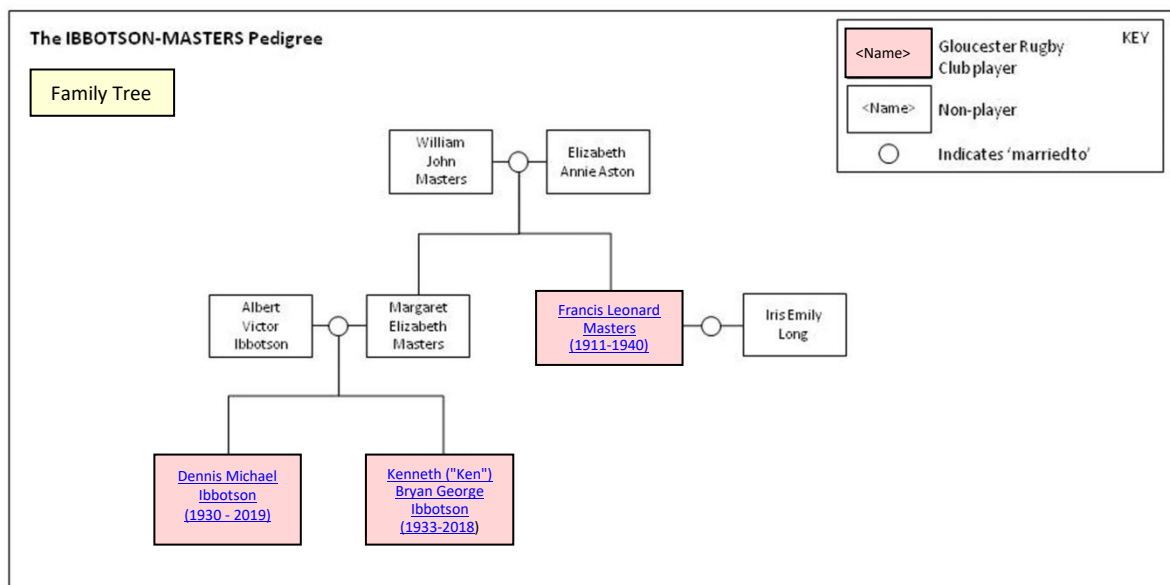


EXTENDED FAMILIES: The IBBOTSON and MASTERS Greater Family: The relationships based on marriage between the families of the brothers [Denis Michael \('Ibbey'\) Ibbotson](#) and [Kenneth \('Ken'\) Bryan George Ibbotson](#) and their uncle [Francis Leonard Masters](#)

The IBBOTSON Family – brothers [Denis Ibbotson](#) and [Ken Ibbotson](#)



Denis Michael ('Ibbey') Ibbotson was born in Gloucester on 1 November 1930, the son of Albert Victor Ibbotson (1904-1995) and Margaret Elizabeth Ibbotson (née Masters) (1905-1992). The couple had four children including Denis' brother [Kenneth \('Ken'\) Bryan George Ibbotson](#) who would also play for Gloucester. Denis' mother was the sister of **Francis Leonard Masters** who was therefore the uncle of Denis and his brother. In 1966 he married Peggy Strawford and the couple had two sons. Denis as a backrow forward played in 337 matches for the Gloucester First XV between 1949 and 1960, scoring 58 tries. He was also awarded 12 Gloucestershire County caps. Denis passed away on 16 May 2019 aged 88 years; his wife Peggy died in 1982 age 52 years. There is a [detailed profile Denis Ibbotson](#) in the People/Player Profiles section of this website.

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Kenneth ('Ken') Bryan George Ibbotson was born in Gloucester on 10 September 1933, the son of Albert Victor Ibbotson (1904-1995) and Margaret Elizabeth Ibbotson (née Masters) (1905-1992). The couple had four children including Ken's brother [Denis Michael Ibbotson](#) who would also play for Gloucester. Ken's mother was the sister of [Francis Leonard Masters](#) who was therefore Ken's uncle. In 1958 Ken married Hilary Brant in Wolverhampton. Ken was educated at Sir Thomas Rich's School and played rugby whilst at school and subsequently for Old Richians. Ken as stand off/centre made 39 appearances for the Gloucester First XV between 1956 and 1959, scoring 4 tries. Ken died peacefully in the Gloucester Royal Hospital on 5 March 2018 aged 84 years and the funeral took place at Saint Swithuns Church, Hempstead.

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Francis Leonard Masters was born in Gloucester on 30 November 1911, the son of William John Masters (1873-1928) and Elizabeth Annie Masters (née Aston) (1876-1961). Len was one of eleven children and one of his sisters, Margaret Elizabeth Masters married Albert Victor Ibbotson; two of their children and subsequently Len's nephews were [Denis Michael Ibbotson](#) and [Kenneth \('Ken'\) Bryan George Ibbotson](#). In 1937 at Gloucester Francis married Iris Emily Long; the couple had no children. Len, a fullback, primarily played for Cheltenham but in the 1930-1931 season he played 11 games for the Gloucester First XV; he also played several games for Gloucester United. He died on 13 March 1940 aged 28 years when the fully laden 11 ton petrol lorry he was driving crashed through a wall near Cirencester and fell seven feet into a field before turning over. Len had been driving the second lorry in a convoy of three lorries at between 20 and 23 mph when the driver of the first lorry whilst checking in his mirror witnessed Len's lorry swerve off the road; the inquest concluded that cause of the accident was unexplained. Len was buried at Twigworth. His wife, Iris, who re-married in 1942 to Thomas Cecil Philips, died in 2008 aged 95 years.

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