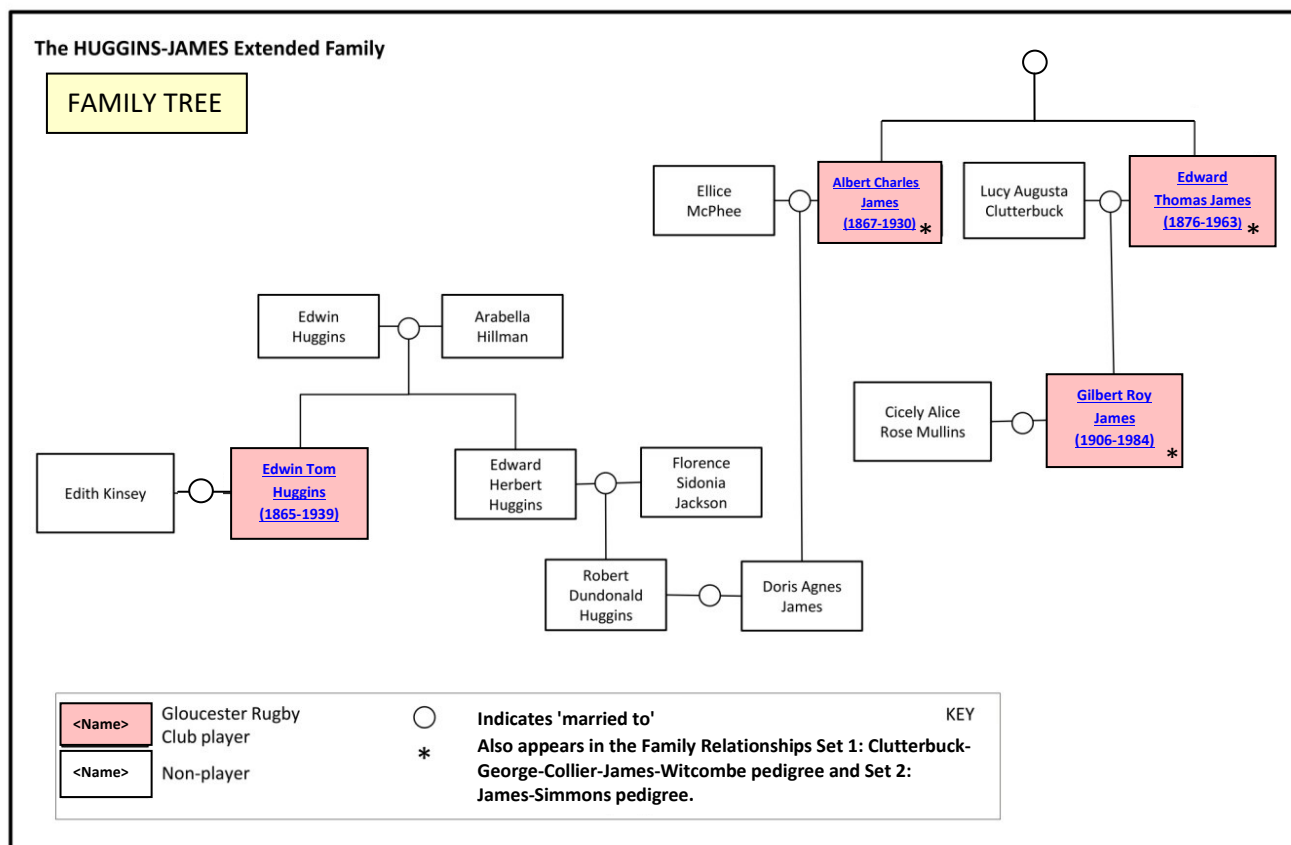


Family Relationships Set 18

EXTENDED FAMILIES: The [HUGGINS](#) and [JAMES](#) Greater Family: The relationships based on marriage between the families of [Edwin Tom Huggins](#) and [Albert Charles \('Coy'\) James](#) and his brother [Edward \('Eddie'\) Thomas James](#) and Edward's son [Gilbert Roy James](#).



The **HUGGINS** Family – Edwin Tom Huggins

Edwin Tom Huggins was born in Gloucester in 1865, the son of Edwin Huggins (1839-1917), a Plumber and Glazier, and Arabella Huggins (née Hillman) (1836-1909). The couple were married on 4 August 1860 at St James Church, Gloucester and lived variously in Millbrook Street and Stratton Road, Gloucester. They had twelve children, all but two surviving into adulthood. After leaving school Edwin followed his father and was employed as an Apprentice Plumber and Glazier but joined the Post Office in 1883 as a Temporary Clerk before gaining permanent employment in 1886 as a Post Office Sorting Clerk. On 28 September 1892 Edwin married Edith Kinsey at All Saints Church, Gloucester and they had five children, all of whom survived for between seventy-seven and ninety-five years. Initially they lived at Stratton Road but moved to Linden Road as Edwin was promoted from a Sorting Clerk and Telegraphist with the Post Office to an Overseer (Postal) and then to First Superintendent. By 1911 he was promoted to Superintendent at the Reading Post Office before being promoted to a Postmastership at Godalming, Surrey in 1917. He eventually became the Head Postmaster at Bridgewater, a position he held from 1921 to 1926. During the Great War he had the responsibility of supervising the postal arrangements for the huge Canadian soldiers' camp at Witley where between 1916 and 1918 they handled seventeen million letters. In June 1919 the Canadian troops rioted over delays in returning home and set fire to the camp. In 1926 Edwin's nephew,

Robert Dundonald Huggins married Doris Agnes James who was the daughter of [Albert Charles James](#) and the niece of [Edward Thomas James](#) and the cousin of [Gilbert Roy James](#). Edwin, a forward, played 29 times for the Gloucester First XV between 1891 and 1893, scoring 1 try. He also played 13 games for the Second XV scoring 2 tries. During his time in the First XV he was a team mate of [Albert Charles James](#) (24 games 1892-1894) and in 1892 they played together eight times and for three of those occasions Newport RFC was the opposition. In 1932 a newspaper article referred to the Post Office Recreation Club in Gloucester as '*..veritable nursery for the City Rugby...Club...*' and included such players as [Edwin Huggins](#), **Walter Henry Taylor** (249 games 1890-1903), [George Francis Clutterbuck](#) (131 games 1896-1902), [Fred Click](#) (225 games 1892-1903) and [Edward Thomas James](#) (4 games 1898-1901). Edwin died on 23 April 1939 at Kingston-upon-Thames aged 74 years. His wife died in 1959 aged 94 years.

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

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

Details of the James extended family can be found in [Family Relationship Set 2](#) which covers The JAMES, SIMMONS and CLUTTERBUCK extended family.

The James family also appear in the [Family Relationship Set 1](#). which covers the CLUTTERBUCK, COLLIER, GEORGE, JAMES, KINGSCOTT and WITCOMB Greater Family:

The Click family pedigree appears in [Family Relationships Set 4](#) which covers the ROMANS, CLICK, HARRISON and VOYCE Greater Family.

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