

GEORGE ERNEST WRIGHT MACK of Southport

Born 11th April 1884 at Upholland Lancs. The second surviving son of William and Alice Mack.

Attended Digmoor School, Upholland, Lancs. to age 13 and then, by scholarship, Upholland Grammar School.

There is no record of his occupation(s) after school, apart from his Army service during the First World War, where he sponsored his younger brother Reggie as a stretcher-bearer in his own Regiment, but after the war he did work for the de la Rue stationary, playing-card and security-printing company in the 1920s and 30s. However, his great love was his garden and he showed regularly and very successfully at the Southport Flower Show in Victoria Park, winning many prizes and developing new strains of flowers and vegetables for showing.

He developed a new strain of eating apple which he called a "Mack's Pippin" which was available commercially for a number of years from a Southport nurseryman company (Therkildsens ?) The only one known still to exist (unless it has by now been uprooted!) is in the garden of Cameron and Denny's original house in Guildown, Guildford, where it was planted as a christening gift for their son, Grant, in 1953. George also planted - by hand (!) - a lawn at his house, 17 Bibby Road, Southport, which was reputed to be completely weed-free.

He lived in Southport with Eve, a divorcee/widow, who came from London but little is known about her provenance and he pre-deceased her in 1951. After his death, she moved to a small house, The Haven, Grove Mount, Ramsey in the Isle of Man, where she eventually also died.

There were no children of their relationship, (although Eve had a son, Harold, who himself had a son, Tony) but they kept a succession of Bedlington terriers, which he bred. After George's death, his brother Reggie and later Kathleen supported Eve financially, and paid school fees for Tony to go to King William's College in the Isle of Man. Eve was born on 28 June 1887, and appears in photographs dated July 1917 taken in Upholland with George and his father and mother, looking about aged 30+. There are also photos of Harold in Upholland on the same date looking like a 14+ old schoolboy. There is an entry in MFM's birthday book, on November 27: "Tony" with the addition 21 1952 which, if it means that his 21st b'day was in 1952, puts his birth year as 1931. No-one can recall what their family name was and they are no longer in touch.

REGINALD JOHN WRIGHT MACK of Radlett, Herts.

Born Upholland, Lancs. 3 January 1886, third surviving son of William and Alice Mack of Upholland. Educated at Digmoor School, Upholland, to age 11 and then, as scholarship pupil, at Upholland Grammar School.

After leaving school, his career was not known until he joined his brother George in the Army, during the First World War, serving as a stretcher-bearer on the Western Front, much of