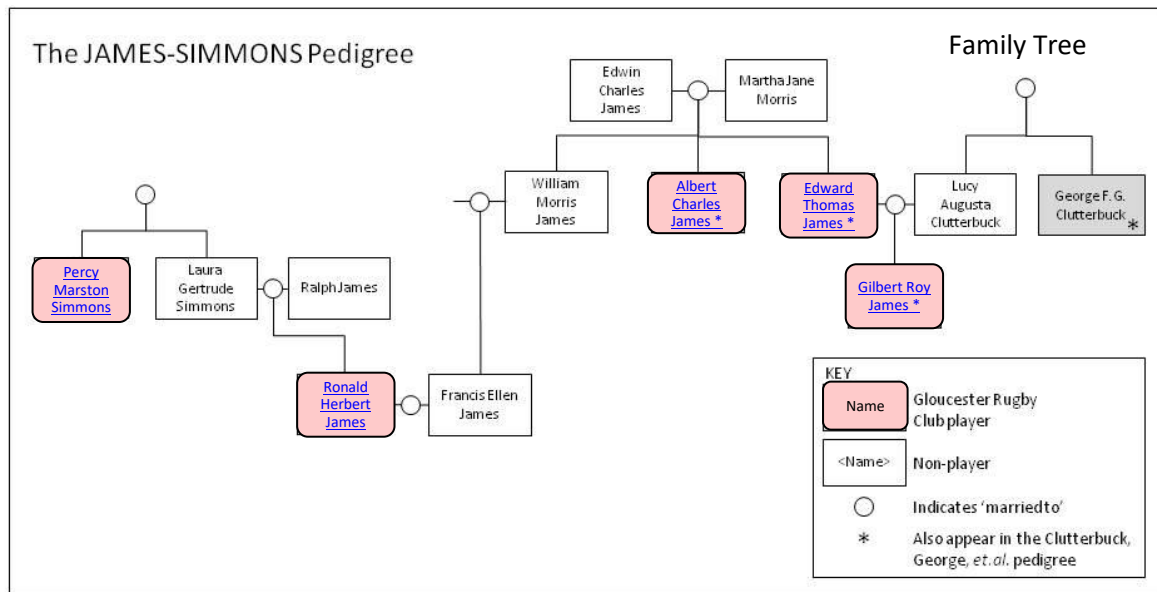


EXTENDED FAMILY: The JAMES, SIMMONS and CLUTTERBUCK Greater Family: The relationships based on marriage between the families of [Albert Charles James](#), [Edward Thomas James](#), [Gilbert Roy James](#), [Ronald Herbert James](#), [Percy Marston Simmons](#) and [George F.G. Clutterbuck](#).



The JAMES Family, brothers **Albert Charles ('Coy') James** and **Edward ('Eddie') Thomas James** and Edward's son **Gilbert Roy James**

Albert Charles ('Coy') James was born in Gloucester in 1867, the son of Edwin Charles James (1839-1920) and Martha Jane Morris (1842-1928). Albert was one of eleven children. His brother [Edward Thomas James](#) and Edward's son, Albert's nephew, [Gilbert Roy James](#), also were Gloucester rugby players. His niece, Frances Ellen James, daughter of another brother, William Morris James, would marry another Gloucester rugby player, [Ronald Herbert James](#). The family lived at several addresses in Gloucester and in 1895 Albert married Ellice McPhee from Ayrshire and they also remained in Gloucester and had six children. Albert's occupation was as a Clerk and for over 40 years worked for the Gloucester Post Office, retiring in 1927. **Albert played primarily on the wing for the Gloucester Club making 24 First XV appearances between 1892 and 1894, scoring three tries.** Besides rugby Albert also played cricket and football ('soccer') and distinguished himself as a track athlete, chiefly a sprinter but he won prizes all over the country in events up to a quarter mile. After retiring from rugby, he became a keen follower of the Gloucester Rugby Club. Albert died at his home in All Saints Road, Gloucester on 4 August 1930 aged 62 years while Ellice passed away in 1951 aged 80 years. *(Please also refer to the Clutterbuck Collier George James Kingscott and Witcomb pedigree - which can be accessed by clicking the "Return Home" button below).*

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Edward ('Eddie') Thomas James was the son of Edwin Charles James and Martha Jane Morris and the brother of [Albert Charles James](#). Eddie was born in Gloucester on 17 February 1876. He was initially employed as a cabinet maker but by age 25 he had joined his brother, Albert working

for the Gloucester Post Office. On 13 April 1901 he married Lucy Augusta Clutterbuck, the sister of **George Francis Gilbert Clutterbuck**, the Gloucester rugby player. The couple had three children including [Gilbert Roy James](#) who would also go on to become a Gloucester Rugby Club player. Eddie's niece, Frances Ellen James, daughter of his brother William Morris James would marry another Gloucester rugby player, [Ronald Herbert James](#). With the onset of the Great War Eddie on 22 September 1917 enlisted in the Royal Engineers (Inland Waterways and Docks Company). He saw home service as a Private but was discharged on 14 December 1918 under King's Regulations as no longer fit for service following a bout of serious sickness; he was awarded the Silver War Badge. **Eddie played four times on the wing and at half-back for the Gloucester First XV between 1898 and 1900 and scored one try.** He died in Solihull where he was living on 26 August 1963 aged 87 years and his funeral took place at the Cheltenham Crematorium. His wife, Lucy, had previously died in 1947. *(Please also refer to the Clutterbuck Collier George James Kingscott and Witcomb pedigree which can be accessed by clicking on the "Return Home" button below).*

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Gilbert Roy ('Roy') James was born in Gloucester on 9 March 1906, the son of [Edward Thomas James](#) and Lucy Augusta Clutterbuck; he was the nephew of [Albert Charles James](#) and **George Francis Gilbert Clutterbuck**. His auntie, Constance Louisa Clutterbuck was married to **Walter George**. On 24 June 1937 Roy married Cecily Alice Rose Mullins at St John the Baptist Church, Gloucester and the couple had one daughter. Roy was initially employed as an Insurance Broker and later as a Director and Company Secretary. **Roy played at half-back or threequarter and made 298 appearances for the Gloucester First XV between 1924 and 1937, scoring 99 tries. He was also awarded 27 Gloucestershire County caps.** Roy died in Gloucester in 1984, aged 78 years, seven years after his wife.

There is a [detailed profile of Roy James](#) in the People/Player Profiles section of this website.

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Ronald Herbert James was born in Norton on 28 June 1902, the son of Ralph James, an Innkeeper at the Red Lion in Norton, and Laura Gertrude Simmons, the sister of [Percy Marston Simmons](#) who was consequently Ronald's uncle. Ronald was one of four children, all boys but he was the only one to play for Gloucester. On 9 October 1930 at St. Catharine's Church, Gloucester, Ronald married Frances Ellen James and the couple had one child. Ronald's wife, Frances, was the daughter of William Morris James and the neice of [Albert Charles James](#) and [Eddie Thomas James](#). Ronald worked as an Engineer and subsequently as Charge Hand Millwright. The couple lived all their working lives in Gloucester but moved to Sussex later in life. **Ronald a fullback made 68 appearances for the Gloucester First XV between 1921 and 1924 and as a kicker scored 34 points. In 1947 he was elected to serve on the committee of the Gloucester Rugby Club.** He died as Bexhill, Sussex on 4 December 1985 aged 83 years while Frances died nine years later in 1994 at Hastings.

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Percy Marston Simmons was born in 1892 at Norton, the son of Alfred Thomas Simmons, an Innkeeper and Ann Williams. Percy's father was initially the Innkeeper at the King's Head, Norton but later at the Swan Inn, Coombe Hill. Percy had two brothers and one sister, Laura Gertrude Simmons who married Ralph James. One of their children and consequently Percy's nephew, [Ronald Herbert James](#), played for Gloucester. Percy worked as an Upholsterer and a Cabinet Maker. **Percy played as a wing forward and No.8 and made 17 appearances for the Gloucester Club between 1911 and 1913, four of which were for the First XV.** Percy joined the 2nd Volunteer Battalion, Gloucestershire Regiment before the Great War and as member of the National Reserve joined the 1/5 Territorial Battalion, Gloucestershire Regiment on the outbreak of war in 1914 and landed in France on 29 March 1915 to serve on the Western Front. In 1917 whilst home on leave he married Violet Madeline Eliza Medelin at St James Church, Gloucester. After returning to his unit he was awarded a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the 4/Wiltshires on 27 March 1918. After officer training he was granted home leave before taking up his active commission. He left Gloucester on 11 September 1918 only to be killed in action on 20 October 1918 aged 36 years. He is buried at St. Aubert British Cemetery, France, and is commemorated on the Gloucester Football Club Roll of Honour, now in the Lions Den, and on the Kingsholm Stadium War Memorial.

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