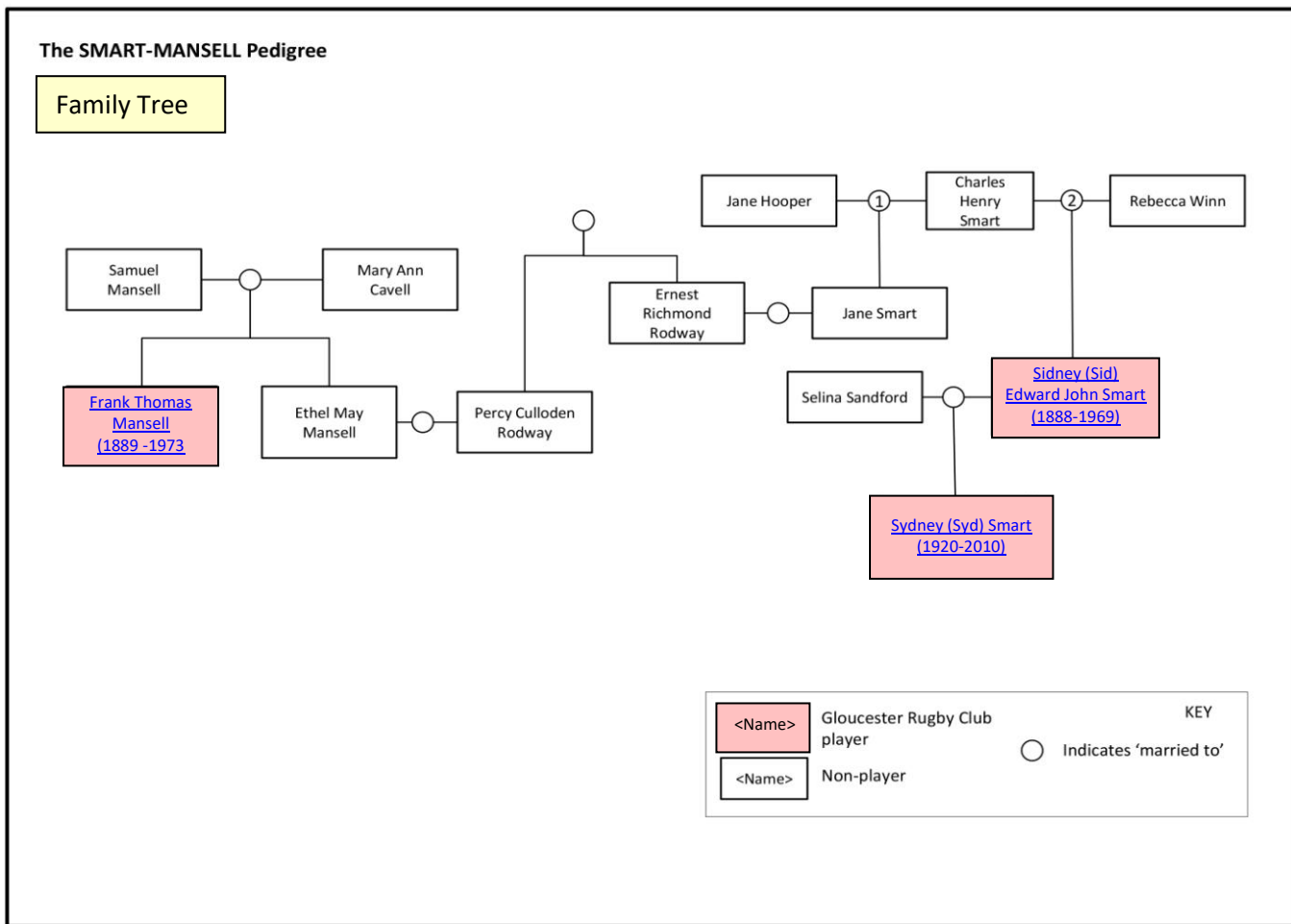


**EXTENDED FAMILIES: The SMART and MANSELL Greater Family:** The relationships based on marriage between the families of [Sidney \('Sid'\) Edward John Smart \(Senior\)](#) and his son [Sydney \('Syd'\) Smart \(Junior\)](#) and [Frank Thomas Mansell](#)



The **SMART** Family – father and son, [Sidney \('Sid'\) Edward John Smart \(Senior\)](#) and [Sydney \('Syd'\) Smart \(Junior\)](#)

**Sidney ('Sid') Edward John Smart (Senior)** was born in Gloucester on 14 January 1888, the son of Charles Henry Smart (1844-1921) and Rebecca Smart (née Winn) (1857-1940); the couple married in 1877 and had four children including Sid. However this was his father’s second marriage as in 1864 he had married Jane Hooper. One of Sid’s step sisters, Jane, married Ernest Richmond Rodway whose brother Percy married Ethel May Mansell, the sister of [Frank Thomas Mansell](#). The Smart family lived variously at Sydney Place, Albert Street and Lower Barton Street, Gloucester. Sid was employed as Driller at the Gloucester Railway Carriage and Wagon Works. In 1914 Sid along with many other players from the Gloucester Rugby Club enlisted in the British Army and fought in the Great War (1914-1918). Sid joined the 1/5 Gloucesters and landed at Boulogne with A Company on the 29 March 1915 to fight on the Western Front. As a Lance Corporal he was wounded on 15 April 1916 and transferred to mainland Britain for treatment due to the severity of the wound. After recovering from this he was transferred to the 1<sup>st</sup> (Garrison) Royal Munster Fusiliers and moved to Italy where he was wounded for a second time; this time the severity of the wound meant that he was invalided out of the Army and awarded a Silver War Badge to denote his contribution. With four months of returning to civilian life he married Selina Sandford in August 1919 at St Mary’s Church, Lydney; the couple had one son [Sydney Smart \(Junior\)](#) who would also represent the Gloucester Rugby Club. Sid as a second row forward played 196 games for the Gloucester First XV between 1911 and 1926 scoring 13 tries. He captained the Club in the 1921-1922 season. He

was also awarded 32 Gloucestershire County caps and 12 England International caps. Sid died on 25 January 1969 after having moved back to Gloucester aged 81 years. His wife, Selina, had previously died in July 1958 aged 64 years. There is a [detailed profile Sid Smart](#) in the People/Player Profiles section of this website.

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**Sydney ('Syd') Smart (Junior)** was born in Lydney on 20 August 1920, the son of [Sidney Edward John Smart \(1888-1969\)](#) and Selina Smart (née Sandford) (1894-1958); at the time of his birth the family were living in Queens Street, Lydney. On 1 June 1946 he married Joan Kathleen Irene Perks at St John's Church, Gloucester. **Syd followed in his father's footsteps as a second row and back row forward and played in 133 games for the Gloucester First XV between 1945 and 1950 scoring 6 tries.** Syd died on 23 August 2010 aged 91 years while his wife, Joan, died in May 2014 age 98 years.

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The **MANSELL** Family – [Frank Thomas Mansell](#)

**Frank Thomas Mansell** was born at on 12 February 1889 at Gloucester, the son of Samuel Mansell (1852-1917) and Mary Ann Mansell (née Cavell) (1852-1932). The couple married in 1880 in Gloucester and had four children. Frank's sister, Ethel May Mansell married Percy Culloden Rodway whose brother, Ernest Richmond Rodway, married Jane Smart, the step sister of [Sidney \('Sid'\) Edward John Smart](#). The family lived variously at Henry Street and Tweenbrook Avenue Gloucester. Frank was employed as a Carpenter but in August 1914, along with many of the Gloucester Rugby Club players he enlisted in the British Army and fought in the Great War (1914-1918). He joined the 1/5 Gloucesters as did [Sid Smart](#) and they fought together on the Western Front as part of A Company; Frank came through the war unscathed. On 19 April 1924 he married Kate Jenkins at St Barnabas Church, Gloucester; one of their witnesses was **Thomas ('Tom') Henry Millington** who played 250 games for the Gloucester First XV between 1919 and 1927. Frank and Kate had three children. **As a forward, Frank played 45 games for the Gloucester First XV between 1919 and 1923, scoring 4 tries.** Frank died in 1973 aged 84 years while his wife had died ten years previously in 1963 age 70 years.

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