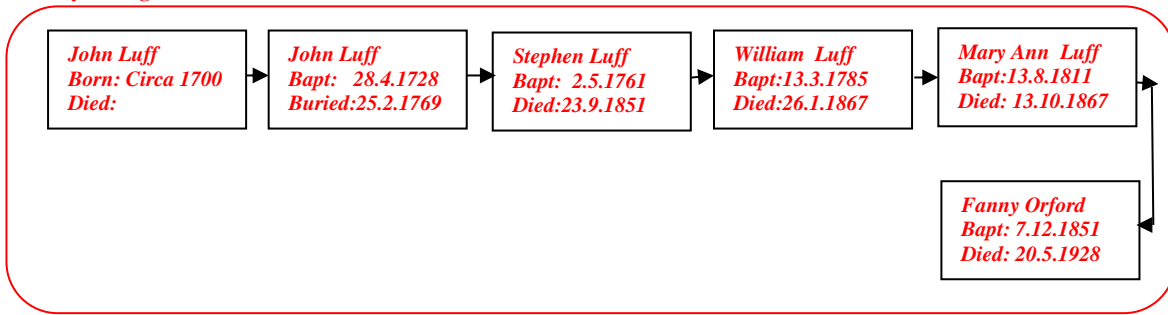


# Herbert Thomas Record Petty 1897 - 1984

(The author's 2nd Cousin twice removed)  
web-site [www.mike-jl.co.uk](http://www.mike-jl.co.uk)

## Family Lineage:



Herbert Thomas Record Petty was born in Belvedere, Kent on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 1897. He is the son of Fanny & Edwin Petty. Herbert was baptised at All Saints Church, Belvedere on 6<sup>th</sup> June, 1897.

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BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of All Saints, Belvedere in the County of Kent in the Year One thousand Eighteen hundred ninety seven.

When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parents' Names.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian.	Surname.			
1897 May 30 <sup>th</sup> Born March 5 <sup>th</sup> No. 17	Alfred <del>Alfred</del>	William & Gophia	Collings	3 Grosvenor Road	Valium Binder	El. Knidersley
1897 May 30 <sup>th</sup> Born April 24 <sup>th</sup> No. 18	Edward Arthur	Edward & Louisa	Martin	22 Beadonwell	Fitter	El. Knidersley
1897 May 30 <sup>th</sup> Born Feb 9 <sup>th</sup> , 1897 No. 19	Harry Newellyn	George & Thirza Ann	Hunt.	6, Ripley Road, Belvedere.	Bricklayer.	A. P. Foster.
1897 May 30 <sup>th</sup> Born Dec 4 <sup>th</sup> , 1893 No. 20	Ella Semark.	William & Alice Maud Mary	Rodwell.	2, Sidney Terrace, Ripley Road, Belvedere.	Labourer.	A. P. Foster.
1897 May 30 <sup>th</sup> Born Sept 9 <sup>th</sup> , 1894 No. 21	Sidney Roland.	William & Alice Maud Mary	Rodwell.	2, Sidney Terrace, Ripley Road, Belvedere.	Labourer.	A. P. Foster.
1897 June 6 <sup>th</sup> Born April 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 1897 No. 22	Herbert Thomas Record	Edwin & Fanny	Petty	15, Abbey Road, Belvedere.	Milkman.	A. P. Foster.

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**Fanny Orford - married - Edwin Petty at St Pauls Church, Greenwich on 27th August, 1872**  
**Born: 1851 Born: 1853**  
**Died: 20.5.1928 Died: 15.8.1904**

<b>William Edwin</b> <b>Born: 1872</b> <b>Died: 20.9.1937</b>	<b>Alice Mary</b> <b>Born: 1874</b> <b>Died: Sept 1966</b>	<b>George Lester</b> <b>Born: 1876</b> <b>Died:</b>	<b>Ellen Jane</b> <b>Born: 1878</b> <b>Died:</b>	<b>Fanny Louisa</b> <b>Born: 23.10.1879</b> <b>Died: 22.6.1955</b>
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<b>Herbert Thomas R</b> <b>Born: 23.4.1897</b> <b>Died: 22.2.1984</b>	<b>Jane Amelia</b> <b>Born: 29.1.1890</b> <b>Buried: 16.6.1894</b>	<b>Charles Edward</b> <b>Born: 22.8.1888</b> <b>Died: 16.8.1950</b>	<b>Edwin Joseph</b> <b>Born: 16.3.1885</b> <b>Died: 15.5.1961</b>	<b>Lucy Agnes</b> <b>Born: 4.11.1882</b> <b>Died: 6.3.1931</b>
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The 1901 Census shows Herbert, aged 3, living with his family at 15, Upper Abbey Road, Belvedere, Kent.

CITY & DISTRICT		COUNTY					BOROUGH, OR URBAN DISTRICT					OR DIVISION				
of <i>Griff</i>		of <i>Kent</i>					of <i>Griff</i>					of <i>Belvedere</i>				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
No. of HOUSES	ROAD, STREET, No. and No. of NAME of HOUSE	No. of Inhabited	No. of Uninhabited	No. of Cottages	No. of Houses	No. of Persons	Name and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	Sex	Age last Birthday or	Profession or Occupation	Employer, Worker, or Own account	If Working at Home	WHERE BORN	(1) Deaf and Dumb (2) Blind (3) Lame (4) Imbecile, Feeble-minded	
																Married
1	Upper Abbey Rd	1					William Houghton	Head	M	34	Cowkeeper & Dairyman	Water		Belvedere Kent		
							Mary	Wife	M	35				Belvedere Kent		
							Edwin	Son	M	13				Belvedere Kent		
							George	Son	M	12				Belvedere Kent		
							Lucy	Daughter	F	17				Belvedere Kent		
							Edwin	Son	M	16	Dairyman	Water		Belvedere Kent		
							Charles	Son	M	13				Belvedere Kent		
							Herbert	Son	M	3				Belvedere Kent		

Name	Position in House	Condition	Age/Sex	Profession	Birth Place
Edwin Petty	Head	Married	47 Male	Cowkeeper & Dairyman	Bexley, Kent
Fanny Petty	Wife	Married	49 F/male		Farnham, Surrey
George Petty	Son		24 Male	Office Clerk	Chelsea, Middx
Lucy Petty	Daughter		17 F/male		Belvedere, Kent
Edwin Petty	Son		16 Male	Dairyman	Belvedere, Kent
Charles Petty	Son		13 Male		Belvedere, Kent
Herbert Petty	Son		3 Male		Belvedere, Kent

When the 1901 census was taken on 31 March 1901, the total population of England, Wales and Scotland was recorded as 36,999,946. From 1801 the population had nearly quadrupled.

The original documents would have been given to the householder several days before 31 March, and the head of household would have been asked to fill in the details for anyone who would have been residing at that address on the census date. If the head of the household was unable to read or write, the enumerator - a literate person who would be collecting the census forms - would help fill in the details.

Because of this, however, it will be noted that mistakes were made, such as name spellings. It should also be noted that many people were often economical with the truth when it came to their ages.

Note: the census includes details of people resident in docked vessels and institutions such as prisons, workhouses, hospitals, and barracks, as well as individual households.

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The 1911 Census shows Herbert, now aged 13, living at 15, Upper Abbey Road, Belvedere. Herbert was attending school.

**CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.**

Number of Schedule **16**  
(To be filled up by the Enumerator when required.)

*Before writing on this Schedule please read the Examples and the Instructions given on the other side of the paper, as well as the headings of the Columns. The entries should be written in Ink.*

*The contents of the Schedules will be treated as confidential. Strict care will be taken that no information is disclosed with regard to individual persons. The returns are not to be used for proof of age, or in connection with Old Age Pensions, or for any other purpose than the preparation of Statistical Tables.*

NAME AND SURNAME	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family	AGE (last birthday) and SEX	PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE				PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of Person and his Place and Address				BIRTHPLACE of every person	NATIONALITY of every Person born in a Foreign Country	INFIRMITY.
			Wife	Widow	Single	Children	Personal Occupation	Industry or Service with which worker is connected	Whether Employed, or Working, or on Account	Whether Working or Idle			
Sammy Petty	Head	59	Widow	35	12	4	3	Dairy Farming	100	Employed at Home	Tarsham, Sarrey	190	
Charles Edward Petty	Son	23	Single					Griffith Sellar	216	Dairy Farming	Harlow	At Home	Belvedere, Kent
Herbert Petty	Son	13						School	390				Belvedere, Kent

(To be filled up by the Enumerator.)

(To be filled up by, or in behalf of, the Head of Family or other person in occupation, or in charge, of this dwelling.)

Write below the Number of Rooms in this Dwelling (Kitchens, Parlours, or Apartments). Count the kitchen as a room but do not count outhouses, outhouses, lobby, closet, bathroom, and warehouse, office, shop.

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: *Sammy Petty*  
Postal Address: *15 Upper Abbey Rd. Belvedere Kent*

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The 1911 census for England and Wales was taken on the night of Sunday 2 April, 1911. The count included all individual households, plus institutions such as prisons, workhouses, naval vessels and merchant vessels, and it also attempted to make an approximate count of the homeless. The census also includes records for the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, Royal Navy ships at sea, and overseas military establishments.

**The 1911 census documents**

Prior to 1911, the household schedules were destroyed once the details had been transferred into the enumerators' summary books. But for the 1911 census both sets of records have been preserved, which means you can see the census documents filled out in householders own hand (complete with mistakes and additional comments). The household schedules, plus their transcription, are available to view.

**Fertility in marriage and occupational data**

In response to government concerns the 1911 census also asked additional, more specific questions to each household, about fertility in marriage and occupational data. At the time there were falling birth rates, large numbers of people emigrating, and the nation was in reportedly poor health across the demographic spectrum. This was coupled with the rise (and fall) of businesses during what were rapidly advancing industrial and technological times, so the government felt it necessary to understand more about the health of the nation, and which industries were in general growth or decline.

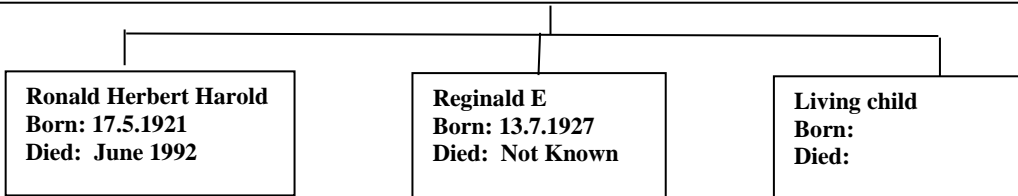
**The 1911 census and the suffragettes**

Frustrated with the government's refusal to grant women the vote, a large number of women boycotted the 1911 census by refusing to be counted. There were two forms of protest. In the first, the women (or their husbands) refused to fill in the form, often recording their protest on the household schedule. In the second, women evaded the census by staying away from their home for the whole night, and so did not lodge their protest on the household schedule. In both cases, any details relating to individual women in the households will be missing from the census. For the family historian, a refusal to fill in the form (accompanied by a protest statement) at least registers the presence of a woman, or women, in the household. But the women who evaded the count by leaving their home for the night are entirely untraceable via the census. The exact number of women who boycotted the census is not known, though some people have estimated that it may be as many as several thousand.

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Herbert Thomas Record Petty married Lilian Rosamond Gomm in September, 1919 at St Columb, Cornwall.

Herbert Thomas R Petty - married - Lilian R Gomm in September, 1919 at St Columb, Cornwall
Born: 23.4.1897
Died: 22.2.1984
Born: 10.12.1897
Died: 28.12.1975



The 1939 Registration record shows Herbert living with his family at 4 Abbey Crescent, Erith, Kent. Charles' occupation is a bank messenger.

ADDRESS.	SCHEDULE.		SURNAME AND OTHER NAMES.	O. V. S. P. or L.	M. or F.	BIRTH.		S. M. W. or D.	PERSONAL OCCUPATION
	No.	Sub. No.				Day.	Year.		
4 Abbey Crescent	96	1	PETTY Herbert R	-	M	23 April	1897	M	BANK MESSENGER, Newcastle
		2	PETTY Lilian R	-	F	10 Dec	1897	M	Unpaid Dom. Duties
		3	PETTY Ronald H	-	M	14 May	1921	S	General Labourer, Newcastle
		5	PETTY Reginald E	-	M	13 July	1927	S	at School

This record is officially closed.

In December 1938 it was announced in the House of Commons that in the event of war, a National Register would be taken that listed the personal details of every civilian in Great Britain and Northern Ireland. This Register was to be a critical tool in coordinating the war effort at home. It would be used to issue identity cards, organise rationing and more.

On September 1<sup>st</sup>, 1939 Germany invaded Poland, putting the wheels in motion for Britain to declare war on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. On September 5<sup>th</sup>, the National Registration Act received royal assent and Registrar General Sir Sylvanus Vivian announced that National Registration Day would be September 29<sup>th</sup>. Having issued forms to more than 41 million people, the enumerators were charged with the task of visiting every household in Great Britain and Northern Ireland to collect the names, addresses, martial statuses and other key details of every civilian in the country, issuing identity cards on the spot.

The identity cards issued were essential items from the point the Register was taken right up until 1952, when the legal requirement to carry them ceased. Until that point, every member of the civilian population had to be able to present their card upon request by an official (children's cards were looked after by parents), or bring them to a police station within 48 hours. The reasons were numerous – it was essential to know who everyone was, of course, and to track their movements as they moved house, as well as to keep track of the population as babies were born and people passed away. The 1939 Register, then, represents one of the most important documents in 20<sup>th</sup> century Britain. The information it contains not only helped toward the war effort, it was also used in the founding of the NHS.

In addition, the 1931 census was destroyed during an air raid on London and the 1941 census was never taken. The 1939 Register is therefore the only surviving overview of the civil population of England and Wales spanning the period 1921-1951. It bridges a census gap that risked losing an entire generation, and is a fascinating resource for anyone interested in understanding 20<sup>th</sup> century Britain and its people.

Lilian Rosamond Petty died in Dartford on 28<sup>th</sup> December, 1975.

Herbert Thomas Record Petty died on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 1984. He left £40,580 to his estate.

PETTY, Herbert Thomas Record of 4 Abbey Cres Belvedere  
Kent died 22 February 1984 Probate Ipswich 26 June  
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