THE FAMILY BOSANQUET of SOUTH AFRICA

Sunday, 27 July 2003

The Bosanquet Family Tree should be considered work-in-progress. The Giddy Family Tree is included as it relates to Bosanquet.

David du Mont de Bosanquet b. Lunnery nr. Dieppe 31 October 1661 m. 15 September 1698 Elizabeth HAYS (b. 25 September 1676 d. October 1737 buried St. Stephen’s Church, London)

- David de Bosanquet b. 29 October 1699 Threadneedle St. French Huguenot Church m. 19 November 1730 Dorcas MALCHER
- Samuel de Bosanquet b. 8 September 1700
- Daniel de Bosanquet b. 20 February 1701
- Elizabeth Eleonor de Bosanquet b. 3 September 1703 m. 28 September 1735 Richard SHEPPHARD
- Susanne de Bosanquet b. 13 January 1705
- Deborah de Bosanquet b. 11 January 1706
- Claude (Glaude) de Bosanquet b. 4 May 1707
- Benjamin de Bosanquet b. 7 October 1708
- Pierre de Bosanquet b. 11 December 1709
- Daniel de Bosanquet b. 16 October 1711
- Marguerite de Bosanquet b. 2 November 1712
- Jacob de Bosanquet 22 December 1713 m. Elizabeth (Eliza)
  - William b. 20 July 1757
  - Henry b. 2 October 1760 St. Stephen Coleman St., London
  - Elizabeth b. 14 April 1762
- Eleanor de Bosanquet b. 24 October 1715 m. 26 June 1736 Henry Lannoy HUNTER

Sammuell (de) Bosanquet m. Mary
  Eleanor de Bosanquet b. 20 December 1735 St. Olave Hart Street
  Anna Mariah de Bosanquet b. 5 January 1734 St. Olave Hart Street m. 16 January 1755 Peter GAUSSEN

William Bosanquet m. Charlotte

- William George Ives Bosanquet b. 10 February 1789 m. Eliza
  - Eleanor Eliza b. 28 May 1823
  - Constance b. 27 August 1826
- Charlotte Elizabeth Ives Bosanquet b. 21 February 1790 c. St. Mary’s 21 March 1790
- Augustus Henry Bosanquet b. 1 March 1792 c. St. Mary’s 16 April 1792 m. Louisa Priscilla
  - Arthur Bosanquet b. 27 October 1828 c. 5 January 1829
  - Emmeline Favelle b. 9 June 1830
o Caroline Jane Bosanquet b. 11 January 1831 c. 14 February 1831
o Percival b. 30 December 1831 m. Charlotte Louisa
  ▪ Augustus Percival 29 December 1860 East Barnet
  ▪ Eugene Percival 13 October 1862 – 2 January 1863 East Barnet
  ▪ Gerad Percival b. 26.4.1864
  ▪ Herbert Percival b.3 February 1867 – 18 May 1867 Weld Chapel, Southgate
o Adela b. 26 February 1835
  • Henrietta Sophia Bosanquet b. 18 February 1795
  • Emma b. 14 March 1796 (15 March 1795) d. 22 December 1871 m. 23 July 1825 Karl Adolf KANTZOW 9 aka. Charles Adolphus KANTROW b. Lisbon 9 August 1789 d. 9 September 1867)
  • Harriet Ives Bosanquet b. 6 November 1798
  • Edwin Bosanquet b. 10 December 1799
  • Frederick Bosanquet b. 10 December 1799

Samuel Bosanquet bc. 1784 m. circa 1806 Letitia Philippa
  • Edward Stanley Bosanquet b. 27 March 1806 c. St. Mary’s, St. Marylebone Road, Middlesex 2 November 1806
  • Charles John Bosanquet b. 21 May 1807 c. St. Mary’s 23 June 1807 m. Charlotte Eliza
    o Robert William b. 26 January 1800
    o Henrietta Letitia Eliza Bosanquet b. 17 June 1833
    o Amelia Eleanor Bosanquet b. 15 (18) September 1835 c. 17 October 1835
  • Anna Bosanquet b. 15 September 1809 c. St. Mary’s 13 October 1809
  • Georgiana Bosanquet b. 27 March 1811
  • Frederick Bernard Bosanquet b. 15 November 1812
  • Anna Maria Nelly Bosanquet b. 12 May 1815 c. St. Mary’s 10 June 1815

Rev. Edward Stanley Bosanquet b. 27 March 1806 c. St. Mary’s, St. Marylebone Road, Middlesex 2 November 1806 m. Emmeline BLIGHT, Old Church, St.Pancras 8 June 1847

In 1881, The Rev. Edward Stanley Bosanquet, then 74, was resident at The Rectory, Old Bolingbroke, Lincolnshire together with Mary Anne Barton, housekeeper, and Emma Robinson, housemaid.

At the same time, Charles J Bosanquet, age 16, and of Old Bolingbroke was boarding with Rev. George E Pattenden at 1 South End, Boston, Lincolnshire. The Rev. Pattenden was Headmaster of Boston Grammar School.

Edward Claude Bernard Bosanquet, Narellun, New South Wales d. <1918 m Letitia né COMBRINK
  ❖ Letitia Gertrude m Francis John Kingham MELSOME
At the time of the 1841 census in Australia there appear to have been no Bosanquets in the country. To-date, I have been unable to devote time to the shipping lists to find Bosanquets or Combrinks, and under what circumstances they settled in Australia. I have been unable to find ANY reference to Narellum, New South Wales, and only one to Cobberty, New South Wales.

Winifred Bosanquet neé Parker was a wealthy woman in her own right, having been left the £20,000 by her father. She settled 75% of her estate on those listed below. Arthur Francis Graham Bosanquet was an Inspector of Police and wealthy farmer in retirement. He left a detailed will and several codicils. Approximately, £8258 was settled on a number of persons listed below, an examination of whom points to family relationships.

The Bosanquets:
Letitia Gertrude m Francis John Kingham MELSOME
Lettie SIMOND(S) neé Melsome m. Capt. Barrow Simonds
Jack Melsome
Dorothy Georgiana m Charles Fuller NIXON
Victoria Marguerite (“Rita”) m Alec BURROWS
Coralie Marguerite HUMFREY neé Burrows m Nigel Bruce Humfrey
Noel Bosanquet (do. Edward and Dorothy Bosanquet)

The Parkers:
Charles E PARKER m. Florence
James (aka. Charles Francis) Parker
Arthur Foulger RUTHERFOORD
Gertrude Amy CLAYTON neé Rutherfoord
Doris Blance ESPIN neé Rutherfoord m. Cyril Espinell Espin
Constance Winifred Annie CROSBY neé Cormack d. 15 June 1947 m. Bertram Wilfred Bruce Crosby

Unidentified relationship:
Mrs Gwenllyan Lettie Quinton


Capt. Edward Claude Bernard Bosanquet and Dorothy Stockenstrom Bosanquet neé HUTTON died by drowning on 12 September 1918 whilst on board SS Galway Castle. He was 33 years and she 29 years 10 months. On 18 June 1919, the Supreme Court on circuit appointed Andries Stockenstrom Hutton and Lemnoch Llewellyn Giddy Executor Dative to Administer the Estate and Tutor Dative of the minor child, Rita Noel Bosanquet.

The will was extensive and took a while to settle (final account 1920). Inter alia it included the farm “Governor’s Kop”, in the Albany District (originally granted to William Thackwray on 4 June 1832; and on which there was a mortgage bond of £15,000 in favour of Andries Hutton) and the comfortable residue left to Rita Noel by her father and mother individually.
GALWAY CASTLE was built in 1911 by Harland & Wolff at Belfast with a tonnage of 7988grt, a length of 452ft 4in, a beam of 54ft 4in and a service speed of 13 knots. Similar to the Grantully Castle she was the last ship to be delivered before the company was taken over by Royal Mail. In August 1914 she was requisitioned as a troop ship for deployment in the German West Africa campaign against Windhoek. After the German colony was taken over by General Botha in 1915 she reverted to commercial service as the only remaining Union-Castle vessel. On 3rd August 1916 she was attacked by a German bomber near the Gull lightship but the bomb, although scoring a direct hit, failed to explode. She went aground on the Orient Bank at East London on 12th October 1917 but was refloated five days later without any damage. At 07.30 hrs on 12th September 1918 when two days out from Plymouth, she was torpedoed by U-82 and broke her back. At the time she was carrying 400 South Africand walking wounded, 346 passengers and 204 crew members. So severe was the damage that it was thought that she would sink immediately and it appeared that U-82 was lining up for another attack. In the rush to abandon ship, several lifeboats were swamped by the heavy seas and many finished up in the sea. However, the U-boat did not mount a further attack and the Galway Castle continued to wallow for three days. Destroyers were summoned by radio to rescue survivors who were taken back to Plymouth where it was ascertained that 143 persons had perished. HMS Spitfire remained in attendance and took off the skeleton crew before she finally sank.

The following account appears in Grocott’s Penny Mail dated Wednesday, 13th November 1918:

Lost on the Galway Castle – Capt. and Mrs. Bosanquet drown – Their only child saved

The torpedoing of the liner “Galway Castle” on her outward journey last week (says the mail edition of the Hampshire Observer) has come home with terrible force to a well-known Winchester family. Among the passengers were Capt. and Mrs. Bosanquet, late of the R>G>A> (second son of the late Mr. Edward Bosanquet of Narellum, New South Wales, and of Mrs. Bosauquet, of 72, St. Cross-road, Winchester and grandson of the late Rev. Stanley Bosanquet, rector of Old Bolingbroke, Lincolnshire), and his wife and their little girl, a child of nine months. Capt. and Mrs. Bosanquet both lost their lives, but the child was saved and is now with her grandmother at Winchester. When the disaster occurred the child was given by her parents to Mrs. Dale Lace, of Johannesburg, who jumped into a boat with her, keeping her as well as she could until picked up by a destroyer where the little one was tenderly looked after by the sailors. At Plymouth she was handed over to the charge of Miss Dealbridge and taken by her to London, where she was taken the greatest care of by r. and Mrs. Mariggi, of the St. Pancras Hotel. They wired the Hon. Mrs. Joyce, of Winchester, who was closely associated with emigration wok, as a result of which Mrs. Bosanquet was communicated with, and at the beginning of week, her daughter (the late Captain’s sister [probably D G Nxon. ed.] went up to London and fetched the little girl, who, it is pleasing to learn, is none the worse for the terrible experience it went through, but on the contrary is remarkably well. The cheerful presence of the bright little child is some consolation to Mrs. Bosanquet in her bitter grief for the loss of her son and daughter-in-law under such tragic circumstances.

Capt. Bosanquet was 33 years of age, and his wife about 4 years younger. He was educated at Fritham House School, New Forest, and Oakham. He went out to South Africa 14 years ago and became a large and prosperous farmer in the neighbourhood of Grahamstown. In the early days of the War he enlisted as a trooper in the Imperial Light Horse of South Africa, and went all through the South-West African campaign under General Botha, rising to commissioned rank. When that memorable [event] was over he married Dorothy, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andries Hutton, of Grahamstown, and then came to England bringing his wife with him. Arriving in the homeland he obtained a commission in the R.G.A., and was sent to Falmouth, where he remained for the rest of his military career and rose to the rank of Captain. Mrs Banquet accompanied her husband to Falmouth, and it was there that their little child was born last Christmastide, and was named Rita Noel. A few months ago, on being invalided out of the army, Capt. Bosanquet was offered a free passage to South Africa, but as he could not obtain permission to take his wife and child with him, he naturally declined the offer and decided to wait until an opportunity occurred of all going together. They therefore came to Winchester and took rooms at St. Cross near his home. As, however, he was anxious to get back to his farm, he availed himself of the earliest opportunity of a joint passage, and thus it was they became passengers on the ill-fated “Galway Castle”.


Mr. and Mrs. Hutton, the parents of Mrs. Bosanquet, came to England a year or two ago and have for some time been waiting for a return passage to South Africa. They have during the past week arrived in Winchester on a visit to Mrs. Bosanquet and her daughters at St. Cross. Both families will have the sincere sympathy of a large circle in the heavy blow which has befallen them.

In a letter dated February 1984, A H Giddy recounts the following:

Dolly and her husband were on their way back to South Africa …… in the Galway Castle when it was sunk by a German submarine in the Bay of Biscay. It stayed afloat for some time and most of the passengers were put into life-boats to be rescued by other ships. There was an inadequate number of life boats, however, and the men therefore had to remain whilst the women and children were saved. Dolly, however, could not bear to leave her husband and gave your mother, Noel, to someone to look after. Unfortunately their life boat overturned but Noel was again rescued and handed from person to person when finally rescued until she was lost. However, at Southampton her grandmother, Blanche, recognised her a looked after her, firstly in England for a short while and then in Grahamstown when they returned to South Africa. She lost her health fast, however, after the loss of her only child and Noel was adopted by Lex and Lily Giddy whom she thereafter always referred to as Mom and Dad. We always understood that money was put aside for her from her mother’s and father’s side ad that she would be comfortably off when grown up. She had another sadness in er life, however, when after the death of his wife, lily, Lex Giddy became insolvent and at an old age became involved in some muddled criminal matters. He was eventually tried and refusing to defend himself, he was sent to prison where he died a few months later. He and his wife had been leading citizens in Grahamstown all their lives. He was the Chairman of the Council at St. Andrew’s College for over 30 years and guided those fortunes to a considerable extent. He was also an important person at the Anglican Cathedral and was a leading sportsman, being S.A. Tennis Champion for 4 o 5 years in succession and a leading cricketer. His wife was also prominent in social matters and was awarded the M.B.E and the O.B.E.

Rita Noel Bosanquet b. Falmouth 10 December 10 December 1917 d. 29 April 1981
1.1 Kerry Jane Roulston b. George 1 April 1973
1.2 Matthew David Roulston b. Johannesburg 7 May 1976

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists the following:
Location: The Alamein Memorial forms the entrance to the El Alamein War Cemetery. Alamein is a village, bypassed by the main coast road, approximately 130 kilometres west of Alexandria on the road to Mersa Matriu. The first Commission road direction sign is located just beyond the Alamein police checkpoint and all cemetery visitors should turn off from the main road onto the parallel old coast road. The cemetery lies off the road beyond the ridge, and road direction signs are in place approximately 25 metres before the low metal gates and stone wing walls which are situated centrally at the road edge at the head of the access path into the cemetery. The Cross of Sacrifice feature may be seen from the road.

Rita Noel Bosanquet b. Falmouth 10 December 10 December 1917 d. 29 April 1981
m. (second) Alan RAMSAY d. 1982

2 Lesley Dorothy RAMSAY b.Port Elizabeth 7 December 1947 m 29 November 1969
Brian HENLEY b. East London 4 April 1941
2.1 Julian b. Cape Town 14 April 1972
2.2 Simon b. Cape Town 3 June 1974

UNKNOWN RELATIONSHIP if any


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I have been referred to *The Story of the Bosanquets* by Grace Lawless Lee published by Phillimore in 1966. It is said to include a very complete tree up to about 1900; and to show how the Bosanquets came from Lunel in the very south of France (not from near Dieppe) in 1685. I am told that it is based on the papers of Captain HTA Bosanquet RN and research by Clara Meyer (née Bosanquet).

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THE GIDDY FAMILY in SOUTH AFRICA

Richard Giddy m. Catherine EASTCOTT

1. Richard Giddy b. Devonshire 9 October 1806 d. Lady Grey 6 February 1881 m. (first) 30 March 1828 Mary Ann CURRELLY (b. 24 June 1803 d. Thaba Nchu 7 June 1844)
   1.1 Catherine Elizabeth b. Pembroke 24 August 1829 d. Davenport 1832
   1.2 Sarah Amelia b. 18 June 1831 d. Kimberley 9 September 1872 m. (first) James Augustis POULTNEY
      1.2 Sarah Amelia b. 18 June 1831 d. Kimberley 9 September 1872 m. (second) Oliver William BACK (b. London 1824 d. Kimberley 1876)
   1.3 Richard William Hoskin b. Devonshire 12 April 1833 d. Rondebosch 6 October 1886 m. 
      1.3.1 Richard William Shepstone b. 6 May 1855 m. 1880 Jessie PIERS

1.4 Thomas Hoskins Giddy b. 7 August 1836 Cape Town, South Africa d. 11 December 1880 King William's Town, Eastern Cape, South Africa m. Annie Selina CRANNEY (do. James Cranney and Mary LEIGH; b. 21 April 1841 India d. 16 May 1927 East London, Eastern Cape, South Africa)
   1.4.1 Alice Blanche Mary b. 13 June 1860 d. Grahamstown 1921 m. Andries Stockenstroom HUTTON
      1.4.1.1 Dorothy Stockenstrom b. November 1888 d. 12 September 1918 m. 26 August 1915 Edward Claude Bernard Bosanquet bc.1885 d. 12 September 1918
      1.4.1.1.1 Rita Noel Bosanquet b. Falmouth 10 December 1917 d. 29 April 1981 m. (first) Frederick Harold ROULSTON b. Clocolan 31 October 1916 d. El Alamein
      1.4.1.1.1.1 Lesley Dorothy RAMSAY b. Port Elizabeth 7 December 1947 m. 29 November 1969 Brian HENLEY b. East London
      1.4.1.1.1.1.1 Julian b. Cape Town 14 April 1972
      1.4.1.1.1.1.2 Simon b. Cape Town 3 June 1974

   1.4.2 Arthur William b. King Williams Town 1864 d. East London 1933 m. Jessie CUMMING
      1.4.2.1 Lennox Atherstone
      1.4.2.1.1 Allan Hoskins

1.4.3 Lennox Llewellyn Giddy “Lex" b. 3 May 1869 King William's Town, Eastern Cape, South Africa. d. 13 June 1942 bur. 18 June 1942 in Grahamstown, Eastern Cape, South Africa m. Lilian Napier CROZIER OBE 13 October 1893 in St George's Cathedral, Grahamstown, Eastern Cape (b. April 1869 Claremont, Cape Town, South Africa d. 4 August 1936 Grahamstown, Eastern Cape, South Africa).
1.4.3.1 Llewellyn d. 1914-1918

The Commonwealth War Grave Commission lists only the following:

**GIDDY, W, Lance Corporal 1613 of 22 South African Infantry died 12 April 1917.**
In Memory of WALTER GIDDY, Lance Corporal 1613 2nd Regt., South African Infantry who died on Thursday 12 April 1917. Age 22. Additional Information: Son of H. R. Giddy, J.P., and Mrs C. O. Giddy, of Lauriston, New England Station, Cape Colony, South Africa. Cemetery: POINT-DU-JOUR MILITARY CEMETERY, ATHIESPAS DE CALAIS, France. Grave or Reference Panel Number: Sp. Mem. B.G. Location: Athies is a village in the Department of the Pas-de-Calais, approximately 4 kilometres east of Arras, in the Scarpe valley. The cemetery is situated on the right of the road from St. Laurent-Blangy to Douai, the N50.

1.4.3.2 Stanley Napier Giddy b. 12 October 1902 in Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) d. 9 January 1976 in Bindura, Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) m. Audrey Ethel CORSER (do. Harry Corser and Amy Ethel de la Harpe on 6 February 1929 b. 5 August 1909 Hanover, Germany d. 12 May 1972 Bindura, Rhodesia (Zimbabwe)).

Stanley was a Farmer of "Tempe Farm", Bothas Ridge, Grahamstown, Eastern Cape.

1.4.3.1 .1 June Audrey Giddy b. 2 March 1930 Grahamstown, Eastern Cape, South Africa m/d. June Douglas W. INNES (b. 1928)

1.4.3.1 .1.1 Gregory Stanley Innes b. 21 February 1962 d. 6 September 1983

1.4.3.1 .2 daughter
1.4.3.1 .3 daughter
1.4.3.1.x [adopted 1.4.1.1.1 Rita Noel Bosanquet b. 10 December 1917]

1.4.4 NK
1.4.5 NK
1.4.6 NK

1.5 Catherine Anne b. Thaba Nchu 22 July 1837 m. HODGSON
1.6 William Shaw b. 5 December 1839 d. Cradock 9 May 1872
1.7 Elizabeth Fanny b. Colesberg d. Platberg

1.8 Eleanor Isabella b. 9 July 1846 d. 9 July 1846
1.9 Orlando Sephton b. 6 September 1847 d. Kelvin Grove 14 November 1893
1.10 Fanny Elizabeth Alice b. 24 July 1849 d. 8 December 1862
1.11 Henry Richard b. 15 February 1852 d. Charlotte Octavia DICKS (formerly LAURINSON)
1.11.1 David Gwyddian b. 27 March 1892
1.11.2 Orlando Sephton b. 1894 m. 1 June 1923 Rosina Johanna DORMEHL
1.11.2.1 Lorna Gertrude b. 3 February 1924
1.11.2.2 Yvonne b. 4 December 1925
1.11.3 Walter b. 2 June 1895
1.11.4 Grace Darling b. 20 February 1899
1.11.5 Kate Muriel b. 3 April 1904

1.12 Agnes Helen b. 17 March 1854 m. Smith FOGGETT
1.13 Gertrude Elizabeth b. 10 October 1856 m. Walter ORSMOND
1.14 Wesley Clement b. 17 February 1859
1.15 Edward William Pyrne b. 16 July 1862 d. Barclay East 22 October 1929 m. Lady Grey 23 December 1889 Maria Magdalena CHURCH (d. 1930)
1.15.1 Margaret Jane b. 1891 m. 12 March 1918 Johannes Marthinus JOUBERT
1.15.2 Orlando Richard Church b. 12 October 1892 m. Sarah ENNIS
1.15.3 Cecil Charles b. 11 May 1895 m. Lilian Eveline Winifred BACK
1.15.3.1 Islay Gwendoline b. 1 June 1924
1.15.3.2 Doreen
1.15.4 Alice Kathleen b. 31 October 1896
1.15.5 Dorothy Gertrude b. 3 July 1898
1.15.6 Agnes Johanna b. 16 February 1900
1.15.7 Ethel Enid b. 24 October 1902 m. Bertram PUCK
1.15.8 Martha Madeline b. 25 May 1904

1.16 Alice Mary Ethel
1.17 John Frank Lawrence

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Unknown Bosanquet b. approx. 1812 m. Harriett Martin b. 1812
  - Henry David Bosanquet b. 1840 Shoreditch

Henry David Bosanquet b. 1840 Shoreditch, an Oil and Colourman m. Harriett Susan MARTIN b. 1844
  - Harriett Sophia Bosanquet b. 1866
  - Henry Thomas Bosanquet b. 1869
  - July Margaret Bosanquet 1871
  - Arthur George Bosanquet b. 1879

Henry Thomas Bosanquet b. 1869 Bloomsbury W C Middlesex, England m. Harriett Eliza HYDE
  - James Hyde Bosanquet  b. 15 December 1892 Childers, Queensland, Australia
d. 11 August 1973 m. 19 April 1921 Townsville, Queensland, Phoebe Caroline Jane Stuart
    o  Mason James Thomas Bosanquet b. 6 March 1923 Townsville,
      Queensland, Australia d. 1953

Governor of New South Wales : Admiral Sir Day Hort Bosanquet, GCVO, KCB 18 Feb 1909 - 22 Mar 1914