

GEORGE AND ANN(E) MACK of Liverpool

George and Ann Mack are believed to have been the parents of William Mack of Liverpool 1825 -19020 as on William's marriage certificate to Elizabeth Walker in 1849 his father's name is given as George, whose rank or profession is given as seaman (insofar as the writing can be deciphered). Elizabeth's father's name is given as Thomas Walker and his occupation as farmer but his address is not known as the address from which they were married is given for both William and Elizabeth as Bolton Street in Liverpool. Bolton Street runs parallel to Lime Street alongside what is now Lime Street Station.

8 children are shown on the International Genealogical Index of the Mormon Church the first of whom was christened in mid 1813 and so George and Ann must have been married pre 1813 if these are all their children

The names and christening dates given are:-

John	Christened 11th July 1813
Sarah	Christened 27th Aug 1815
Elizabeth	Christened 10th May 1818
George	Christened 10th Sept 1820
James	Christened 2nd Mar 1823
WILLIAM	Christened 3rd Apr 1825 (our line)
Joseph	Christened 27th May 1827
Maria	Christened 15th Nov 1829

These appear to be all the siblings of William Mack of Liverpool but no confirmatory entries have been found elsewhere and census returns and St Peter's Church registers of births for 1811,1821 and 1831 or 1812 onwards have still to be searched at Liverpool Records Office. St Peter's church was the parish church and became the pro-cathedral on the foundation of the Liverpool diocese in 1880. On the IGI microfiche records under MACK,Liverpool the name of the mother is given sometimes as Ann and sometimes as Anne, but this is presumed to be a transcription error only, as the birth dates follow a 2 - 2 1/2 year cycle. Some of the first names recur in future generations of the family but no later records have been researched for other than William's line of the siblings.

WILLIAM MACK of Liverpool - Joiner/Undertaker

born Liverpool [registered in St. Peters, L'pool]

Christened 3. April 1825

Parents [believed to be] George (seaman) and Ann(e) Mack of Liverpool.

Married to Elizabeth WALKER of Westmoreland on 13 May 1849 at St Simon's Church in Liverpool [on St. Peters church records ref. XX 332 Apr-June 1849]. He was aged 23 years and she 25 or 26.

Only Eliz's father's name is given on the marriage

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certificates: Thomas WALKER, farmer, and both Wm. and Eliz. were shown as residing in Bolton Street, Liverpool (runs from Lime St. station to Copperas Hill).

William Mack died c 25-30 April 1902 aged 77 (reg. West Derby 8b 198)

Elizabeth Mack [nee Walker] died pre-1900

Children: George born L'pool 2 June 1850 ref. XX 496 district of Mount Pleasant
(father's shown as joiner of Sun St. Liverpool)

Daughter [unnamed] probably born at sea en route to, or after arrival in, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. Only known from entry on William's [see below] birth certificate of 1855.

WILLIAM born Collingwood Flats, Melbourne, 15 May 1855

Registered no. 3145, Collingwood & Richmond district
No search yet made for other children born before or after family returned to Liverpool in 1861/2. None known of in the family, but there is an entry for a JAMES MACK, son of William & Elizabeth Mack, christened in parish of Liverpool St. Peters on 16 December 1860, which ought to have been BEFORE they returned from Melbourne, as William [son] later in his life said they came back to Liverpool when he was about 6 years old and the voyage took 6 months!

As William and Elizabeth married in 1849 and George was born in Liverpool before they sailed for Melbourne, the sailing must have been between mid-1850 and Williams birth in 1855. A search of ships' manifests for that route from L'pool in that period is necessary. Likewise for the return voyage c.1860/1/2.

In Gore's Liverpool Directory of 1865:

Wm. MACK is shown as Ironmonger at 219 Derby Road, Kirkdale which has since been re-developed and is now what appears to be a factory and lorry park.

In Gore's Liverpool Directory of 1868:

Wm. Mack is shown as Undertaker at same address, which is close to Bootle Hospital. The nearest church appears to be St. Mary's Bootle. The graveyard has now been made into a small park, with [some of] the headstones lain flat as paving stones and others set up around the walls; no sign of the name MACK appears on those still legible [most]. Somewhere in the vicinity of Derby Road must have been Melbourne House where they lived, but the property is demolished and no record is to hand to locate it now. However Marjorie Mack [Henderson] his youngest grand daughter owned property in nearby Bianca Street and Viola Street from which rents were being collected in 1943/4, and they were understood to have come to her from her father/grandfather. This whole area suffered during the Liverpool blitz, although these two streets do not appear to have been demolished so it is not known whether Melbourne House was bombed or demolished for re-development. It could have been the name given to 219 Derby Road if/when they were living there.

In Gore's Directories of 1871/3/6 [in Crosby Library] Wm. Mack is still listed under both trade and street entries as undertaker, but the address is now given as 79 Derby Road, Bootle/Kirkdale. The addresses appear to lie right on the boundary between Liverpool and Sefton Boroughs and neither 219 nor 79 could be found on the Census returns for these periods [1861 and 1871] in the Sefton Library in Crosby. Perhaps that part of Derby Road came under Liverpool at that time. The Census records should give us names of children and their ages and perhaps even let us know whether this was a work address only or also their residence.

In Gore's Directory of 1880 the above address is still shown for Wm. Mack, undertaker, but there is no entry for him in the Trade section of the Directory. He would then be 55 only and did not die for another 22 years! Their son WILLIAM [of Upholland] married Alice Wright of Liverpool Apr/Jun 1877 [first child born Dec. 1877] but he had been 5 years apprentice schoolteacher in Liverpool, Macclesfield, London, and Liverpool again, prior to being appointed Master of Digmoor School with Alice his newly-married wife as assistant mistress in June 1877.

In Gore's Directory of 1885 there is no listing at that address, nor under Trade heading of Wm. Mack, and in 1898 Directory the address is shown as a Greengrocer's.

However, in 1898 Directory a Miss Jane A. MACK is shown as residing at 50 Balliol Road, Bootle, and this may have been his granddaughter, Jane Elizabeth Mack, [eldest daughter of William of Upholland] who was born in 1879 and would have been 19 by then, and perhaps housekeeping for her grandfather after the death of her grandmother [the date of whose death is not yet known]. Balliol Road runs parallel to, and a little north of, Bianca and Viola Streets, and perhaps this was where he lived until his death in 1902 and may have been Melbourne House. Here again the Census return of 1901 could help.

WILLIAM MACK of UPHOLLAND nr. Wigan Lancs
1855 - 1935

born 15 May 1855 at Collingwood Flat, Melbourne, Victoria
Australia

Third child and second son of William and Elizabeth Mack of Liverpool/Melbourne/Liverpool.

Birth registered no. 3145, registration district of Collingwood and Richmond in the Colony of Victoria.

At 'a little' school in Melbourne from age of 3 years.

Awarded on 17 January 1860, a 'little book' as a prize for good conduct and regular attendance, which he still had in his possession and showed at his retirement ceremony from Digmoor School, Upholland, on June 5th 1920, but which appears to have vanished since.

He returned with his parents to Liverpool in 1860 [the year is according to his daughter, Marjorie's, birthday book] in a sailing ship, the voyage taking - he says - 6 months.

At the age of 10 or 11, he recalled [in 1920] being called upon occasionally by the head of the school he was attending to

'assist' and at the age of 12, having originally intended to "become a joiner like my father", he changed his mind and decided to enter the "scholastic business".

During and after an apprenticeship of over 5 years, he was in several schools in Liverpool, Macclesfield, London, and Liverpool again.

In the April/June quarter of 1877 in the West Derby registration district of Liverpool [ref. 8b 605] he married Alice WRIGHT of Liverpool, (who was born 6 Jun 1855 in) also a teacher, and in June 1877 they moved to Upholland to open Digmoor School, as Master and Assistant Mistress. The school was probably built to satisfy the requirements of the 1870 Education Act which introduced Elementary Schools.

The three School Registers which he entered weekly recording numbers of pupils present/away sick, similarly such staff as he had, meetings, visits from the clergy of St. Thomas' Parish Church, Upholland, under whose aegis they existed as a Church-endowed school, examinations by school inspectors, appointments of new staff and school monitors [one of whom was Rachel Gertrude Lawrenson, who became his second wife after Alice died and his last daughter, Marjorie, who had been housekeeping for him, left home to marry] and which give a fascinating account of village life in the late Victorian years as well as some insight into sickness and death in his own family, were given into the safe keeping of St. Thomas' Church, Upholland, when Digmoor School was closed after its replacement by a newly-built school in 1968 or thereabouts. They are now [1995] in the County Archives, Bow Lane, Preston, but only the first volume is open to public scrutiny, on the instructions of the depositors.

In February 1909, a solid silver tea service was presented to William and Alice Mack by the vicar of Upholland to "commemorate in tangible form" William's "long and meritorious services as headmaster of the day school and superintendant of the Sunday School since 1877 (32 years)". Mrs. Mack was handed a "beautiful bouquet of white tulips, hyacinths, and lily of the valley" as a "little token of esteem and regard for yourself and family". And Miss Lawrenson was one of the "Ladies who kindly gave their services in supplying an excellent programme". (from report in Wigan Examiner).

Likewise, when he retired in 1920 after 43 years' service, Alice having died in 1917, there was a ceremony at which the Digmoor Male Voice Choir gave their services to "add a little mirth to the proceedings." (ibid) and at which he was presented with an easy chair to which an inscribed plate was to be attached saying that it was the gift of his teachers and friends at Digmoor and Upholland in recognition of his 43 years faithful service, as well as a silver mounted umbrella from the teachers and pupils of the day school and a gold watch chain pendant and tie-pin from the Sunday School teachers. Where are these now? - the brass plate, but without attached chair, is in the possession of his grandson, Roger Mack Henderson.

William and Alice had 11 children of whom only 5 lived to maturity, the others succumbing to the many epidemics of

Diphtheria, Scarlet Fever, Measles, Chicken Pox etc., locally, which caused the school to be closed and resulted in frequent Register entries of names of children absent sick, then a short time later entries recording their deaths. Diphtheria was the principal killer-disease.

Frederick William:	born 30 Dec 1877	decd. 1 May 1928
Jane Elizabeth (Sissie)	born 22 Apr 1879	decd.
Edith Catharine	born 12 Sep 1880	decd. [an entry in Wigan district, 8c 47, Jul/Aug 1885/6 shows a Catherine Mack died aged 0]
Arthur Peter Wright	born 1882	decd. Dec 1884
George Ernest Wright	born 11 Apr 1884	decd. 1951
Reginald John Wright	born 3 Jan 1886	decd. 22 Sep 1955
Florence May	born 23 Apr 1887	decd.
Noel Stanley	born 23 Dec 1888	decd. 17/18 Dec 1889 [ref 8c 85] aged 0
Dorothy Alice	born 3 Oct 1890	decd. Oct/Dec 1898 [ref 8c 87] aged 8
Hilda Margaret	born 23 Oct 1892	decd. Jan/Mar 1901 [ref 8c 94] aged 8
(n.b. In Digmoor School register, 28 Jan 1901 'Master absent at bedside of dying child:' and on 30 Jan 1901 'Master absent at funeral of daughter.')		
Marjorie Freda	born 22 Jul 1897	decd. 9 Dec 1979

Alice Mack resigned (apart from a short temporary return for the month of July 1891) from school on 1 June 1880.

Snippets from the Register show that on 20/21 June 1887 the school was closed for local celebration of the Queen's Jubilee; from 1 September 1891 new Education Bill required children in Standards 1-7 to pay 1d. per week, except Standard 4 where the fee was 2d. per week. Infants came free. From August to November 1893, due to Miners' Strike, school opened 8.45am to 11.45am to allow children to travel to Skelmersdale where they were provided with dinners daily until 20 November, when the Strike ended. In 1897, on January 13, note was made of the award of scholarships to Upholland Grammar School: in order of merit, 1st. went to G E Mack [aged 12], 3rd. went to R J W Mack [aged 11], and on 12 March of the same year, that Miss Jane Elizabeth Mack had been acting as temporary Monitor continuously since July 1st 1896 (she would have been 17 years old); on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 22 and 23, they also had a holiday to celebrate '60 Glorious Years'. From July 18th 1902, the school closed for 5 weeks of holiday, including an extra week for the Coronation of King Edward VII. Finally, on 29 May 1906, Rachel Gertrude Lawrenson had her scholarship result - she passed in the 5th. division of the Second Class, having become Monitor in 1900,

probationer September to November 1901, and passed candidates exam. in July 1902. The school also had a half-holiday on March 1st 1900 to celebrate news of the relief of Mafeking.

Alice Mack died 17 September 1917, and was laid out in the "front room" of The Poplars, Upholland, the room being full of lavender to perfume it. As a result, her daughter Marjorie could never bear the smell of lavender thereafter. There is apparently no gravestone recording Alice in St. Thomas' graveyard, Upholland, although William Mack is buried there and his headstone bears the name of Rachel Gertrude as well as his own, and their dates. Also in this graveyard is a headstone recording the life of his eldest son, Frederick William, who was buried there, although he died in Eastbourne. But there are no other headstones recording the deaths or burials of any others of his children there.

Alice Mack, nee Wright was the daughter of Peter Wright and Catherine, nee Gorstage. In the IGI records, her mother's name is shown as Catherine Yorstage - presumably again a transcription error; They were married in ? Liverpool, on?, but no indication is given of where Catherine Gorstage was born. A sampler worked by Catherine Gorstage is in the possession of her great grandson, John Cameron Henderson, and a less fine sampler worked by her daughter, Alice Wright, is in the possession of his brother, Roger Mack Handerson.

On 18 June 1921, William Mack [aged 66] married, as his second wife, his erstwhile school assistant mistress: Rachel Gertrude Lawrenson [aged 35].-just three days after his youngest daughter, Marjorie, had married Jack Henderson, leaving William without a housekeeper.

Rachel Gertrude [Aunty Gertie] nee Lawrenson, of Fern Bank, Upholland, was born 2 November 1886, and was a daughter of William Lawrenson, Gamekeeper, who was deceased by the time of her marriage. She had two sisters: Mary - who was tiny and always seemed sickly - and Janie - who was energetic, a go-getter and they both moved into 'The Pops.' when William Mack died [at 11.30am on 11th May 1935, 4 days before his 80th. birthday]. Janie ran the establishment until her death, which followed that of Mary. Gertie 'looked after' herself alone at 'The Pops.' until she died on 11 December 1968. It was after her funeral at Upholland Parish Church that the vicar loaned the Digmoor School Registers briefly to Marjorie whom he identified as a daughter of William Mack.

At Dorothy's christening in 1890, the address is given as Olive House, Holland Moor; but at Marjorie's christening in 1897 it is given as The Poplars, 170 Ormskirk Road, Upholland.

FREDERICK WILLIAM MACK of Eastbourne
1877 -1928

FWM was in the Tobacco trade, in Liverpool initially and from 1900 in London, with Andrew Chalmers & Co. of Minorities in the City. He became a partner in 1903, taking control of the business on the death of Andrew Chalmers jr. in 1915. He remained sole

partner until 1922, when it converted to a private Limited Company with him as Chairman, and he remained in that position until his death from pneumonia in 1928 at the age of 50, having been in poor health for some years previously.

On Jul/Sep 1905 (ref 8a 502, Runcorn district) he married Bessie Russell GIBB, who was born on 27 December 1882(?) in Jarrow, Tyneside. They were married from the house of her sister Janet, in Liverpool/Wirral which would tie up with the birthplace of Wm. Jas. Gibb (see next paragraph)

Bessie was the daughter of a Mining Engineer (perhaps William James Gibb, born 7 July 1850 to James and Sarah Gibb, Engineer, of Tranmere, Cheshire, ref 978, NF 4/38 DRL 2/310 ?? whose christening was registered in St. Peter's Liverpool). She trained as a nurse and at the age of 18 went with her father (and mother?) to Queensland, Australia, where he was working on a contract. She appears to have been having a lively time there and Fred., perhaps fearing to lose her to a rough Aussie miner, cabled her to propose! She accepted and returned to U.K. to be married.

They had five children, of whom the two eldest died young:

Frederick Russell [Billie] born ?London Colney, (reg Edmonton)
3 May 1906 [ref. 3a 466 (or 406)
died of Diphtheria, aged 12, Apr/Jun
1919 [ref 3a 997 reg Oxford]
at King Edward's school in Oxford,
where he had been sent following
bombing in the grounds of Merchant
Taylors school, in London.

Dorothy Russell born ?London Colney, (reg. Edmonton)
21 May 1909 [ref 3a 484]
died, aged 3, (after being burnt
playing with matches) Jul/Sep 1912
[ref 3a 316 reg Barnet]

Bessie born ?Southgate
27 November 1914

Mary) born ?Southgate
Joan) twins 7 May 1916

Bessie Russell Mack [nee Gibb] died in November 1954 in Eastbourne and was cremated in Brighton.

The family also lived in Enfield and Mill Hill before moving to Eastbourne (Woodlands, Meads Road and later The Lodge, Willington, Eastbourne).

Bessie Mack (later Rippon) of Eastbourne Born 27.11.1914. Died 1997

Born in ? Southgate, Middlesex. Married ? 24th August at St. Mary Abbotts Church, Kensington, London to Christopher William Rippon (born 12th September 1905 in South London. Deceased 11th June 1986.)

Bessie and Chris had two daughters:

Dorothy Sandra Born 8th February 1943

Margaret Linda Born 2nd December 1946. Married 13th September to David Shirley Aldwinckle.

Mary Mack (later Wilson) of Alverstoke, Gosport

Born 7th May 1916. Married 15th March 1940 to Robert Allan Wilson (Physician) Born 28th August 1908. Died 25th December 1972.

Mary and Allan had two daughters and one son
Alison Mary, John Allan & Nancy Patricia

Alison Mary born 23.12.41 married Nigel Knight-Eve 17.04.65

They had one daughter and two sons

One daughter Caroline Louise born 03.02.66 m Richard Murray Smith
Four sons: William Thomas 07.10.86, Jonathan Daniel 14.06.89,
Alexander Barnaby Luke 13.04.91. & Samuel James 30.04.94

Carlyon John born 30th December 1967

Nicholas Anthony born 14 January 1970

John Allan born 06.02.44 married Judith Easter 01.02.75
Separated. No children.

Nancy Patricia born 22.06.45. Married William Eagle 10.02.68
They had two sons and one daughter

David James Henry born 3rd May 1967
Caroline Francis born 27th December 1970
Jeremy Charles William born 1st August 1972

Joan Mack born 07.05.16 just minutes after her twin sister Mary at 114 Station Road, Friern Barnet, Middlesex. She trained and practised as a doctor of medicine and as a teacher. She married Wallace Brigden on 27th July 1940. They had two sons and a daughter. Marriage dissolved 26th May 1966

Wallace David born 27th March 1942 Physician.
Anthony John born 31st July 1943 Barrister
Anne Elizabeth born 12th May 1946 Teacher

Wallace David married Mary Hoare 02.09.67 Marriage dissolved
29th May 1973. Married again to Maureen Lumley September 1973
They had two sons and a daughter:-

Jonathon Andrew born 18th October 1974
James Edward born 18th February 1977
Kathleen Elizabeth born 15th April 1982

Anthony John Brigden married Karen Stevens 27th June 1986. They
have one daughter Alexandra Jane born 29th May 1987.
Marriage dissolved 10th June 1992

Anne Elizabeth Brigden married Roland Jacob Levinsky
(paediatrician) 2nd November 1970. They have 3 daughters (1
deceased) and one son.

Nicola Rachel born 7th December 1970
Emily born 7th June 1973 died 12th June 1973
Joshua David born 3rd August 1974
Sarah Emily born 31st December 1976
The family moved to Israel in 1995

JANE ELIZABETH MACK of Birkenhead

(C15516)

born in Upholland 22 April 1879
married Upholland 12 March 1898 (St. Thomas' Church)
to James Pennington, aged 21, Auctioneer's clerk
She was 18 years old on marriage certificate but no
occupation is given, although she is noted in the Digmoor
school register as a Temporary Monitor from July 1 1896 to
12 March 1897 (about the time her two brothers, George and
Reggie, won scholarships to Upholland Grammar school)

They had three children:

Arthur S born 13 October 19== [in a photo.,
wearing sergeant's uniform in 1917]

Freda born 21 August 1914 [11.30 am, Frid.]
Freda was named after her Aunt, Marjorie Freda,
(generally known in the family as Auntie Marnie), who
was also her godmother.
She married a Mr. Barker in Prenton, Birkenhead,
around 1941/2.

Eileen Marjorie born c 18 May 1918 (christening day?)
Eileen became an active Trade-Union official, and
lived for some time in Wigan in a flat belonging to
her uncle Jack Henderson above his offices in 10
Bishopsgate, Wigan. (she again was given the name
of her aunt; Marjorie, this time)

James Pennington was born 6 March 1877, the son of Richard Pennington, Innkeeper, of the Unicorn Inn, Billinge Higher End, nr Wigan. Richard had another son, Mark, born in 1879 and who was married on July 3 1901, whose occupation was given as 'Carter'. At the time of his marriage, James Pennington's address was given as 'The Poplars'!

Also, in Marjorie Freda's birthday book are given dates as follows:

March 30th.	Ethel Pennington, probably sister of James. Signed as a witness at wedding of MFM and JNH in 1921.
June 10th.	Muriel H. Pennington
July 7th.	Ronald Pennington (Year given: 1928) perhaps this last could be a son of Arthur S. ?

In 1918 edition of Gore's Liverpool Directory, there is an entry for a Mrs. Jane Pennington, of 24 Eldon Street, Birkenhead, as Wardrobe Dealer. (near Tunnel entrance, N of Conway St.)
