



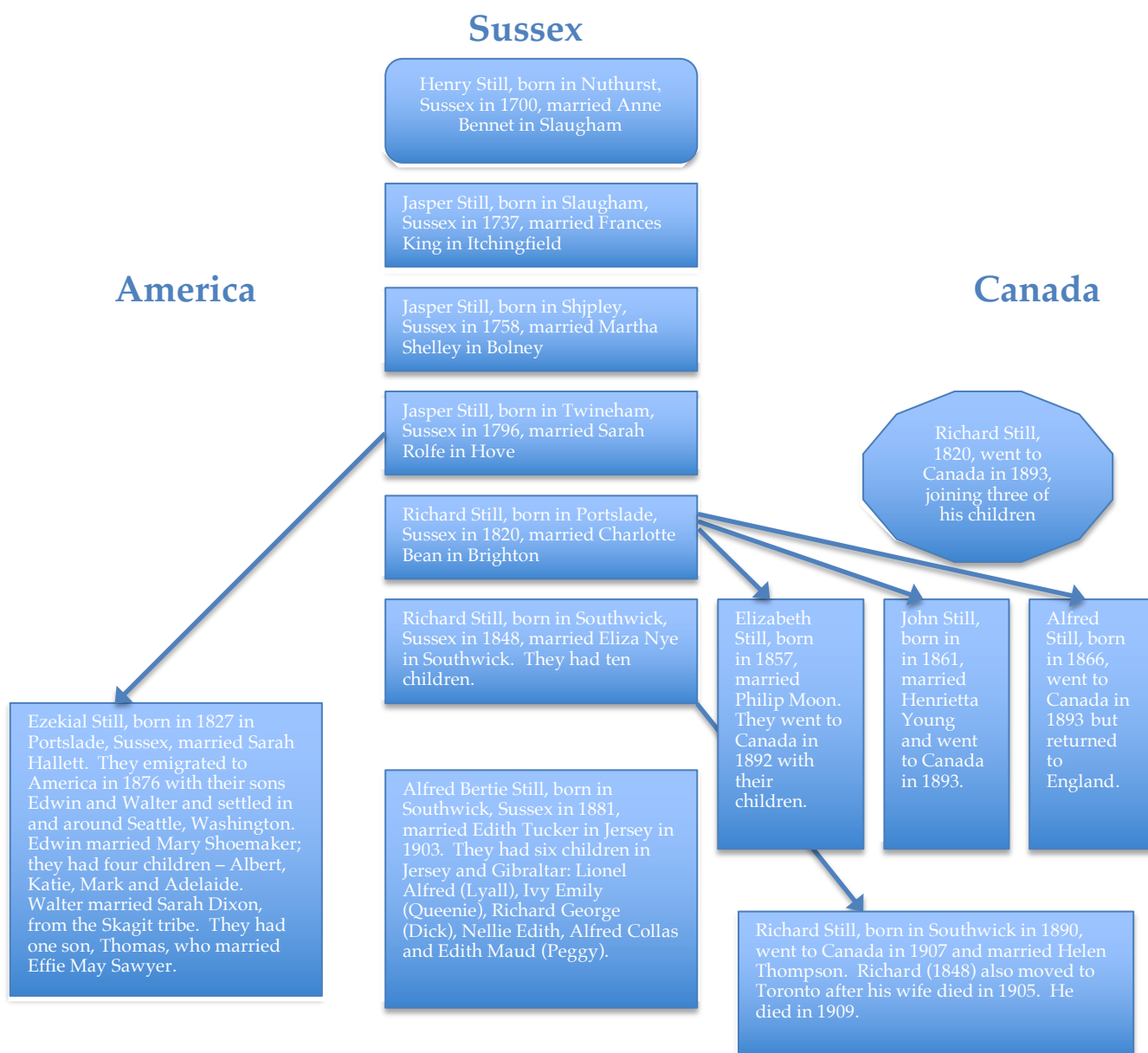
# THE STILL FAMILY

SUSSEX, CANADA, AMERICA AND JERSEY

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## Introduction

Richard Still, born in 1820, was not a remarkable or famous person. On the contrary, he came from a family of labourers, and was a baker by trade. His wife, Charlotte Bean, died in 1888 when he was 68, and at the age of 72 he emigrated to Canada, to the city of Brandon in Manitoba, following his daughter Elizabeth and son-in-law Philip Moon who had emigrated the year before, and his son John, and his wife Henrietta, who travelled to Brandon shortly before he did. Richard died in Brandon in 1911.

This paper traces the ancestors of Richard Still in Sussex, and his descendants in America, Canada and Jersey.

## The ancestors of Richard Still (1820)

Genealogical records are now very accessible, but often there can be no certainty in respect of family linkages. However, there is reasonable certainty that Henry Still, born in Nuthurst, Sussex, on 31 March 1700 is a director ancestor of Richard Still.

It has not been possible to identify the parents of Henry other than that their names were Jasper and Mary. Previous versions of this paper suggested that his parents were Jasper Still and Mary Amey, and that Jasper's family came from Bletchingley and Horne in Surrey. Other sources suggest that Henry was the son of Jasper and Mary Hamilton. There is no trace of the marriage of a Jasper Still and a Mary in Sussex or in Surrey in the years immediately before Henry's birth in 1700. Nor is there any trace of the birth of a Jasper Still in Sussex who could be the father of Henry. A Jasper Still was born in Bletchingley in 1681. However, Bletchingley, which is near Redhill, is over 40 kilometres from Nuthurst and there is nothing to suggest that this Jasper Still was the father of Henry.

On 14 August 1726 Henry married Anne Bennet in Slaugham. Anne was the daughter of the landlord of the White Swan in Slaugham, a pub that stood in front of St Mary's church. The pub was demolished in 1922. Henry was described as a journeyman carpenter. He and his wife are buried in the churchyard at St Mary, Slaugham.

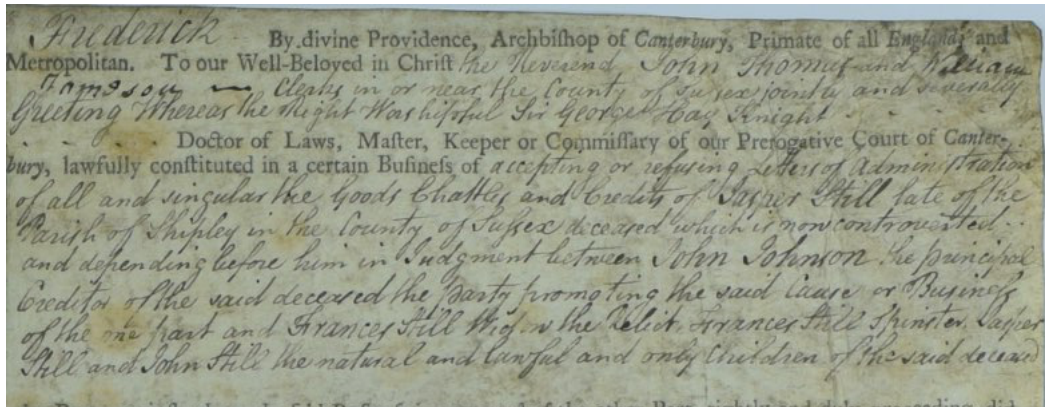
Henry and Anne had eight children, all recorded as being born in Slaugham: Anne (1727), Mary (1728), William (1730), Anne (1731), Henry (1734), George (1735), Jasper (1737) and Francis (1740).

Jasper Still, the seventh of the eight children of Henry and Anne, was born on 21 August 1737. On 21 February 1754 in Itchingfield he married Frances King. It has not been possible to trace the parents of Frances. She is described in the marriage record as being "of Itchingfield" but there is no trace of her birth in the parish records. Jasper and Frances had three children in Shipley: Frances (1756), Jasper (1758) and John (1760). Jasper died in Shipley on 21 March 1777. His will was contested by a creditor. This required a detailed inventory of his assets to be drawn up. These included four horses and a quarter share of a mill and other premises in "the Parish of Oakenham in the Country of Sussex". There is no trace of a parish with this exact name. It is possible that the place is now called Oakendene, in Cowfold, quite close to Shipley.

## The assets of Jasper Still (1737-77)

Following the death of Jasper Still, a creditor, John Johnson, took legal action in pursuit of a debt against his estate. This process required an inventory to be drawn up, comprising all the assets of Jasper Still on his death. This inventory gives a detailed picture of the assets of Jasper Still, and therefore to some extent of his life. The inventory has been obtained from the online records in the National Archives.

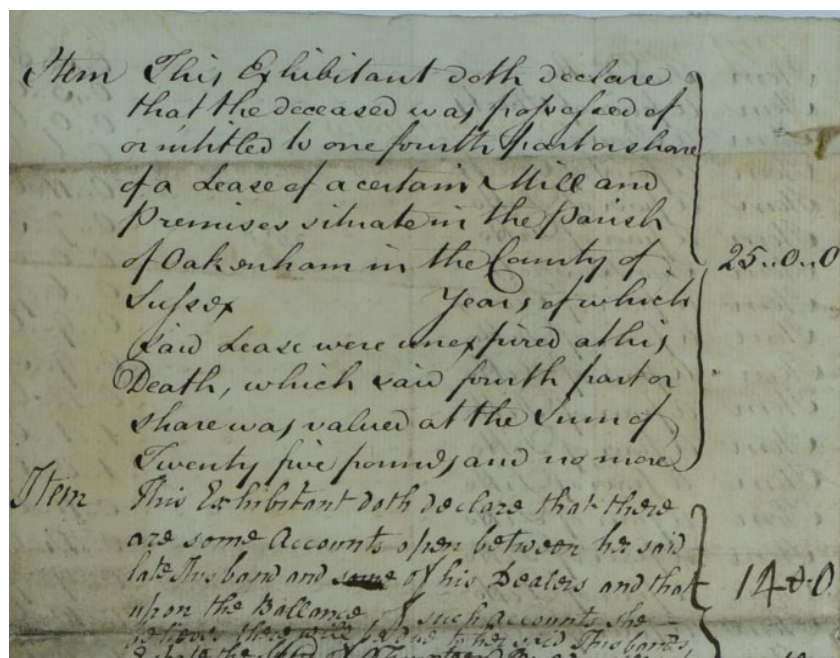
The inventory comprises a preamble setting out the process and the parties concerned, followed by a detailed inventory of assets, which it is assumed were sold, and then an inventory of assets not sold.



The preamble to the inventory

There then follows a detailed list of over 200 items. These included four horses valued at between £3 and £14 each, 10 beds or bedsteads, and no fewer than 18 pairs of sheets. Numerous very small items were recorded, for example: an inkstand 4d, two tins 6d, a bottle 2d, a pair of old shoes 2d, a table 9d, an ironing board 3sh.10d, a tablecloth 9sh, a barrel 3sh 3d, a coffee pot 2sh.6d, and a pewter dish 2sh.0. The total value of the items listed is about £150, very approximately £15,000 in today's money.

The inventory lists unsold goods, including a parcel of wheat in the straw and some hay (£11.0.0), "Wearing apparel with some little money in the house (£4.5.0)" and most interestingly "A fourth part of a lease of a certain mill and premises situate in the Parish of Oakenham in the County of Sussex [not legible] years of which were unexpired at his death, which said fourth part was valued at the sum of twenty five pounds and no more (£25.0.0)".



The reference in the inventory to the mill and premises in Oakenham



Jasper Still, the second child of Jasper and Frances, was born on 27 July 1758 in Shipley. He married Martha Shelley, daughter of Richard Shelley and Anne Parker, on 29 December 1789 in Bolney. Jasper and Martha had seven children: John (1790, Bolney), Edward (1792, Bolney), Sarah (1794, Bolney), Jasper (1796, Twineham), Martha (1803, Preston) and Mary (1806, Preston). Between 1796 and 1803 Jasper and his family made the significant move southwards over the South Downs to the Brighton area. Jasper died on 13 March 1836 in Preston. Martha died on 13 April 1846 at 4 Marshall's Row, St Peter in Brighton.

Jasper Still, continuing the first name of his father and grandfather, was born on 5 March 1796 in Twineham. On 19 October 1816 he married Sarah Rolf in Hove. Sarah was born in Patcham on 9 February 1794, the daughter of Thomas Rolf (also spelt Ralf and Rolfe) (1769, Rottingdean) and Barbara Lelliot (also spelt Lillyet, Lilliot and Lillet) (1770, Woodmancote). Jasper and Sarah had five children –

- Louisa (1817, Preston), died in 1818 in Portslade.
- Richard (1820, Portslade), covered in the next section.
- Walter (1823, Portslade), died in 1825 in Portslade.
- Mary (1824, Portslade), married William Barnett in 1845. They had six children.
- Ezekial (1827, Portslade), emigrated to America, covered on P.13.

Jasper was recorded as an agricultural labourer in the 1841 and 1851 censuses and, with Sarah, was living in the same property or next door to his brother Edward in Portslade Village. He died on 28 January 1855. The death record says that he died from water on the chest and that he was an agricultural labourer. His wife Sarah lived for another 30 years in Portslade. The 1881 census gives her address as Myrtle Cottages, Portslade. She died at the age of 91 on 15 March 1885 in the Union Workhouse, New Shoreham.



*The first definite record of the family is in Nuthurst in 1700, then Slaugham (1726), Shipley (1756), Bolney (1789), Twineham (1795), Preston (1803), Portslade (1820) and Southwick (1840). The family moved gradually south towards Brighton.*

## Richard Still (1820) and Charlotte Bean

Richard Still was born on 16 April 1820 in Portslade, the second of five children of Jasper Still and Sarah Rolf. However, by the time of his birth his older sister Louisa had died in her first year, and his younger brother Walter died when Richard was just five. By the 1841 census he had left the family home and was living in Southwick Green.

Richard Still married Charlotte Bean at St Nicholas Church, Brighton on 25 March 1846. At the time this was the Parish Church of Brighton. Richard was described as an engineer living at 10 Regent Row, and Charlotte's address was 32 West Street. Charlotte was born on 1 May 1823 in the nearby village of Wivelsfield. She was the daughter of Stephen Bean, a shoemaker and the Wivelsfield Parish Clerk, and Mary Ann Holden. The book *Wivelsfield: the history of a Wealden parish* gives some useful information about the Bean family. In 1780 William Bean (grandfather of Stephen) paid 12 shillings for Butchers House in Church Lane – so called because it had been leased to a butcher when it was built in the 1600s. It is still standing but divided into two houses.

In Church Lane the Bean family provided a shoemaking service continuously from the late 1740s to the 1850s: William Bean the father (1731 – 1806), William Bean his son 1758 – 1828 and Stephen Bean 1777 – 1850s.

There was a role in community service for traders who could read and write.....in 1776 William Bean, a shoemaker, held the office of Parish Clerk and was paid 10s 0d for keeping the accounts. He became Head Borough (constable). He was followed as Parish Clerk from 1806-28 by his son William, also a shoemaker, who in turn was succeeded by his brother Stephen, another shoemaker. That William Bean senior was lending money is shown in the court books of Ditchling manor. His son no doubt inherited, for he died possessed of the large sum in those days of £300..... Stephen Bean went on to become the master of the National School living in the School House, once the parish workhouse.

**CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF MARRIAGE**

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON

Registration District Brighton Application Number 1190 D

2. Marriage solemnized at St Nicholas Church in the County of Sussex

Parish of Brighton

When married	Name and surname	Age	Condition	Rank or profession	Residence at the time of marriage	Father's name and surname	Rank or profession of father
March 25 <sup>th</sup> 1846	Richard Still	Full age	Bachelor	Engineer	10 Regent Row	Jasper Still	Labourer
	Charlotte Bean	Full age	Spinster	-	32 West St	Stephen Bean	Shoemaker

in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church after Banns

Witnessed by us, Richard Still in the presence of us, William Tant  
Charlotte Bean Elizabeth Tant

John Allen Offg. Minister

2842

28<sup>th</sup> day of December 1977

CAUTION:—Any person who (1) falsifies any of the particulars on this certificate, or (2) uses a falsified certificate as true knowing it to be false, is liable to prosecution.

The marriage certificate of Richard Still and Charlotte Bean

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In the 1851 census Richard and Charlotte and their first three children, together with a 14-year-old servant Mary Mason, were living at 70 Albion Street, Southwick. Albion Street runs in to Fishersgate and is now part of the main coast road into Brighton, the A529. Richard was by then established as a baker. In 1861 Richard, Charlotte and their first five children were living in Southwick Green. In 1865 Richard was declared bankrupt: "Richard Still, of Southwick, in the county of Sussex, Grocer, Baker, London Butcher, Brewer, Dealer in Earthenware, and Dealer and Chapman, adjudicated bankrupt on the 24th day of November 1865. An order discharging the bankruptcy was made on 2 March 1866". In the 1871 census the address is recorded as "Baker's, Fishersgate". Their six youngest children were living with them. In 1881 Richard, Charlotte and four of their children were living at 6 Leylands Road, Fishersgate.

Richard and Charlotte had eight children all born in Southwick –

- Selena, 1847-1909, married Charles Luke Payne in 1870. They had nine children: Charles Edward, Reginald Ideson, Selina Annie, Louis Richard, Lawrence Edgar Douglas, Elizabeth Kathleen, Jesse Edward Charles, Mercy Jane Elsie and Louis Victor. Louis Victor, Reginald Ideson and Lawrence Douglas emigrated to South Africa, Reginald Ideson and Lawrence Douglas then moving on to Australia. Selena died in 1909. Charles then emigrated to Australia where he died in 1924.
- Richard, 1848-1908, married Eliza Emma Nye, covered in a later section.
- Emma, 1850-1869, married Maurice Marsh in 1869. They emigrated to Ohio, USA in 1869 but Emma died later that year. Maurice married Anna Maria Rogers in 1871 and Katherine Schlicher in 1890. He died in Sylvania, Lucas, Ohio in 1917.
- Elizabeth, 1857-1920, married Philip Moon. They emigrated to Canada in 1892, covered in a later section.
- Mercy Sophia, 1859-1927, married James Sands in 1885. They had five children: Gertrude Mercy, Winifred Kate, Alfred John, Ernest and Florence Grace. James had previously been married to Ellen Jenkins with whom he had three children. One of these, Ellen Louisa, subsequently married Mercy's younger brother John.
- John, 1861-1956, married Henrietta Young and also emigrated to Canada. They had two children, Florence and Urban Frederick. After Henrietta died in 1897 John returned to England and married Ellen Louisa Sands, the daughter of James Sands, the husband of his sister, Mercy Sophia, before finally settling in Canada. Urban Frederick returned to England with his father and served in the Navy between 1903 and 1906. Urban then joined his father in returning to Canada. He enlisted with the Canadian Expeditionary Force in 1915 and was killed at Ypres in 1916. Florence probably remained in Canada. She married Frank Law in Thunder Bay, Ontario in 1913. They had two children: John James and Thomas.
- Kate, 1864, married Albert Arthur Bennett in 1885. They had two children: Frederick Rickard and Florence Violet Mary.
- Alfred, 1866-1949, married Jane Harriet Wakeling in 1899. They had three children: Maud Ethel, John Ernest, and Ivy Nellie. Alfred also travelled to Canada in 1893 although he probably returned to England quite quickly. However, there is a record of him travelling from Canada to Liverpool in 1906.

Charlotte died on 5 April 1888. As was common his children took responsibility for looking after Richard. In the 1891 census he was still living at 6 Leylands Road, as was his granddaughter Selena Payne, aged 15. Next door was his daughter Selena, the mother of the younger Selena, described as head of household, with five children. Richard was described as a baker, his granddaughter being an assistant baker. Richard's daughter Selena was a needlewoman.

In 1892 Richard's daughter Elizabeth, her husband Philip Moon and their children emigrated to Canada, to the city of Brandon. The following year Richard's son John and his wife Henrietta Young, and another son Alfred, followed. Shortly afterwards Richard, at the age of 72, travelled to Brandon on his own to join his son and daughter. Richard lived with his daughter Elizabeth and her husband Philip Moon until he died at the age of 91 in 1911.

By then his family was widespread. Two of his children, Elizabeth and Richard, and one grandson, Richard, were living in Canada, two others, John and Alfred, had lived in Canada but returned to England, and the spouses of two of their children were in America and Australia. The emigration to Canada of a number of members of the Still family is described in more detail in a later section



## Richard Still (1848) and Eliza Nye

Richard and Charlotte's second son was also called Richard. He was born on 24 November 1848 in Southwick. He became a carpenter although he was described as a mariner in the 1871 census. He married Eliza Emma Nye on 21 December 1872 in Southwick. Eliza was the daughter of William Nye from Southwick and Prudence Morris from Portslade. In the Churchyard of Southwick Parish Church, lying against the eastern wall towards the southern corner, is a headstone –

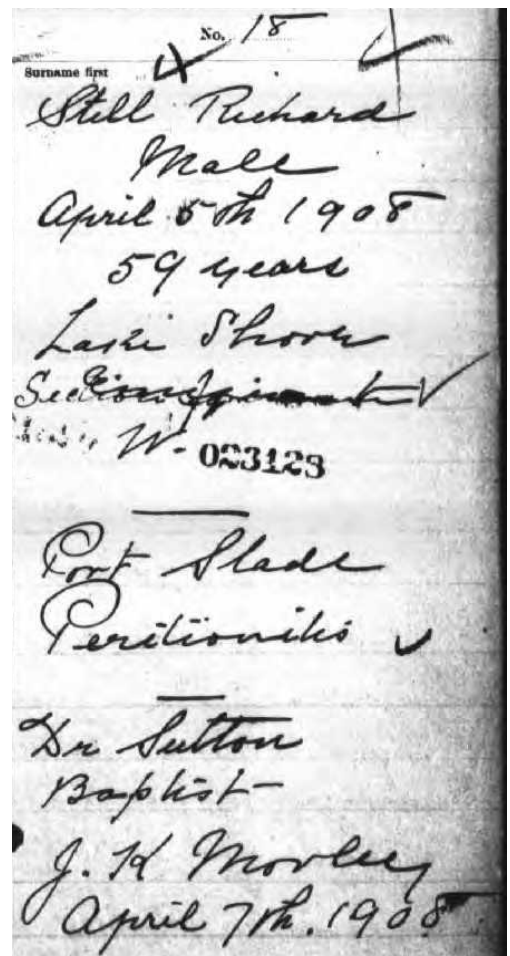
in loving remembrance of PRUDENCE, the beloved wife of WILLIAM NYE who died 24 July 1893 age 65 years – not gone from memory, not gone from love, but gone to her Father's home above. Also of the above-named WILLIAM NYE, who died February 1, 1902, aged 81 years.

Richard and Eliza had eleven children –

- Eliza Emma, 1874-1939, married Frederick Rede Eastwood. They had two sons: Frederick (1903) and Alfred Alan (1904). They ran a laundry.
- Alice Louise, 1874-1951, married Thomas Henry Steele. They had three children: Gladys Louise (1902), Alice Irene (1909) and Reginald Jack (1913).
- William Harry, 1877-1931, married Edith Harriet Kate Lindop. They had three children: Elsie Violet (1898), Albert Henry Richard (1902) and Annie Lindop (1903). Harry, as he was known, was a builder/carpenter.
- Prudence Kate, 1879-1962, married Arthur Charles Adfield, a bricklayer. They had seven children: Nellie Florence (1899), Charles Arthur (1901), Kate Elizabeth (1904), Winnifred Alice (1910), Amy Jane (1912), Elizabeth (1917) and William Henry John (1921).
- Alfred Bertie, 1881-1948. He joined the army and settled in Jersey, covered in the next section.
- Edith Lucy, 1882. She married John Thompson. They had two children: Frank Walker (1914) and Eric (1916).
- Lizzie, 1884-1941, married Herbert Frank Adfield (brother of Arthur). They had six children: May Elizabeth (1905), Frank Herbert (1916), Irene (1919), Doris Amy (1921), Margaret Joan (1923) and Gladys Beatrice (1926). Herbert was a farm labourer in the 1891 census, living at 15 West End Road, Fishersgate. In the 1901 census Herbert was living with his parents, his brother Arthur and his wife Kate, the sister of Lizzie.
- Nellie, 1886-1985, married Robert Skinner, a gasfitter. They had two children: Winifred Nellie (1915) and Reginald (1925).
- Richard, 1890-1969, emigrated to Canada in 1907, settled in Toronto, and married Helen Thompson (née Lemon), with whom he had two children: Isabel Margaret (1911) and Richard Allen (1913).
- Violet, 1895. In the 1911 census she was living with her sister Eliza Emma and her husband, Frederick Eastwood, at 109 Montgomery Street, Hove.

From 1871 to 1891 the Stills lived in the Fishersgate part of Southwick, mainly at No 33 Fishersgate, now part of the A529. By 1901 they had moved to 6 Chapel Terrace, Southwick. Richard was still a baker at this time. Interestingly, the 1901 census records William Nye, Eliza's father, with one son, George Henry, aged 40, and a daughter, Alice, aged 36, living at No 30 Fishersgate, the same address in which they were living in 1881.

Richard's wife died in 1905. Richard then followed other members to Canada although he settled in Toronto rather than Brandon City. He died in 1908. His death certificate, shown opposite, records that he was living in the Lake Shore district of Toronto and that he died of Peritonitis. It will be noted that his birthplace is given as Port Slade, rather than Portslade. His son, also Richard (1890), emigrated to Canada in 1907 and also settled in Toronto so it is possible that the elder Richard joined his son there.



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1848 BIRTH in the Sub-district of New Shoreham in the County of Sussex

Columns—	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10*
No.	When and where born	Name, if any	Sex	Name and surname of father	Name, surname and maiden surname of mother	Occupation of father	Signature, description and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar	Name entered after registration
248	24th July 1848	Richard Still	M	Richard Still	Elizabeth Still	Labourer	Richard Still	1848	Steyning Registrar	

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Births in the District above mentioned.  
Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 18th day of December 1972

This certificate is issued in pursuance of the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953. Section 34 provides that any certified copy of an entry purporting to be sealed or stamped with the seal of the General Register Office shall be received as evidence of the birth or death to which it relates without any further or other proof of the entry, and no certified copy purporting to have been given in the said Office shall be of any force or effect unless it is sealed or stamped as aforesaid.

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1851 BIRTH in the Sub-district of New Shoreham in the County of Sussex

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248	2nd July 1851	Eliza Emma Nye	F	William Nye	Prudence Nye	Labourer	Eliza Emma Nye	1851	Steyning Registrar	

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\*See note overleaf

1872 Marriage solemnized after banns in the Parish of Southwick in the County of Sussex

No.	When Married	Name and Surname	Age	Condition	Rank or Profession	Residence at the time of Marriage	Parish of Residence	Rank or Profession of Father
304	2nd July 1872	Richard Still	24	Single	Labourer	Southwick	Southwick	Richard Still
		Eliza Emma Nye	21	Single	Labourer	Southwick	Southwick	William Nye

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by Mr. Richard Still

This Marriage was solemnized before us, Richard Still in the presence of us, William James Brown

The birth and marriage certificates of Richard Still and Eliza Emma Nye.



Fishergate in 1879. No 33 is clearly marked, almost in Southwick. Chapel Road runs east west through the middle of Fishergate. None of the properties that the Stills lived in are still standing.



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## Alfred Bertie Still (1881) and Edith Maud Tucker

Alfred Bertie Still, born on 15 January 1881, was the fifth of the 11 children of Richard Still and Eliza Nye. He joined the regular army when he was 18. He cannot be traced in either the England or the Jersey censuses in 1901 probably because he was in the army and at that time army personnel were not recorded in censuses. He was posted to Jersey in 1902 where he met his wife to be.

Edith Maud Tucker was born in Jersey on 26 August 1884, the daughter of William Richard Tucker and Emily Moore. William was born in December 1854 in Jersey, the son of Richard Tucker, born in England in 1818, and Anne Rule Moyse, born in Jersey in 1826 but from a Devon family. Richard came to Jersey after 1841. He was a tobacconist at the time of his marriage to Anne in 1846.



*Edith Maud Tucker*

Emily was born at 15 Hue Street, St Helier, on 28 March 1857, the daughter of Charles Moore, a shoemaker, born in 1827 in Lyme Regis, Dorset. Her mother was Susan Ann Gaudin, a dressmaker, born in Jersey in 1830. Charles and Susan were married in the Independent Chapel, Union Street, St Helier, in Jersey on 25 July 1850. Susan came from long-established Jersey families including the de la Hayes, De Ste Croixs, de Quettevilles, Poingdestres, Renoufs and Hamons.



*Emily Moore*

Edith Maud Tucker was the fifth child of William Tucker and Emily Moore, her siblings being Hilda Emily Jane (1875, who married Edwin Arthur Single), Alice Maud (1877, who married Philip Edward Bisson), Mabel Florence (born and died in 1879), Lilian Beatrice (1882, who married Charles William Noel) and William George (1887, who married Gladys Cornish). William died in 1888 and Emily married a second

time, to George Thomas Jerrard, with whom she had four more children – Emily Hilda (1892), George William (1893), Charles James (1896) and Arthur (1897). Charles and Arthur both died in WWI.

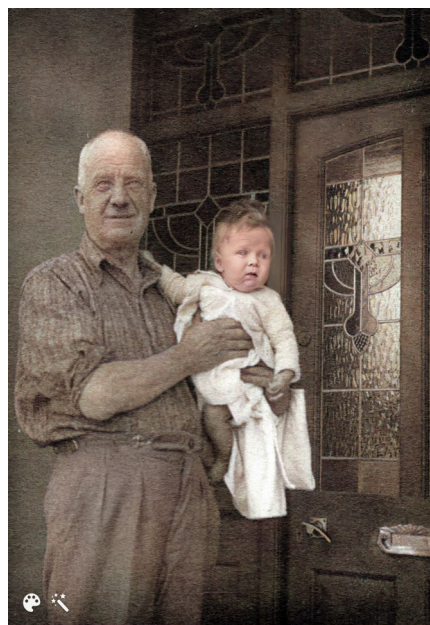
Alfred Bertie Still and Edith Maud Tucker were married in the Office of the Superintendent Registrar in St Helier on 24 December 1903, Alfred being described as a bombardier in the Royal Artillery. They had five children –

- Lionel Alfred (Lyall) was born on 20 December 1904 in Jersey. He married Thelma Rolstone in Newton Abbot Devon in 1934 and died in Torbay, Devon in 1983.
- Ivy Emily (Queenie) was born on 22 March 1906 in Jersey. She married Frank Gayton (Bobby) Richmond in 1935 in Westminster and died in 1994 in Bromley, Kent.
- Richard George (Dick) was born on 29 April 1911 in Gibraltar, where his father was serving in the Army. He married Betty Wallsgrove in 1944 and died in Warwick in 1972.
- Nellie Edith was born on 12 July 1912, also in Gibraltar. She married Lawrence Philip du Feu in Jersey in 1935. She died in 1967 in Southampton, although she had lived almost all her life in Jersey.
- Alfred Collas was born on 17 June 1914 in Jersey and died on 6 October 1914.
- Edith Maud (Peggy) was born on 12 December 1922 in Jersey. She married Paul John Boleat and died in Jersey in 2014.

Alfred's service record shows that he enlisted in the Royal Regiment of Artillery on 6 March 1899. He served in Jersey between 1902 and 1906, then in Gibraltar until 1912. He was in Scotland for the first two years of the War and then was "in the field" from October 1916 to April 1918. He was mentioned in dispatches for bravery and commissioned from the ranks to Lieutenant in May 1917.

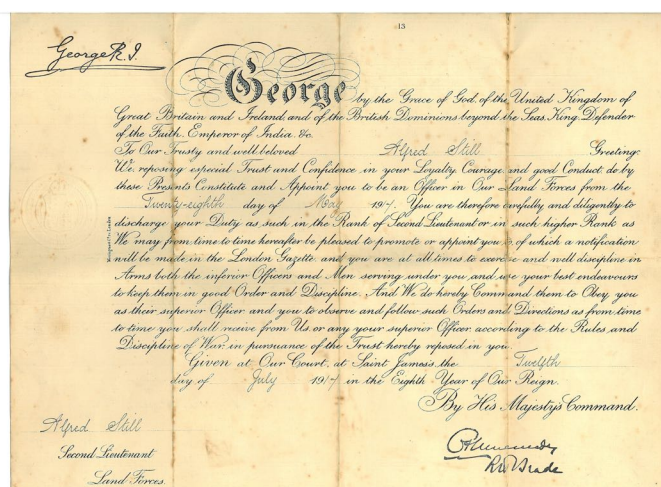
Edith Tucker died on 28 December 1922, 16 days after giving birth to her sixth child. On 15 May 1925 Alfred married a second time, to Ruby Ellen Marks, born in Leeds in July 1887, the daughter of Lewis Marks and Therese Liebman Leopold. They had one son, Michael Lewis, born on 28 June 1926. He married Christine Madge Smart. He died in Jersey in 1964.

During the Second World War Jersey was occupied by the Germans. As retaliation for British actions in Persia Hitler ordered the deportation of all Jersey people with an English or Jewish background. Alfred Bertie Still, his wife Ruby Ellen Marks, and their son Michael Lewis Still, were duly interned in Laufen and Biberech internment camps. Edith Maud Still was saved from deportation as she was suffering from TB. Her book, *A Quiet Place*, describes the experience of the family during the War.



Alfred Bertie Still in army uniform and pictured with granddaughter Susan Still at his home, Kenton, in 1948

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1881	January 1881 66, 33 Fishergate Lewes	Alfred Berke	Boy	Richard Still	Eliza Emma Still formerly Nye	Carpenter Lewes	Richard Still Father 33 Fishergate Lewes	Twenty Eighth February 1881	W. H. B. [Signature]	W. H. B. [Signature]

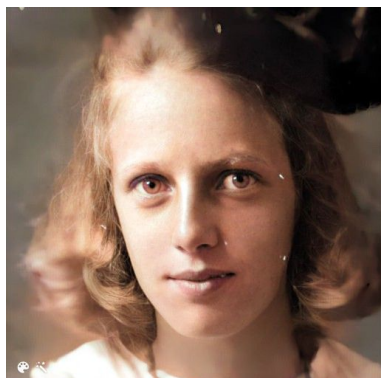


Alfred Bertie Still's birth certificate and army commission





*Lyall Still*



*Ivy Emily (Queenie) Still*



*Nellie Edith Still*



*Paul Boleat and Peggy Still*



*Dick Still and Betty Wallsgrave*



*Michael Still and Christine Smart*



*Ruby Ellen Marks, aged 10 in 1897.*



*Family group, 1963. Top row: Nell du Feu, Paul and Peggy Boleat, Lawrence du Feu, Queenie Richmond. Middle row: Ruby Still. Front row: Bobby Richmond, Mark and David Boleat, Jean du Feu, Susan Still.*



*A Still family group in the London Guildhall, January 2019.*



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## Ezekial Still (1827) and his descendants in America

Ezekial Still, the youngest son of Jasper Still and Sarah Rolf, was born in Portslade on 18 July 1827. In the 1841 census he was an agricultural labourer living with his parents and sister Mary, and also his Uncle William and his family. In the 1851 census he was still living with his father and Uncle William. On 6 October 1851 he married Sarah Ann Hallett in Portslade. Sarah had been born in Brighton in 1833. In the 1861 census Ezekial was a gardener, lodging at stables in Walberton, to the west of Brighton, near Littlehampton, with his wife and two sons, Walter, aged 7, born in Portslade, and Edwin Ezekial, aged 2, born in Southwick. In the 1871 census the family was living at 16 and 17 Clarence Street, Portslade ("connected internally – greengrocer shop"). Ezekial was a gardener and greengrocer and his eldest son, Walter, was a railway porter.

In 1876 Ezekial, Sarah, Walter and Edwin moved to America. In the 1880 US census Ezekial was a gardener, with wife Sarah in Lake Union Precinct, King County, Washington State. King County includes the city of Seattle. Edwin and Sarah moved frequently. In 1885 they were in Seattle Ward 3, in 1887 in Seattle Ward 4 and in 1892 in Seattle Ward 8. In 1885 and 1887 he was recorded as a gardener. In the 1892 census his occupation was given as a taxidermist. The 1900 census records Ezekial as living in the second precinct in King County, with wife Sarah and son Edwin. Ezekial died of a heart attack on 14 July 1903, the place of death being given as 911 Harrison Street, King County, Washington. He is recorded as a gardener and is buried at Lake View Cemetery, King County. Sarah died on 5 January 1905 and is buried in the same cemetery.

In 1880 Ezekial's younger son, Edwin Ezekial, married Mary Shoemaker, born in Washington State in 1864. Mary's origins are confused. In the 1871 census she is recorded as white, born in the Northern Territory. In 1885 there is a record of a Mary Shoemaker, daughter of Dick, in the Tulalip Indian tribe. Subsequent censuses record her father as being German and her mother as being German, Canadian French and born in the USA. In the 1880 census Edwin and Mary were living in the Port Blakeley District in Kitsap County, adjacent to King County, the other side of the Puget Sound from Seattle. Edwin (recorded as Edward in the census) was described as an engineer while his 18-year-old wife "keeps house". However, Edwin and Mary seem to have separated. In 1895 he was living at same address, 1118 Thomas, as his son Albert. In the 1900 census he was living with his parents, Ezekial and Sarah. However, Edwin is recorded a second time in the 1900 census, living with his wife and children. In the 1910 census Edwin was a steamboat engineer, divorced and living with his daughter Adelaide and her husband Hugh Shullenberg; he was also living with them in 1930. Edwin died on 4 March 1936 in King County. The death record of one of Edwin's children states his mother as being Mary McCausland. This is also something of a mystery. However, immediately below the name of Mary Shoemaker in the 1871 census is the name of Adelaide McCausland, born in Canada. There are no adult Shoemakers in this census so perhaps Adelaide was the mother of Mary Shoemaker.

In 1910 Mary married for a second time to Randolph Shewan. In the 1930 census, her son Mark and his wife were living with Randolph and Mary Shewan. It was this census that recorded Mary's father and mother as being born in Germany.

Edwin and Mary had four children, all born in Port Blakeley, Kitsap County -

- Albert Edwin, born on 16 February 1881. He married Marie Ryan on 12 July 1904. Marie had a son, Thomas, from a previous marriage to William Henry Nay, who died in 1903. In 1917 Albert was registered for the draft, his address being given as 211 Knob Hill, King County. The Washington death index records that "Alfred E Still, son of Edwin Ezekial Still and Marie McCausland, born in 1881, died on 29 October 1918". He is buried in Lakeview Cemetery. Marie died in 1948.
- Katie, born in April 1883, who married John McCloud, a millman from Stockton, California on 18 October 1902. She died in Seattle on 13 December 1908. They had two children both of whom lived in Monterey, California –
  - Walter Edwin (1903-91) who married Gladys Roll; they had two children: Sarah and Susan.
  - Harold Albert (1907-85) who married Ethel Marie Lowe. They had four children: Barbara Jean, John Lowe, Arlene Marie and Harold Lewis.
- Mark Ervin, born on 7 September 1884. Mark was recorded as a fireman in Portland, Oregon when he was drafted in 1917. In 1907 Mark married Marie Leonore Lian, born in Norway in 1889, who moved to the USA in 1902. Mark and Marie had two children –
  - Vernon Edwin Still (1908-43) who married Nelda Delphine Russell. They had one daughter: Barbara.
  - Mary Lois Still (1911-2000) who married Charles Robert Minaglia. They had two children: Patricia Anne and Robert Anthony.

Marie subsequently married Willard Brown. She died in 1954.



On 8 November 1919 Mark married Agnes Burquest. Mark and Agnes had two sons –

- o Erving Bernard (known as Jerry) (1921-2011) who married Martha Salmon. They had six children.
- o Douglas Ralph (1922-2005) who married Dorothy May Wohlleben.

Mark was also drafted in the Second World War. His address was given as 3222 West 65th Street, Seattle. Mark died on 10 December 1953 in Seattle.

- Adelaide, born in 1887. On 2 May 1906 in Seattle she married Hugh Fay Shullenberg, born in 1883 in Nebraska. They had two children –
  - o A daughter, Edythe Irene (1909-76) who married Walter Koetje. They had three children: Danny Varrel, Dolores Elaine and Gordon Hugh.
  - o A son, Gordon Hugh (1919-65) who married Margie Mildred Petersen, Elizabeth Summerill and Judy Maybee.

Hugh and Adelaide both died in 1965 in Seattle.

Ezekial's eldest son, Walter, married Sarah Dixon in San Juan, Washington on 15 March 1883. They had one son, Thomas Allen, born at East Sound, Orcas Island, Washington, on 29 November 1883. On 11 March 1908 Thomas married Effie Mae Sawyer in Vancouver, British Columbia. Walter and Effie Mae were first cousins, Thomas Dixon being their grandfather, and it was illegal for first cousins to marry in Washington – and most other American states.

The enrolment and allotment applications of Washington Indians give useful information about Thomas and his wife. Thomas himself was a quarter blood of the Skagit tribe through his mother Sarah Dixon. Although recorded as McNeely in the record they are the same person.



*Effie May Still*  
*Born at Davenport, Lincoln Co. W. - 29 November 1886*  
*Married to Thomas Allen Still 11 March 1908 in Vancouver*  
*B.C. by H.H. Fraser*  
*Father's name is John M. Sawyer, Farmer, born 12 June 1866*  
*Residence Davenport, Lincoln Co. Wash*  
*Mother's name was Julia A. Sawyer, Born 29 Dec*  
*1863 Died 27 Sept 1915 Her Indian name was*  
*Julia A. Dixon She belonged to the Skagit-tribe and*  
*was a half blood Her mother's name was Mary*  
*Adams who belonged to the Skagit-tribe and was a*  
*full blood.*  
*Husband's name Thomas Allen Still born 29 Nov 1883*  
*at East Sound, Orcas Island Wash. He is a quarter*  
*blood of the Skagit-tribe*  
*His Mother's name is Sarah McNeely born 23 March 1866*  
*at East Sound, Orcas Island Wash. She is a half blood*  
*of the Skagit-tribe His grand mother's name was*  
*Alice Dixon born about 1847 a full blood of the Skagit-*  
*tribe Her Indian name was, Alice John She died in*  
*1874 on Guemeso Island*

*The entry from the register of enrollment and allotment applications of Washington Indians*

In 1906 or 1907 Walter and Edwin made a return trip to the UK. They are recorded arriving back in April 1907 at St John, Newfoundland, having embarked at Liverpool. Walter was described as a pilot, living in Bellingham, Washington. Walter was also recorded as living at the same address as Edwin in the 1920 census when he was recorded as divorced and a fisherman.

In 1930 Thomas was recorded as entering Canada to stay with his brother-in-law Fred Sawyer in Carseland, Alberta. He is recorded as being married and a farmer, and also that he was in Canada between 1917 and 1926. In the 1930 American census Thomas was recorded as a longshoreman living at 240 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Los Angeles. Although married he was living on his own. There is no record of any children of Thomas and Effie Mae.

Thomas died in Campbell River, British Columbia on 7 November 1977. His occupation was recorded as a fisherman and his residence was Heriot Bay, Quadra Island.

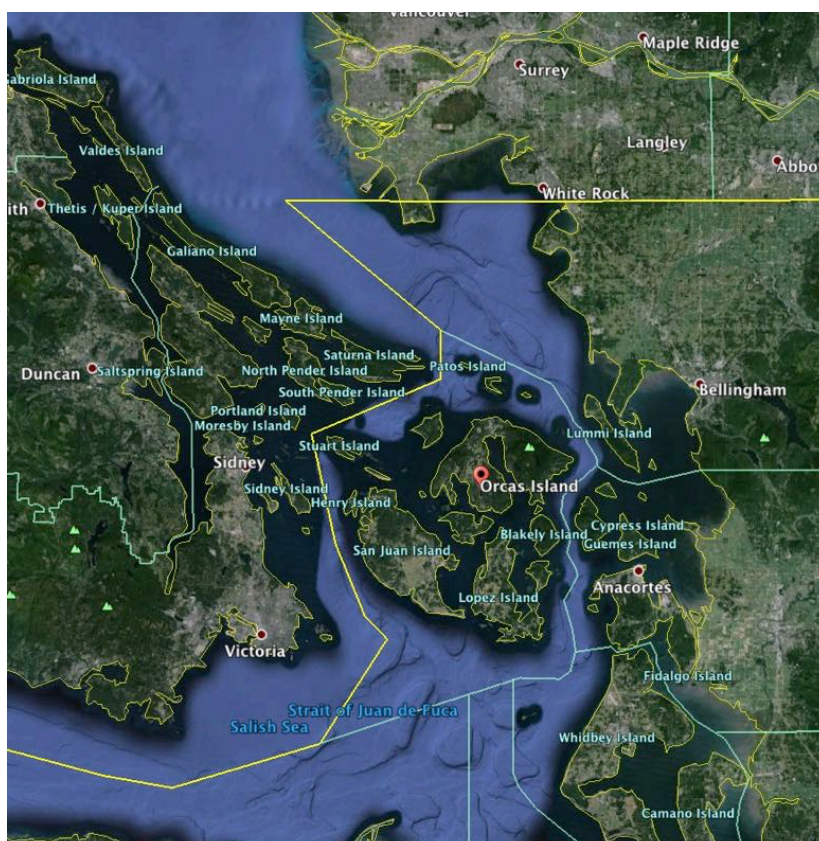
The Skagit tribe was small – only about 300 people at a maximum but was part of the wider Swinomish Indian Tribal Community. The tribe is based in the northern part of Washington state, close to the Canadian border. Following the Treaty of Point Elliott with the United States in 1855 the southeast peninsula of Fidalgo Island became a Reservation for their future use. The Reservation is a few miles east of the City of Anacortes and a few miles west of the City of Mount Vernon in Skagit County. The Reservation is surrounded by 27 miles of

saltwater shoreline and is bounded on the west by Skagit Bay, on the east by Swinomish Channel and on the north by Padilla Bay.

The Reservation is about 15 square miles in size and includes 7,450 acres of upland and approximately 2,900 acres of tidelands. Today, the Tribe exercises jurisdictional authority over all lands within the Reservation boundaries, and provide governmental and other services to tribal members, non-member Indians and non-Indians, including 24-hour police protection, water and sewer service, and planning and permitting services that are available to all residents within the Reservation. The Tribe also provides services and programmes for tribal members, including education, housing, senior services, and medical and dental services.



*The gravestones of Ezekial Still, and of his daughter Adelaide and her husband Hugh Shullenberg in Seattle*



Orcas island, birthplace of Thomas Allen Still, San Juan Island, where Walter Still married Sarah Dixon. The Swinomish Reservation is on Fidalgo Island. This part of Washington State is on the Canadian border. Thomas Allen Still married Effie Mae Sawyer in Vancouver. The yellow line marks that border between America and Canada.



## The emigration to Canada, 1892-1907



*Brandon in the late 1880s*

Brandon, Manitoba is over 200 kilometres from the nearest big town - Winnipeg. The climate is extreme, the average low in winter being -22 degrees centigrade. It was no more than a collection of tents in 1881, when it was chosen as a railway junction. It was designated as a city in 1892, when its population was 3,700. 1896 to 1912 were boom years when the population increased from 4,000 to 14,000.

In 1892 and 1893 there was a significant emigration of Stills to the new City of Brandon. What made the Stills travel to Brandon is not known. The first to make the move was Philip Moon, a wheelwright by trade, his wife, Elizabeth Still, daughter of Richard (1820), and their children Grace Elizabeth, Philip John and Bernard Alfred

They travelled on the Sardinian, leaving Liverpool on 21 April 1892. Three years later, Philip and Elizabeth had another child, William Reginald Moon, born in 1895. William, probably more commonly known as Reginald, married Rachel Jamieson Brown, of Scottish origin. Grace married Harold Spratling and William Root. Bernard married Lilian Hindson. They had four children: Douglas, Warren, Lawrence and Frederick Alfred.

A year later, in 1893, Elizabeth's brother John (1861), his wife Henrietta Young and their children Florence and Urban Frederick, made the move to Brandon, as did another brother, Alfred (1866). Philip's brother, William Moon, moved to Brandon at the same time. Shortly afterwards, travelling on his own, was Richard Still, the father of Elizabeth and John, then a 72-year-old widower, recorded in the official records as Richard Steel.

In the 1901 Canadian census all the families were living together except that John Still's wife, Henrietta Young, had died and Alfred had returned to England. John himself returned to England where he married Ellen Louisa Sands on 2 June 1903. Her father's second wife was Mercy Sophia Still, John's sister, who therefore also became his step mother-in-law. John returned to Canada with Ellen in 1912 and they are recorded in the 1921 census as living on their own in Streetsville, Peel, Ontario.

Urban, known as Frederick, returned to England with his father John and served in the British Navy. He then returned to Canada with his father, joined the Canadian Expeditionary Force and died at Ypres in 1916. His sister Florence married Frank Law, born in York, England, in Thunder Bay on 11 December 1913. In the 1921 census they were living in the McIntyre Township of Port Arthur, Ontario, with two children, John (1915) and Thomas (1917), and a son from Frank's first marriage. Florence died in 1962.

In the 1906 census Richard was living with Philip and Elizabeth Moon and their children. Richard died at the age of 92 on 28 February 1911 and is buried in the City's cemetery along with his daughter Elizabeth who died on 21 June 1920, and son-in-law Philip Moon.

Another member of the family emigrated to Canada in 1907 - Richard Still, born in 1890, the son of Richard Still and Eliza Nye, so a grandson of Richard (1820) and nephew of John (1861); the ship's record gives a final destination of Brandon City so perhaps there was a plan to join the rest of the family. However, the 1911 census shows Richard living in Toronto, a butcher, married to Helen Thompson (née Lemon) from Scotland and with a daughter Margaret. In the 1921 census he is at the same address, still a butcher, with his wife and two children, Isabel Margaret (10) (recorded as Margaret in the 1911 census) and Richard Allen (8). Richard married Isabel Roberts. Helen died in 1923 and Richard in 1969. It is understood that there are no descendants of Richard and Florence. Richard's father, Richard (1848), emigrated to Canada after his wife died in 1905. He died in Toronto in 1908.



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John Still's family and William Moon listed in the immigration records

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The 1901 Canadian census showing details of the Still and Moon families



The gravestones of Elizabeth Still in Brandon and of Richard Still (1889), his wife Helen Thompson and their daughter (Isabel) Margaret in Toronto

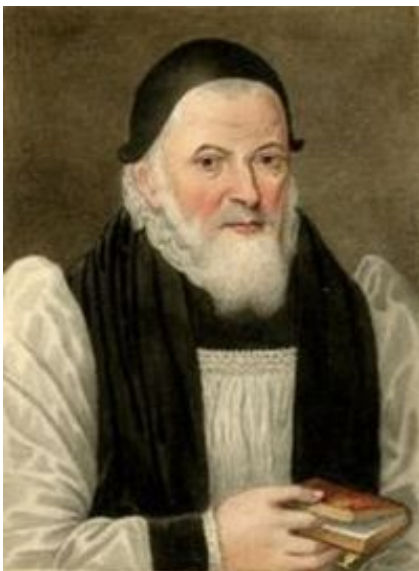
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## Bishop John Still

Family legend has it that the Still family described in this paper is descended from a prominent family that originated in Suffolk and included Bishop John Still. There is limited evidence to support this and it is sensible to conclude that there is no such relationship. However, it is helpful to explain what is thought to be the relationship.

The earliest known member of the prominent Still family was William Still, born in about 1515 in Grantham, Lincolnshire. William married Joanne Stillwell. They had five children. Their youngest, Alice married Adam Winthrop. The Winthrops were a prominent family in both England and America. Alice died during childbirth in 1577, just three years after their marriage. Adam remarried in 1579 Anne Browne, son of Henry Browne, former clergyman of Groton. Their eldest son was John Winthrop, born on January 12, 1587, who became the first governor of the Massachusetts Bay Company, a position that meant that he was also Governor of the State. His direct descendants today include John Kerry, former US Secretary of State and currently the US president's envoy on climate. John Kerry has another connection with the Still family. His direct ancestor John Cabot was born in Jersey in April 1680, the son of Francois Cabot, born in Trinity in 1637, and Susanna De Grouchy. Francois's ancestors include Giffards, Hamons and Le Sueurs. He is the 11<sup>th</sup> cousin three times removed of the children of Peggy Still.

William and Joanne's oldest child, John, was born 1543. He was Professor of Divinity at Cambridge University 1570-73, Canon of Westminster in 1573, Master of St John's College Cambridge 1574-77, Master of Trinity College Cambridge 1577-83, Vice Chancellor of Cambridge University 1575-76 and 1592-93 and Bishop of Bath and Wells from 1592 to 1608.



John married his first wife, Anne Alabaster, in 1576. John and Anne had ten children in 13 years, all born in Hadleigh. Their daughter, Catherine, was born in about 1600. She married the Reverend Charles Chauncy, a physician and barrister, and they emigrated to America in 1637. Reverend Chauncey became the second President of Harvard University. She was the mother of nine children. All six of her sons became ministers. Catherine died on 24 June 1667 and is buried together with her husband in the Old Burying Ground, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Her direct descendants include several eminent Americans: Commodore Isaac Chauncey, Joseph Strong (jurist, member of Congress), Samuel Goodrich (publisher and writer), Frederick Law Olmsted (landscape architect, whose work included Central Park, New York and the grounds of the Capitol, Washington DC), Guy Lowell (architect) and Joseph Wright Alsop (newspaper columnist and political analyst).

While his wife Anne was still alive Bishop John Still had a relationship with Jane Horner, daughter of Sir John Horner, a cloth merchant, from Wells in Somerset. (Sir John may be the "Little Jack Horner" of nursery rhyme fame.)

### *Bishop John Still*

For there to be a link between Bishop John Still and the Sussex Stills then Henry Still, born in 1700 in Nuthurst, must have been a direct descendant of one of the children of the second marriage of John Still, to Jane Horner. Any such children were probably born in Somerset, which is a long way from Sussex. Also, John Still was a prominent and prosperous bishop and the Sussex Stills were agricultural labourers.

There are no genealogical records that link the Bishop to the Sussex Stills, nor is there any circumstantial evidence to support such a link. In due course it may be possible to check DNA records of the known descendants of Bishop John Still with those of the Sussex Stills.

For the time being it is safe to assume that the Sussex Stills are not descendants of Bishop John Still.



