

# WOOLLCOMBE FAMILY REUNION

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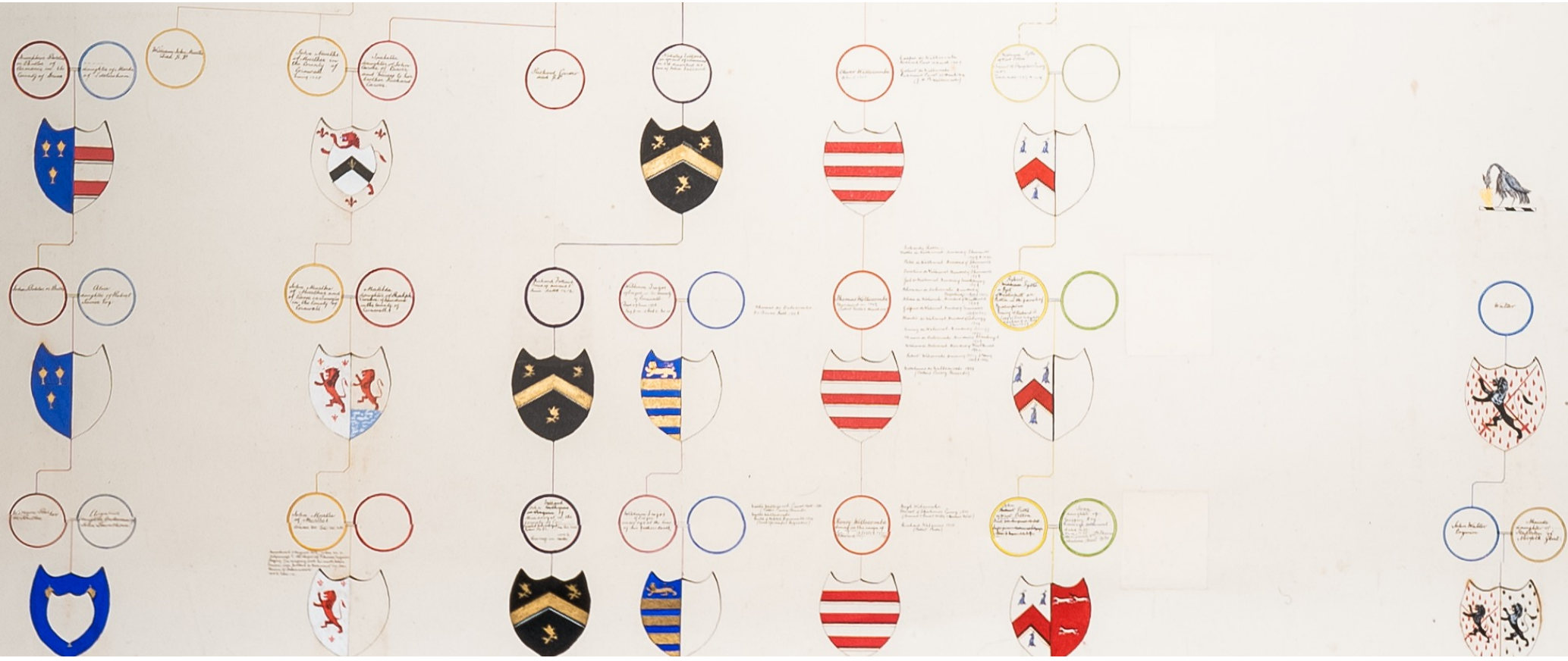
## Woollcombe Family Archive *A Tale of Two Houses*



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A Hunt meets in front of the New Ashbury House – rebuilt after the fire of 1877

## Sir Charles Woollcombe's Family Scroll of 1877

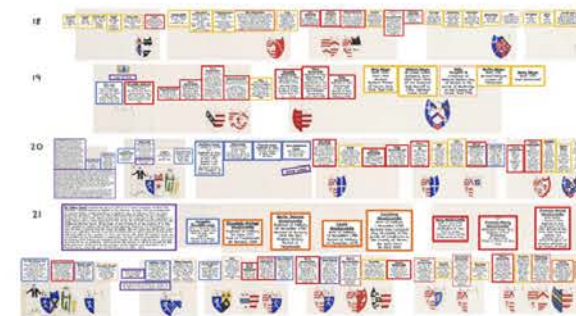
Sir Charles Woollcombe's Family Scroll of 1877 is perhaps the most extraordinary artefact in the Woollcombe Family Archive. It is extraordinary for several reasons:

1. It goes back to 1170 - further than any other document we have found;
2. It is hand-written and hand-painted on a 1m wide – 10m long sheet of paper;
3. The original was burned when Ashbury House burned down in 1877. The 20-year old Charles set to immediately re-make it, probably better than before.
4. He could do this because, by lucky chance, he'd taken the original papers and coats of arms away from Ashbury to his house two days before.[\[see History\]](#)

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**Sir Charles Woollcombe's Family Pedigree - 1877** Digitised by Tamsyn Woollcombe,  
Nicholas Woollcombe and David Woollcombe, December 2022



**Elizabeth Morth**

**Nicholas Wolcombe** of Cornwood; living in 1570; mentioned in the will of William Wolcombe; William Wolcombe had children living in 1570; mentioned in the will of William Wolcombe;

**Philippe Wolcombe** had children living in 1570 - mentioned in the will of William Wolcombe; **Baldwin Woolcomb** of Plympton St Mary will passed at Totnes;

**William Wolcombe** or Wollacomb or Woolcom of Holland in the Parish of Plympton St Mary in the County of Devon; resident in this parish in the 5<sup>th</sup> Year of King Edward VI; Born about 1497; died 1569; Will dated 12 Dec. 1570; proved 20 Jan. 1571;

**Radegunde** - in the visitation of Devon called Velia Dunne which is no doubt Correct.

**Pascoe Wolcombe** had children living in 1570; mentioned in the will of William Wolcombe; Will proved at Totnes 1578;

**John Wolcombe** of Plympton Maurice; had a daughter, Elizabeth, and other children living in 1570 mentioned in the will of William Wolcombe

**Robert Woolcombe** of Plympton; living in 1570; mentioned in the will of William Wolcombe

**John Pytte** of Pitton Born: 1532; Died 20 May 1565

**Emma** Married Robert Wolcombe of Holland in Devon



**Bowden Woolcomb** of Newton Ferrers; will proved at Totnes in 1580 **Bawldwin Woolcombe** of Plympton St Mary; will proved at Totnes 1582



**Thomasina Morth** baptised at St Anthony in Menafor 9<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1598; Wilmot Morth

**Robert Wolcombe** or Wollacomb of Holland; resided at Pitton until the death of his father when he relinquished that estate to his brother; Died in 1583; inventory of effects exhibited at Plympton St Mary in April 1585;

**Emma** widow of John Pitte esq. of Pitton in the parish of Yealmpton in the County of Devon; married 13<sup>th</sup> October;

**Baldwin Woolcombe** Or Wolcombe Ancestor of the Woolcombes at Bickington, Holcomb Burnell

**Johan Wolcombe** mentioned in the will of her father William Wolcombe

Daughter married to Philip Steven. Living in 1570; **Grace Wolcombe** unmarried in 1570; mentioned in the will of their father, William Wolcombe; ? married William Radell;

**William Woolcombe** of Pitton in the Parish of Yealmpton in the county of Devon; living in 1585; will proved 24 March 1598

**Joan** - heiress of Yeal count 22<sup>nd</sup> buried Fe



**John Woolcombe** of Pitton; Born 1573; buried at Yealmpton 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1650; confirmation of arms made to him by William Camden, King at Arms - 1612;

**Johan** daughter of John Skinner of Cowley in the Parish of Bramfordspeke in the country of Devon; buried at Yealmpton 30 August 1634

**Philippa Woolcombe** buried at Holberton 24<sup>th</sup> November 1646; married before 1620 to Henry Treby Esq. of Holberton from whom are descended the Trebys of Gopdamore in the Parish of Cornison in the County of Devon;

**Radegund Woolcombe** married at Plympton St Mary 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1622 to John Bickford Esq. of Foss in the County of Devon; had issue a daughter also named Radegund. Mentioned in her father's will

**Johan Woolcombe** - Mentioned in her father's will; Buried at Yealmpton in November 1602

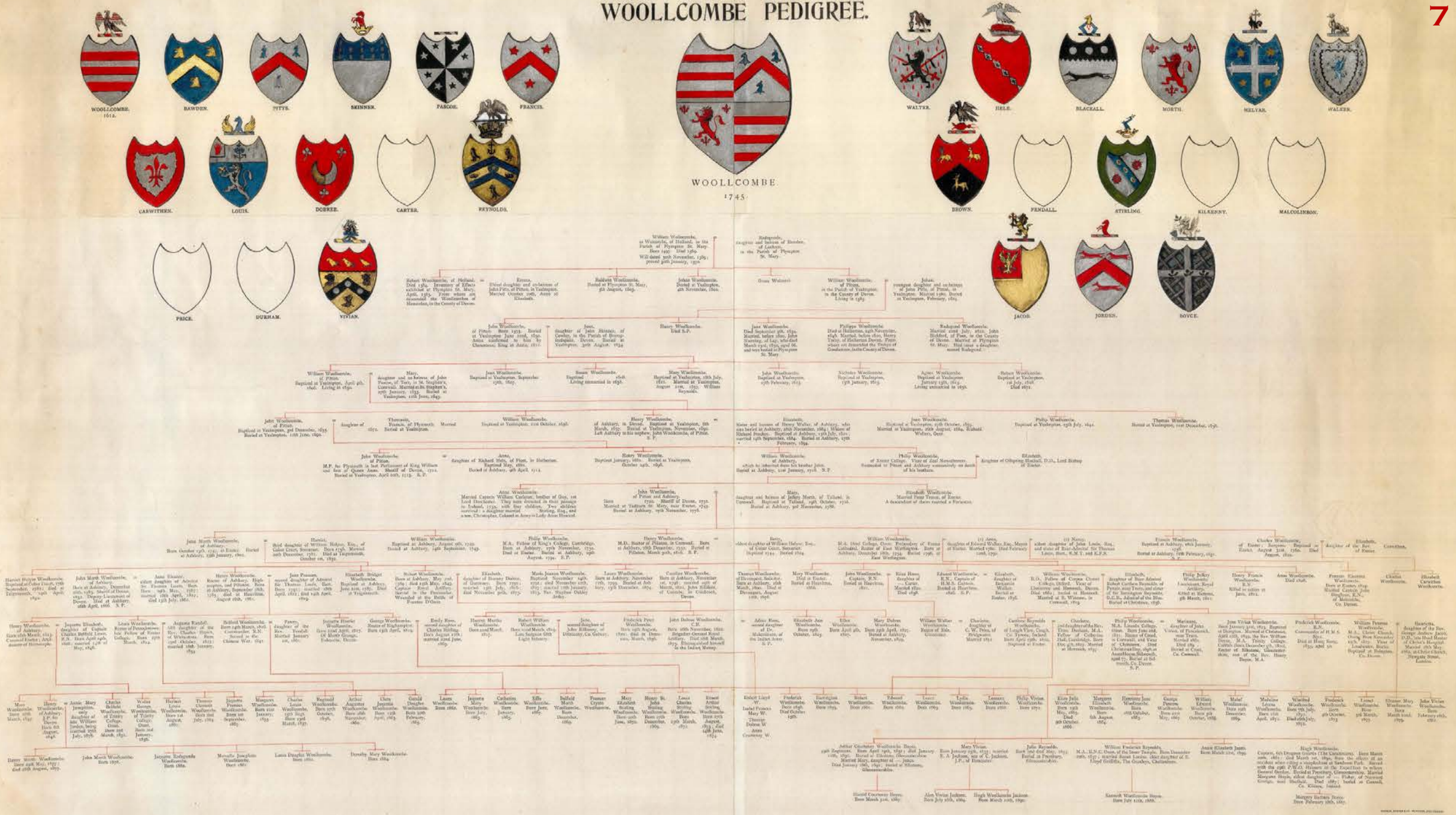
**Tristram Skinner** of Cowley; died 16<sup>th</sup> December 1635; Issue - John and Grace

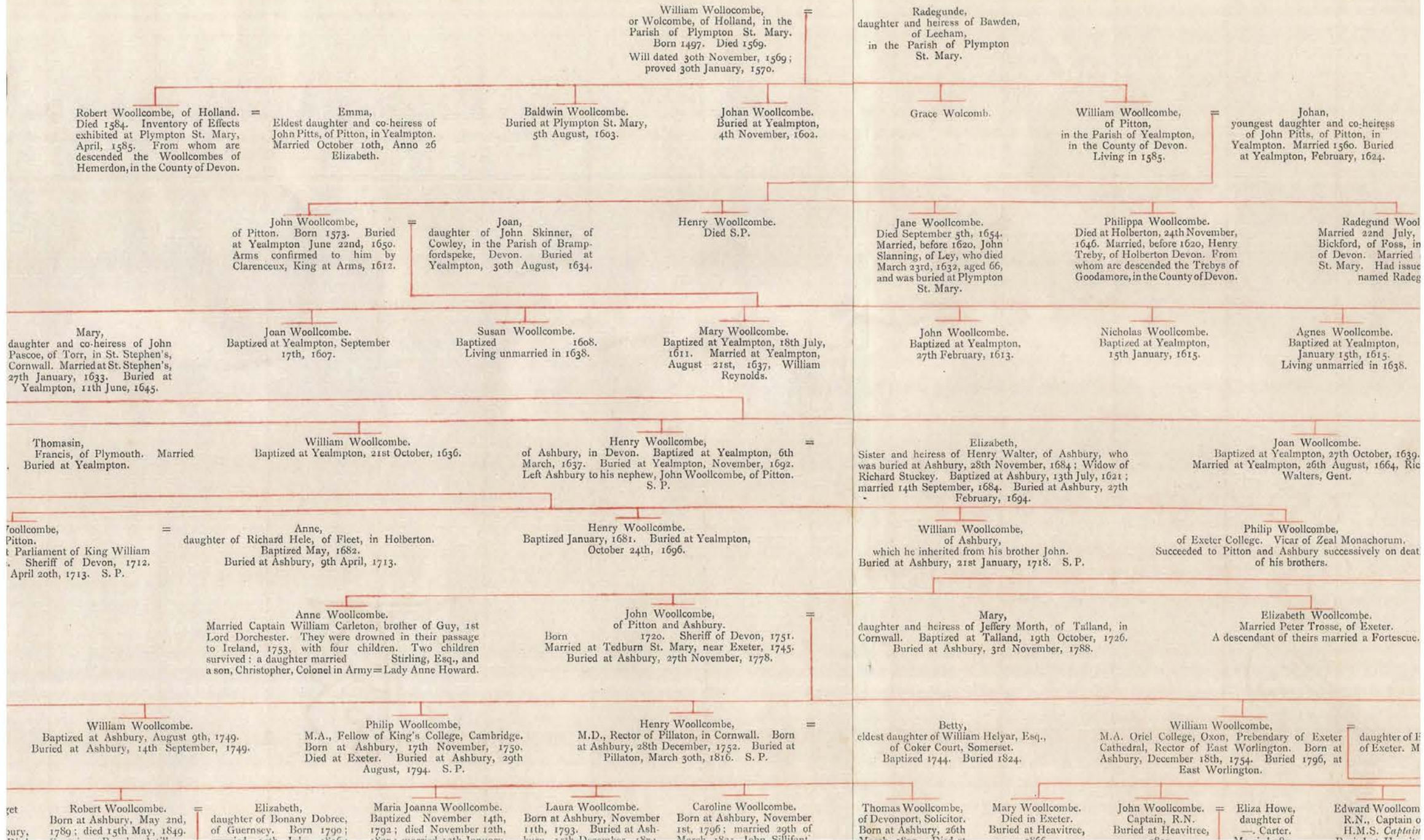
**Mary** Daughter of Richard Greenfield and Sister of Sir George Greenfield

**John Walter**



# WOOLLCOMBE PEDIGREE.



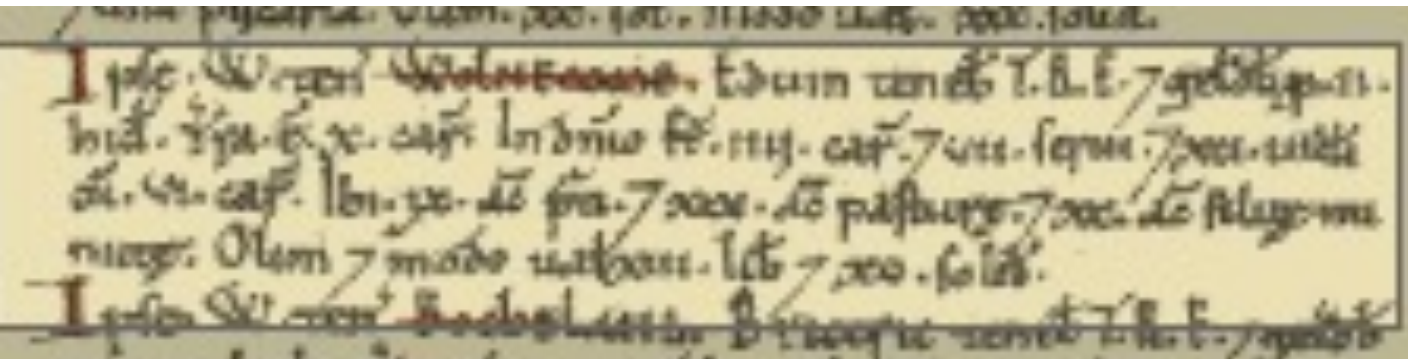






# WOOLACOMBE IN THE DOMESDAY BOOK

Woolacombe was recorded in the Domesday Book as Wolnecoma, literally meaning “Wolves Valley.” At the time, the valley was presumably covered in thick woods where wolves could be found. It had a recorded population of 20 households in 1086, listed under 2 owners: William the Goat – *and* – Theobald son of Berner. The page on the right is a scan of the actual Domesday book and the Wolnecoma entry is expanded below with the mediaeval text translated and transcribed into modern text:



## Land of William the goat

### Households

Households: 12 villagers. 7 slaves.

### Land and resources

Ploughland: 10 ploughlands. 4 lord's plough teams. 6 men's plough teams.  
Other resources: 1.0 lord's lands. Meadow 9 acres. Pasture 30 acres. Woodland 20 acres.

### Livestock

Livestock in 1086: 16 cattle. 12 pigs. 300 sheep. 5 goats.

### Valuation

Annual value to lord: 13 pounds 15 shillings in 1086; 13 pounds 15 shillings when acquired by the 1086 owner.

### Owners

Tenant-in-chief in 1086: [William the goat](#).

Lord in 1086: [William the goat](#).

Lord in 1066: [Edwin](#).

## Land of Theobald son of Berner

### Households

Households: 1 villager.

### Land and resources

Ploughland: 2 ploughlands. 1 lord's plough teams. 0.5 men's plough teams.  
Other resources: 0.12 lord's lands. Meadow 1 acres. Pasture 20 acres.

### Livestock

Livestock in 1086: 5 cattle. 5 pigs. 30 sheep.

### Valuation

Annual value to lord: 10 shillings in 1086; 10 shillings when acquired by the 1086 owner.

### Owners

Tenant-in-chief in 1086: [Theobald son of Berner](#).

Lord in 1086: [Jocelyn](#).

Lord in 1066: [Brictryth](#).

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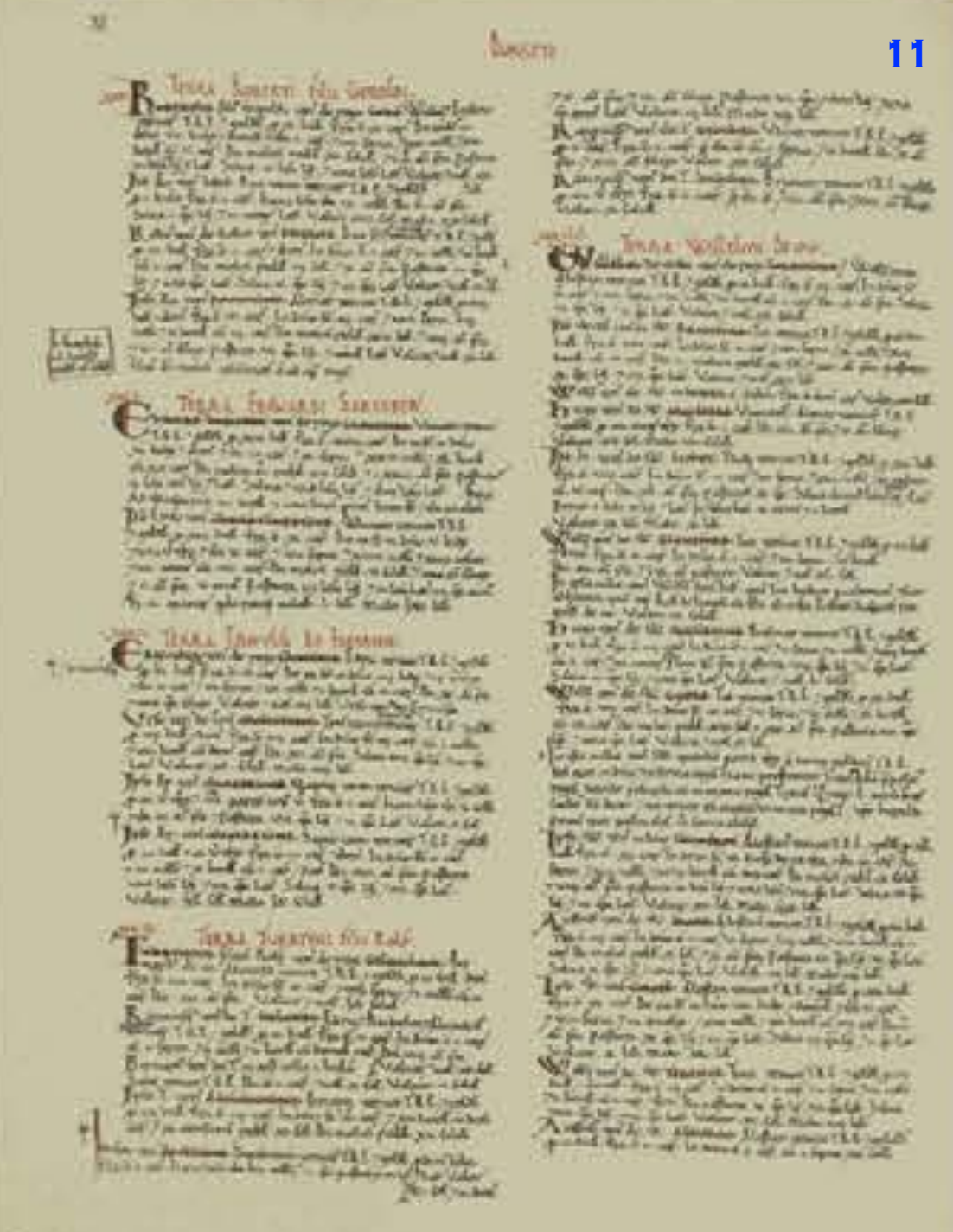
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## WOOLACOMBE BEACH, DEVON

— VOTED BEST BEACH IN BRITAIN AND THE 13<sup>TH</sup> BEST BEACH IN THE WORLD —

# WOOLCOMBE IN THE DOMESDAY BOOK



Woolcombe was recorded in the Domesday Book in the Hundred of Yetminster in the country of Dorset. It had a recorded population of 15 households in 1086, under the ownership of William Eu (*see below.*) It remains and is one of many Woolcombe or Wolcombe farms, Woods and Villages in the West Country.

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## Land of William of Eu

### Households

Households: 2 villagers. 8 smallholders. 3 cottagers. 2 slaves.

### Land and resources

Ploughland: 4 ploughlands. 1 lord's plough teams. 1 men's plough teams.  
Other resources: Meadow 8 acres. Pasture 8 \* 2 furlongs. Woodland 2 \* 1 furlongs.

### Valuation

Annual value to lord: 2 pounds 10 shillings in 1086; 2 pounds 10 shillings when acquired by the 1086 owner.

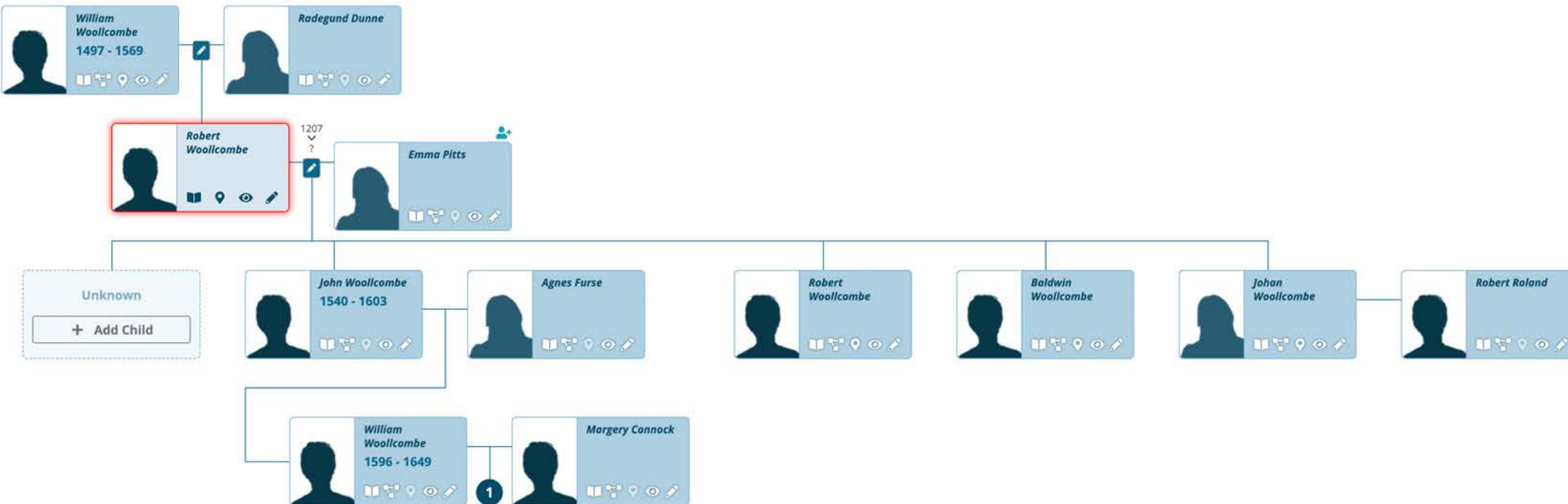
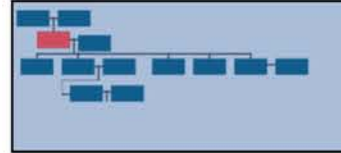
### Owners

- Tenant-in-chief in 1086: [William of Eu.](#)
- Lord in 1086: [Hugh \(Maltravers\).](#)
- Lord in 1066: [Brictrmer.](#)

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# ASHBURY HOUSE

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# St Mary's Ashbury





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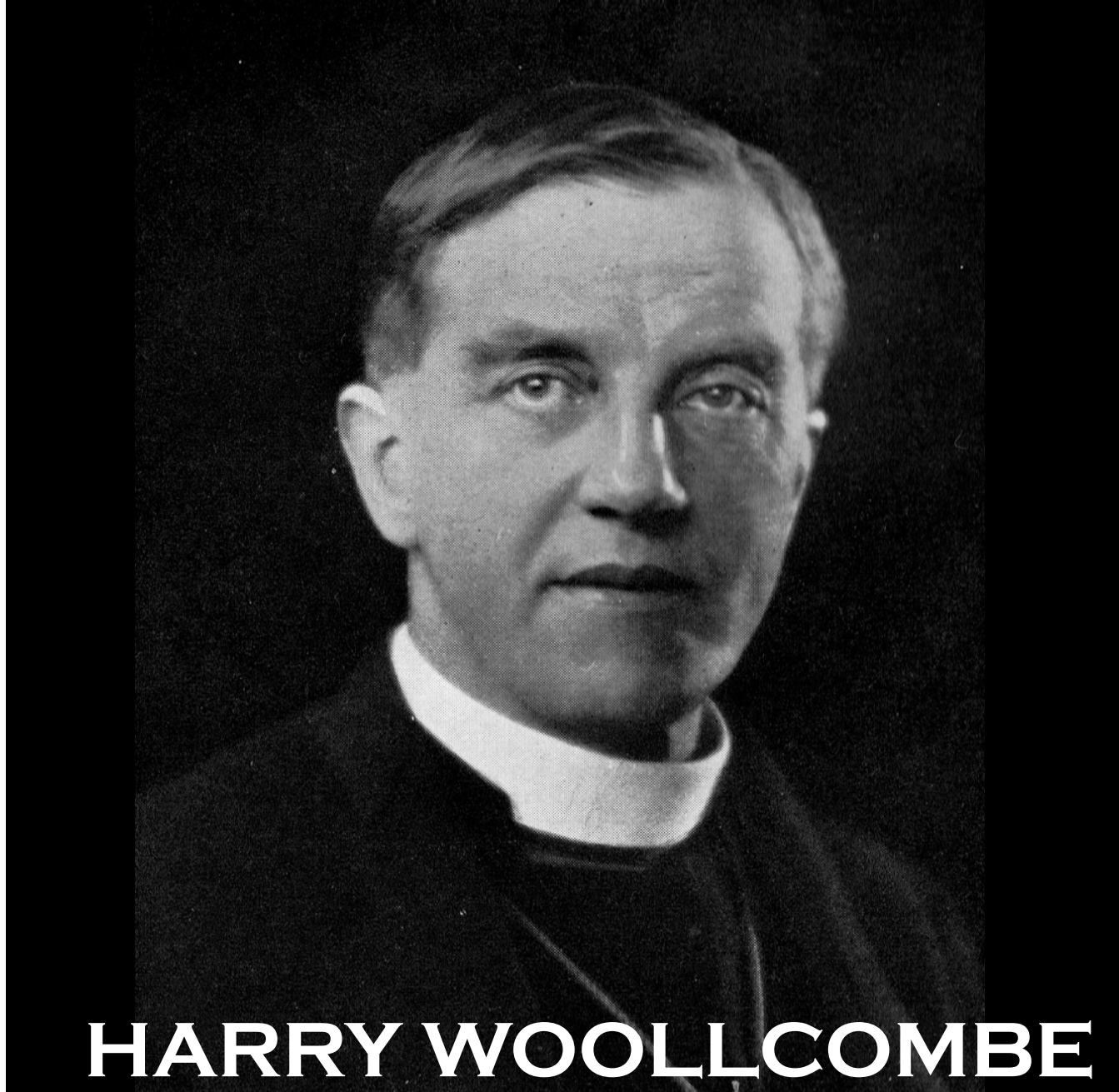






# ASHBURY CHURCH





**HARRY WOOLLCOMBE**

**BISHOP OF WHITBY – LATER BISHOP OF SELBY**

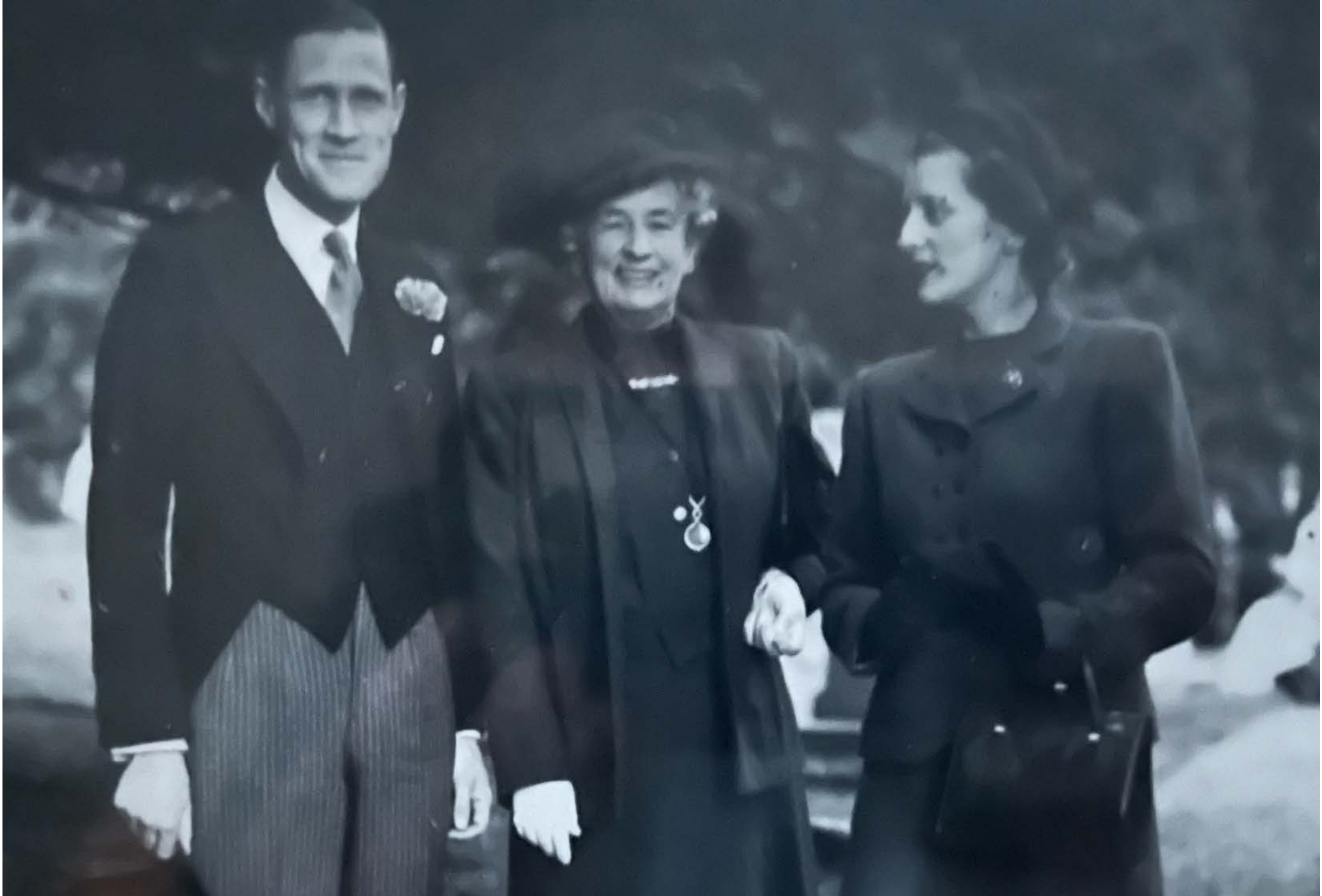
















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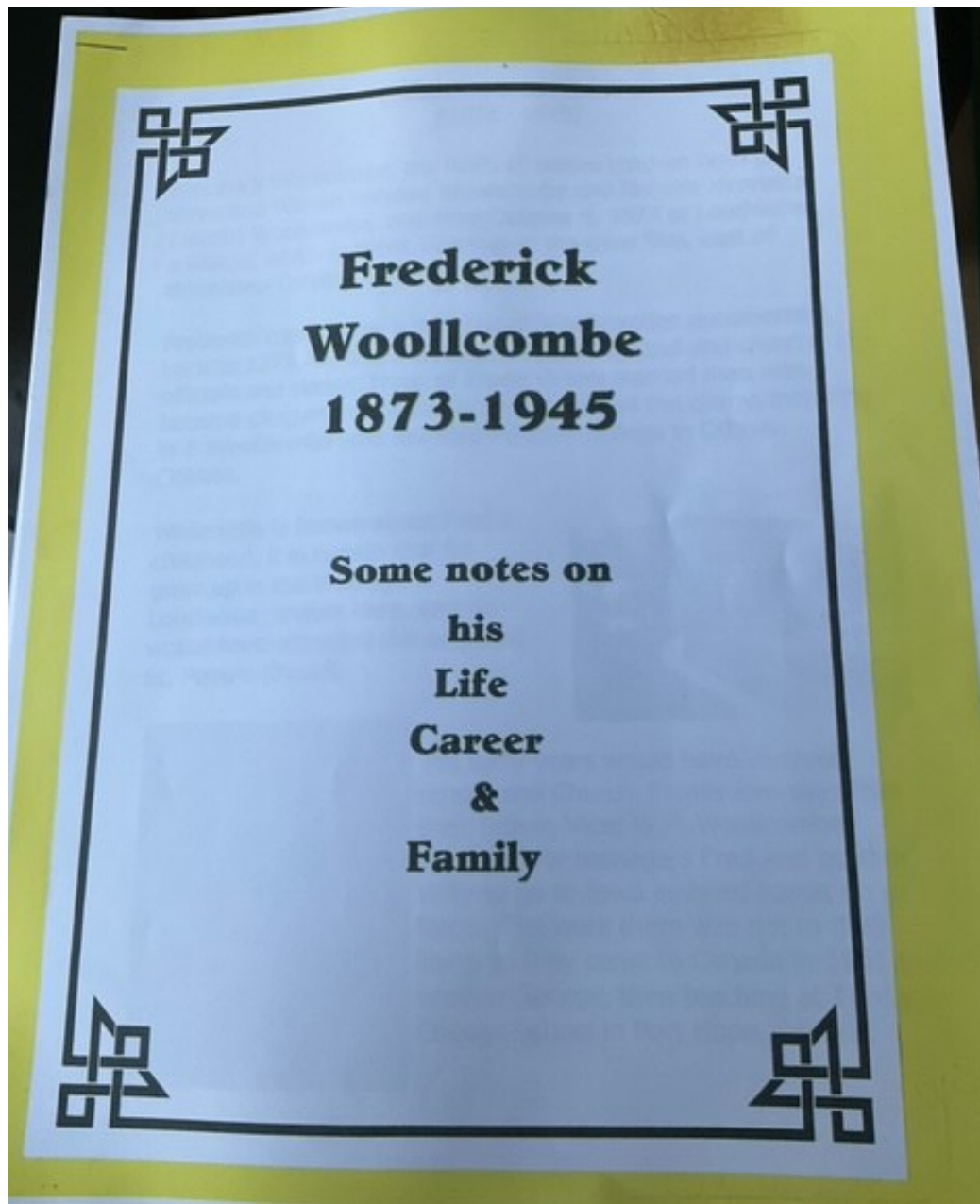


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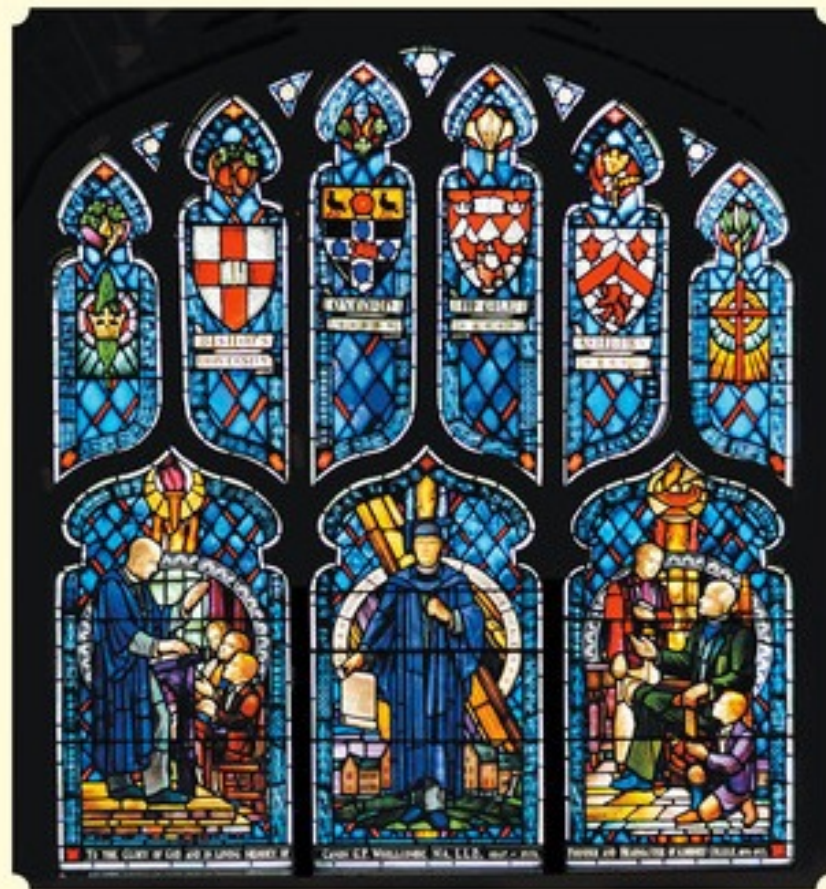
The biography of a visionary whose life and work exemplifies and reflects that period of Canada's history.

It is the story of an Englishman who came to Canada with the high-minded ambition to educate new generations of citizens with the values of service and effort.

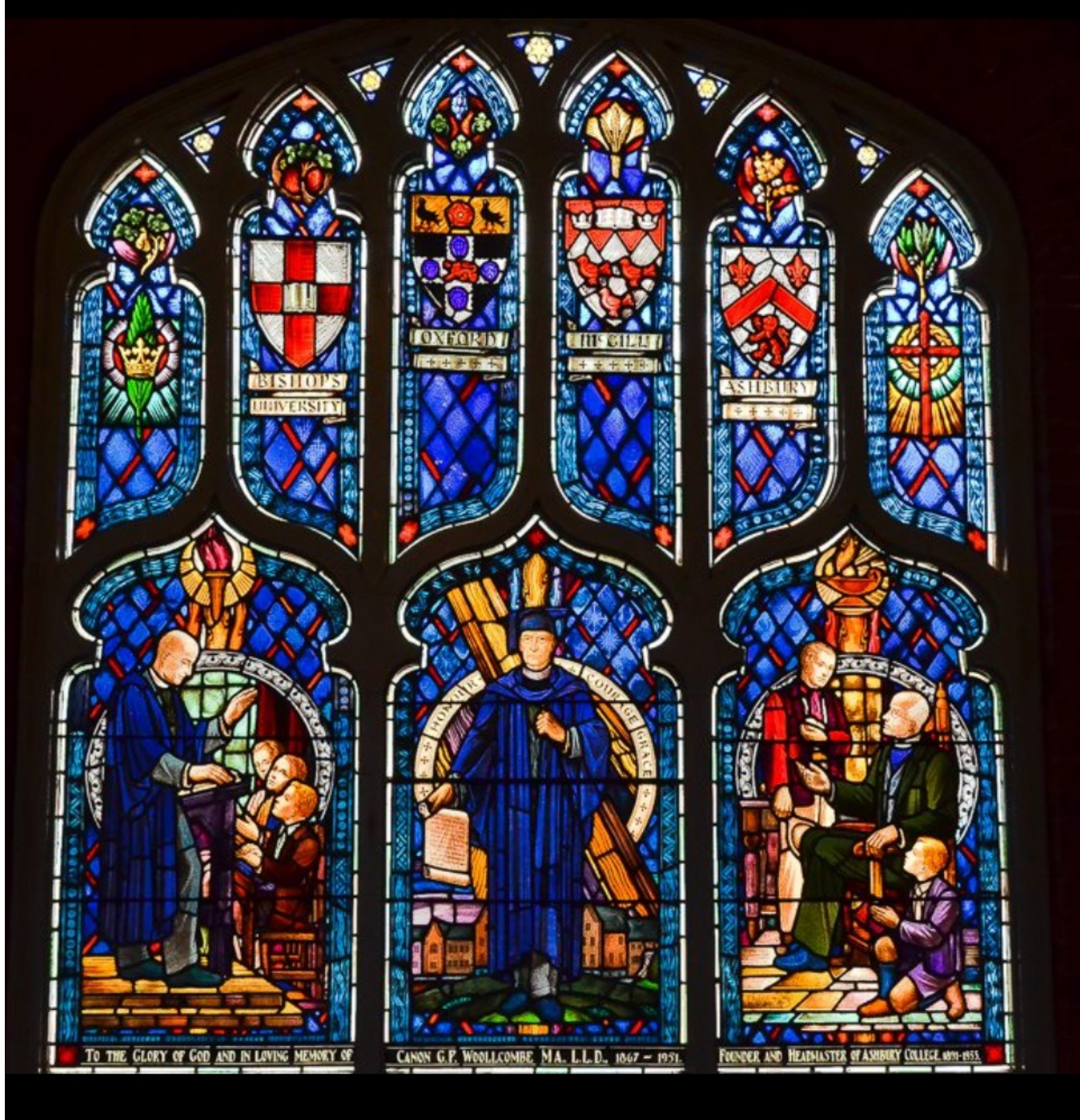
On September 16, 1891, G. P. Woollcombe began teaching 17 boys in an upstairs room on Wellington Street, directly across from the Parliament Buildings. Over his next 42 years as headmaster, Ashbury College became part of the fabric of the emerging nation.



## The Life and Times of GEORGE PENROSE WOOLLCOMBE Educator



*Stephen Woollcombe*



CANON G.P. WOOLLCOMBE, MA. L.L.D., 1867 - 1951.

FOUNDER AND HEADMASTER OF ASHBURY COLLEGE, 1891-1955.



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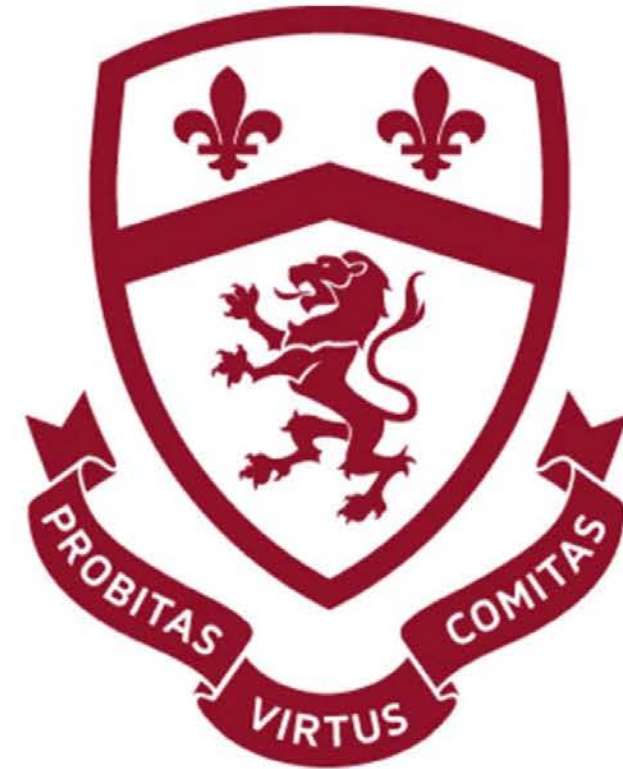
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*125 ans dans la capitale nationale*



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# THE WEST AFRICA SQUADRON

In 1807 Britain declared war on the slave trade, and a small fleet of Royal Navy ships formed the frontline

In the early hours of 1 February 1829 the Spanish slaver *El Almirante* turned to face the Royal Navy ship that had been pursuing it doggedly for the past 31 hours. Bigger than its opponent and carrying 14 guns as opposed to the British ship's single 18-pounder, the Spanish vessel had every chance of fighting its way to freedom. The fate of the 466 slaves on board

*El Almirante* hung in the balance, as HMS *Black Joke* closed in under unusually calm weather conditions, resorting to oars to get within range of its prey.

A short, fierce firefight broke out, and over the course of 80 minutes *El Almirante* suffered 28 casualties, including the death of its captain. The Spanish ship had become another victim of one of the West Africa Squadron's

most effective ships, which was somewhat ironic – the *Black Joke* had started life as a slaver, and its speed had originally been intended to evade the British vessels aiming to stamp out the slave trade.

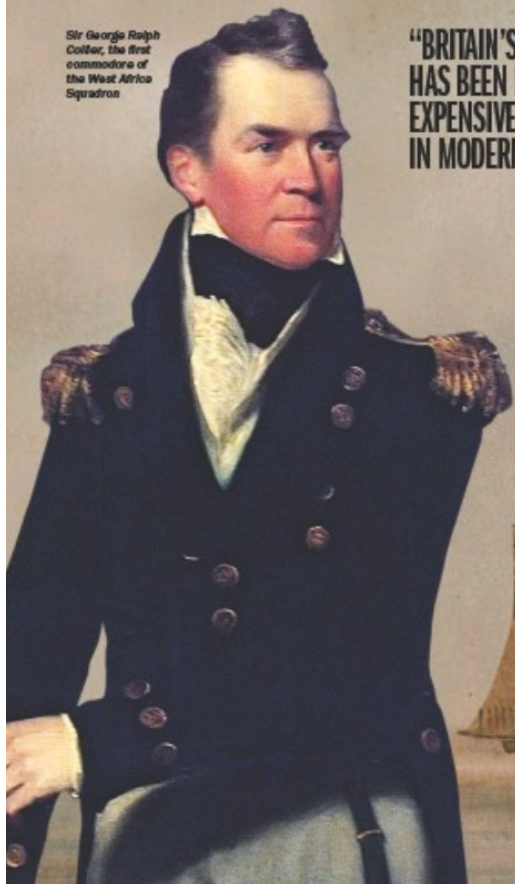
## Abolition and war

Britain's decision to abolish slavery has been described as "the most expensive

Sir George Ralph Collier, the first commodore of the West Africa Squadron

**"BRITAIN'S DECISION TO ABOLISH SLAVERY HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS THE MOST EXPENSIVE INTERNATIONAL MORAL EFFORT IN MODERN WORLD HISTORY"**

HMS *Black Joke* (left) engages the Spanish slaver *El Almirante*, capturing the ship and freeing the 466 slaves on board



## LT. GEORGE WOOLLCOMBE

Commander, *The Glendower*

– West Africa Squadron –

Between 1807 and 1860, the West Africa Squadron seized approximately 1,600 ships involved in the slave trade and freed 150,000 Africans who were aboard these vessels.





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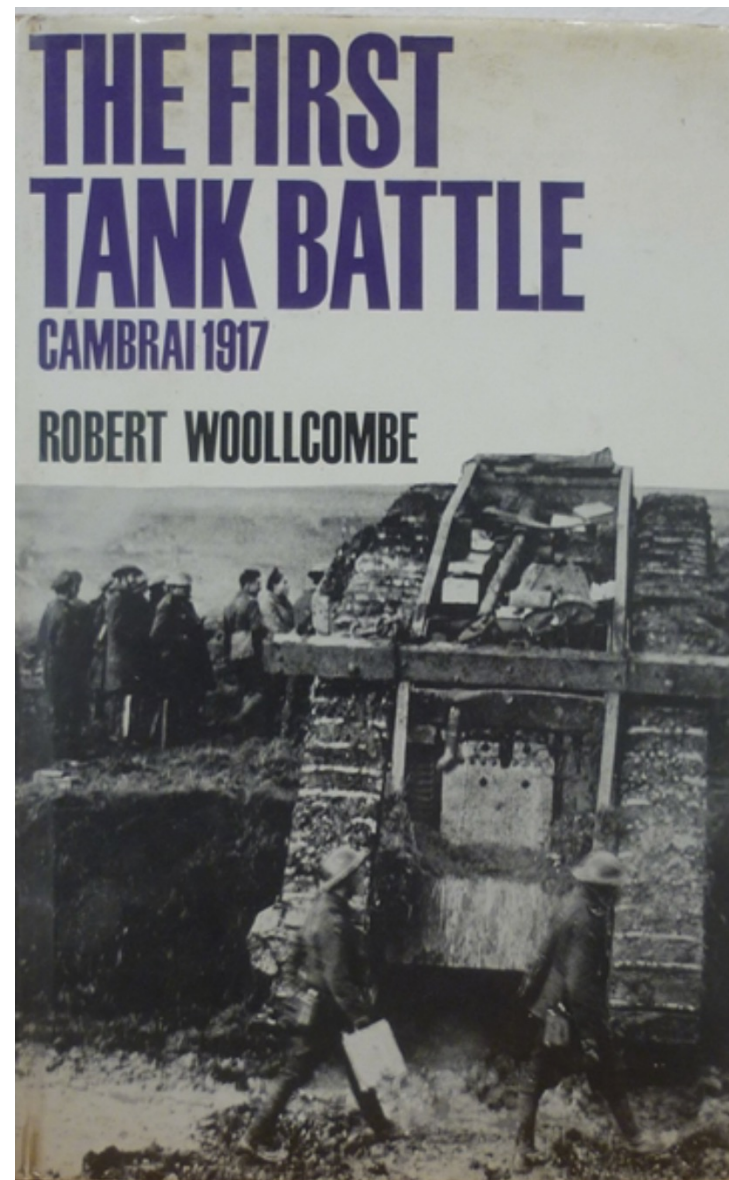
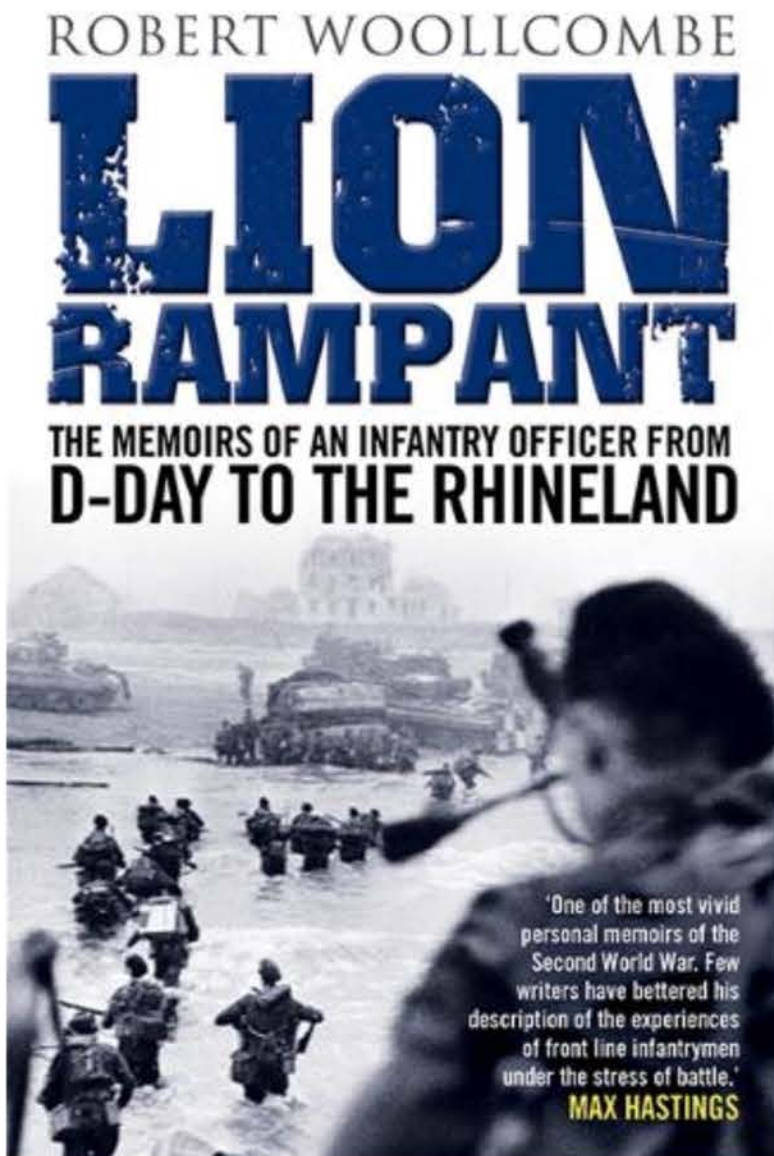
**BEN WOOLLCOMBE**



**GEOFF WOOLLCOMBE**



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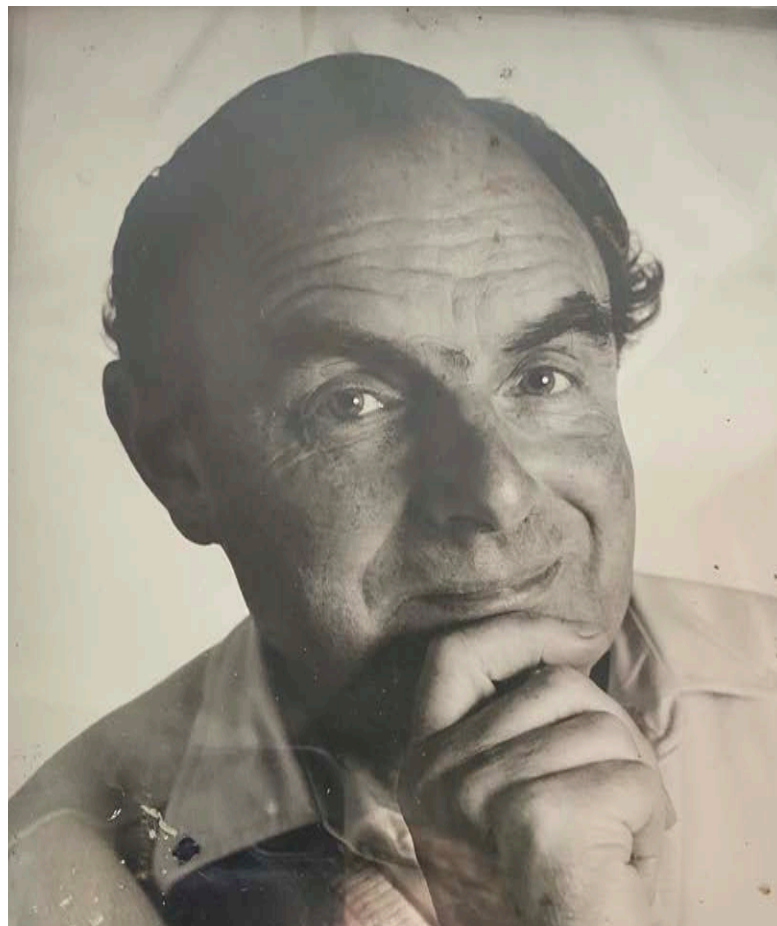


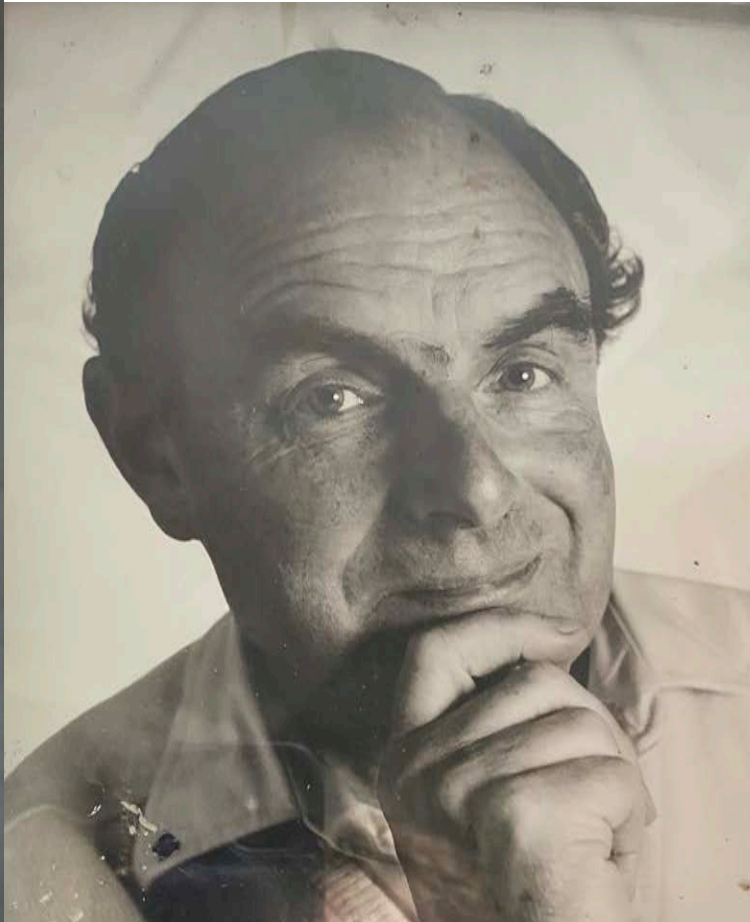
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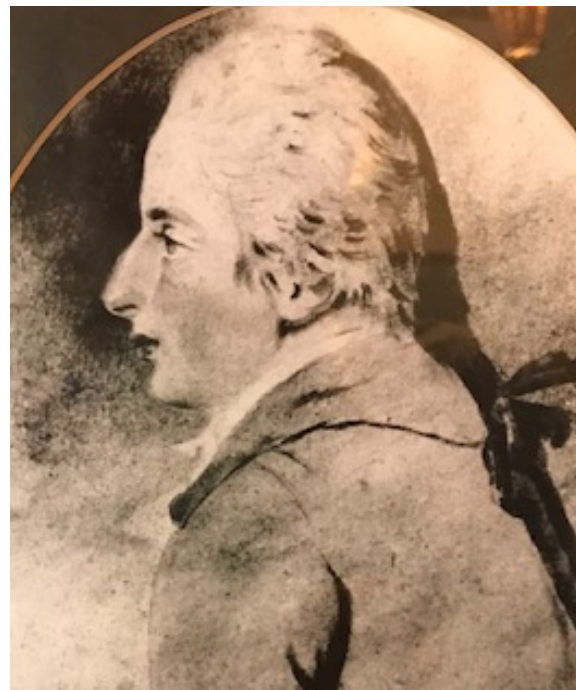
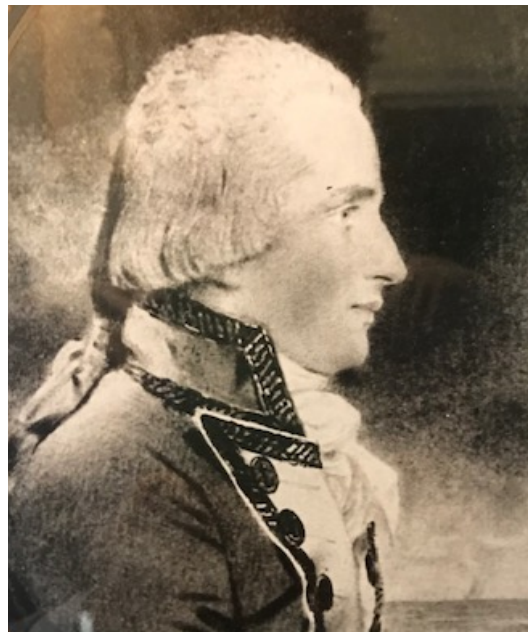
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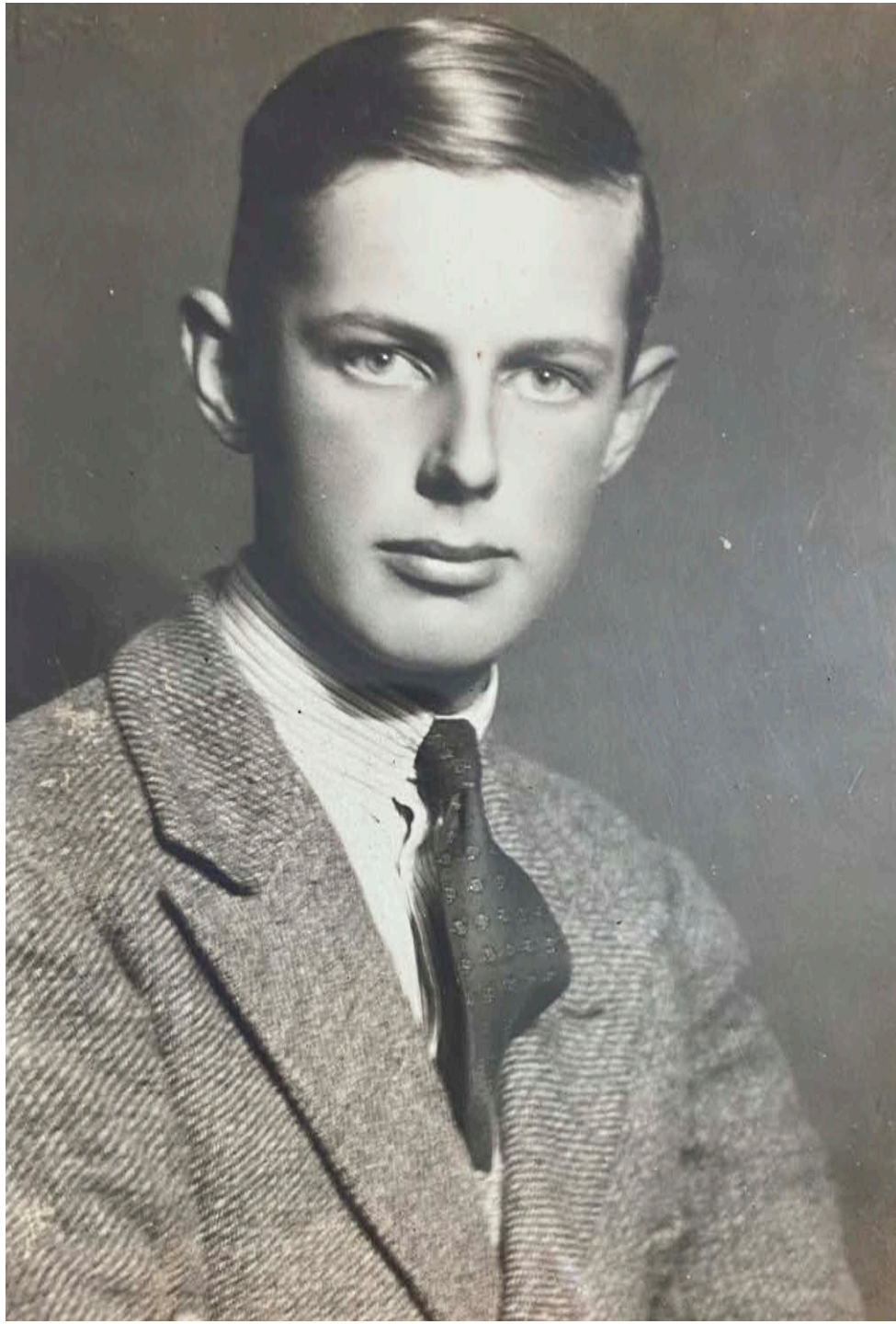


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## MISS LUCINDA WOOLLCOMBE

Miss Lucinda Woolcombe, fourth daughter of Mr James Woolcombe, and of the late Mrs Woolcombe, of Hemerdon House, Hemerdon, Devon, is to be married to Mr Adrian Baxter, the Gloucestershire Regiment, second son of Mr and Mrs Peter Baxter, of 12 King Edwards Road, Ruislip, Middlesex





The King's visit to India.

November. 1911.



R.M.S. Medina

H. M. S. Medina. Commissioned at  
Portsmouth October 10<sup>th</sup> 1911.











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