

Sleigh Family of Emma Warner Sleigh

These are the Sleigh ancestors of Emma Warner Sleigh (1870–1929) who married Ernest Matthew Lacey (1866–1945). She had five sons, each of whom had Sleigh as a middle name.

My interest in this family is Emma who lived as wife with my cousin Stamford Vair Clirehugh.

Credits: This work is a collaboration with living members of these families: Lorna Cowan, Peter Sleigh, Roger Sleigh, Daphne Sleigh, Diane Patterson, Chris Carter, and Heather Sims. My favorite sources of “public” information is Ancestry, which has a UK and Irish collection, and Google Books which is digitizing the old books that name many of the people in this document.

One of the interesting things about these people is the way they reused family names. Surnames of ancestors became first and middle names. Willcocks, Adderley, Burrowes, Hale, Warner, Vesian all recall people who had lived before.

How is the name “Sleigh” pronounced? I pronounce it “Slee” and have found that others do also. Many pronounce it “Slay.” A resource, who pronounces it “Slee,” provided this interesting fact: “Slee” ties in with the origin of the name, which is from the same root as the surname Sly – both from the Old English: Sligh (meaning shrewd or clever). My old dictionary says “sly” is from the Middle English (1150–1475) “sli.” The Dictionary of American Family Names, Oxford University Press says “English (Midlands): variant of Sly.Scottish: either of English origin, as in 1, or a habitational name from a place such as Sliach in Glengairn, Sleach in Strathdon, Slioch in Drumblade, Sleich in former Perthshire, or Slioch in former Ross-shire.”

As my father used to say, pronounce it any way you like as long as you don’t call me late to dinner.

There was an Irish Quaker family named Sleigh in Cove at the same time as Emma’s family. No connection between the two families has been found.

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Ralph Sleigh

Parents: unknown

Born:

Married: about 1708

Died:

Children:

- Francis Joseph Sleigh, born about 1709; became a doctor, died 5-16-1770 in Cork, no issue
- Edward Sleigh, born about 1711

Ralph was descended from the Derbyshire Sleighs including Sir Samuel Sleigh (1603–1679), although there is some dispute about this, and Samuel had no heirs with his surname. Sleigh is a common surname in Derbyshire.

It is believed the Sleighs went to Ireland with William of Orange circa 1690.

Ralph settled in Ireland after leaving the army.

Ralph was the founder of the Irish-born Sleighs who settled in Cove (now Cobh) in County Cork, Ireland.

Ralph was in the commissariat of King William III (aka William of Orange, 1650–1702). A commissariat is the department of an army charged with the provision of supplies, both food and forage, for the troops. The supply of military stores such as ammunition is not included.

King William III first warred in Ireland in 1690, in particular the Battle of the Boyne (7-1-1690).

The Boyne was a river on the east coast of Ireland, a little north of Dublin. William's Anglican troops opposed James II (Stuart) Catholic troops in James' last attempt to regain his throne.

Edward Sleigh (1711–1788)

Parents: Ralph Sleigh

Born: about 1711

Married: 1735 Sarah Nash in Diocese of Cloyne, County Cork, Ireland

Died: 1788 or 4-14-1785 Cove

Children:

- Ralph Sleigh, born 6-2-1735 Cove, Cork; married Letitia Reazen
- William King Sleigh, born 1737 Cove, Cork; married Thamar
- Two daughters

Sarah Nash was daughter of Ralph Nash, she d. 5-28-1788.

It is likely that the second son, William King Sleigh, was named after King William III, employer of his grandfather.

Ralph Sleigh (1735–1825)

Parents: Edward Sleigh and Sarah Nash

Born: 6-2-1735 Cove, Cork

Married: 1760 Letitia Reazen (daughter of William Reazen of Monkstown), by license

Died: 1825

Buried: 8-14-1825 St. Mary's Church, Clonmel Parish, Cove, Cork

Children, 18 in all:

- William Nash Sleigh, b. 11-20-1762; married Margaret Adderley Willcocks

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- Jane Sleigh, baptized 11-23-1766; married 4-6-1797 James Scott in Clonmel Church, Cloyne, Cork
- Edward Sleigh, born 10-1761, died 1-9-1762
- Edward Sleigh, b. 1770, baptized 5-27-1770, married 8-9-1802 Sarah Clementina Heatley in Cork, died about 1855 in Liverpool
- Horatio Sleigh, bap. 12-11-1779 at Cove, Cork, married 3-17-1799 Mary Earnshaw at Lancaster, Lancashire, England; Horatio's only known son, Ralph, baptized 7-13-1800, married 9-9-1820 Ann Harper and had seven children in Lancashire
- Edward Mason Sleigh
- Sarah Maria Sleigh, married 1837 Robert Matthews

Ralph was a chandler and may have acquired considerable property. Burke in his Irish Collection Vol 111/3 refers to a Ralph Sleigh "who had land in Southern Ireland and was succeeded by William Nash Sleigh."

Ralph and Letitia benefited from a deed of 10-18-1787 in which they inherited some of William Reazen's property.

Ralph has been described as "of Carriguefoy Castle"¹ which seems to indicate he was quite prosperous.

On 5-19-1778 Ralph was an Lieutenant in the Hawke Union of Cove, Infantry of County Cork, as was his brother William King.

William Nash Sleigh was a sea captain in the merchant navy.

Son Edward Mason Sleigh had a son, John Sleigh, who married Ann Miller on 10-8-1882 in St Augustine, Everton, Lancashire.

Wife Letitia died 9-9-1793 in Cove.

William King Sleigh (1737-1831)

Parents: Edward Sleigh and Sarah Nash

Born: 1737 Cove (now Cobh), Cork, Ireland

Married: 1766 Thamar Morgon

Died: 7-12-1831 age 86

Children:

- many died in infancy or later, 1767–1800
- Thamar Sleigh, b. 1786; married 1802 Lt. Richard Hill of the Royal Marines
- Charles Sleigh, b. 1791
- Richard King Sleigh, b. 1794; bap. 6-26-1794; married 8-8-1816 Mary Jackson in Cove; 3 children
- John King Sleigh, bap. 10-11-1795 at Cove; married 10-27-1817 Hester Eliza Swayne in Cork; d. 1-27-1848 Haslemere; 6 children

William King Sleigh was the Postmaster of Cove and also tobacconist, grocer, painter and glazier. On 5-19-1778 he was a Lieutenant and Adjutant in the Hawke Union of Cove, Infantry of County Cork.

Wife Thamar died 1837.

¹ The castle, now known as Carrigafoyle Castle (at least in English), was built in the 1490s on a rock in a small bay off the Shannon estuary, 20 miles downstream from Limerick, in County Kerry. It was a large tower house. It was damaged in the 1580 Second Desmond Rebellion and never repaired. This seems unlikely to be the same castle as Ralph Sleigh owned, but there is no "Carriguefoy" in Google. Carriguefoy Castle may be a "corruption" of Carrignafoy and Shanagarry Castle; Carrignafoy is an area on the Great Island in Cork Harbour.

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John Willcocks

Parents: unknown

Born: Innishannon

Married: 9-7-1760 Sarah Adderley in Innishannon, Cork, Ireland

Died: ?

Children:

- Margaret Adderley Willcocks, married 1786 William Nash Sleigh
- Sarah Willcocks, married 1794 Burrowes Burke Campbell
- Dorothy Willcocks, married 5-29-1800 Sir Vesian Pick at Christ Church, Cork
- Adderley Willcocks married 1787 Alicia Delamain in Cork. The name suggests his parents were John Willcocks and Sarah Adderley, but I have no proof of that.

I know nothing of John Willcocks other than his wife and his children.

Sarah lived in Bandon at the time of her marriage.

Wife Sarah's Adderley ancestors developed the linen industry in Innishannon and well-known there. The Adderleys came from Alderley in Gloucestershire, England. They gained fame when Sarah's great grandfather Edward Adderley married Mary Hale in 1661, Mary was a daughter of Sir Matthew Hale (1609–1676) considered the greatest lawyer in England, during his life he held the title Lord Chief Justice of England. Sir Matthew Hale's mother, Joan Poyntz, could trace her descent from King Henry III.

Daughter Dorothy's husband had been the major of Cork in 1797 (he had been knighted in 1796). A William Willcocks was mayor of Cork in 1793. This suggests that Dorothy's father may have been related to William.

In 1773 a John Willcocks married Martha Smith in Cork. This may have been the widower of Sarah Adderley. I am including it here for future use.

The name Adderley Willcocks persists to this day.

Innishannon is a large village on the main Cork–Bandon road in County Cork, Ireland.

William Nash Sleigh (1762–1831)

Parents: Ralph Sleigh (1735–1825) and Letitia Reazen

Born: 11-20-1762 Cove (now Cobh), Cork, Ireland

Married: 8-22-1786 Margaret Adderley Willcocks at Church of St. Nicholas, Cork, Ireland, daughter of John Willcocks and Sarah Adderley, both of Innishannon, County Cork

Died: 4-17-1831 Ireland

17 children, all born Ireland, only 3 had issue:

- William Willcocks Sleigh, b. 1796, d. 1863
- Adderley Sleigh, b. 1800; bap. 3-15-1801; died 1801
- Adderley Willcocks Sleigh, b. 3-10-1807, d. 1870
- Vesian Francis Sleigh, bap. 7-10-1812 Shandon, Cork; married 1839 Esther Bailey; died 1899
- others ("a large family")

A sea captain in the merchant navy.

All William's children had left Ireland by 1820 or so and settled initially in England but later in Canada and Australia as well, no doubt taking advantage of the wider horizons in the British Colonies and escaping the "troubles" in Ireland.

Burrowes Burke Campbell (1770–1819)

Parents: Alexander Campbell and Sarah Burrowes

Baptized: 10-4-1770 at St. Anne's, Dublin

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Married 1: 12-15-1794 Sarah Willcocks at St. Peter's, Holy Trinity, Cork

Married 2: 12-16-1818 Jane Matilda Verling at Holy Trinity, Cork

Died: 10-31-1819

Siblings:

- Alexander Campbell (youngest brother, Burrowes was the oldest son), married Julia Henrietta Berkeley

Children:

- Sarah Campbell, b. about 1798 Dublin, m. 1817 William Willcocks Sleigh
- Alexander Burrowes Campbell, b. 1793 Dublin, d. 1886 Adelaide
- Adderley Willcocks Campbell, b. 1803 Dublin, d. 1885 Monaghan
- William Campbell, b. about 1807 Dublin

Burrowes attended Trinity College, Dublin and Lincoln's Inn, Holborn, England². He graduated Vern. 1790 with a B.A., in 1806 as LL.B. (Bachelor of Laws) and LL.D. (Doctor of Laws).

In 1792 he joined the Irish Bar.

Wife Sarah was a daughter of John Willcocks and Sarah Adderley, and a sister of Margaret Adderley Willcocks who married William Nash Sleigh. Sarah died May 1810.

Second wife Jane was a daughter of Watkins William Verling of Dublin. She was born about 1797 and died 11-25-1866 in Dublin at 19 Northumberland Road. She remarried in 1825 to Rev. Richard Archer, she had at least one child with him. Her father was born 7-23-1746 Christchurch, Cork; married 10-27-1770 Esther Gray in Shandon, Cork, she died 1775. Watkins must have remarried. A Wm. Verling, Esq., Counselor at Law, died in Cork on 11-26-1772; he may have been an ancestor of Jane.

Son Alexander Burrowes Campbell became a clergyman. He married (1) Caroline Anna Hogan (b. abt. 1806, d. by 1854) about 1826 and (2) 10-21-1843 Margaret Tompson (1814-1889) in Ventnor, Isle of Wight. He had children:

- John Burrowes Campbell, b. abt. 1828 Dublin, d. 1859 in Singapore
- Richard Campbell, b. abt. 1832 Ireland, d. 1859 in Sierra Leone
- William Adderley Campbell, b. 8-3-1833 Birmingham, m. 10-10-1867 Mary Clara Browne in Brighton., d. 5-17-1925 Ilfracombe, Devon.
- Henry Jephson Campbell, b. 8-22-1837 Leamington, Warwickshire; d. 12-30-1933 Lightwater, Surrey
- Brabazon Campbell, b. about 1841 Leamington Priors, Warwickshire, m. Jessie Brignand

Alexander was educated by Mr. White, after entering Trinity College, Dublin, in 1819 he won a scholarship, in 1820 got a B.A., in 1828 a M.A.

Ordained a Deacon, 6-23-1823 admitted to Priest's Orders at Kilmore. Was Curate at Taney from 3-1825 until 1828. He was Perpetual Curate of Great Keddisham, Suffolk, from 1849 to 1858, and Chaplain to the Earl of Cowley from 1858 to 1886. A number of his sermons dated 1834-1854 can be found on Google Books, the 1834 sermon was delivered in Birmingham, the 1850s sermons in St. Paul's Chapel, Aberdeen.

² Lincoln's Inn, situated in Holborn bordering the City of London and the City of Westminster, was a place where the law was taught since the 1400s. It is believed to have become a formally organized Inn of Court soon after 1310. The Inn consists of several buildings (as best I can tell) and currently belongs to the Queen Mary School of Law.

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Son Adderley Willcocks Campbell died 1-20-1885 age 82 at Tulleycorbet Rectory in Monaghan, Ireland. Graduated Trinity College 1825 with BA, 1832 with MA. He married (1) Jemima Matilda Dancer (b. 1810, d. 8-1-1847) on 4-30-1835 in Killaloe, County Clare. He married (2) Esther Georgina Rowley in 1868 in Monaghan. Children:

- Dillon Charles Dancer Campbell, b. 1-16-1836 Donomoyne, Glen . . .; graduated Trinity College 1865 with MA; became clergyman, married 8-6-1861 Anne Selina Reid in St. Peter, Dublin, died 1-3-1883
- Elizabeth Jemima Dancer Campbell
- Grace Elizabeth Campbell, b. abt. 1847 Monaghan, d. 1903
- Mathilda Campbell, b. 9-15-1869 Lesnyguly, Monaghan
- Mary Frances Campbell, b. 10-4-1870 Castleshane, Monaghan
- Burrowes James Colin Campbell, b. 1-30-1873 Ireland
- Adderley Willcocks Campbell, b. 6-11-1875 Monaghan, d. 12-13-1936 Balrothery, Ireland
- Dorothea Eliza Campbell, b. 9-10-1876 Terryguly, Monaghan
- Richard Arthur Campbell, b. 1877 Monaghan
- Louisa Jane Campbell, b. 11-16-1878 Castleshane, Monaghan; earned 1825 BA, 1832 MA at Trinity College

William Willcocks Sleigh (1796–1863)

Parents: William Nash Sleigh (1762–1831) and Margaret Adderley Willcocks

Born: 5-1796 Queenstown, Cork, Ireland

Baptized: 5-29-1796 Cove, Ireland (Clonmel in the Diocese of Cloyne?)

Married: 1817 Sarah Campbell (1798–1864) in Dublin, Ireland

Died: 12-30-1863 at Abbey Lodge, St. John's Wood, London (Brixton), England

Children:

- William Campbell Sleigh, b. 10-21-1818 Dublin, Ireland
- Burrowes Willcocks Arthur Sleigh, b. 1821 Montreal, Quebec, Canada, d. 3-22-1869 Chelsea, England
- Sarah Anne Adderley Sleigh, b. 1827 St. Marylebone, Middlesex, married Adderley Willcocks Sleigh (as his second wife)
- Elisabeth Anne Clarinda Sleigh, b. 1830 London, married 1858 Major John Penrose, died 1-17-1867
- Ralph Edward Alfred Sleigh, b. 1-31-1841 London; settled in New Zealand

Physician and surgeon, M. D., F. S. A.

In 1814 entered Trinity College, studied there and elsewhere, became member of the Royal College of Surgeons. He toured Canada in 1819–23 to continue his studies and give lectures, after which he settled in London. In 1824 was appointed a lecturer on Anatomy, Physiology, and Surgery. In 1826 was elected Hon. Member of the Royal Western Library and Scientific Institution. In 1827 became Senior Surgeon of the Royal Western Hospital.

At age of 18 was “called, by Divine Grace, to a knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus.”

Considered an “exceedingly vain, reactionary, and viciously paranoid figure” by a detractor, probably a person holding different religious beliefs.

Authored several books about medicine and religion, including *Abolition Exposed* published in Philadelphia in 1838 (and available online) and *The Christian's Defensive Dictionary* in 1837.

Held several patents, in 1845, 1853, and 1860.

Traveled between Ireland, England, America, and Canada.

In 1834 he traveled to America with his wife, two sons and two daughters, where he gave a number of religious lectures.

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At one time lived at Bull House, Buckinghamshire.

His wife Sarah Campbell was a first cousin, daughter of his mother's sister. Sarah was born about 1798 in Dublin. She died 1-16-1864.

Vesian Francis Sleigh (1812–1899)

Parents: William Nash Sleigh (1762–1831) and Margaret Adderley Willcocks

Born:

Baptized: 7-10-1812 at St Anne, Shandon, Cork

Married: 1839 Esther Bailey in India, a widow believed to be a cook

Died: 1899 Shepherds Bush, London

His name Vesian came from Sir Vesian Pick, the husband of his maternal aunt Dorothy Willcocks.

As a young man Vesian went to India and served in the Bombay Artillery 1834-1841.

He returned to England and worked as an accountant in Bristol and later in Paddington, London.

Children, all born in Bristol:

- Francis Sleigh, b. 1844; died the next year
- Eugene Sleigh, b. 1846, said to have emigrated to Australia
- Francis Sleigh, b. 1849, died 1934.

Wife Esther died in Paddington, London on 6-8-1888.

After his wife's death, he lived in Shepherds Bush.

He preferred to call himself Francis Willcocks Sleigh.

Sarah Campbell (1798–1864)

Parents: Burrowes Burke Campbell and Sarah Willcocks

Born: abt. 1798 (based on age at death) Dublin

Married: 1817 William Willcocks Sleigh in Dublin, Ireland

Died 1-16-1864 at Bayswater, London age 66, a widow

Sarah was a niece of her husband's mother, Margaret Adderley Willcocks and thus first cousin to her husband.

William Campbell Sleigh (1818–1887)

Parents: William Willcocks Sleigh and Sarah Campbell

Born: 10-21-1818 Dublin, Ireland

Married: 1-30-1843 Amelia Warner (1824–1906) at Waterperry, Oxfordshire

Died 1-23-1887 at Ventnor, Isle of Wight, Hampshire

Buried: Ventnor, Isle of Wight

Children:

- William Arthur Warner Sleigh, b. 1843, d. 1881
- Amelia Sleigh

He was educated privately. He matriculated from St Mary Hall, Oxford in 2-1843.

A lawyer: On 1-30-1846 he was called to the Bar (Middle Temple), thus starting a distinguished legal career. On 11-2-1868 he was created a serjeant-at-law³, then the most eminent status among

³ There is a good Wikipedia article on Serjeant-at-law: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Serjeant-at-law>.

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common law counsel. In 1877 he emigrated to Australia where he practiced the law in Melbourne and Tasmania until 1886, when he returned to England after the death of his only son.

On 4-1-1868 obtained patent #1101 for "an improved appliance for protecting trousers from mud." Co-patentee was Annie Pye.

Amelia Warner was the daughter of a gentleman farmer of Thame, Oxfordshire, William Mead Warner (1789–1874), and his wife Rachel Watts (1792–). She was born 6-28-1824 in Mentmore, Berrystead, Buckinghamshire; christened 12-28-1824 in St Michael, Paternoster Royal, London. An 82-year old Amelia Sleigh died 4Q 1906 in Bedford, Bedfordshire; this is likely Amelia Warner.

William Arthur Warner Sleigh (1843–1881)

Parents: William Campbell Sleigh and Amelia Warner

Born: 12-17-1843 Chiswick, Middlesex

Married (1): 12-19-1863 Rachel Fanny Braithwaite Price at Kensington, Middlesex after 15 days acquaintance

Divorced (1): 7-12-1868 from Rachel Price (image on file)

Married (2): 1-15-1869 Emma Alice Bignell in Christ Church, Turnham Green, Middlesex; daughter of Robert Richard Bignell

Divorced (2): 11-16-1877 by Emma Alice Bignell

Married (3): 1-6-1878 Georgina Philipina Kuhn, daughter of J. G. Kuhn, Esq. She died 5-12-1883, age 29, in St. George Hanover Square, London.

Died: 5-29-1881 at sea bound for New York

Children:

- Anne Rachel Warner Sleigh, b. 10-24-1864 (with first wife); married 8-28-1882 Frederick George Barton; had 6 children
- Emma Warner Sleigh, b. 6-20-1870 Chiswick, Middlesex (with second wife); married 8-1-1888 Ernest Matthew Lacey; had 6 children

On 12-6-1854 admitted to St. Paul's School, age 10.

In 1869 at the time of his marriage he lived at 15 George St., Hanover Square.

In 1871 he lived in Chiswick, Middlesex at Stile Hall with his wife, daughter, and father-in-law. Stile Hall was his father-in-law's home.

Lawyer. Known as Warner Sleigh.

Fellow lawyer Montagu Stephen Williams described Sleigh in 1891 as "one of the most remarkable men I ever met. He was very clever and an excellent speaker, but from the time he came—or, rather, ought to have come—to the years of discretion, he was never out of trouble and difficulties. He was certainly the most precocious young man I ever met; for he had been married three times, divorced twice, and bankrupt twice, before he reached the age of thirty. His first wife eloped with the proprietor of a ladies' journal. . . Sleigh's second wife was the daughter of Mr. Bignell, the proprietor of the Argyll Rooms. She was not long in obtaining a divorce from him."

"Poor fellow! his was in truth a melancholy end. . . . He resolved to quit this country and try his fortunes in America. . . . but though he left England, he never reached America. On the voyage he was seized with a fit of delirium, and he was buried at sea."

The 1881 census cites

- a 37 year old Warner Sleigh, born Chiswick, Middlesex, staying at the Holborn Viaduct Spurs & Ponds Hotel in St Sepulchre, London; a Barrister At Law, married.

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- a 27 year old Georgina P. Warner Sleigh, born Middlesex, living with her father in St. George Hanover Square, London at 21 Hanover Street. She was married and a painter (artist).

First wife Rachel Fanny Braithwaite Price was born in 1Q 1838 in Camberwell, Surrey. Her parents were Joseph Price and Sarah. She lived with her parental family in 1841 in St. Giles, Camberwell on Hanover Street. In 1851 she lived in Margate St John The Baptist, Kent at a school on 22 Upper Marine Terrace run by Jane Haigh, she was a student. In 1861 at age 23 she lived in St Sepulchre, West London North at 12 King Street as the niece of John T. Bedford, 48, widower who operated a coffin furniture factory with 4 men and 1 boy. Rachel was having an affair with Mr. Minister prior to her divorce from WAW Sleigh, that affair was the cause of the 1868 divorce. Rachel married a second time 4Q 1868 to Edward Charles Minister in Kensington. She married a third time 4Q 1871 to William Robert Bousfield in Kensington.

Robert Richard Bignell (1811–1888)

Parents: Robert Bignell (1785–1864) and Mary Ann Hutchinson (1784–)

Born: 8-2-1811 Strand, Westminster

Baptized: 10-13-1811 at St Martin in the Fields, Westminster

Married (1): 4-6-1840 Emma Soket at St. Martins in the Fields, Westminster

Married (2): 5-2-1851 Elizabeth Scott in St. George Hanover Square, London

Died : 7-17-1888 Stile Hall, Chiswick, Middlesex

Buried: Brompton cemetery

Siblings:

- Mary Ann Bignell, b. 11-11-1816 Strand, Westminster; d. 3-23-1864 St Luke, London; m. 4-26-1847 James Friend (1817–1874) at St. Giles in the Field, London.

Children:

- Emma Alice Bignell, b. 3-7-1847 St James Westminster, London, Middlesex; bap. 5-30-1847 in Saint James, Westminster, Middlesex; d. 1893
- daughter with second wife, died young

Emma (Soket) Bignell was baptized as an adult on 10-11-1846 in Saint James, Westminster, Middlesex; she was born March 1815 and lived at 7 1/2 Great Windmill Street. Emma died 2Q 1849 in Epsom. She died in a coaching accident after asking her friend Sarah Squier, the housekeeper, to look after her daughter. (The spelling of her surname is taken from the typed GRO Index. I have also found it spelled Socket.)

In 1847 when daughter Emma was born her parents lived on Windmill Street. Robert was a wine merchant.

In 1851 Robert and daughter Emma lived at 9 Great Windmill Street, Westminster St. James, London in a household of nine, including friends, relatives, and one servant; he was a widower.

When his second wife became unstable they lived separately. There is an Elizabeth Bignell aged 48 in the 1861 census as a patient in a hospital in St Margaret's Westminster, she may or may not be the second wife. It seems that about 1860 Sarah Squier became Robert's lifelong companion; she was an executor of his estate.

In 1869 he lived in Chiswick. In 1871 he lived at Stile Hall, Turnham Green, Chiswick with Sarah Ann Squier, 1 niece and 2 nephews, daughter Emma, son-in-law Warner Sleigh, granddaughter

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Emma, and servants. In 1881 he lived at Stile Hall, Turnham Green, Chiswick with S. Ann Squire, granddaughter Emma Sleigh, two adopted daughters with surname Squires (his biological daughters with Sarah), and 3 servants; his occupation was wine and spirit merchant.

He was a member of the Brentford Local Board by 3-1-1882 and his name is on the dedication stone at the Sewage Pumping station which opened in 1883.

Robert Bignell was a wine merchant who became an impresario. In the early 1850s, he is credited with opening the Argyll Rooms⁴ (named after famous rooms in Argyll Street which burned down in 1832) for music and dancing on the corner of Great Windmill Street and Shaftesbury Avenue; Charles Emile Laurent held the license beginning in 1850, after his death in 1857 Robert Bignell held the license in his own name. The novel venue, a sort of cross between a night club and a casino, paid him well. However its dubious reputation led to it being closed in 1878. They were described as "This celebrated place of vice and dissipation" in a news article about their losing of their license. Another said "the Argyll Rooms achieved notoriety."

He reopened in 1882, as a music hall called the Trocadero Palace.⁵ The bar occupied one side of the auditorium. Edward VII was an occasional visitor as stars such as Marie Lloyd, Den Leno (both of who later ate at the Trocadero and appear in *The Trocadero Banquet Book*) and Charles Chaplin's father appeared. It was here that Charles Coburn sang 'Two Lovely Black Eyes'. Bignell died in 1888 and the rooms were then leased to a succession of theatrical agents, until 1894. Meanwhile the construction of Shaftesbury Avenue as part of the slum clearance campaign in 1885-86 had placed the Trocadero at the angle formed by the new street with Great Windmill Street. (In 1895 the Trocadero was sold by Bignell's daughter Emma on a 99-year lease to J. Lyons & Co who converted the building into a restaurant called the Trocadero Restaurant. Lyons went on to acquire the lease of various adjoining properties until he eventually held the entire block.)

Robert was also a property developer. In 1876 he acquired what became known as The Butts Estate in Brentford. Granddaughter Emma, as Mrs. Emma Warner Lacey, sold much of the estate in 1921, including a dozen homes currently worth £2 million to £6 million.

Daughter Emma Alice Bignell married William Arthur Warner Sleigh on 1-15-1869 in Christ Church, Turnham Green, Chiswick, Middlesex and divorced him 11-16-1877 on the basis of adultery and cruelty, the divorce was final on 5-28-1878. This couple had one child: Emma Warner Sleigh b. 1870.

⁴ There is a detailed history of the building at <http://www.arthurlloyd.co.uk/TrocaderoLeicesterSquareLondon.htm> . It states that Bignell leased the space in 1849, "stored his wine in the old vaults and, along with his partners George Bryer and Charles Laurent, reconstructed and redecorated the rest of the building and reopened it as an Assembly Rooms called the Argyle Subscription Rooms."

⁵ The Trocadero remained open until 1965. It reopened in 1984 as a tourist-oriented entertainment, cinema and shopping complex. Providing 450,000 square feet of leisure space, it was the largest leisure scheme in the United Kingdom at the time. It currently occupies the complete block bounded by Great Windmill Street, Shaftesbury Avenue, Rupert Street, and Coventry Street. Twenty-five years later, in 2009, plans were announced for the gutting of the building with the historic facade to be retained and a pod hotel constructed inside, work began in 2010. However in 2011 the complex is still open and has its own website www.londontracadero.com.

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Daughter Emma remarried. On 6-1-1878 Emma Alice Bignell married Charles John Curtis by license in Paddington, Westminster at St. Saviour Church. She was 32, "unmarried," lived in Turnham Green. The groom was 56, a bachelor, a solicitor, his father was John Curtis, also a solicitor. The marriage was witnessed by Robert Richard Bignell and Sarah Ann Squier.

On 4-22-1882 Emma Alice Curtis married Edward Chapman by license in St. Pancras, Middlesex at St. Bartholmew's Church. Emma was 35, a widow, lived at 122 Portsmouth (sp?) Road, Maida Vale. Edward was 61, a widower. This marriage was witnessed by Robert Richard Bignell and Ann Chapman.

Emma Alice Chapman died 7-19-1893 in London at Clairville-Knole Road, Bournemouth; her husband Edward was the executor of her will, her estate was valued at £184.

Robert lived in Stile Hall, Chiswick, Middlesex at the time of his death.

Probate 8-16-1888. Executors were Sarah Ann Squier (widow)⁶, Emma Alice Chapman (wife of Edward Chapman) of Beckman House, Boston Road, Brentford, the daughter, and Henry Edward Herman (solicitor). Estate valued at £20,845.

I recently acquired some information about a Café Monaco/Monico in London which Robert Bignell may have owned. "The sumptuous Café Monico was patronised by the 'better class of foreigner', and remained in business from 1877 right up until the end of the 1950s." The British History website says: "The Monico Restaurant was established at No. 15 Tichborne Street in 1877 by Giacomo and Battista Monico. An advertisement for the Café Monico on the back of a programme of 1878 for the Argyll Rooms mentions the 'Grand Café Saloon. Grill Room. Best Ventilated Billiard Saloons in London. Supper after the Theatres. Restaurant Open till Half-past 12.'" The Café was located within a block of the Trocadero. I found no evidence that Bignell had a proprietary interest.

Emma Warner Sleigh (1870–1929)

Parents: William Arthur Warner Sleigh and Emma Alice Bignell

Born: 6-20-1870 Brentford, Middlesex

Baptized: 5-30-1847 at St James' Westminster

Married (1): 8-1-1888 Ernest Matthew Lacey at Christ Church Streatham, Surrey; died 8-21-1945

Divorce (1): 8-18-1893 application filed by Emma, Ernest counter-filed 4-28-1894, both were dismissed 4-30-1895.

Died: 5-19-1929 Hove, Sussex

Children:

- Robert Markwell Sleigh Lacey, b. 6-25-1889, d. 9-9-1952
- Ernest Frank Sleigh Lacey, b. 7-14-1890, d. 8-1890
- Frank Philip Sleigh Lacey, b. 1891, d. 1918
- Edward Arbuthnot Adcock, b. 10-22-1894 in Ribblesdale, Dorking, Surrey; bap. 5-13-1899 at St. John's, Middlesex, a private baptism; father was Edward Harry Adcock
- Amabilis May Arbuthnot Adcock, b. 5-15-1896 in Ribblesdale, Dorking, Surrey; father was Edward Harry Adcock
- Ernest Vair Sleigh Lacey, b. 7-17-1900, d. 11-24-1931

⁶ Ann Squier was a servant in Robert's home in 1851, age 23.

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- William Warner Sleigh Lacey, b. 1902, d. 1919⁷

In 1891 Emma lived with husband Ernest and son Robert in New Brentford, Middlesex. In 1893 Emma sued for divorce from Ernest claiming he was adulterous and had given her VD. He countersued. In 1895 the petition was dismissed, the marriage continued and more children were born with the Lacey surname. I wonder if Ernest saw Emma during this time, as her 1894 pregnancy was not mentioned in the divorce papers.

Emma had an affair with Edward Harry Adcock beginning in 1893; that affair was cited in the 1894 divorce petition of Edward's wife Sarah (Bridges) Adcock⁸. Emma and Edward had two children, both born in Ribblesdale, Dorking, Surrey (residence of both parents).

- Edward Arbuthnot Adcock was born 10-22-1894 and baptized as Edward Arbuthnot Lacey on 5-13-1899 at St. John's, Middlesex, a "private" baptism. In 1901 he lived as a boarder in Hampstead, London with the surname Sleigh by which he was known ever after. He immigrated to Canada in 1910, but so far no proof of this has been found. By 1911 he was living in British Columbia, Canada where in 1916 he volunteered for the Canadian Expeditionary Force. He served with the infantry in France during WWI, married in England before going to France (Ethel Sarah Anne Sykes 7-21-1917 in Harrow, Hendon, Middlesex), returned to BC after the war, had two daughters (Dorothy Sleigh, born 3-24-1919 Vancouver, and Vivian Grace Amelia Sleigh, born 7-31-1923 Vancouver). Edward moved to Seattle where he became a naturalized US citizen in 1946. He died in Edmonds, WA on 9-13-1956. Daughter Dorothy married Thomas H. J. Frampton in Portsmouth, England and lived there afterwards.
- Amabilis May Arbuthnot Adcock/Lacey born 5-15-1896; her birth was registered twice, once with each surname. (Edward and Amabilis were named Arbuthnot after Edward's friend Frederick George Arbuthnot who was named as her guardian in Edward's will when he died 9-13-1904.) She was baptized 8-19-1904 in the Parish of Holy Trinity Broadstairs, Kent, a "private" baptism. Amabilis lived with her father in 1901 in Redlands (a home) in Ramsgate, Kent. She married George Harold Frank Girling in 9-13-1924 by license at the Register's Office in Marylebone, London. The marriage certificate says many interesting things: George was a retired police constable at his marriage, a 30 year-old bachelor (he was born 1Q 1893 in Hackney, London); Amabilis called herself Amabilis May Arbuthnot Sleigh, she was a 28 year-old spinster, her father's name was not given; both people were residing at the Great Central Hotel in St. Marylebone; the marriage was witnessed by Amabilis's mother, Emma Clirehugh, and Hubert Alfred Field. This couple had a son Anthony F. W. Girling born 1Q 1925 in Edmonton, Middlesex, London; Anthony married Josephine E. Sprinks in 1947 in Thanet.

Edward Harry Adcock died 9-13-1904 in Kent. Probate was 11-19-1904. His entry in the National Probate Calendar: Adcock, Edward Harry of "Redlands" Eastern-esplanade Broadstairs Kent died 13 September 1904. Probate London 19 November to Frederick George Arbuthnot gentleman and Robert Moore fancy-drapery manufacturer. Effects £5298 3s. 2d. [Here we see the likely source of the middle names of Emma's children with Adcock.]

⁷ The actual death date is not known, another researcher thinks he died in 1975.

⁸ This couple married in Paris in June 1890. Edward's first wife died in May 1890.

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In 1901 Emma was visiting with husband Ernest and his partners at 2 Queens Ann Gate, St. Mary & St. John Christchurch, Westminster, London.

She separated from her husband Ernest. He got custody of the two oldest sons, she got custody of the two youngest sons.

In 1911 lived with Stamford Vair Clirehugh in Lewes, Sussex as his wife.

She died at 95 Cromwell Road, Hove, Sussex, where she lived with Stamford Vair Clirehugh.

Her death certificate reads: "Occupation Wife of E. M. Lacey. Cause of death 1. (a) Chronic Cystitis, (b) Recto-Vesical Fistula. 2. Diabetes Mellitus. Certified by James M. Anderson, M.D. Informant & residence S. V Clirehugh occupier 95 Cromwell Road."

Probate 7-19-1929. Executors were Stamford Vair Clirehugh civil engineer and Gerald Russell solicitor. Estate valued at £2528. The probate record said she was the wife of Ernest Matthew Lacey.

Burrowes Willcocks Arthur Sleigh (1821–1869)

Parents: William Willcocks Sleigh and Sarah Campbell

Born: b. 1821 Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Married (1): daughter of Col. Franklin, an artillery officer; she apparently died soon thereafter

Married (2): 5-17-1841⁹ Charlotte Spellen (1826–1865) in Cork; born Barbados, daughter of Capt. J. W. Spellen, Royal Artillery

Married (3): 12-1867 Emma Oriana Papps in Liverpool

Died: 3-22-1869 Chelsea, England age 47

Buried: Brompton Cemetery

Children from last two marriages.

- Charlotte Sarah Sleigh, b. 1847 Brentford, Middlesex; married 11-28-1864 Frederick Henry Maitland ; died 1881 in India
- Kate Helena Sleigh, b. 1848 Kensington, d. 10-7-1865
- Nora Sleigh, b. 1851 Surrey
- Arthur Burrowes Sleigh, b. 1859 Manchester (or St. Pancras, Middlesex); married 1885 Julia Lilla Dyson
- Ethel T. Sleigh, b. 1865¹⁰, d. 8-25-1919, unmarried
- Ralph Gervase Sleigh, b. 1866, d. 3-19-1867 in Bromley, Kent
- Alice Sleigh, b. 1868, married Herbert Francis Englehart of Bromley

Author. Known for *Pine Forests and Hacmatack Clearings or, Travel, Life, and Adventure in the British North American Provinces* (1853).

In 1841 lived as a young man of independent means in St James's Square, Westminster.

Lived in Canada several times.

Held several military commissions in the West Indies, Jamaica, and Canada. Was appointed Lieutenant Colonel in a Canadian Militia Regiment.

Returned to England where he published the *British Army Dispatch*, beginning in 1853 and which he soon sold. In 1855 he founded the *Daily Telegraph* to formulate criticism of the conduct of the Crimean War; the penny daily fared well initially, but after incurring ruinous debts he sold it.

⁹ I found a second marriage date of 5-17-1846, in St. Lukes Church, St. Anne's Shandon, Cork. This date seems more likely as the first child was born in 1847.

¹⁰ The last three children, Ethel, Ralph, and Alice, are attributed to the third wife. It is a bit odd that the first two children were born before the marriage date.

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He was interested in Sleigh family history and had traced the descent of the Irish Sleighs from the original Derbyshire family, which information he gave to John Sleigh, the historian of Leek, who used it for his collection of genealogical charts now preserved in the William Salt Library in Stafford. He also compiled a history of the ancient Sleighs which purported to go back to the Norman conquest which he presented in 1843 to General Sir James Wallace Sleigh (probably the most famous Sleigh at that time). It is now in the possession of Cdr J Wallace Sleigh of Constantia, Cape Province, South Africa. (Cdr Sleigh died in 2005 but I am in contact with his only son, Roger James Wallace Sleigh who has an extensive data base of Sleighs) per Peter Sleigh.

Ralph Edward Alfred Sleigh (1841–1865)

Parents: William Willcocks Sleigh and Sarah Campbell

Born: 1-31-1841 London

Married: 11-1861 Marian Kennedy (1842–) in Wellington, New Zealand

Died: 11-3-1865 drowned age 25

Children:

- Stuart Kennedy Sleigh, b. 1864 in Parnell, NZ, married Mary Eugene Hogg, died 1950
- Arthur Ernest Adderley Sleigh, died young

Immigrated to Wellington, New Zealand.

He was a Capitan in the 2nd Waikato Regiment of the Auckland Militia.

Adderley Willcocks Sleigh (1807–1870)

Parents: William Nash Sleigh (1762–1831) and Margaret Willcocks

Born: 3-10-1807 Cobh, Cork, Ireland

Baptized: 12-6-1807 at Holy Trinity, Cork

Married (1): 1-11-1830 Eliza Helen Benson (1813–1847) at St Botolph, Aldage, London; she died 3-22-1847 of consumption

Married (2): 8-2-1854 Sarah Anne Sleigh, niece, after living as husband and wife and having several children; she died 5-7-1871 of acute inflammation of both lungs

Died: 8-10-1870 Askew Crescent, North Kensington of heart disease

Buried: Brompton Cemetery

Children:

- Adderley Crofton Sleigh, b. 12-29-1830
- Hamilton Norman Sleigh, b. 7-11-1832 in Surrey, m. 1860 Anna Elizabeth Ward
- William Henry Horatio Sleigh, b. 1839 in Wandsworth
- Eliza Sleigh, b. abt. 1835 in Portugal
- William Sleigh, b. abt. 1837 in Manchester
- daughter Francis Sleigh, b. abt. 1840 in Manchester
- Charles Albert Sleigh, b. 1844 in Manchester
- son b. 1843, d. 4-1844 in Marylebone
- daughter, b. 7-12-1845, died young
- Eliza Theopheilina Sleigh, b. 1846 or 1847 in Brompton, London, married Henry J. Clarke and lived in PA
- Teresa Margaret Sleigh, b. 5-4-1850 in Gibraltar
- Augustus Adderley Sleigh, b. 2-9-1855 Camberwell
- Margaret Adderley Sleigh, b. 3-19-1857 Camberwell, died a year later
- Mary Adderley Sleigh, b. 3-14-1859 St. Marylebone, died after one week

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▪ Lancelot Adderley Sleigh, b. 3-28-1861 St. Marylebone, lived until at least 1871
He had a varied life initially serving in the Royal Navy then the Portuguese Navy, was Assistant Commissioner of Manchester Police during the Chartist and Anti Corn Law riots. Poet and writer, inventor.

In 1832, while serving as an officer in the Portuguese Navy, he was made a Captain, a title he used for the rest of his life. On 8-14-1834, when Maria II became Queen of Portugal, he was made Knight of the Tower and Sword and thereafter used the initials KTS after his name.

Son Hamilton Norman emigrated to Australia, his descendents formed a shipping line and one grandson was knighted for his efforts!

In 1840 he became Chief Superintendent of Police in Manchester.

In 1841 he lived in Manchester.

Adderley Crofton Sleigh married 4-20-1856 Emily Jane Clarke at St Mary in St George in the East which is in Whitechapel, East London. Emily was the daughter of Charles Craven Clarke, described as a gentleman. Adderley was described as a clerk. This couple had eight children between 1857 and 1871 in London.

Hamilton Norman Sleigh married 7-11-1860 Anna Elizabeth Ward at the Parish Church of Westbury-on-Trym near Bristol. She was the daughter of Edwin White Ward, innkeeper. Son Harold Crofton Sleigh (1876–11933) moved to Australia.