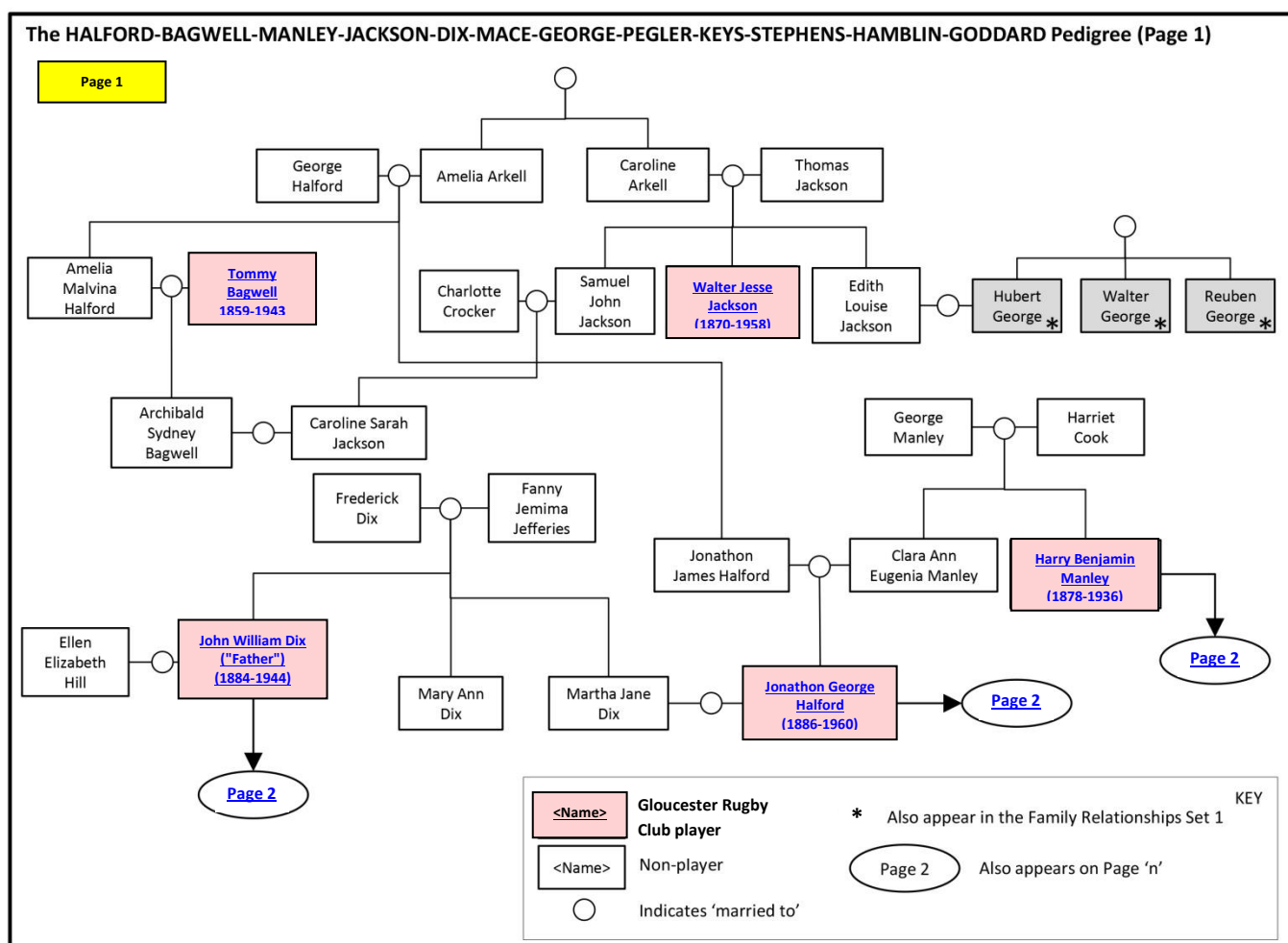


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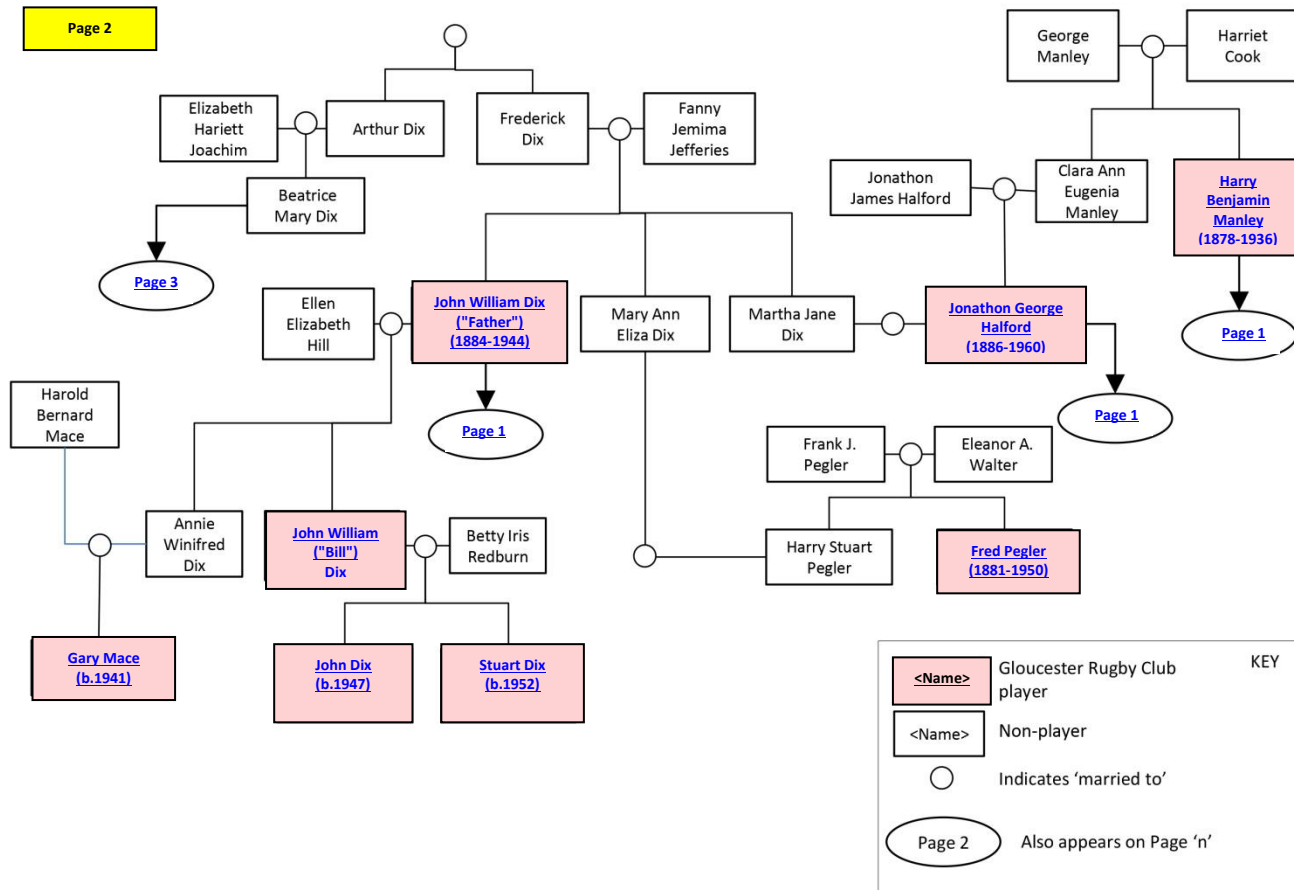
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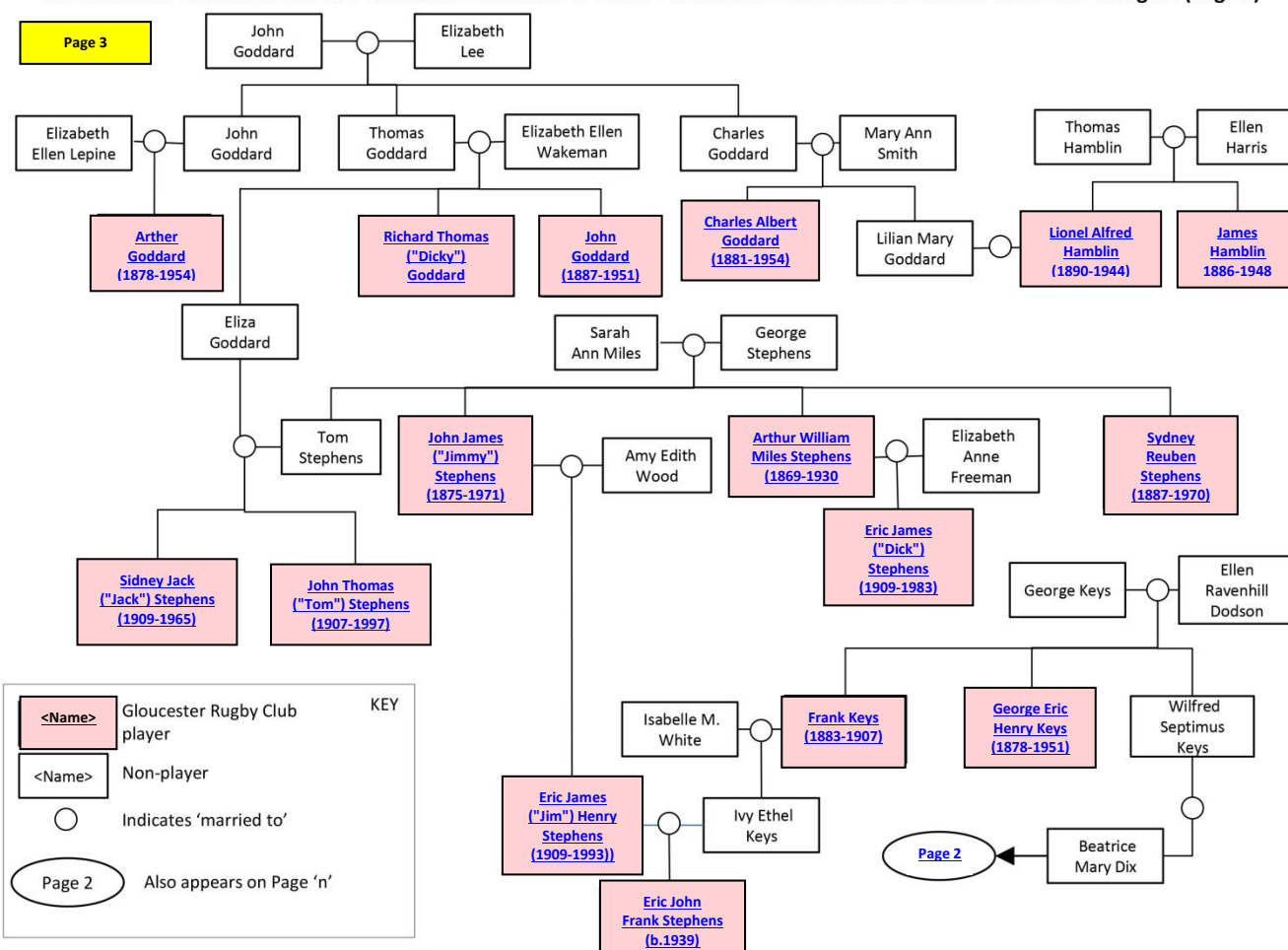
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## The **HALFORD** Family – Jonathon George Halford

**Jonathon George ('George') Halford ('Biddy')** was born in Gloucester on 27 November 1886, the son of Jonathon James Halford (1859-1923), a Blacksmith Striker and Clara Ann Eugenia Halford (née Manley) (1866-1950); the family lived at New Street, Gloucester. His mother was the sister of [Harry Benjamin Manley](#) who was consequently George's uncle. One of his aunties on his father's side, Amelia Malvina Halford married [Tommy Bagwell](#) who therefore was also George's uncle. On 1 April 1906 at St Paul's Parish Church he married Martha Jane Dix (1882-1957, Gloucester) who was the sister of [John William \('Father'\) Dix](#); the couple had six children. Initially George, like his father, worked as a Blacksmith Striker before enlisting in the Army in 1903 in the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Gloucestershire Regiment. He signed up for three years with the Colours together with a further nine years in the Reserve and he was still serving in the latter on the outbreak of the Great War. He was immediately mobilised and landed in France with the 1/Gloucesters on 13 August 1914. With a promotion to Lance Corporal he remained unscathed during the early months of the war but on 26 January 1915 he was hit in his right side by flying shrapnel which effectively ended his war service; he was discharged from the Army on 17 February 1916. As a forward, **George played 326 times for the Gloucester First XV between 1907 and 1923 scoring 32 tries; he would undoubtedly have made more appearances had it not been for the Great War. He was also awarded 35 Gloucestershire County caps and two England International caps in 1920. He captained the Gloucester Club between 1912 and 1914 and for the 1919-20 season.** George died on 30 May 1960 at Dursley aged 74 years. His wife, Martha had died at Gloucester three years previously in 1957 aged 74 years. There is a [detailed profile of Jonathon George Halford](#) in the People/Player Profiles section of this website.

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## The **BAGWELL** Family – Thomas Bagwell

**Thomas Bagwell ('Tommy')** was born in Gloucester on 3 September 1859 the son of Thomas Bagwell (1811-1863) who was a Nailer and hailed from Guernsey and Mary Ann Lewis (née Smith) (1820-1884, Stroud). Tommy had two siblings from this marriage together with two half-siblings from his mother's previous marriage. The family lived at Mitre Street, Gloucester and after Tommy's father died when he was four years old he continued his schooling but by the age of twelve was working as a Basket Maker. Later he joined the Gloucester Railway Carriage and Wagon Works as a Labourer. On 24 September 1882 at St Mary de Crypt Church he married Amelia Malvina Halford (1861-1899); Tommy's wife was the auntie of [Jonathon George Halford](#) which by marriage meant that Tommy was his uncle. The couple had seven children, one of whom, Archibald Sydney Bagwell (1884-1944) in 1911 married Caroline Sarah Jackson, the niece of [Walter Jesse Jackson](#). On 24 June 1899 his wife Amelia, died prematurely aged 38 years. Tommy subsequently moved to St Catherine Street where he would remain for the rest of his life. In 1924 Tommy, aged 65 years married Ellen Elizabeth ('Nellie') Nott (1884-1974, Gloucester), 25 years his junior, who lived four doors away from him in St Catherine Street. **Tommy, as a three-quarter, made 247 appearances for the Gloucester First XV between 1883 and 1895, scoring 63 tries; he captained the Club between 1890 and 1892. He was also awarded 22 Gloucestershire County Caps.** Tommy remained associated with the Club after his player career finished as a committeeman, coach, baggage man and groundsman. Tommy died at Gloucester on 19 January 1943 aged 84 years. His second wife, Nellie, died on 25 April 1974 aged 90 years. There is a [detailed profile of Tommy Bagwell](#) in the People/Player Profiles section of this website.

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## The **MANLEY** Family – Harry Benjamin Manley

**Harry Benjamin Manley** was born in Gloucester in 1878, the son of George Manley (1842-1906), a Corn Porter/Labourer and Harriet Manley (née Cook) (1843-1919). The couple lived in Devonport Gardens, Gloucester and including Harry, had ten children; one of Harry's sisters Clara Ann Eugenia Manley married Jonathon James Halford in 1884 and was the mother of [Jonathon George Halford](#), Harry's nephew. Harry began his working life as a 13 year old Match Dipper but by the time he married Eliza Heaven on 20 July 1901 at Stroud, he earned his living as a Wood Machinist. The couple lived at St Marys Square and had nine children. For a brief period Harry was the publican at the Britannia Inn, St Marys Square, but by 1911 the family had moved to Selby in Yorkshire where Harry continued to work as a Wood Machinist in the motor trade. **Harry, as a forward, made 61 appearances for the Gloucester First XV between 1897 and 1901, scoring three tries.** He died at Warwick on 9 January 1936 aged 58 years and was buried alongside his wife who had died 19 years previously on 14 November 1917 aged 41 years, at St Pauls Church, Warwick.

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## The **JACKSON** Family – Walter Jesse Jackson

**Walter Jesse Jackson** was born in Gloucester on 16 March 1870, the son of Thomas Jackson (1815-1892, Gloucester), a Slaughter man/Butcher and Caroline Jackson (née Arkell) (1833-1882, Gloucester); the couple had eight children and lived variously in Mitre Street and Whitfield Street, Gloucester. Walter's younger sister Edith Louisa Jackson married **Hubert George**; Walter and Hubert were brothers-in-law. On 10 August 1892 Walter married Helen Elizabeth Griffiths at St Michael's Church, Gloucester and together they had five children. Walter was employed as a Riveter and in 1893 the family moved to Halifax where he continued in this occupation and later became a Boiler Maker. However 1917 was a devastating year for Walter. His wife, Edith, died on the 2 June 1917 and two of their sons died of wounds fighting in the Great War. Private Walter Jackson died of wounds on 9 June 1917 age 21 years near Ypres serving with the Machine Gun Corps while eleven weeks later a second son Private Milford Jackson also with the Machine Gun Corps died of wounds on 25 August 1917 at Messines age 22 years. **Walter played in the three-quarters and made 97 appearances for the Gloucester First XV between 1889 and 1894, scoring 41 tries. He was also awarded 10 Gloucestershire County caps as well as one England international cap against Scotland in 1894.** Walter died in Halifax on 1 December 1958 aged 88 years. There is a [detailed profile of Walter Jesse Jackson](#) in the People/Player Profiles section of this website.

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## The **GEORGE** Family: Brothers **Reuben George**, **Walter George** and **Hubert George**

Detailed profiles of these brothers can be found in The Clutterbuck, Collier, George, James, Kingscott and Witcomb Greater Family (Family Relationships Set 1) which is in the [People/Families in Gloucester Rugby/Gloucesters Players' Family Inter-relationships](#) section of this website.

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The **DIX** Family: Grandfather [John William \('Father'\) Dix](#), son [John William \('Bill'\) Dix](#) and grandsons [John Dix](#) and [Stuart Dix](#)

**John William ('Father') Dix** was born on 2 December 1884 at Gloucester, the son of Frederick Dix (1860-1936) and Fanny Jemima Dix (née Jefferies) (1861-1939); the couple had thirteen children, one of whom died in infancy. "Father"'s sister, Martha Jane Dix married [Jonathon George Halford](#) who became his brother-in-law. Another of "Father"'s sisters, Mary Ann Eliza Dix married Harry Pegler, the brother of [Fred Pegler](#). The family lived in Suffolk Street, Gloucester and by the age of 16 "Father" was employed as a Fettle at the iron works. On 14 September 1907 at St Marks Church, Kingsholm, he married Ellen Elizabeth Hill; the couple had a daughter and a son. The daughter Annie Winfred Dix married Harold Bernard Mace and their son [Gary Mace](#), "Father"'s grandson, would play for Gloucester. "Father"'s son, [John William \('Bill'\) Dix](#), would also play for Gloucester; Bill's sons [John Dix](#) and [Stuart Dix](#), who were "Father"'s other grandsons, would also play for Gloucester. "Father" as outside half played 243 games for the Gloucester First XV between 1907 and 1923 scoring 54 tries. He was awarded 21 Gloucestershire County caps. His contribution on the rugby field would have been greater had his rugby career not been temporarily interrupted by the Great War; during the war he served with the 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Gloucestershire Regiment and was captured in April 1918 and incarcerated as a Prisoner of War who was made to work behind the lines although from August 1918 he was constantly on the move at the British Army drove the Germans eastwards. "Father", living at Clarence Row, Alvin Street, Gloucester died on 5 January 1944 aged 59 years. His wife, Ellen, died later in the same year on 2 October 1944 aged 57 years. There is [a detailed profile of John William \('Father'\) Dix](#) in the People/Player Profiles section of this website.

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**John William ('Bill') Dix** was born on 18 October 1923, the son of [John William \('Father'\) Dix](#) (1884-1944) and Ellen Elizabeth Dix (née Hill) (1887-1944). Bill's sister, Annie Winfred Dix married Harold Mace and their son, [Gary Mace](#), was Bill's nephew, while his auntie, Martha Jane Dix, married [Jonathon George Halford](#) who was Bill's uncle. In 1943 Bill married Betty Iris Redburn at Gloucester and the couple had four children. Their two sons [John Dix](#) and [Stuart Dix](#), were grandsons of "Father" Dix's and would also represent Gloucester. Bill would make eleven appearances on the wing for the Gloucester First XV in 1947, scoring 5 tries. He died at Gloucester in 1995 aged 72 years while his wife, Betty, died in 2001 aged 77 years.

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**John Dix** was born at Gloucester in 1947, the son of [John William \('Bill'\) Dix](#) (1923-1995) and Betty Iris Dix (née Redburn) (1925-2001); the couple had four children. One of John's brothers, [Stuart Dix](#) would also play for Gloucester; John and Stuart were the grandsons of [John William \('Father'\) Dix](#) and the cousins of [Gary Mace](#). In 1973 John married Sally M. Stone and the couple had two daughters. John as a wing played 217 games for the Gloucester First XV between 1966 and 1977, scoring 87 tries. He also won 6 Gloucestershire County Caps. There is [a detailed profile of John Dix](#) in the People/Player Profiles section of this website.

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**Stuart Dix** was born at Gloucester on 29 January 1952, the son of [John William \('Bill'\) Dix](#) (1923-1995) and Betty Iris Dix (née Redburn) (1925-2001). The couple had four children and one of Stuart's brothers, [John Dix](#) also played for Gloucester; Stuart and John were the grandsons of [John William \('Father'\) Dix](#) and the cousins of [Gary Mace](#). In 1977 Stuart married Pamela J. Simpson and the couple had a son and daughter. Like his brother **Stuart also played on the wing and represented the Gloucester First XV 33 times between 1973 and 1975, scoring 14 tries. He also won 8 Gloucestershire County caps.**

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### The **MACE** Family – Gary Mace

**Gary Bernard Mace** was born in 1941 in Gloucester, the son of Harold Bernard Mace (1903-1958) and Annie Winifred Mace (née Dix) (1908-1980). Gary had two brothers and one sister. His mother, Annie, was the daughter of [John William \('Father'\) Dix](#) who was Gary's grandfather, and the sister of [John William \('Bill'\) Dix](#) who was Gary's uncle. Gary's cousins were also the Gloucester rugby players, [John Dix](#) and [Stuart Dix](#). In 1962 at Gloucester Gary married Hilary M.A. Manns and together they had three children. **Gary as a half back and centre played 103 games for the Gloucester First XV between 1959 and 1973, scoring 15 tries.**

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### The **PEGLER** Family – Frederick ('Fred') Pegler

**Frederick ('Fred') Pegler** was born at Painswick in 1881, the son of Frank J. Pegler (1852-1929) and Eleanor A. Pegler (née Walter) (1851-1935). Fred's father was initially a farmer at Painswick but by 1891 the family had move to Upton St Leonards and subsequently to Gloucester. The Pegler family was large and Fred had eight brothers and two sisters. In 1900 one of his brothers, Harry Stuart Pegler married Mary Ann Eliza Dix, the sister of [John William \('Father'\) Dix](#). At the age of 17 years Fred joined the British Army and fought in the Boer War. After five years with the Army he returned to Gloucester and became a Travelling Brewer before becoming the Licensee of the Bell Arms in Bell Lane, Gloucester. In 1914 he returned to military service but this time the Royal Navy at Devonport serving with **Arthur Hudson**. In 1911 Fred married Rose Mary Griffett (1888-1920) and the couple had four children before his wife's untimely death in 1920 age 32 years. In 1922 Fred re-married to Miriam Frances Jones (1893-1931) and together they also had four children. **Fred as a forward played 239 games for the Gloucester First XV between 1902 and 1913, scoring 18 tries.** During the Great War Fred, alongside **Arthur Hudson**, he played for the Royal Navy (Devonport) XV and the Submarine Flotilla (Devonport) XV. On several occasions after 1916 the Royal Navy XV played matches against Gloucester at Kingsholm to raise funds for the local hospitals. One of Fred's daughters by his marriage to Miriam, Violet, approached the Gloucester Rugby Club Committee in 1948 with a proposal to form a ladies rugby football club at Gloucester as from the age of 5 years she was an enthusiastic Gloucester rugby supporter and had played touch rugby in the Army during the Second World War; her proposal was rejected. After several years of failing health, Fred died on 14 October 1950 aged 69 years, almost twenty years after the death of his second wife, Miriam, in 1931 aged 38 years. There is [a detailed profile of Fred Pegler](#) in the People/Player Profiles section of this website.

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## The **KEYS** Family: Brothers **Frank Keys** and **George Eric Henry ('Eric') Keys**

**Frank Keys** was born in Gloucester in 1883, the son of George Keys (1838-1927) and the widow Ellen Docton (née Ravenhill) (1849-1912). The couple has six children; Frank also had a half-brother from his father's previous marriage to Mary Ann Burton who had died in 1871. George and Ellen had originally lived in Newport but had moved back to Gloucester. One of Frank's brothers, Wilfred Septimus Keys married Beatrice Mary Dix, the cousin of [John William \('Father'\) Dix](#). Like his father, Frank worked as a carpenter and in 1903 married Isabella White who was born in 1883 in Rye, Sussex but worked as a Domestic Servant in Westgate Street, Gloucester. The couple had two children. **Frank as a stand-off played 32 games for the Gloucester First XV between 1902 and 1903 scoring 9 tries. He was also awarded one Gloucestershire County cap.** In later life Frank and his family moved to Coronation Street, Aberkenfig, near Bridgend which was where he was living when he died suddenly on the 13 June 1907 aged 24 years and is buried nearby at St Brides Minor; it was reported that he died of blood poisoning caused by a scratch obtained whilst playing rugby for Bridgend. His wife Isabella re-married in 1915 and died in 1941 in London aged 58 years. At the time of his death his youngest daughter Ivy Ethel Keys was only 4 months old. Ivy would subsequently in 1935 at Bridgend marry [Eric James \('Jim'\) Stephens](#) who would have been Frank's son-in-law. One of their children [Eric Stephens](#), Frank's grandson, also played for Gloucester.

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**George Eric Henry ('Eric') Keys** was born on 9 June 1878, the son of George Keys (1838-1927) and the widow Ellen Docton (née Ravenhill) (1849-1912). The couple has six children; Eric also had a half-brother from his father's previous marriage to Mary Ann Burton who had died in 1871. George and Ellen had originally lived in Newport but had moved back to Gloucester. One of Eric's brothers, Wilfred Septimus Keys married Beatrice Mary Dix, the cousin of [John William \('Father'\) Dix](#). Eric was a School Teacher and became Assistant School Master at Linden Council School. In 1903 he married Harriette Elisa Taylor; the couple had two daughters and lived at Russell Street, Gloucester. **Eric as a half back played once for the Gloucester First XV in 1903; he also played 4 games for Gloucester A.** He was a committee member and secretary of the Gloucester Schools Rugby Union from 1906 to 1933 and on retirement a presentation was made to him by **Don Meadows** who at the time was 14 years old. Eric died on 30 March 1951 at Gloucester aged 73 years. Harriette died at Old Sodbury in 1969 aged 87 years.

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The **STEPHENS** Family: Brothers, [John James \('Jimmy'\) \('Jummer'\) Stephens](#) and his son, [Eric James Henry \('Jim'\) Stephens](#) and his grandson [Eric John Frank Stephens](#), [Arthur William Miles Stephens](#) and his son, [Eric James \('Dick'\) Stephens](#), [Sydney Reuben Stephens](#) and nephews [Sidney Jack \('Jack'\) Stephens](#) and [John Thomas \('Tom'\) Stephens](#)

**Family Details:** The brothers [John James \('Jimmy'\) \('Jummer'\) Stephens](#), [Arthur William Miles Stephens](#), [Sydney Reuben Stephens](#) and Tom Stephens, were the sons of George Stephens (Churcham, 1837-1892) and Sarah Ann Stephens (née Miles) (Glamorgan, 1850- 1907). The couple had ten children, three of whom would play for Gloucester.

The **John James ('Jimmy') ('Jummer') Stephens** family including his son [Eric James \('Jim'\) Henry Stephens](#) and his grandson [Eric John Frank Stephens](#).

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**John James ('Jimmy') ('Jummer') Stephens** was born in Coleford and baptised on 9 May 1875, the son of George Stephens (1837-1892) and Sarah Ann Stephens (née Miles (1850-1907)). His father passed away in 1892 when Jimmy was only 17 years old. Initially a Brass Turner, he became an Iron Turner at Fielding and Platt. On 25 December 1900 at Gloucesters he married Amy Edith Wood and the couple lived in Farm Street, Gloucester. Together they had six children, one of which, [Eric James Henry \('Jim'\) Stephens](#) married Ivy Ethel Keys, the daughter of [Frank Keys](#); their son, Jimmy's grandson and also the grandson of [Frank Keys](#), [Eric John Frank Stephens](#) would play for Gloucester. **Jimmy as a scrum half and centre played 322 times for the Gloucester First XV between 1895 and 1910, scoring 35 tries. He was also awarded 32 Gloucestershire County caps.** He died at home at Clegram Road, Gloucester on 27 September 1936 aged 61 years. His funeral was attended by a large number of people including fellow players, **Arthur Hudson**, **Walter Taylor** and [Tommy Bagwell](#). His wife, Amy, died on 17 June 1971 aged 90 years. There is [a detailed profile of John James \('Jummer'\) Stephens](#) in the People/Player Profiles section of this website.

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**Eric James Henry ('Jim') Stephens** was born in Gloucester on 25 February 1909, the son of [John James \('Jimmy'\) \('Jummer'\) Stephens](#) (1875-1936) and Amy Stephens (née Wood) (1881-1971). The couple had six children and lived in Frampton Road, Gloucester. Jim was therefore the nephew of [Arthur William Miles Stephens](#) and [Sydney Reuben Stephens](#) and the cousin of [Eric James \('Dick'\) Stephens](#). At Bridgend on 25 August 1935 Jim married Ivy Ethel Keys who was the daughter of [Frank Keys](#) although her father had died when she was only four months old. The couple had four children one of whom [Eric John Frank Stephens](#) played for Gloucester. **Jim Stephens did not play for the Gloucester First XV, although he did represent Gloucester A but in 1929 he moved to Birmingham to play 'professional' rugby.** He returned to Gloucester six years later and became involved with the Wagon Works Rugby Football Club. Jim died whilst living in Tuffley Road, Gloucester on 6 March 1993 aged 84 years; his wife Ivy died in 1954 aged 47 years.

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**Eric John Frank Stephens** was born in August 1939 in the nursing home in Clarence Street, Gloucester. He was the only son out of the four children of Eric James ('Jim') Stephens (1909-1993) and Ivy Ethel Stephens (née Keys) (1907-1954). He was the grandson of [John James \('Jimmy'\) \('Jummer'\) Stephens](#) and the great nephew of [Arthur William Miles Stephens](#). He was also the grandson of [Frank Keys](#) who died four months after the birth of Eric's mother, Ivy. Eric was educated at the Calton Road Primary School and at the Crypt Grammar School where he began his rugby career. In 1968 he married Patricia V. Marden and together they had three children. **Eric a three quarter played 221 times for the Gloucester First XV between 1961 and 1974, scoring 22 tries. He also won 8 Gloucestershire County caps.** There is [a detailed profile of Eric Stephens](#) in the People/Player Profiles section of this website.

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Arthur [William Miles Stephens](#) and his son, [Eric James \('Dick'\) Stephens](#)

**Arthur William Miles Stephens** was born at Coleford, Forest of Dean, and baptised on 23 May 1869, the son of George Stephens (1837-1892) and Sarah Ann Stephens (née Miles) (1850-1907). His brothers [John James \('Jimmy'\) \('Jummer'\) Stephens](#) and [Sydney Reuben Stephens](#) would also play for Gloucester. In his early years Arthur lived at the Railway Inn, Coleford but by age 12 years he had moved to Alma Place, Gloucester. Arthur was employed as a Bricklayer. On 23 March 1908 at Twigworth Arthur at age 37 years married Elizabeth Anne Freeman, also 37 years old; the couple had one child, [Eric James \('Dick'\) Stephens](#) who would follow in his father's and his uncles, [John James \('Jimmy'\) Stephens](#) and [Sydney Reuben Stephens](#)' footsteps and play for Gloucester. The couple would later move to the Kingsholm Inn. **Arthur as a three quarter played 144 games for the Gloucester First XV between 1891 and 1898, scoring 13 tries. He was also awarded 9 Gloucestershire County caps.** Arthur died 4 January 1930 aged 61 years and was buried at Twigworth Church graveyard; his funeral was attended by some of his old team-mates including **Walter George, Walter Taylor and Sidney S. Starr**. Arthur's wife, Elizabeth, died in 1945 aged 76 years. There is [a detailed profile of Arthur Stephens](#) in the People/Player Profiles section of this website.

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**Eric James ('Dick') Stephens** was born on 23 March 1909 in Gloucester, the only son of [Arthur William Miles Stephens](#) (1869-1930) and Elizabeth Anne Stephens (née Freeman (1869-1945). His uncles were [John James \('Jimmy'\) Stephens](#) and [Sydney Reuben Stephens](#) while his cousins were [Sidney Jack \('Jack'\) Stephens](#), [John Thomas \('Tom'\) Stephens](#) and [Eric James \('Jim'\) Henry Stephens](#). In his early years he lived with his parents at the Kingsholm Inn, Gloucester. On 17 December 1935 he married Peggy Mahalah Thompson at St Mark's Church, Gloucester and together they had one daughter. **Dick as an outside half/centre played 53 games for the Gloucester First XV between 1926 and 1930, scoring 5 tries.** Eric was however an all-round sportsman. He originally played cricket for the Wagon Works, but on his marriage certificate he listed his occupation as a Professional Cricketer. Between 1927 and 1937 he played 216 matches for the Gloucestershire County Cricket Club as a left-handed batsman, an occasional medium-paced bowler and an "...outstanding..." fielder. He also played football as an inside-left for Hereford United in the Birmingham League and Bristol City before finally signing for Gloucester City A.F.C. In later in life turned his hand to bowls. Dick died on 3 April 1983 aged 74 years. His wife, Peggy died on 4 February 2010 aged 94 years.

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**Sydney Reuben Stephens** was born in Gloucester on 15 November 1887, the son of George Stephens (1837-1892) and Sarah Ann Stephens (née Miles) (1850-1907). His brothers [John James \('Jimmy'\) \('Jummer'\) Stephens](#) and [Arthur William Miles Stephens](#) also played for Gloucester. He was the uncle of [Eric James \('Dick'\) Stephens](#), [Eric James \('Jim'\) Henry Stephens](#), [Sidney Jack \('Jack'\) Stephens](#) and [John Thomas \('Tom'\) Stephens](#). In Gloucester on 27 January 1912 he married Elsie May Venn at St. Luke's Church. Sydney, like his brother [Jimmy Stephens](#), he was employed as an Iron Turner and initially the couple lived in Carmarthen Street, Gloucester. He excelled as a Turner and by 1939 his occupation was recorded as a "Centre Lathe Turner (Skilled)". **Sydney a half back, played 4 times for the Gloucester First XV in 1910.** He died in Gloucester in 1970 aged 82 years while his wife, Elsie, died five years later in 1975 aged 88 years.

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**Sidney Jack ('Jack') Stephens** was born on 4 March 1909 in Gloucester, the son of Tom Stephens (1883-1922) and Eliza Stephens (née Goddard) (1885-1968). He was one of four children, one of whom [John Thomas \('Tom'\) Stephens](#) who would also play for Gloucester. His uncles, his father's brothers, were [John James \('Jimmy'\) Stephens](#), [Arthur William Miles Stephens](#) and [Sydney Reuben Stephens](#) while his cousin was [Eric James \('Dick'\) Stephens](#). His mother, Eliza, was the sister of [Richard Thomas \('Dicky'\) Goddard](#) and [John Goddard](#). Jack was educated at the National School, London Road and Sir Thomas Rich's School. **Jack an outside half/centre make 93 appearances for the Gloucester First XV between 1926 and 1929, scoring 45 tries. He was awarded 2 Gloucestershire County caps. His career with Gloucester was curtailed when in 1929 for a fee of £550 and the promise of work in Manchester as a Draughtsman, he moved north and joined Oldham Football Club of the Rugby Football League. He made 186 appearances for Oldham and scored 79 tries. His career ended in 1935 due to injuries.** Returning to Gloucester, he married Gwendoline May Herbert at Southgate Congregational Church on 22 January 1938; the couple had two children. Jack was now employed as an Aircraft Designer. He died at Lansdown Road, Gloucester on 18 April 1965 aged 56 years and is buried at Coney Hill Cemetery. His wife, Gwendoline died in 2000 aged 92 years.

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**John Thomas ('Tom') Stephens** was born on 12 October 1907 in Gloucester, the son of Tom Stephens (1883-1922) and Eliza Stephens (née Goddard) (1885-1968). He was one of four children, one of whom was [Sidney Jack \('Jack'\) Stephens](#) who would also play for Gloucester. His uncles, his father's brothers, were [John James \('Jimmy'\) Stephens](#), [Arthur William Miles Stephens](#) and [Sydney Reuben Stephens](#) while his cousin was [Eric James \('Dick'\) Stephens](#). His mother, Eliza, was the sister of [Richard Thomas \('Dicky'\) Goddard](#) and [John Goddard](#). In 1939 Tom was living with his widowed mother and sister Kathleen in Kingsholm Road and, like his brother Jack, earned his living as a Draughtsman. On 17 September 1943 at St Mary de Lode Church, he married Gertrude Annie Ward. Reports of the wedding described Tom as "...a well-known local sportsman..." while Gertrude was described as a "...voluntary Ambulance Driver with the A.R.P. [Air Raid Precaution] Service." **Tom as a Full back/centre played 53 games for the Gloucester First XV between 1927 and 1940, scoring one try; he also played for Gloucester United on many occasions. He was similarly a keen cricketer, a batsman for the NonDescript Cricket Club. In 1934 he was reported in a *Citizen* article under the headline "Gloucester Player's Double 'Turn'". Tom was fielding for the NonDescripts at**

Coleford and with the consent of the captain obtained a substitute fielder and dashed over to Berry Hill two miles away to play at full back for Gloucester United who were a man short; Gloucester won the fixture. However as the cricket match was still in progress he drove back to Coleford, changed into his flannels and batted for the NonDescripts who subsequently won their match. In 1940 after a charity rugby match at Cinderford to raise war-time funds for the British Red Cross, 10 members of the 'Gloucester XV' including Tom and his cousin [Dick Stephens](#) and **Albert Denzil Carpenter** were summons to Little Dean Court for consuming alcohol in prohibited hours at the Fleece Hotel. The case was dismissed as the Landlord stated that he provided the alcohol and sandwiches as a gift for their participation in the charity match. Tom died on 4 December 1997 at Longford, Gloucester aged 90 years

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The **HAMBLIN** Family: The brothers [Lionel Alfred Hamblin](#) and [James Hamblin](#)

**Family details:** the brothers [Lionel Alfred Hamblin](#) and [James Hamblin](#) were the sons of Thomas Hamblin (1854-1932) and Ellen Hamblin (née Harris) (1853-1929). The couple had twelve children, all of whom survived childhood and one adopted daughter. Although surviving childhood, one daughter, Gladys, died in 1918 aged 22 years from Spanish Flu twenty seven days after marrying an Australian soldier who was recovering from wounds and shell shock; the witness at the wedding was **Frederick William ('Fred') Welshman**.

**Lionel Alfred Hamblin** was born in Gloucester on 1 August 1890 and lived for the period up to 1914 with his parents in Llanthony Road, Gloucester. He worked as a Labourer at the Gloucester Railway Carriage and Wagon Works and was listed as one of the employees who joined the Army in September 1914. Lionel joined the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Gloucestershire Regiment along with the majority of the players and ex-players of the Gloucester Rugby Club. The Battalion, now re-designated the 1/5 Gloucesters, landed in France on 29 March 1915, twenty three days after Lionel had married Elizabeth Ann Stinchcombe (1893-1918) at St Lukes Church on 6 March; Lionel listed his occupation as 'Soldier'. Elizabeth died in 1918. On 24 May 1920 Lionel re-married for the second time at St. Nicholas Parish Church to Lilian Mary Goddard who was the sister of [Charles Albert Goddard](#) and the cousin of [John Goddard](#), [Richard Thomas \('Dicky'\) Goddard](#) and [Arthur Goddard](#). Consequently Lionel's brother-in-law was [Charles Albert Goddard](#). Lionel and Lilian had four children, all born in Gloucester. **Lionel, nicknamed 'Todger', as a centre made 113 appearances for the Gloucester First XV between 1911 and 1920, scoring 27 tries. He was also awarded 15 Gloucestershire County caps.** Between 1914 and 1918 Lionel played rugby for his battalion winning the 1/5 Gloucesters Inter-Company Championship in 1915 with D Company. At the battalion level the rugby team despite numerous challenges from other regiments when through the war undefeated in a series of games played behind the lines but usually still within the range of the German artillery. In 1920 for a signing on fee of £150 he moved north to play for Rochdale Hornets of the Northern Union. After a couple of seasons the family returned to Gloucester and he became to licensee of the Colin Campbell Inn on the banks of the Severn. In January 1932 Lionel and another man pulled a drowning man from the river near his pub. Lionel, after a three month illness during which he was confined to bed, died on 12 February 1944 aged 53 years. His wife, Lilian, died in 1973 aged 82 years. There is [a detailed profile of Lionel Hamblin](#) in the People/Player Profiles section of this website.

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**James Hamblin** was born in Gloucester on 16 February 1886 and was employed as a Painter at the Railway Sheet Department at the Gloucester Railway Carriage and Wagon Works; he was subsequently employed as a Blacksmith Striker. On 13 April 1913 he married Maud Mary Haines at St Luke's Church; one of the witnesses was **George Alfred Welshman**. The couple had four children. In September 1914 James along with his brothers [Lionel Hamblin](#), Wilfred Hamblin and Harold Hamblin enlisted in the Army. James joined the 7<sup>th</sup> (Service) Battalion, Gloucestershire Regiment along with **James William ('Jim') Westbury** and the two of them must have been in the queue together as they have consecutive service numbers. On 19 June 1915 they sailed from Avonmouth to Gallipoli and James was wounded in the September and after evacuation to Egypt he suffered badly from Dysentery. After recovery he was transferred to the 13<sup>th</sup> (Forest of Dean) Battalion, Gloucestershire Regiment and fought at Ypres on the Western Front. **James as a centre appeared in 57 games for the Gloucester First XV between 1908 and 1912, scoring 12 tries. He also won three Gloucestershire County caps.** He died on 11 May 1948 aged 62 years and is buried in St. Swithun's Churchyard, Hempstead. His wife, Maud, died in January 1954 aged 73 years.

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The **GODDARD** Family: The brothers [Richard Thomas \('Dick'\) Goddard](#) and [John Goddard](#) and their cousins [Charles Albert Goddard](#) and [Arthur Goddard](#).

**Richard Thomas ('Dick') Goddard** was born in Gloucester on 9 August 1879, the son of Thomas Goddard (1848-1924) and Elizabeth ('Betsy') Ellen Goddard (née Wakeman, née Ford) (1851-1928); Elizabeth Ford had married Henry Wakeman in 1867 but he died within a year and subsequently in 1871 she married Thomas Goddard; the couple had seven children but only three survived infancy, [Dick Goddard](#), [John Goddard](#) and Eliza Goddard; the latter married Tom Stephens and was the mother of [Sidney Jack \('Jack'\) Stephens](#) and [John Thomas \('Tom'\) Stephens](#) who consequently were the nephews of [Dick Goddard](#) and [John Goddard](#). The family lived in Clare Street where Thomas Goddard worked as a Labourer and Dick as a Plumber. On 7 July 1906 at St Mary de Lode Church Dick married Laura Elizabeth Taylor; the couple had two children. **Dicky as half back played 110 games for the Gloucester First XV between 1897 and 1902, scoring 22 tries. He also won 9 Gloucestershire County caps. In 1902 Dicky went north and played three seasons for Hull Football Club, including one season as captain,** alongside former Gloucester teammates **Jim Cook**, **George Hall** and **Jack Lewis**. Dicky died of pneumonia in Gloucester on 21 January 1949 aged 69 years. His wife, Laura, died in May 1951 aged 69 years. There is [a detailed profile of Dicky Goddard](#) in the People/Player Profiles section of this website.

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**John Goddard** was born in Gloucester on 23 December 1887, the son of Thomas Goddard (1848-1924) and Elizabeth ('Betsy') Ellen Goddard (née Wakeman, née Ford) (1851-1928); Elizabeth Ford had married Henry Wakeman in 1867 but he died within a year and subsequently in 1871 she married Thomas Goddard; the couple had seven children but only three survived infancy, [John Goddard](#), [Dicky Goddard](#) and Eliza Goddard; the latter married Tom Stephens and was the mother of [Sidney Jack \('Jack'\) Stephens](#) and [John Thomas \('Tom'\) Stephens](#) who consequently were the nephews of [John Goddard](#) and [Dicky Goddard](#). The family lived in Clare Street where Thomas Goddard worked as a Labourer and John as a Timber Merchant. On 1 September 1907 at St Mary de Lode Church, Gloucester John married Florence Louise Wright and the couple had four children although two died in infancy. **John as a scrum half played 7 games for the Gloucester First XV – 3 games in the 1905-06 season and 4 in the 1909-10 season.** By 1935 the family had moved to Birmingham where John was a foreman at a Timber Merchants. Sadly his wife, Florence, died in April 1939 aged 54 years and although John lived in Tyburn Road, Birmingham he eventually returned to Gloucester. He died at the Gloucester Royal Hospital on 31 October 1951 aged 63 years.

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**Charles Albert Goddard** was born on 13 November 1881, the son of Charles Goddard (born 1855) and Mary Ann Goddard (née Smith) (1857-1935). The family lived in Priory Road and Westgate Street, Gloucester. Charles was the cousin of [Richard Thomas \('Dicky'\) Goddard](#), [John Goddard](#) and [Arthur Goddard](#). He was also the brother-in-law of [Lionel Alfred Hamblin](#) who had married his sister Lilian Mary Goddard. On 17 June 1905 at St. Nicholas Church, Gloucester Charles married Mary Lewis and together they had eight children and with the exception of one daughter they all survived childhood. The family lived in Sudmeadow Road, Llanthony, Gloucester. Charles, like his father before him, earned his living as a Lighterman. During the Great War he enlisted on 8 December 1915 as Sapper, 149613, Royal Engineers; he was discharged at the end of the war on 7 February 1919. **Charles as a centre played 7 games for the Gloucester First XV between 1901 and 1905, scoring 1 try; he also played 8 games for Gloucester A.** Charles died at Gloucester in October 1954 aged 73 years while his wife, Mary, died in 1971 aged 89 years.

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**Arthur Goddard** was born in Gloucester on 22 March 1878, the son of John Goddard (1850-1910) and Elizabeth Ellen Lepine (1852-1927). Arthur was one of eight children. Arthur was the cousin of [Richard Thomas \('Dicky'\) Goddard](#), [John Goddard](#) and [Charles Albert Goddard](#). On 26 December 1903 Arthur married Louisa Anne Fitzpatrick at St. Nicholas Church, Gloucester; the couple had five children. From about 1911 and for the rest of their lives the couple lived in Alney Terrace, Westgate Bridge, Gloucester. On 4 August 1915 he enlisted in the 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Gloucestershire Regiment and was discharged on 4 February 1919 suffering from an illness, having been wounded in February 1916. **Arthur as a scrum half played 2 games for the Gloucester First XV between 1902 and 1904, He also represented Gloucester A 17 times between 1898 and 1905.** Arthur died on 9 July 1954 at Gloucester aged 76 years while his wife, Louisa, had died previously in 1947 aged 69 years.

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