

PELTERET PUZZLES

The information that follows is unexplained in terms of the South African family tree published elsewhere.

UNKNOWN

William Charles Hedges (26), bachelor (miller of Westerford) married Harriet Ellen Pelteret (17), spinster (of Westerford) at St. Saviour's Church on 21 December 1885.

William's occupation ranged from Miller to Gardener back to Miller and finally Labourer. They lived in Avenue Road.

There were four children:

- 1 [Maud Fanny](#) b 17 May 1891 ~ St. Andrew's. Sponsors were: Fanny Pelteret, Clara Ellen, John Pelteret.
- 2 [George William Henry](#) b 1 March 1893
- 3 [John Dennis](#) b 21 Feb 1899
- 4 [William Wilfred](#) b 15 November 1900.

An examination of records in the Cape Archives reveals the following:

William Hedges (so. George William Hedges of Kimberley, mother unknown) died 5 March 1916 in his home, lot 26 Avenue Road, Westerford Estate, Rondebosch [MOOC 6/9/817.774 13/1/2691.286](#). He was a mechanic at the Salt River Works.

His offspring included the following:

1. Winifred Mary married to S Cochrane ¹
2. Edith Ethel Emma Hedges, spinster ²
3. [Maud Fanny](#) married to Carl Jacob Smuts ³
4. [George William Henry](#) Hedges ⁴
5. Harriet Elizabeth married to J J Binedell ⁵
6. Charles Holme Hedges ⁶
7. [John \("Jack"\) Dennis](#) Hedges
8. [William \("Willy"\) Wilfred](#) Hedges

William Hedges was married to one Harriet Ellen née Freeman from whom he was divorced in or about 1902 (or so the Death Notice said). On 28 April 1916, she informed the Master of the Supreme Court that this was not so - she had abandoned him - and, being married in community of property presumably was entitled to half his estate. The estate was settled in 1916. From Jeppy, Johannesburg on 14 June 1921 she requested a copy of his death certificate as she wanted to remarry, was told that she was divorced and did not require such an order to remarry, refuted the matter again, and, the Magistrate of Johannesburg having received an official communiqué from the Master's

¹ Of Braamfontein

² address given variously as 8 Tuin Street (off Hope), Cape Town and 134 Victoria Road, Observatory

³ Divorced 1926 [CSC 2/1/1/1092.399](#)

⁴ L/Corp. No. 1694 George William Hedges of the 1st SA Infantry Battalion was presumed dead in Flanders on 27 February 1917. He was unmarried. [MOOC 6/9/1029.4376](#)

⁵ John Jacob Binedell, a treasury messenger of Bellevue Estate, Sea Point died 1911 [MOOC 6/9/664.959](#)

⁶ Note added to G W Hedges Death Notice states "died 1918"

Office, Cape Town, was remarried to someone unknown on 29 June 1921⁷.

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Archive Heading: Naturalization. William Pelteret

TELEGRAM ex Transvaal
Dated 20 January 1910
From "Bureau, Cape Town"
To C.F. (?) 0 - pta

"WILLIAM PELTERET EUROPEAN COLONIST BORN VERY RESPECTABLE DEAF & DUMB CAN WRITE STONE
MASON GOOD REFERENCES HAS A JOB AWAITING HIM IN JOHANNESBURG MAY PASSPORT BE
GUARENTEED"

Reply: YOUR WIRE TODAY PLEASE ISSUE PASSPORT TO WILLIAM PELTERET

⁷ Her address added in same hand at same time (undated) to G W Hedges
Death Notice is given as P O South Coast Junction, Natal.