

**The CLUTTERBUCK, COLLIER, GEORGE, JAMES, KINGSCOTT and WITCOMB Greater Family:**

[George Francis Gilbert Clutterbuck](#), [Herbert Wilson Collier](#), [Geoffrey Lee Collier](#), [Reuben George](#),  
[Walter George](#), [Hubert George](#), Edward ('Eddie') Thomas James, Albert Charles ('Coy') James,  
Gilbert Roy ('Roy') James, [Hubert George Kingscott](#) and [George James Witcomb](#).



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died at Painswick after a long illness on 1 July 1946 aged 70 years. His wife, Millicent died in 1966 aged 87 years. There is a [detailed profile of George Clutterbuck](#) in the People/Player Profiles section of this website.

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#### The COLLIER Family, father and son **Herbert Wilson ('Bob') Collier** and **Geoffrey Lee Collier**

**Herbert Wilson ('Bob') Collier** was born on 10 June 1898, the eldest son of Herbert and Kate Charlotte Isaline (née Wilson) Collier. Herbert senior was a prominent figure in Gloucester and held various positions including President of the Gloucester Chamber of Commerce and the City High Sherriff. Herbert junior served in the Tank Corps in the Great War. In 1924 he married Barbara Frances Clutterbuck, the niece of [George F. Clutterbuck](#), and together they had two children. By 1939 Herbert had followed his father into the flour milling industry and became the Managing Director, following the retirement of his father, of the Albert Flour Mills; he also served as a Gloucester Magistrate. **As a forward Herbert made 81 appearances for the Gloucester First XV between 1921 and 1924 and scored 9 tries.** He died on 11 December 1977 aged 79 years whilst living at Queens Road, Cheltenham.

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**Geoffrey Lee Collier** was born on 1 May 1925, the son of Herbert Collier and Barbara Collier (née Clutterbuck); he was the great nephew of [George F. Clutterbuck](#). He served with the Royal Air Force in the Second World War. He subsequently returned to civilian life and after studying achieved a First Class Full Technological Certificate in Flour Milling from the City and Guilds of London, before moving to Rochdale to work as a Flour Miller. **Geoffrey played 21 times for the Gloucester First XV at fullback and wing between 1946 and 1948 and scored 3 tries. He continued his rugby career whilst in Rochdale but also played a few games for Gloucester whilst home on holiday from Rochdale. He represented Lancashire in the County Championship.** Geoffrey died on 9 June 1991 aged 66 years whilst living at Langton Green, Tunbridge Wells. He never married.

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#### The GEORGE Family, brothers **Reuben George**, **Walter George** and **Hubert George**

The brothers were the sons of Stephen and Elizabeth (née Smith) George, both of whom were born in Gloucesters. Stephen was a Boot and Shoe Maker and the couple had nine children

**Reuben George** was born in Gloucester on 11 September 1864 and worked most of his life as an Insurance Agent. He also served in public office and was a pioneer of the Wiltshire Education Committee and frequently toured schools throughout the county dressed as Father Christmas. He became Mayor of Swindon in 1923 and notably he opened the new diving pool at Coate Water dressed in a bathing costume so that he could become the first person to use it. He married Clara Acton at Gloucester in 1887 and the couple had three sons, one of whom died in the Great War whilst on garrison duties at Karachi in 1917. **Reuben made 4 appearances for the Gloucester First XV in the forwards in the 1887-88 season; he also represented the Gloucester Second XV on several occasions.** He died at Swindon on 4 June 1936 aged 72 years with his wife, Clara, dying two weeks later; they were buried together in Swindon.

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**Walter George** was born in Gloucester on 3 October 1867. He married Constance Louisa Clutterbuck, the sister of [George F. Clutterbuck](#), at Gloucester on 17 April 1895. Walter worked as Mechanic Turner but shortly after getting married he moved the Devonport and worked as a Marine Steam Engine Fitter. The couple had one daughter born in 1897. After retirement Walter, now a widower, moved back to Gloucester. Between 1887 and 1894 **Walter played 146 games for the Gloucester First XV at halfback and forward and scored 26 tries. He captained the team for the 1892-23 season. He also won 15 Gloucestershire County caps.** Walter died at Gloucester on 18 October 1945 aged 78 years: his wife, Constance, died at Devonport on 6 September 1923 aged 53 years. There is a [detailed profile of Walter George](#) in the People/Player Profiles section of this website.

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**Hubert George** was born at Gloucester on 7 April 1870 and, like his brother Walter, was Mechanic Turner. On a visit to his brother in 1893 at Devonport, he turned out for Devonport Albion, scoring a try and on 20 October 1893 lured by the attractive career prospect, he joined Walter working at the Devonport Docks. A subsequent transfer application was received by the Gloucester Club in November 1893 by Devonport Albion and Hubert would continue playing for them until 1897. **Prior to his transfer Walter had played 8 games for the Gloucester First XV in the three-quarters and had scored 1 try.** Hubert married Edith Louisa Jackson in 1897 at Devonport and the couple had one son. Hubert died at Devonport in 1947 aged 77 years.

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The **JAMES** Family, brothers **Albert Charles ('Coy') James** and **Edward ('Eddie') James** and Eddie's son **Gilbert Roy James**. *Refer to the James-Simmons extended family for their detailed profiles. This can be accessed by pressing the "Return Home" button below.*

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#### The **KINGSCOTT** Family - **Hubert George Kingscott**

**Hubert George Kingscott** was born at Gloucester on 16 August 1892, the son of Edwin Charles and Amy Blanche (née Clutterbuck) Kingscott; his mother's brother was [George Francis Gilbert Clutterbuck](#). Hubert trained as an Articled Pupil to the City Treasurer of Gloucester Corporation, who was his uncle Albert Bernard Clutterbuck. Hubert qualified as an Accountant just before the Great War. Immediately following the outbreak of war in 1914 Hubert along with many of the Gloucester Rugby players enlisted in the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Gloucestershire Regiment. In December 1915 he obtained a commission in the Royal Naval Reserve and served as a Paymaster Sub Lieutenant. In the Second World War he would serve again as a Group Controller in the Royal Observer Corps. **Hubert was scrum half and between 1912 and 1914 made 17 appearances for the Club of which 3 were for the First XV. After the war he did not return to Gloucester but obtained work in London and whilst there was awarded a Middlesex County cap.** By 1926 he had returned to the City and on behalf of his junior club, the Old Blues F.C. he laid a wreath on the grave of Stan Bayliss who had died one year earlier following an accident whilst playing for the Gloucester Club; Frank Ayliffe laid a wreath in behalf of the Gloucester Club. Through marriage, his uncles were [Walter George](#), **Eddie James** and [George F. Clutterbuck](#) and **Frank Ayliffe** was his cousin, while two of his cousins married **Kenneth Noel Smith** and [Herbert Collier](#). Hubert died on 7 August 1969 at the Gloucester Royal Hospital aged 77 years.

*(For details on Frank Ayliffe and Kenneth Noel Smith refer to the Kingscott-Ayliffe-Smith Extended Family which will be provided in due course).*

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## The WITCOMB Family – George James Witcomb

**George James Witcomb** was born at Castle Marton near Kidderminster in 1864. He was a Farmer at Witcombe Court, Badgeworth near Cheltenham and in 1898 he married Kate Sophia Shipton. The couple had one child, George Thomas Witcomb who married Phyllis Clutterbuck, the sister of [George Francis Gilbert Clutterbuck](#). **George James Witcomb represented the Gloucester First XV 70 times in the three-quarters and at forward between 1887 and 1893 and scored 13 tries. He was also awarded 14 Gloucestershire County caps.** George died on 13 December 1913 at Cheltenham aged 49 years. His wife, Kate died at Cheltenham in 1951 age 79 years.

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