1894, Bromsgrove 6c 391
- 122 PRO: Marriages. Lyttleton J Curtis = Ada M Portman, Dec 1915, Bromsgrove 6c 646
- 123 1939 Register, Redditch, Worcs.
- 124 PRO: Marriages. Marriage. Lyttleton J Curtis, Dec 1948, Blackwell, Birmingham, 9c 225
- 125 GRO: Deaths. Ada M Curtis, b.1894, Mar 1946, age 52, Bromsgrove 6C 324
- 126 GRO Deaths. Lyttleton J Curtis, b.1893, Dec 1960, age 67, Bromsgrove 9d 22
- 127 PRO: Births. Winifred F Curtis, Sep 1916, Bromsgrove 6c 351
- 128 GRO: Births. Ronald H Curtis, Dec 1922, Alcester 6d 1337
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- 131 PRO: Marriages. Curtis Sidney T, Hodgkins, Bromsgrove.6c 569. Dec 1919
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- 134 PRO: Sidney R Curtis, Sep 1920, Mother: Hodgkins. Bromsgrove 6c 422
- 135 PRO: Marriages. Sidney Curtis = Mona Williams, June 1940, Bromsgrove 6c 857
- 136 PRO: Marriages. Nina Curtis = Albert N Williams, Jun 1948, Bromsgrove 9d 114
- 137 PRO: Births. Cedric C Curtis. Mar 1926, Mother: Hodgkins. Bromsgrove 6c 312
- 138 PRO: Marriages. Cedric C Curtis = Margaret W Griffin Sep 1950, Bromsgrove 6c 312
- 139 PRO: Births. Bruce A Curtis, Jun 1955, Mother=Griffin, Paddington 5d 211
- 140 PRO: Births. Lesley A Curtis, Dec 1958, Mother=Griffin, Surrey NE 5g 313
- 141 GRO: Births. Curtis Jesse Claud, Sep 1898, Bromsgrove 6c 381
- 142 PRO: Marriages. Jesse Curtis = Ruth I Pratley, June 1927, Chipping Norton 3a 2757
- 143 1939 Register. Ref: RG101/5795C/013/6 Letter Code: QJOT
- 144 GRO: Deaths. Jesse Claud Curtis, b.22 Jul 1898, Jun 1980, Bromsgrove Vol. 29 Page 128
- 145 GRO: Births. Basil H Curtis, Sep 1930 (Mother Pratley), Chipping Norton: Vol. 3a Page 1934
- 146 GRO: Births. Curtis Bessie Olive I, Sep 1900, Bromsgrove 6c 363
- 147 1939 Register: Ref: RG101/5794H/004/44 Letter Code: QJOP
- 148 GRO: Deaths. Bessie Olive I Canadine, b.27 July 1900, Sep 1969, Bromsgrove Vol. 9d Page 10
- 149 GRO: Births. Curtis George William. Sep 1901, Bromsgrove 6c 390
- 150 GRO: Marriage certificate George Curtis, 4 Sep 1926, Redditch
- 151 1939 Register: Ref: RG101/5792J/015/22 Letter Code: QJOB
- 152 GRO: Births. Joy D Curtis, Mar 1930, (Mother: Wright), Bromsgrove Vol. 6c 310
- 153 GRO: Births. Della L Curtis, Sep 1937, (Mother: Wright), Bromsgrove Vol.6c 374
- 154 GRO: Births. Curtis Doris Rosa, Mar 1903, Bromsgrove 6c 391
- 155 PRO: Marriages. Doris R Curtis = Leonard P Harber, Mar 1926, Bromsgrove 6c 311
- 156 Neville Billington, Stoke Prior Police Station
- 157 1939 Register: Ref: RG101/5807G/010/03 Letter Code: QKED
- 158 GRO: Deaths. Doris Rosa Harber, b.17 Jan 1903, Dec 1993, Bromsgrove Vol. 27c 252

159 Abbreviations used

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IGI - International Genealogical Index

PRO - Public record office

GRO – General Registry office

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