

The book cover is dark green with a gold-tooled border and central decorations. The border consists of a repeating floral vine pattern. Inside the border, there are four decorative floral motifs at the corners and two larger, symmetrical floral designs above and below the title. The title is centered in gold, serif, all-caps font.

THE FILBYS
BOOK
OF
REMEMBRANCE

William Thomas Filbee

Born 24th April 1866 in Highgate village North London and because his mother died in child-birth he was raised by his grandparents. William's grandfather was a stone-mason and the son of a miller from Caston, Norfolk. William married Alice Jane Gilliott at St Joseph's church, Highgate Village and they had eight sons and one daughter.

The two eldest sons William John and Thomas Ambrose both fought at Gallipoli in the Dardanelles; William John was Killed age 23 and is buried at Hill 10 Cemetery Suvla Bay. Thomas survived the 1914-18 war and lived to the age of 70 years in Highgate. Three of the sons died in childbirth but the daughter May Denis and the three other sons Reginald Stanley, Cyril Benjamin and Francis George survived to maturity. Now deceased are Mary Denis aged 83, Cyril 58 and Reginald 62 so that in 1984 only myself remains at the age of 71 years.

The irony of it is that from a family of eight sons, in the next generation my son and Reginald's son both have daughters so the Filbee name will one day cease to exist in this branch of the family:- [Contributed by Francis George Filbee.](#)

----- || -----

Frederick Arthur Filby

Born 2nd October 1905 in Ilford, Essex only son of Frederick George Filby, Baker and Confectioner and Edith (nee Nichols) his wife. He studied Chemistry at London University, graduating M.Sc. and PH.D, and later becoming F.R.I.C. In 1936 he married Violet Lewsey B.A. second daughter of William Fred Lewsey saddler and Harness maker of Maldon and they had two sons: John Frederick and Cedric Arthur, who both became electronic engineers.

Fred taught chemistry for forty years at East Ham Grammar School and the South East Essex College of Technology where he became senior lecturer. He was an active and responsible member of the Christian Brethren church at Ilford all his life and was also a keen supporter of the University and Colleges Christian Fellowship. He was keenly interested in Ancient history and Chronology and a member of the Egyptian and Palestine Exploration Societies. He wrote three books: "Creation Revealed", "The Flood Reconsidered" and "With Mind and Heart". He died in Ilford on 3rd June 1972.-: [Contributed by Violet Filby B.A.](#)

----- || -----

Ronald Harry Filbey

Born 1920 who gave his life for his country on the 2nd/3rd January 1944 whilst serving as a Pilot Officer with the Royal Canadian Air Force. Remembering also his father:-

Henry John Filbey

Born 1881. Died 7th November 1947 aged 66, having married in 1912. Ronald's mother:-

Ellen Louise Filbey (nee Collyer)

Born 1881. Died 1932 aged 51 leaving a daughter, Ronald's elder sister:-

Winifred Joan Filbey

Born 14th January 1917 at Leigh-on Sea, Essex, who died 26th January 1976 aged 59. Also remembered is:-

Phyllis Morley Filbey

Born 1906 and who in 1940 became the second wife of John Filbey. Died in 1979 aged 73:- [Contributed by Mary Rose Edwards \(nee Filbey\)](#)

----- || -----

Samuel Filby

The youngest of four children born of Thomas Samuel and Emma Jane Filby (nee Hatch) at Maldon House, East Ham, London on 27th July 1895. Married Elsie Grace Wagstaff of Southend on 2nd July 1924. Traded as Builders Merchant in East Ham for forty years. Died on 11th March 1964 aged 68 at his retirement home in Kirby Cross, Frinton-on-Sea, Essex. His Widow Elsie survived him until 9th June 1983 when she died at the age of 80

Annie Oliver (nee Filby)

Daughter of Thomas Samuel Filby and sister of Samuel mentioned above. Born 17th April 1887 she married George W Oliver in 1914 and continued to live in close contact with her Filby relatives through six reigns until her death on 17th July 1986 in her 100th year. . [Remembered with great affection by daughters Eileen Marjorie Southgate of Southend, Josephine Mary Dench of Billericay and grandson Oliver James Southgate of Romford.](#)

----- || -----

William Harry Filby

Known in the family as Billy he was twin brother to Frederic Ancell Filby, born 3rd October 1918 at Ingatestone in the county of Essex, son of Harry Filby and Edith Maud formerly Abrey.

Bachelor Billy spent all of his adult life in Ingatestone and his school years in Gorleston, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk and therefore not many mile from the village with which he shared his surname Filby.

His great love in his life was Fairground organs, Steam Ploughs and Traction engines and he travelled the country to see them. He died after a short illness on 9th June 1983 and is a greatly missed village character. It is as a result of one of his exploits, written about in a book by the East Anglian author James Wentworth Day, that Billy and his eleven brothers and sisters came to know The Filby Association and so find an honoured place in these pages:- [Contributed by his Mother and Sister Doreen M Downes.](#)



Robert Henry Herbert Filby

Born 25th June 1912 at Proserpine, Queensland, Australia, son of Joseph N Filby, who was born in Grenfell, New South Wales, oldest of a large family and married Mary Grulke of Ipswich, Queensland, in 1908 at Bowers. They took up Sugar Cane farming at Preston which is 8 miles outside Proserpine. They had five sons Joseph, Thomas, Robert, Edward and Eric and one daughter Freda. Joseph senior died in June 1929 and his wife Mary in 1959.

After a change in cane farming in 1951, Robert operated a bus service for 28 years and then in 1978 changed again to the Motor Dealership business, which still operates in Main Street, Proserpine. He married Thelma Abell in 1955 and they have a family of two sons and two daughters. The eldest Robert now 26 (in 1984) and his wife sue have a 15 month old daughter Rebecca. Judith (24 years old) married John Cavaeas and has two boys Daniel (2½ years) and Paul (6 months). Karen 20 and Brian 18 are still single:- [In the best Australian upside down tradition, these remembrances about his family and his own life have been contributed by Robert Henry Herbert Filby.](#)



Robert Harpley Filby

Baptised at Cley-on Sea in the county of Norfolk on the 17th May 1829, son of John Filby and his wife Lydia, whose maiden name was Lake. John had himself been born in 1774 and died on 28th July 1858 at Holt, Norfolk aged 84. It was also at Holt on the 7th December 1848 that Robert still a minor married Ellen Gymer, who being of full age must have been a year or two his senior, She bore him a so William Harpley and two daughters Eliza and Maria before she died after only ten years of married life.

With a young family to look after Robert re-married on 26th August 1860 Sarah Cracknell at Tottenham in Middlesex. This marriage was to last for 30 years until 1890 by which time his children were all married with children of their own, one of whom was named Robert Harpley after his grandfather and this lad passed on the same name to his own son born in 1916. Meanwhile the first Robert Harpley after the death of his second wife married for a third time in the December quarter of 1891 to Mary Ann Hellen, who helped him to run his dairy in Chesnut Road, Tottenham until he died in 1897 at the age of 68, “ a much loved man”:- [Contributed by his great granddaughter Eleanor Edith Gibbs \(nee Simmonds\)](#).

----- || -----

Eleanor Edith Gibbs (nee Simmonds)

Born at Harringay London on 27th June 1898, daughter of Eleanor Eliza and Harry Benjamin Simmonds. In 1922 she married Victor Ernest Gibbs a Telegraphist in the Royal Navy and in 1926 bore him a daughter Jean Edith. In 1928 the family emigrated to Canada and he joined Marconi but sadly died in 1933 when the widow and her daughter returned to England. At Harrow, Middlesex, during the 1939-1945 war she joined the Civil Service as well as looking after her aging parents.

She retired in 1961 and moved to Rustington, West Sussex, taking her mother Eleanor Eliza Simmonds, who died on 23 May 1963. Here she lived for 24 years, taking up a cherished ambition to trace her family history through the maiden name of her grandmother Eliza Filby, who like her sister had Maria had married brothers named Smith. She traced Eliza back through her great grandfather Robert Harpley Filby (1829-1897) to Thomas Filby (1660-1711). It is noteworthy that she a widow for 52 years commemorated in this Book her great grandfather's 49 years of married life with three wives. She was devoted to her daughter Jean, her three grandchildren Anthony J V Weller, Rodney S Weller and Catherine E Wright (nee Weller) and two great grandchildren Beth Anna Wright and Howard Eric Weller. She died on 11th January 1986:- [Contributed by her daughter Jean Edith Birchmore \(formerly Weller\) nee Gibbs](#).

----- || -----

Harry Filby

Son of Henry James Filby and his wife Ellen formerly Atterbury, born 11th December 1889. Harry lived in Mountressing until his Marriage to Edith Maud Abrey of Ingatestone in 1914, after which they lived at Mill Green, Fryerning, where their first child Gladys was born in 1916. They later moved to Stock Lane, Ingatestone where twin boys Ansel and William were born in 1918 and thence to High Street where a further three girls and six boys were born. As a lad Harry worked as a farm labourer having been obliged to leave school at the early age of 10 to help provide for his mother and sister, following the tragic death of his father who broke his back in a fall whilst tightening the ropes of a hay-waggon 11th April 1900. Harrys work took him all over Essex and into Hertfordshire on steam ploughs, threshing machines and tree felling, often walking miles to and from work and sometimes being away all week. He died at the age of 86 on 7th October 1976 at his home in The Meads, Ingatestone; a greatly loved husband and father and a well-respected member of the community:- [Contributed by his daughter Doreen Downes \(ne Filby\) on behalf of all her brothers and sisters.](#)

----- || -----

Edith Maud Filby

Born 9th July 1896 at Ingatestone, Essex, daughter of William and Alice Abrey. Edith went into service after leaving school until her marriage to Harry Filby in 1914 at Mountressing. Until the Birth of her first child in 1916, she worked as a Red Cross nurse at Huskards Fryerning, a large house used as a hospital for the wounded of the First World War. Edith had a family of eight sons and four daughter, Gladys, Twins Ansel and William, Betty, Cedric, Vida, Cedric, Ronald, Doreen, Aubrey, Gary and Gerald, but during the second world war still found time and room for many evacuees and bombed out families and was often called upon for help and comfort by friends and neighbours in troubled times. A kind and caring lady who died on 9th August 1986 at the age of 90.

She is greatly missed by her large family, which at the time of her death included twenty five grandchildren, twenty six great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren:- [Contributed by her daughter Doreen Downs on behalf of all of them.](#)

----- || -----

Gladys Loubain Robinson

Born 4th August 1916, first child of Harry and Edith Filby of Ingatestone in the county of Essex. Gladys like her mother went into service after leaving school until her marriage in 1935 at the age of 19 to Samuel Robinson, a farmer's son of Navestock in Essex. They made their first home at Kelvedon Hatch, Brentwood, where four of their children David, Samuel, Valerie and John were born, then they moved to nearby Herongate where Peter and Paul were born. They later lived at Burnt Mill near Bishops Stortford, where Hugh their youngest son was born. Several more moves were to follow, but always in the country as farming was their way of life. Gladys was only 58 leaving a heartbroken family, who adored her. A real country lady:- [Contributed by her sister Doreen Downes \(nee Filby\)](#).

----- || -----

John Filby Childs

Born 1784 Norwich, died 1853 Bungay, Suffolk. Printer, Radical and Nonconformist. Son of Robert Childs, wool-comber, and Elizabeth (nee Filby). Over 30 direct descendants living in 1987:- [Contributed by Jo-Ann Buck, wife of one of them](#).

----- || -----

William Lusher Filby

To the Memory of my father, who from humble beginnings determined that his son would have better opportunities than he had had. In this he was eminently successful, Born 1880 died 1958 aged 77:- [Contributed by P William \(Bill\) Filby](#).

----- || -----

George Coss and Mary Ann Filby

George born 5th July 1838 at Braintree, Essex, Died 2nd June 1896 in London: and his wife Mary Ann born 30th September 1837 at Great Baddow in Essex, Died 13th August 1920 in London; My great grandparents:- [Contributed by Anne Cameron of Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada](#).

----- || -----

Harry Osborne Filby

Born 25th July 1902 at Roxham in Norfolk 2nd Son of Harry Filby farm labourer and his wife Emma Ann, formerly Groom. He lived most of his life in Runcton Holme near Downham Market, Norfolk, where he attended the village school with Gladys Gutteridge, who he married on 5th October 1935. They had 4 Children, Ruth Primrose, twins James Arthur and Walter Harry, and Alan Edward, all born and brought up in the village. Harry worked on the land, including his parents smallholding, where he used to break in his own horses, and later he worked for the River Great Ouse Catchment Board as a ganger, before having to retire through ill health. On the 15th January 1962 he moved to New Addington in Surrey where he was able to start a new working life on lighter work. He died after a very long illness on 19th December 1973.

Gladys May Filby

Born in London on 21st January 1905, eldest daughter of Harry Gutteridge and his wife Eliza Blake, but lived with her grandparents in Runcton Holme. She trained as a Dress maker in London, before returning to Downham Market area as a maid servant. From here she married her former school friend Harry Osborne Filby 1n 1935 and raised the family named above. She died on the 9th January 1987:-
Contributed by their daughter Ruth Smith.

----- || -----

Patricia Bertha Filby

Born 19th March 1928 daughter of William Frank Banks and his wife Robina Nellie (nee Smith). On the 22nd April 1950 at Locks Heath, Hampshire she married Harry James Filby and in their family home at 16 The Furlong, Bedford brought up their two children Kathryn Louise and James Edward. She died on the 1st February 1990 aged 62. A very brave lady, who bore serious health problems for many years with courage, dignity and sereneness, [in whose loving memory this commemoration is dedicated by her devoted husband, Harry James Filby.](#)

----- || -----

Robert Filby

Born 1819 at Diss, Norfolk, son of Daniel Filby who was a brazier. On 25th February 1840 at Banham Robert married Isabella Gilbert. They lived at Thrandeston, Suffolk where Robert followed his father's trade as a brazier and here they brought up their seven children. He died in 1985 aged 75.

Daniel Filby

Born 29th November 1840 eldest child of Robert and Isabella. In 1863 he married Ellen Austin, whose maiden name was used as a second name for each of their six children, four boys and twin girls who died in infancy. Daniel Died in 1907 aged 66 and his widow Ellen on 12th January 1914 aged 76.

Harry Austin Filby

Eldest child of Daniel and Ellen born in 1866. At the aged of 23 he married Ada Rosa Calver and their seven children were all born at Felixstowe, six daughter Maude Ellen (1890-1924). Mabel Constance (1891-1982), Ethel Rose (1893-1963), Hilda Doris born 1898, Irene Dorothy born 1900, Olive Iris born 1905 and one son Frederick Harry (1896-1966). Harry died on 1st November 1924 aged 58 and his widow in 1952 aged 89.

Mabel Constance Filby

Born 15th November 1891 second child of Harry and Ada. Like her youngest sister she remained single and lived to the age of 90, so that she was able to attend a reunion of The Filby Association before she died in June 1982. [Her memory has inspired the recording of these five generations of Filby family history contributed by her sister Olive Iris Filby.](#)

----- || -----

Stanley Harold Filby

Born 18th February 1905 at Stoke Newington in London, son of William Charles Filby and his wife Isabel (nee Turner). On the 27th July 1935 Stanley Married Ida Ester Woodrow, who with their children Raymond Stanley and Jean Ida record these words in loving memory following his death on 25th September 1970 aged 65.

A Bachelor of Science and a man of learning Stanley was a teacher by profession and for the latter part of his career was lecturer in physics at what was then known as the Borough Polytechnic London. Because of the quiet, considerate and modest front he presented to the world, only those who knew Stanley well, were aware that here was a man of great intellect and tenacity. He had a particular interest in Astronomy and was a firm supporter of The Filby Association. Stanley is held in fond remembrance by his family, on whose behalf this is [contributed by his son Raymond Stanley Filby.](#)

----- || -----

Edward Filby

Baptised at Cranworth, Norfolk on 27th December 1787 youngest of the eight children of William Filby and Mary Oakley. At east Tuddenham on 7th February 1809 Edward married Phillis Davey and they had nine children. He died at the age of 68 and was buried at Rockland St Peter in 1856 as also was Phillis in 1871.

John Filby

Baptised on 25th October 1809 at East Tuddenham, eldest son of Edward Filby and Phyllis Davey. At the age of 21 in Great Ellingham he married Sophia Carter on 1st November 1830. They had twelve children, four girls and eight boys. John Died in December 1879 aged 72 and Sophia in 1892 aged 84.

George Filby

Born in 1832 at Great Ellingham 2nd son of John Filby and Sophia Carter. On 31st July 1853 at Shropham he married Ane Nobbs, All seven of their children were born at Little Ellingham but George was destined to leave his native Norfolk and in 1873 he and his family were at Brighouse, Yorkshire where he died in 1913 aged 82.

George Filby

Eldest son of George Filby and Ann Nobbs, born at Little Ellingham on 9th February 1854. At Brighouse on 26th December 1874 he married a widow Susannah Rudd (nee Fawcett). To this Marriage there were six children, Walter (1875- 1941), Ethel (1879-1900). Annie Jane (1882-1948) John Fawcett (1884- 1943), Edith Alice (1890-1978) and Laura (1893-1895). George died in 1918 at the age of 64.

Annie Jane Filby

Third child of George and Ann, married Henry Evelyn Ward on 24th October 1917 at Blackpool and Died in Plymouth 1948. [Seven generations of family history contributed by their daughter Mavis Evelyn Ward.](#)

----- || -----

Charles Albert Filbey

Born 17th December 1898 son of Edward Albert Filby and his wife Sophia Elizabeth (nee Russell). In 1925 at Rugby he married Doris Mabel Whittaker and their Daughters Anne and Gillian were born in this area, where he worked for the English Electric company of Birmingham and later in London. He died at his home in Osterley Park, Isleworth on the 13th November 1985 aged 86. Whilst his contact with The Filby Association was but brief, he is owed a great debt of gratitude for his extensive collection of family papers [from which his daughter Gillian has added much to our knowledge of the Middlesex Filbey's.](#)

----- || -----

Doris Mabel Filbey

Beloved wife of Charles Albert Filbey was born on the 17th August 1899, daughter of Augustas and Alice Whittaker of Barby Road, Rugby. A married life of almost 60 years ended with her death in August 1984 at the age of 85. Two greatly respected parents fondly remembered by daughters Anne and Gillian, son in law Donald and families:- [Contributed by Gillian M Bache](#).

----- || -----

Robert Frank Filby

Born 9th February 1889 son of James Richard and his first wife Emily Peverill. Orphaned at the age of 3 both he and his brother William Edward later joined the Royal Navy and William died at sea in 1917. In 1915 Robert married Florence Maud Robinson and a marriage of 55 years ended with her death on 14th December 1970 and Robert died on the 23 August 1977 aged 88. Beloved parents of Betty Joan and Ronald Frank Herbert Filby.

Violet Filby

Beloved wife of Ronald Frank Herbert Filby who she married at Portsmouth on 3rd March 1956. As Violet Dyson she joined the WRENS in 1945 and until 1962 served as Writer(Pay) on many Royal Naval Stations including HMS Angelo in Malta, leaving the service as a Chief Wren Writer(Pay). She was a life member of the Association of Wrens and with her husband took a keen interest in The Filby Association. She died on the 6th June 1987 in the Copeland Hospital, Gainsborough and is sadly missed:- [Contributed by her devoted husband Ronald Frank Herbert Filby](#).

----- || -----

William Filbey

At Heston Middlesex On 13th April 1762 he married Elizabeth Martin who died the following year and was buried on the 26th Jan 1763. On the 16th December 1764 at Chiswick William married Hester Harding (Sarah and John Harding had been witnesses at the first marriage of William). Of Hester's six children William and John are Commemorated below. William senior was buried at Heston on 10th May 1801.

William Filbey

Eldest son of William and Hester, baptised at Heston on 19th November 1766. It was also in Heston that on 12th July 1791 that William married Sarah Chappel who bore him fifteen children during the 53 years of their marriage which ended with the death of William on 8th November 1844 aged 79. Sarah died on 18th Jan 1846 aged 77. William was a bricklayer, but he also provided the foundations of many Filbey families in, England, Australia, Canada, the USA and descendants in Holland and New Zealand.

John Filbey

Second son of William and Hester, baptised on 23rd August 1767 at Hanwell. On reaching the age of 21 he married Lettice Matilda Sherwood at the church of St Giles Cripplegate in London on 24th November 1788. The four sons and three daughters of this marriage were all baptised at Uxbridge and named: William, Thomas, Joseph, George, Elizabeth, Lettice Matilda and Mary Ann.

William Filbey

Born 29th December 1793, eldest son of John and Lettice Matilda. Like his father he married in London on 12th July 1819 at the church of St George, Hanover Square his cousin Ester Filbey, daughter of William and Sarah (nee Chappel). Their first child Caroline was born in London but grew up in West Middlesex where she became a teacher and remained a spinster until she died in 1895 aged 75. Her two sisters and six brothers were baptised at several different places as William pursued his trade as a coach builder and he eventually settled in Uxbridge where he died in 1862 aged 68. Ester survived for a further 20 years to die in 1882 at the age of 88.

Charles John Filbey

Youngest child of William and Hester born 5th January 1840 at Uxbridge where he grew up and became a brewer. At the age of 29 at South Lambeth in London on 14th November 1869 he married Mira Ravenhill daughter of George Ravenhill, a tailor. Mira had ten children, but the twin boys died at birth and the eight that grew to adults were all girls, so that when Charles John died towards the end of 1903, aged 62, he could well have thought that memories of his Filbey surname would soon be forgotten, especially as Mira died the next year aged 59. However events were to prove otherwise, thanks in part to his second daughter Sarah Ann Ester.

Sarah Ann Ester Filbey

Born 10th April 1871 at Heston, she married at nearby Hounslow Samuel Charles Bailey on 25th September 1895. The 57 years of this marriage ended with the death of Samuel in 1952 and Sarah died six years later on 2nd September 1958 aged 87, survived by her seven children, one of whom, Nell married John Marden in 1929 and shared part of a house with an Aunt:-

Minnie Filbey

Born 2nd April 1882 the only daughter of Charles and Mira who did not marry, Her fiancé was killed in the First World War and she wanted no other man to share her life and so carried her Filbey name to the grave when she died in 1976 at the great age of 94. During more than half that period she had shown such love and kindness to the grand-daughters of her sister Sarah Ann Ester from the child's birth in 1930 that it provided a bond of friendship which 50 years on prompted from far away New Zealand the research needed to [commemorate the foregoing six generations of Filbey's over a period of 250 years as recorded in the previous two pages of this Book by her niece, Beryl Barton-Taylor \(nee Marden\).](#)

----- || -----

Leonard Henry Filbey

Born 19th April 1908 in London, son of Henry James Filby and his wife Emily Caroline (nee Norman). Henry James like his father and grandfather was a printer and it was appropriate therefore that Leonard's working life was spent at H M Stationary Office, where he was greatly respected. On 23rd June 1934 at St Marys Newington he married Kathleen Lovell Evans, daughter of Samuel W D Evans and they lived throughout their married life at Honor Oak in South London, where their children Sylvia Kathleen and Alan Reginald were born. Leonard inherited a collection of old family letters, which gave rise to his interest in genealogy and resulted in his becoming the first and most valuable helper of Ellsworth L Filby in providing researched data for The Filby Association.

He was an accomplished organist and choir-master for the Chapel at Maudsley Hospital and played for the Filby Gathering at Filby Parish Church in 1968 and again in 1971. He died on the 26th December 1973 aged 64. His widow Kitty despite ill health continued take a keen interest in The Filby Association until her death on 18th March 1983 aged 73.

On behalf of all their family these few cherished memories of two much loved parents are recorded by their son: Alan Reginald Filby.

----- || -----

Ansell Frederic Filby

Born 3rd October 1918 son of Harry and Edith Filby (nee Abrey) and twin to the late William Harry. Fred as he was known left school at the age of fourteen and went to work in the building trade, but later went on to work for Hasler & Co. Seed Merchants until they closed down, after which he worked for English Electric in Chelmsford until his retirement. Changes which reflect the transition of business in and around the rural area of Ingatestone in Essex where he lived throughout his life that ended so suddenly with a heart attack on 27th May 1992, as he was on his way back from getting his morning paper, aged 73.

Fred leaves a widow Joyce (nee Simmons), a daughter Margaret and Son John, who between them gave him six grandchildren three of whom will carry on the family name of which he was so proud. He was always a happy man and will be greatly missed by his family and friends on whose behalf this dedication is contributed by his sister: Doreen Downes.

----- || -----

Frederick George Filby

Born 24th April 1913 son of George and Alice Filby (nee Batley) who lived at Wingfield in the county of Suffolk, where they and many Filby's trace their origins back 200 years to the Quaker family of Jacob Filby who was a farmer. The young Frederick George was only one year old when the first great War started, but its end was to bring tragedy even to him, in that his one year old younger brother Robert Edward and sister Florrie who lived for only 2 hours, were both buried on the 12th November 1918 together with their mother Alice then 33. Our next record of Frederick George is when in 1932 he married:

Edith Maud Filby (nee Pipe)

She bore him two Daughters, Kathleen Eva Mary and Eileen Janace, who sadly died at the aged of two and a half years. It was Kathleen who sixty years later found correspondence that her mother had had with The Filby Association and so advised us of how on the 22nd July 1991 she took her mother to the Doctors Surgery for a routine check-up and on sitting down said "good evening" to the Doctor and then just slipped peacefully away without saying a further word. Frederick George had died on 29th September 1978 aged 65.

[Two wonderful parents fondly remembered by their daughter; Kathleen Eva Mary Boast.](#)

----- || -----

Thomas John Filby

Born on 16th October 1903 and named after his father Thomas John Filby who was in 1973 himself born in the Stratford area of West Ham, where he worked as a blacksmith in the Railway Workshops and continued to live their throughout the 64 years of his life with his wife Harriet (nee Willis). Thomas John junior also remained in the West Ham area where he was in business and in 1929 he married:

Annie Emma Elizabeth Filby (nee Wright)

The daughter of Alfred Wright and his wife Annie Charlotte (nee Read). At the family home in Fawn Road, Plaistow, Thomas and Annie raised their three sons Ronald, Thomas and Derek and continued to live there throughout their lives. Thomas John died on 27th April 1981 aged 77 and Annie Emma Elizabeth died on 27th December 1988 aged 84.

[These loving memories of Happy Times are contributed by their son: Dr Thomas de Filby.](#)

----- || -----

Ruthe Virginia Filby Grimm

Of Everett, Washington USA. Died 28th March 1993,. This brief message was given to The Filby Association at the church of All Saints in the village of Filby, Norfolk, England at their 25th Anniversary Re-union on the 4th July 1993 and here is commemorated the family connection of these two places on opposite sides of the World.

Born on 28th October 1920 at Youngstown, Ohio, where on 14th February 1939 she married Frank C Grimm and has two daughters Betsey Ann Kliers and Jane Ellen Cosman each with three children, Ruthe had two sisters Ethel Mae Filby Jurvic and Edith Naomi Filby Christiansen who have with fondest memories contributed this Commemoration. The devoted parents of these three sisters were:-

Archie Thomas Filby and Bessie Ruth Meyers

At a very early age Archie Thomas dropped his first name and for the rest of his life was known as Thomas Filby and was recorded thus when he married at Mayerdale, Pennsylvania on 28th April 1912 at the age of 28 having been born on 26th August 1883 at Milton, Indiana, twin brother of Arthur Ellsworth who was known as Artie. There were two other brothers Verne and Charles William and three sisters May, Hazel and Mary. Thomas died at Youngstown, Ohio on 10th June 1944. The parents of Thomas and his six brothers and sisters were William Henry Filby and his wife Sarah (nee Kellam)

William Henry Filby and Sarah Kellam

William was born on 27th March 1859. Probably on the family farm near Milton, Indiana from whence also came Sarah Kellam, who he married on 7th February 1880 at which time his name was spelt Filbey. He was a carpenter by trade. After the death of his wife Sarah on 10th July 1893, he remarried Mary Deck of Nobbleville, Indiana, who was a school teacher. There were no further children from his second marriage and he died on 9th December 1933. William Henry was the eldest of five children born to:-

Jacob L Filby and Mary Jane Males

They were married at Wayne County Court House, Richmond, Indiana on 12 July 1858. The births of their five children were: William Henry 27th March 1859, George Rilam 10th October 1861, Daniel Ellsworth 22nd November 1864, Ann Marie (Molly) 29th March 1867 and Florence Evangeline 22nd June 1869. Jacob who had been born 23rd March 1834 died 10th May 1928 at the grand age of 94. Survived by his wife, five children, nineteen grandchildren and forty eight great grandchildren. The parents of Jacob were William Filby and Sarah (nee Lepart) commemorated below:

William Filby and Sarah Lepart

The date of their marriage is thought to have been 31st July 1828 and the first of their nine children John was born on 14th November 1829. William was himself said to have been born on 19th February 1809, son of a Thomas Filby who died some time before 1821 when his widow emigrated with her three sons and two daughters.

We do not know where Thomas was born or died, but we do know that his surname came from the village of Filby in Norfolk, England, where the loving memory of Ruthe Virginia Filby has stimulated this recording of six generations of her family History. [Contributed by her sisters Ethel Filby Jurvic and Edith Filby Christiansen.](#)

----- || -----

William Filby

William was born at Wimbotsham on 1st February 1892 the only son of William Filby and Rebecca Dear (nee Perry). He served in the First World War and then for the rest of his working life, he was gardener at Stow Hall Estate for Sir Ralph Hare. He died on 27th March 1979 and is buried at Rouse Lane cemetery, Downham Market.

Olive Sophia Filby (nee Nurse)

Olive was born at Downham on 2nd March 1897. After her education at Downham school, she became a seamstress for Mrs Long a renowned dressmaker of Downham Market. She married William on 24th May 1924, and their only son Leonard was born on 17th July 1925. They spent a long and happy life together, and were very proud of The Filby Association. William with his grandsons Alan and Ivan were the first people to meet Fred Filby at our first meeting in 1968. Something that Fred always remembered.

In memory of the Parents of Leonard William Richard Filby and Parents-in-law of Mary Filby of The Filby Association.

----- || -----

Stanley Lee Southgate

In loving memory of a much loved husband and father. Born 14th March 1915, the eight of ten children to James and Mary of Canning Town, East London. He married Eileen Marjorie Filby, eldest daughter of Samuel and Elsie Filby, on 27th May 1950 at East Ham Methodist Central Hall. Worked for Gas Light and Coke company (later British Gas) for 43 years. Served in the Royal Fusiliers, 2nd World War in Burma, India and Britain. Spent 30 years retirement in Westcliffe-on-Sea, Essex. Like father and brother had a lovely Tenor voice, Together we enjoyed making music and concert going all his life. Remembered with Love by Eileen wife of 55½ years, son Oliver James and Val Southgate, Sister-in-Law Jo Dench and Southgate nieces, nephews and grandchildren.

----- || -----

John Pengelly Dench

In loving memory of a dear husband born 23rd September 1926, one of six children in Camberwell London. Married Josephine Mary Filbey younger daughter of Samuel and Elsie on 25th May 1953 at East Ham Methodist Central Hall. Worked as a Law Stationer running his own business in and around Lincoln-Inn-Fields meeting Jo who worked at a nearby solicitors. Evacuated to Woking during the 2nd world war. Did national service in Royal Signals in Austria and other places. Enjoyed 20 years of retirement living in Billericay, Essex. Both enjoyed and worked in their lovely garden and walking in the countryside. He died 1st August 2006. Remembered with great affection by "Jos" "Wink" (Eileen), Oliver James and Val and all the Dench Family.

----- || -----

Leonard William Richard Filby

The Funeral of Mr Leonard Filby who died aged 81 years on 30th August 2006 took place on 8th September at St Mary's church, Bexwell followed by cremation at Mintlyn Crematorium at Kings Lynn. Mr Filby was born in Downham Market on 17th July 1925, the only son of William and Olive Filby, he spent his early years in Wimbotsham.

He was a member of Downham Market Home Guard during the war and was conscripted at the age of 21 into the forces and spent two years in the Royal Army Service Corps based in Taunton, Somerset. In March 1959 he married Mary Elizabeth Day also of Downham Market and they moved to King's Lynn, where he was employed as a motor mechanic. He had two sons Alan and Ivan whose careers he followed with great interest and pride. Following retirement he moved to Downham Market.

He was also a founder member of The Filby Association, which is a genealogical society with the Surname Filby who were interested in researching their family trees. He regularly attended reunions at the Norfolk village of Filby and made many worldwide friends through the Association.

Remembered by all his family and many friends of
The Filby Association. 2006

Mary Elizabeth Filby

Mary Elizabeth Filby was the last of the three founding members of the Filby Association. She was born on 27th May 1933 and passed away on 19th June 2013.

She was the second daughter born to Charles and Ada Day in Downham Market, Norfolk. She married Leonard William Richard Filby in March 1959. They spent most of their working lives in King's Lynn, Norfolk. They had two sons, Alan and Ivan, in whom they took great pride and followed their lives and careers with interest.

Her involvement with the Filby Association started in 1962 when she began corresponding with Ellsworth Lincoln Filby and subsequently with Frederick N Filby.

During her working life she was a legal secretary and her organisational and secretarial skills were well used in the many differing roles that she fulfilled during the years of her involvement with the Filby Association. At the time of her death, she was the Honourary President.

Mary enjoyed helping people with their family tree research and through her involvement in the Filby Association she met numerous people with a Filby connection from all around the world. Many of these went on to become close personal friends.

Remembered by all her family and the many friends
of The Filby Association

Submitted by Alan W Filby (Son) 2015

----- || -----

Arthur William Filby

Who died aged 68, on 12th February, 1932, at Addenbrooks Hospital, Cambridge. From his death certificate stating he was “killed” we believe he was involved in an accident.

Ernest George Filby

Arthur William’s son who died aged 63, on 3rd April, 1967, was involved in an accident and sustained fatal injuries as he was knocked of his bicycle crossing Danum Road in front of a van. He was returning to work after a long illness, to complete his last year before retirement.

Lillian Filby

Ernest George’s wife, who died of renal failure on 27th June, 1975, aged 71 years.

Eric Arthur Filby

Ernest George’s and Lillian’s son, aged 51 years who died following a heart attack, on 22nd April, 1982, at Doncaster Royal Infirmary.

Ronald Filby

Youngest son of Ernest George and Lillian who lost his battle against cancer and died peacefully at home on 19th June, 2015. He was aged 72 and will be remembered by his loving wife, Kathleen, three daughters and their families.

Submitted by Alan V Filby,
Deputy Manager The Filby Association, 2015.
----- || -----

Guy Filby

The son of our Late President P.W. Filby of the USA. Guy was the youngest of four children and died 21st January, 2015, in England, aged 71. He is at rest with his cousins: Mary Lily, August 12th 2014, and Tom Greathead, 16th February, 2008. Guy’s brother-in-law.....

David Johnson

Husband of Jane (nee Filby) died 23rd March, 2015, in Cheltenham, aged 85. He and his wife had been life-long members of The Filby Association and had supported All Saints Church with many generous donations over the years.

Submitted by Jane Johnson March, 2015.
----- || -----

Angela Philbey-Ashley

Loving wife of Roger Ashley. Born in England but lived for many years in Canada where she died in Montreal, aged 89, in 2015. She was a devoted member of The Filby Association and made annual donations to support all needs. Angela was much valued as a friend and will be sorely missed by us all.

Submitted by Marion Filby (Secretary) 2015

----- || -----