

# Lionel Egremont Anscombe – 1888 - 1949

Lionel was the son of Clement Silas Anscombe and Amelia Agnes Anscombe (nee Mulcahy) – see “Clement Silas Anscombe 1858 - 1898.pdf” for more details.

Clement Silas was a Quarter Master Sergeant 9<sup>th</sup> Lancers when Lionel Egremont was born on 8<sup>th</sup> January 1888 at Fulford Barracks in York.

Superintendent Registrar's District <u>Cork</u>									
Registrar's Sub-District <u>Walnugate</u>									
1858. BIRTHS in the Sub-District of <u>Walnugate in the city and</u> in the County of <u>York</u>									
Columns:—	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.
No.	When and Where Born.	Name, if any.	Sex.	Name and Surname of Father.	Name and Maiden Surname of Mother.	Rank or Profession of Father.	Signature, Description, and Residence of Informant.	When Registered.	Signature of Registrar.
									Baptismal Name if added after Registration of Birth.
588	Eight January 1888 Barracks, Fulford Yorks. U.S.A.	Lionel Egremont	Boy	Clement Silas Anscombe.	Amelia Agnes Anscombe formerly Mulcahy	Quarter Master Sergeant of Guards	Annie Anscombe Mother Barracks York.	Twenty second February 1888	H. M. Foster Registrar.

Lionel Egremont Anscombe Birth

Egremont is an unusual if not unique name to give a child. I have been unable to find any evidence that it was a name used previously in the family or the name of a famous person. It is the name of a small village in the Lake District and I wonder if it was where Clement and Amelia spent some time on leave there. Certainly at this time the Lake District was a popular destination.

We can assume that Lionel moved to India with his parents and brothers, Harold and Gilbert in 1888 or 1889 and lived first in Sialkot and then Rawalpindi.

The next record we have of Lionel is on 21<sup>st</sup> August 1913 when he married his first wife Doris Ward in Simla, now known as Shimla, in the state of Himachal Pradesh in the foothills of the Himalayas.

Marriage Register Book.									
1 of 1913									
Twenty first									
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Nineteen hundred and thirteen									
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Surname. _____									
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Condition. _____									
Rank or Profession. _____									
Residence at the time of Marriage. _____									
Father's Name and Surname. _____									
Married in the presence of us _____									
This Marriage was solemnized between us _____									
Doris Ward _____									
Lionel Edward Anscombe _____									
of full age _____									
Spinsters _____									
Bachelor _____									
Ass't. Hotel Manager _____									
Wild Flower Hotel Mahasu _____									
Horace A. Ward _____									
Clement Anscombe _____									

Lionel Anscombe Doris Ward Marriage

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Doris was christened Madeline Doris Ward and was the daughter of Horace Spencer Ward and Rose Dendy. She was born on 15<sup>th</sup> May 1889 in a flat above Horace's gentlemen's outfitters shop at 173 Westminster Bridge Road, near Waterloo Station in London.

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BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of <u>St Mary Lambeth</u> in the County of <u>London</u> . in the Year 1889					
When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parents Name.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.
		Christian.	Surname.		By whom the Ceremony was performed.
May 23. 89	1889 July 21 No. 1017.	Edmund Henry Arthur	Newham Mary	Rosell Ingrave 51. Battersea	Priest - Patrick Curate
May 15. 89	July 21 No. 1018.	Madeline Doris	Horace Spencer Ward Rose	Westminster Bridge R-	Hosier - Patrick Curate

## Madeline Doris Ward Birth Baptism

We can be reasonably sure that this is the same person that married Lionel because her father's name on their marriage record is given as Horace S Ward. Not only that but Doris had a brother Lionel Eric Ward who is the executor of her will and is referred to as Lionel's attorney on Doris's probate record.

In the 1911 Census on 2<sup>nd</sup> April Doris is living with her parents, three sisters and three brothers in Westminster Bridge Road, London. In the census she is recorded as being a ledger clerk in a draper's business.

CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.												
Before writing on this Schedule please read the Examples and the Instructions given on the other side of the paper, as well as the headings of the Columns. The entries should be written in Ink.												
The contents of the Schedule will be treated as confidential. Strict care will be taken that no information is disclosed with regard to individual persons. The returns are not to be used for proof of age, as in connection with Old Age Pensions, or for any other purpose than the preparation of Statistical Tables.												
NAME AND SURNAME	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family.	AGE (last Birthday) and SEX.	PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE.				PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of Person aged ten years and upwards.				BIRTHPLACE	NATIONALITY of every Person Foreign Country.
of every Person, whether Member of Family, Visitor, Boarder, or Servant, who	State whether "Head" or "Wife" or "Son" or "Daughter" or other Relative "Brother" or "Sister"	State whether the age is "one month", "two months", etc.	For Infants	State, for each Married Woman entered on this Schedule, the number of her	Personal Occupation.	Industry or Service with which worker is connected	Whether Employed at Work, or on Own Account.	Whether Working at Home.	of every person.	INFIRMITIES.		
(1) Present the night of Sunday, April 2nd, 1911, in this dwelling, and was alive at midnight, or (2) Arrived in this dwelling on the night of Monday, April 2nd, not having been enumerated elsewhere. No one else must be included.	"Head" or "Wife" or "Son" or "Daughter" or other Relative "Brother" or "Sister"	Com- plete name of infant including name of mother aged 12 years and upwards.	Children born alive to each married woman during the present year, less than one year old, and not stillborn. (See Column 7.)	Total Number of Children born alive in Year 1910	Industries	Workers carrying on business carried on by himself, or by another, or by both.	Workers carrying on business carried on by himself, or by another, or by both.	Workers carrying on business carried on by himself, or by another, or by both.	State whether the person is English, Welsh, or Irish.			
For user of entries, names see Examples on back of Schedule.	Age Males Females.	Age Males Females.	Age Males Females.	Age Males Females.	Age Males Females.	Age Males Females.	Age Males Females.	Age Males Females.	Age Males Females.	Age Males Females.		
1 Horace Spencer Ward Head 52 Married 24 77					Horace 90				London Lambeth			
2 Rose Ward Wife 47 40 24 77									Sister Bridget 28			
3 Laura Madeline Ward Daughter 23 Single					Milliner 85	Draperess	Workers		London Lambeth			
4 Madeline Doris Ward Daughter 21 Single					Clerk Ledger 650	Draper	Worker		London Lambeth			
5 Beatrice Olive Ward Daughter 19 Single					Clerk Ledger	Draper	Worker		London Lambeth			
6 Lind Eric Ward Son 17 Single					Horace assistant 20	Horace	Worker		London Lambeth			
7 Alfred Tom Ward Son 16 Single					Drapers Assistant 20	Draper Wholesaler	Worker		London Lambeth			
8 Ellen Maydy Ward Daughter 15 Single					Scholar 29		0		London Lambeth			
9 Robert Sydney Ward Son 8					School				London Lambeth			
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(To be filled up by the Enumerator)

Total:  
Males Females Persons

Write below the Number of Rooms in this Dwelling, including Kitchen, Parlour, Apartment, Cellar, Laundry, Bedding, Library, Closet, Bath-room; also show how many are let.

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: Horace Spencer Ward

Postal Address: 219 Westminster Br Rd S.E.

Horace Ward 1911 Census

Then in August 1913 she is living in India and married. At that time it was not uncommon for single women to travel to India in search of a husband. Social conditions in Britain at the time meant that women had few rights and most professions were denied to them. So marriage was seen as the only goal in life. Women outnumbered marriageable young men in Britain, but in India, British men heavily outnumbered women. This pool of enterprising young men offered a much better chance of getting a good husband. They were rather derogatorily referred to as the “Fishing Fleet”! Should they be unsuccessful and return to Britain they were referred to as “Returned Empties”. Shimla was a popular destination for single women given that the climate was more equitable than elsewhere in India and as a result large numbers of Europeans, particularly British, congregated there in the summer months.

We can see from the 1939 Register that two out of three of Doris's sisters ended up being 'old maids', living in Torquay with their widowed mother. So Doris undoubtedly demonstrated some courage and drive in taking the decision to travel to India.

From the marriage record we can see that Doris is recorded as a nurse at St Bernard's in Shimla. Given that two year's previously she was a ledger clerk it's unlikely that she received formal training as a nurse. I can find no record of what type of establishment St Bernard's was, which probably means it was relatively small. It was possibly a maternity nursing home because there are a number of birth notices in the newspapers of the 1880 of children being born there. It's possible that Doris responded to an advertisement in a newspaper in England and was part of a group of young ladies who trained and travelled to India together.

From his marriage record we can see that Lionel was Assistant Hotel Manager at the Wild Flower Hotel in Mahasu. I believe this is what is now known as the Wildflower Hall Hotel which is an upmarket hotel and part of the Oberoi Hotel group. Although Mahasu does not appear on present day maps as a settlement there is a house called Mahasu House near the present Wildflower Hall Hotel. Also the original hotel was the first in a chain of hotels developed by the Hotz family and a luggage label from another hotel owned by the Hotz family gives its location as Mahasu.



The history of the hotel is described in the following article which is taken from the obituary of Robert Hotz grandson of the founder.

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Robert was born on 13 February 1912 in Bombay. After schooling in Shimla and Nainital, he went on to take a degree in hotel management in Switzerland. It was during this time that Robert visited the Weisshorn where his uncle Hermann had died in a climbing accident. Robert was never awfully superstitious or religious, but a tinted picture of the Weisshorn always hung above the family breakfast table.

Robert then joined the family hotel business, managing some of the best-run hotels in India. Robert was the last of the Hotzes in India. His grandfather, Carl Robert Hotz, worked as a telegraphist on the Suez Canal project in 1864 before making his way to Bombay, where he met and married Florence Wilkinson. In 1908 he won the Calcutta Sweepstake, and with the proceeds Florence Hotz bought a property outside Shimla which became the first of the family hotels, Wildflower Hall.

This event, incidentally, gave rise to one of the many architectural inaccuracies that mar the authenticity of Shimla guidebooks, "that Lord Kitchener lived here and used it as his official residence"!

In fact, as Robert pointed out in a letter to The Tribune in 1993, the original property, known as Wildflower Cottage, was owned by Mr G.H.M. Batten and leased to Lord Kitchener for a number of years. It was only after Kitchener's departure from India that the property was bought by Florence Hotz who commissioned her architect son Roland to construct a 34-room hotel in 1911, naming it Wildflower Hall. She retained the lovely rose garden that Lord Kitchener had designed. Lord Kitchener did not live to see the hotel, and it was never the official residence of the Commander in Chief of the Army during British rule.

From this we can see that Lionel may have been one of the first staff members at the hotel. Although the hotel was presumably not as luxurious as the current one in this photo it was obviously a remarkable position.



It would seem that Lionel spent most of the time he was married to Doris in the Shimla area. As described in the following article the population of the area increased dramatically during the summer and it may well have been that Lionel spent the summer working in Shimla or Kausali and the rest of the year in Ambala or elsewhere on the plains.

The Simla hills were ceded to the British through a series of transactions with **the Raja of Keonthal**. In its early days, Simla, like its neighbouring hill station, Kasauli, was used as a sanatorium. The cold weather, it was believed, helped in recovering from long term illnesses. It also provided respite from the usually hot and humid conditions in the plains.

The British moved from Calcutta to their summer capital Simla, between April to October every year.

**The annual move to Simla** was not only undertaken by the Viceroy and his council but the entire infrastructure of colonial bureaucracy and their Armed forces. Some departments such as the Sanitary Commissioner, the Examiner of Accounts and the Military Works department established permanent offices in the hill station. Others, like the Accountant General, the Press Commissioner and many more travelled up each year with their officers, clerks, documents and luggage to set up a base near the Viceregal Lodge. The Simla Allowance Act ensured that the clerks belonging to these departments received a travel allowance to shift themselves and their families to Simla and return to Calcutta in due time. In addition, the Pay and Acting Allowances Code gave them an additional claim on two thirds of the allowance as 'personal allowance'.

Extract from <https://indianculture.gov.in/stories/simla-summer-capital>

It seems that Doris was probably pregnant with her first child when she married Lionel as the wedding took place on 21<sup>st</sup> August 1913 and Gilbert Eric was born on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1914. In fact Doris must have left India not long after her marriage because Gilbert was born at his grandparents' house in Brixton.

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(1-11-01.) London : Shaw & Sons, Fetter Lane, E.C.

BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of S <sup>t</sup> Mary, Lambeth in the County of London in the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fourteen.					
When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parents' Names.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.
		Christian.	Surname.		By whom the Ceremony was performed.
2 3 4 No. 1784	1914 April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Gilbert Eric	Lionel Madeline Doris	Anscome Brixton	56 Brakehouse Road Brixton London Thos. P. J. Fardeon Lester

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Gibert Eric Anscombe Birth & Baptism

Although Lionel's name is on the baptism record as the father I don't believe he actually left India. Doris makes at least two more trips to England and back on her own, so she must have been comfortable with making the long journey by sea.

I have not been able to find details of when Doris and Gilbert returned to India but they presumably did because in April 1919 Lionel and Doris's second son, Alfred Peter was born. The only record I could find is for his christening which took place at Shimla. From this we can assume that Lionel was still working in the Shimla area

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### Lionel Edward Anscombe mentioned in the record of Alfred Peter Anscombe

Name:	Lionel Edward Anscombe
Sex:	Male
Wife:	Doris Madeline
Son:	Alfred Peter Anscombe
Other information in the record of Alfred Peter Anscombe from India Births and Baptisms, 1786-1947	
Name:	Alfred Peter Anscombe
Event Type:	Christening
Event Date:	13 Jun 1919
Event Place:	Simla-Calcutta, West Bengal, India
Event Place (Original):	Simla, Bengal, India
Gender:	Male
Birth Date:	3 Apr 1919
Father's Name:	Lionel Edward Anscombe
Mother's Name:	Doris Madeline

Record Collection:  
India Births and Baptisms, 1786-1947

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#### Similar Historical Records

No similar records were found.

Lionel and Doris's son, Gilbert Eric, also known as George, wrote some notes about his family for his children and mentions the birth of his brothers in those notes. *"Never met my Anscombe grandfather & by the time I was 4 or 5 my grandmother had remarried a Calcutta businessman, I think called Baldwin. I used to accompany my mother to Calcutta each time she had her other sons, Peter and Fred."* The grandmother referred to here is Lionel's mother Amelia Agnes Anscombe (nee Mulcahy) who remarried after Lionel's father's death in 1898. More detail can be found in 'Clement Silas Anscombe 1858 - 1898.pdf'. From this we can assume that Doris and her son would stay with Lionel's mother when in Calcutta, before, during and after the birth of his brothers.

We can see that not long after Peter's christening Doris, Eric and Peter were back in Calcutta to board the SS City of London to visit her parents in London again.

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P.M. 23.

On 9/10/1919 8:118 169

Ship S.S. "CITY OF LONDON" Port of Arrival London Date of Arrival Oct 1919  
Via Line of Passage Calcutta Whence Arrived Calcutta

**NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF BRITISH PASSENGERS.**

(2) Port at which Passenger have been landed	(3) NAMES OF PASSENGERS	CLASS (Whether 1st, 2nd or 3rd)	(5) Profession, Occupation or Calling of Passenger In the case of First Class Passenger this column need not be filled up	(6) AGES OF PASSENGERS Enter the ages of Passengers, state the sex and number of Adults of 12 years and upwards				(7) Country of last Permanent Residence†	(8) Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence†
				Men Adults including Family members and friends	Women Not including Family members and friends	Children 3 and under 12	Infants		
Calcutta	Mr James Horne	1 <sup>st</sup>	Sea Captain	29	✓ 58 1/2			India	X
"	Mr Ernest Schatz Harry Edward D.			-		8 10		do	2
"	Maurice Horne Schatz Fiona May			-		6			2
"	Elspeth Schatz Schatz			-					X
"	James Belmont Adamson		Merchant	42					X
"	Miss Barbara Betty Patience			42	7				2
"	Peter				4				X
"	George Oswald Rushton		Broker	46					X
"	Mr Willie Carter also William			34	4				2
"	Evelyn Carter				1				X
"	McDonald Harry Mackay		Sea Captain	31					X
"	Mr Henrietta Saman & Mrs. Helen			35	92				2
"	Gwen May. Violet Johnston		Nurse	25					X
"	James Bowman Blackie		Engineer	29		1 1/2			3
"	Mr Ross Fanny & Mr. George Hugh			27	1/2				X
"	Mr. & Mrs. G. E. Vincent			36					2
"	Wm. Anscombe & Eric Anscombe			31	5				X
"	Peter Anscombe				1				
"	Mr W. Edmund Ferriman		Company Manager	39	10			Egypt	2
"	Mr. & Mrs. G. E. Vincent							India	2
Calcutta									

Doris Anscombe & sons Calcutta - London 1919

Incidentally it's interesting to note that the family seem to have a tradition of using their second Christian name rather than the first. Madeline Doris refers to herself as Doris in all but the most formal situations and Alfred Peter is recorded as Peter. Gilbert Eric is referred to here as Eric although in later life, according to a direct descendant, Robert Humphries, he was only ever known as George. From now on in this note I will use those names to refer to these individuals. Robert also informed me that the Gilbert in George's name was after his uncle, Gilbert Allen Henry Anscombe, who died in Mesopotamia (Iraq) in the First World War (see 'Gilbert Allen Henry Anscombe - 1886 - 1917.pdf' for more details).

From George's note we also know that visiting her parents was not the only objective of the trip. "Gwen, who was a nurse in the 1<sup>st</sup> War married a Dr Clayton-Allen about 1919. My first memory of a ship and of returning to England, where I was born; my mother and I accompanied and chaperoned Gwen on her return to get married." Gwen is Lionel's sister Gwendoline Winifred Elaine Anscombe. In fact in the passenger list we can see that she had taken her step-father's surname and is listed as Miss Gwendoline Win Baldwin. More detail about the wedding and Gwen's life can be found in "Gwendoline Winifred Elaine Anscombe – 1889 – 1962.pdf"

It's interesting to note that on the 'homeward' journey in 1919 the family travelled first class. Returning to India they travelled second class. Also they travelled from Liverpool to Bombay, leaving Liverpool on 27<sup>th</sup> August 1920.

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(745w) (7150) W1 30164/G.507 20,000 2-12 W B & L Name of Ship <u>City of Calcutta</u> Steamship Line <u>Hall Line Ltd</u>					P M. 21.									
					Date of Departure <u>27 AUG 1920</u>	19								
					Where bound <u>Bombay &amp; Karachi</u>									
<b>NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF BRITISH PASSENGERS EMBARKED AT THE PORT OF Liverpool</b>														
(1) Contract Ticket Number.	(2) NAMES OF PASSENGERS.	(3) CLASS (Whether 1st and 2nd 3rd).	(4) Port at which Passengers have contracted to land.	(5) Profession, Occupation or Calling of Passengers.  In the case of First Class Passengers this column need not be filled up.	(6) AGES OF PASSENGERS. Except for First Class Passengers state the age last birthday			(7) Country of last Permanent Residence.†			(8) Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence.†			
					Adults of 12 years and upwards.  Accom- panied by husband or wife,  Not accom- panied by husband or wife.			Children between 1 and 12.	Infants.	Men.		Females	Males	Females
					37	31	6	1				1		India
					1									
					43									
					37	1,2						1		

Doris Anscombe & sons Liverpool - Bombay 1920

Presumably the family attended the Gwendoline and Richard's wedding in Belper, but in total they spent nearly a year in England. Presumably they spent most of the rest of their time at the home of Doris's parents at 56 Brailsford Road in Brixton. That is the address given on George's baptism record, which Doris gave when travelling to England again in 1925 and her father died there in 1933. So it's reasonable to assume they were still there in 1920.



56 Brailsford Road, Brixton

The house still exists and although it appears to be a rather strange design it does look as though it could accommodate quite a large, extended family. George mentions the house in his notes, "*They lived on the edge of Brockwell Park on Tulse Hill. Tall 4 storey house.*" He was obviously struck by the unusual design of the house and, although the address is Brixton it is very close to Tulse Hill and Brockwell Park.

Lionel and Doris's third son, Frederick Alan was born on 29<sup>th</sup> June 1922 and christened there on 29<sup>th</sup> July.

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Lionel Egremont Anscombe mentioned in the record of Frederick Alan Anscombe	
Name:	Lionel Egremont Anscombe
Sex:	Male
Wife:	Madeline Doris
Son:	Frederick Alan Anscombe
Other information in the record of Frederick Alan Anscombe from India Births and Baptisms, 1786-1947	
Name:	Frederick Alan Anscombe
Event Type:	Christening
Event Date:	29 Jul 1922
Event Place:	Bengal, India
Event Place (Original):	Calcutta, Bengal, India
Gender:	Male
Birth Date:	29 Jun 1922
Father's Name:	Lionel Egremont Anscombe
Mother's Name:	Madeline Doris
Record Collection: India Births and Baptisms, 1786-1947	
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Similar Historical Records	
No similar records were found.	

Frederick Alan was the exception that proved the rule as he seems to have been known as Fred.

Doris made a further trip to England, travelling from Bombay to Plymouth in 1925 and returning in 1926.

SHIP'S NAME	OFFICIAL NUMBER	STEAMSHIP LINE	REGISTERED TONNAGE	MASTER'S NAME	VOYAGE
City of Manchester	115743	Ellerman's Cyprian	5536	Wm Ewing	From Bombay To Plymouth
<i>Date of Arrival 14.5.1925.</i>					
NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF BRITISH PASSENGERS.					
(1) Port of Destination	(2) Port at which Passenger has been landed	(3) NAME OF PASSENGER	(4) Proposed Address in the United Kingdom (Whether in United Kingdom or not)	(5) CLASS	(6) Profession Occupation or Calling of Passengers
AGES OF PASSENGERS. Adults of 12 years and upwards Children Under 12 years Infants 2 and under 12					
(7) Country of last Permanent Residence					
(8) Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence					
10	10	Mr. T.W. Keenan	77 Hymerston Ave. High on Sea, Essex	A Leaving off	27
10	10	Mrs. J. L. Johnson	25a Hill Pasture Works, Paignton	B Married	26
10	10	Mr. A. D. Standring	10, District Bank	C Single	52
10	10	Mrs. C. Standring	4, York, Blackpool	C Manager	47
10	10	Mr. Reg. Locke	Manorfield Rd, Borthwick	C Merchant	35
10	10	Mr. W. M. Gedget	31, Hartnot St, Oldham	C Fitter	48
10	10	Mrs. Eleanor Cooper	4, Grosvenor Villas, 1st	C Married	37
10	10	Miss Margaret & Captain Goss, Sale	1st	C Daughter	10
10	10	Mr. Henry Ward, 10, Mandeville Place	2nd	C Daughter	10
10	10	Mrs. Ward & Mrs. Ward	3rd	C Wife	2
10	10	Mrs. R. P. Valley	1st	C Married	44
10	10	Elizabeth Valley	1st	C Daughter	10
10	10	Clara Valley	1st	C Daughter	8
10	10	Frank Sydney Rowntree	48, Newington Green, N. London	C Single	7
10	10	Mr. Royden Wilkinson	10, Penbridge Square	C Indian Slave	
10	10	Mrs. Mayone Williams	London	C Single	60
10	10	Mrs. J. Concombe	4, Grosvenor Rd	C Married	60
10	10	Master Eric Anscombe	St. George's Rd	C Son	10
10	10	Miss Fred Anscombe	Burton	C Son	6
10	10	Mrs. Fred Anscombe	London	C Son	4
10	10	Miss Ralph Dorbie	29, Burdon St	C Married	29

Doris Anscombe & sons Bombay - Plymouth 1925

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Once again she was planning to stay with her parents in Brixton. However, there was a significant difference between the homebound and the outbound trips; in 1925 Doris had three sons with her, on the 1926 she only had two sons. Presumably this means that one of the objectives of the trip was for George to go to school in England. This is confirmed in George's notes when he says, "*My mother, with whom I had the perfect relationship, brought me home from India in 1926 to go to boarding school; then she returned to India...*"

Doris Anscombe & sons Liverpool - Calcutta 1926

Interestingly once again Doris travels 1<sup>st</sup> class on the way 'home' and 2<sup>nd</sup> class on the return to India.

In the following year Doris was taken ill and died of heart disease on 29<sup>th</sup> April 1927. According to her probate record she died in the British Family Hospital in Kasauli which is between Ambala and Shimla. She was buried the same day in Kasauli Cemetery.

RETURN OF BURIALS AT Kasauli (Being an extract from the Register of Burials.)							WEEKS BURIED:			PERSON BY WHOM BURIED.				
Serial No.	WHEN DIED.			Christian name.	Surname.	Age.	Quality, Trade or Profession, &c., &c.	Year.	Month.	Day.	Cause of death.	Name.	Designation.	Signature.
	Year.	Month.	Day.											
1927 April 29 <sup>th</sup>	Sister Madeline	Anescombe	37 yrs. 11 mth.	Wife of G. H. Tumbling, Manager Grand Hotel, Kasauli.		1927 April 29 <sup>th</sup>	Chaplain of Kasauli.	4. G. H. Tumbling	Chaplain of Kasauli.	4. G. H. Tumbling	Kasauli.			

**ANScombe** Madeline Doris of Parrys Hotel Ambala Cantonment India (wife of Lionel Egremont Anscombe) died 29 April 1927 at the British Family Hospital Kasauli India Administration (limited). London 8 November to Lionel Eric Ward architect and surveyor attorney of the said Lionel Egremont Anscombe. Effects £148 19s. 10d. in England.

Her burial record tells us that Lionel was, at that time, the Manager of the Grand Hotel in Kasauli and the fact that she was in the hospital there presumably means that the family were living in Kasauli at the time.

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However, her probate record gives her address as Parry's Hotel in Ambala Cantonment. It's possible that the two hotels were under the same ownership and Lionel moved between the two, but we don't have enough information to know exactly what the situation was.

This left Lionel with two young sons to look after. There is no information as to what happened to them in this period and we must assume that they weren't sent to school in England but stayed in India with their father.

Five years after his first wife's death Lionel married Jessie Grant Reid at St Joseph's Cathedral in Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh on 13<sup>th</sup> October 1932.



St Joseph's Cathedral, Allahabad

From the marriage record we can see that Lionel was living in Jabalpore (Jabalpur) at the time and he is recorded as being a Hotel Keeper. Presumably this means he now owns a hotel in Jabalpur.

Return of MARRIAGES solemnized at St. Joseph's Cathedral, Allahabad Being an extract from the Register of Marriages.															
When Married.		Name of Parties.		Age.	Conditions.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	By Banns or License.	Signatures of the Parties.	Witnesses present (two or more).		Person by whom the ceremony was performed.		
Year.	Month.	Day.	Christian.	Surname.							Father's name.	Signature.	Full name.	Designation.	Signature.
1932	October	13 <sup>th</sup>	Lionel Jessie	Anscombe Reid	42 41	2d. Lower Spiraster	Hotel-keeper Allahabad	Clement Anscombe William Reid	By license	L. Anscombe Jessie Reid	Father Francis Tilley Father Leo Pereria	Father Agathonius O. C. Catharina Cleopatra			
1932	November	15 <sup>th</sup>	Wesley Bent Mary Phyllis	Dickson Browne	27 21	Bachelor Spiraster	Paleining est. Indian masted P. T. B.	Lucknow Allahabad	William Joseph Benjamin Browne	E. Dickson M. Browne	Leonard Hobart Browne	Richard O. C. A. E. Cleopatra			

I, Fr. Richard, do hereby certify that the above are true and faithful copies of all entries in the Register of Marriages kept at St. Joseph's Cathedral, Allahabad, as therein entered and made between the day of October and the thirty-first day of November in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty two (1932).  
Place Allahabad  
Dated the first day of January 1933  
Signature Fr. Richard  
Designation R.C. Cleopatra  
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Jessie Grant Reid

Although she is only referred to as Jessie Reid in their marriage record on the shipping list when they leave India for good in 1946 she has the initial 'G' as well. This led me to discover that she was almost certainly Jessie Grant Reid, the daughter of William Topping Reid and Elizabeth Surence Reid. This is partially confirmed by the fact that her father's name on the marriage record is given as William. More specifically though there is a probate record for a Jessie Grant Anscombe who died in 1972.

Jessie Grant Reid  
Scotland Births and Baptisms, 1564-1950

Name:	Jessie Grant Reid
Event Type:	Birth
Event Date:	26 Sep 1891
Event Place:	Saint George, Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland, United Kingdom
Event Place (Original):	St. George, Midlothian, Scotland
Gender:	Female
Father's Name:	William Topping Reid
Mother's Name:	Elizabeth Lurenne Reid

Record Collection:  
Scotland Births and Baptisms, 1564-1950

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William Topping Reid was in the merchant navy and qualified as a First Mate in 1870. He married Elizabeth in Calcutta in 1881 and Jessie's brother and two sisters were all born in India.

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MARRIAGES solemnized at St. Andrew's Church, Calcutta.											
When married. Day, Month, Year.	NAMES OF PARTIES.		Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	By Banns or Licence.	Signatures of the Parties.	Signatures of two or more Witnesses present.	Signature by whom married.
	Christian.	Surname.									
1881	William Topping	Reid	35	Bachelor	Superintendent of Freight	Calcutta	David Reid		W. J. Reid Elizabeth Surenne	E. Bell H. J. Bell L. Graynes	George G. Gillon, Jr. A. Senior Chaplain of St. Andrew's Church
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Elizabeth	Surenne	29	Spinster		Calcutta	John Thomas Surenne				

William Topping Reid Elizabeth Surenne Marriage

From his marriage record we can see that William had given up life in the Merchant Navy and become the Superintendent of Freight for the India General Steam Navigation Company. More commonly known as the British India Line this was one of largest shipping companies at the time and had opened a London – Calcutta service in 1876.

Elizabeth must have travelled back to Scotland her daughters for Jessie's birth in 1891. So when Jessie was only 3 months old her mother, sisters and ayah returned to Calcutta on the Clan Buchanan which was a relatively small steel hulled freighter that carried a few passengers, in this case 8.

● SCHEDULE B. 41

FORM OF PASSENGER LIST.

Ship's Name.	Master's Name.	Tons per Register.	Where bound.
S.S. "CLAN Buchanan" Ascension 85924	CAYZER, IRVINE & CO., Owners.	1913	Calcutta
Date, 2 Jan. 92	Signature,		Master.

NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF CABIN PASSENGERS.

See. 6 of 26 & 27 Vic., Cap. 51.

Port of Embarkation.	Names of Passengers.	Profession.	Adults of 12 years and upwards.				Children between 1 and 12 years.		Infants.			
			Married.		Single.		Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
			Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.						
Birkenhead	<u>Madras</u>											
	<u>J. H. M. Webster</u>											
	<u>Calcutta</u>											
	<u>Mr. W. J. Reid</u>											
	<u>Lizzie "</u>											
	<u>Maggie "</u>											
	<u>Jessie Ferguson</u>											
	<u>Mr. S. H. Lene</u>											
	<u>R. G. Ferguson</u>											
	<u>Total 8 Passengers</u>											

CAYZER, IRVINE & CO.  
per Maude

Elizabeth Reid & daughters Birkenhead – Calcutta 1892

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There appears to be little information about Jessie's life in India as a girl. It's possible that she travelled back to England in 1913 although there must be some doubt as to whether the Miss Reid who travelled on the Matiana from Calcutta to London in April 1913 was Jessie because no Christian names or initials are given. However, we do know that Jessie was working as an orderly in France towards the end of the First World War. So the fact that Miss Reid was a nurse makes it quite plausible despite the fact that her given age is incorrect. We also know that later on Jessie was a governess and it's possible that the 11 year old school boy in the next record on the shipping list was in her charge

SHIP'S NAME.	OFFICIAL NUMBER.	STEAMSHIP LINE.	REGISTERED TONNAGE	MASTER'S NAME.	VOYAGE.		
Matiana	104588	R.F.S.N.Coy.	3274	S.H. Garland	From Calcutta To London		
<i>Date of Arrival 26<sup>th</sup> April 1918.</i>							
NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF BRITISH PASSENGERS.							
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)		
Port of Embarkation.	Port at which Passengers have been landed.	NAMES OF PASSENGERS.	CLASS (Whether 1st, 2nd or 3rd.)	Profession, Occupation or Calling of Passengers.	AGES OF PASSENGERS. Except of First Class Passengers, state Age in Years and Months.		
				In the case of First Class Passengers this column need not be filled up.	Adults of 12 years and upwards. Ages of Passengers between 12 and 16 years. Children between 1 and 12 years. Infants.		
					Male. Female. Male. Female. Male. Female. Male. Female.		
					Country of last Permanent Residence.†		
					(8) Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence.†		
					England Wales Scotland Ireland British Possessions Foreign Countries		
Calcutta	London	W. V. Hawton	1 <sup>st</sup>	Lady	36	Calcutta	/ X
"	"	W. R. Evans	1 <sup>st</sup>	Seafarer	46	Assam	/ X
"	"	H. Skipper	1 <sup>st</sup>	Householder	42	Calcutta	/ X
"	"	daughter	1 <sup>st</sup>	Lady	34	"	/ X
"	"	daughter	1 <sup>st</sup>		16	"	/ X
"	"	Rev. Mr. Mason	1 <sup>st</sup>	Missionary	77	"	
Plymouth	London	Mr. Mason	1 <sup>st</sup>	Lady	57	"	
"	"	H. Mackinday	1 <sup>st</sup>	Lady	31	"	
"	"	Mr. Mackinday's wife	1 <sup>st</sup>		12	Egypt	X
Aden	London	W. C. Hooper	1 <sup>st</sup>	Sea-farer	31	Assam	X
Port Said	"	Mr. Kirkbride	1 <sup>st</sup>	Lady	31	Aden	X
"	"	Mr. Kirby	1 <sup>st</sup>		3	Port Said	/ X
"	"	W. J. Tille	1 <sup>st</sup>	Cook	30	"	
"	"	W. Peile	1 <sup>st</sup>	Graph Co.	41	"	
Calcutta	London	Miss Reid	2 <sup>nd</sup>	nurse	29	Calcutta	/ X
"	"	Walter H. Christie	2 <sup>nd</sup>	school boy	11	Rangoon	/ X
"	"	W. H. Cooke	2 <sup>nd</sup>	civil service	38		

Jessie Reid Calcutta - London 1913

Jessie served with the Scottish Women's Hospital at Royaumont from 26<sup>th</sup> April to 1<sup>st</sup> October 1918.

Record Transcription:	
Military Nurses 1856-1994	
Learn about this record set	
First name(s)	Jessie Grant
Last name	Reid
Title	Miss
Birth year	-
Service	Scottish Women's Hospital
Position	Orderly
Served from	Fri Apr 26 1918
Served to	Tue Oct 01 1918
Place	Royaumont, France
Country	Great Britain
Category	Military, armed forces & conflict
Subcategory	Regimental & Service Records
Collections from	Great Britain, UK None

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This made her eligible for the British War and Victory Medals.

(To be rendered in duplicate.)										
Army Form W. 5102										
REGIMENT OR CORPS.										
BRITISH ARMY French Red Cross										
ROLL OF INDIVIDUALS entitled to the Victory Medal and/or British War Medal granted under Army Orders										
of 1919.										
B 316										
On 11/11/18 or on becoming non-effective		NAME	Unit previously served with. Regt. No. and Rank in same on entry into theatre of war	Theatre of war in which served				Clasps awarded (to be left blank)	Record of disposal of exemptions	REMARKS
				1(a).		2(a).				
Battl. No.	Rank	From	To	From	To	From	To			
<i>Nurse</i>	<i>REID Janet.</i>			12-14-15						
<i>Orderly</i>	<i>REID Jessie Grant.</i>			5-11-10-18						<i>Guaranteed rec'd</i>
<i>Doctor</i>	<i>REID Francis R.</i>			5-7-11-12-17						<i>Rec'd</i>
				8-1-13-17-18						

Jessie Grant Reid Victory and British War Medal

After the war Jessie got herself a job as a Governess and travelled back to India with her charges and their mother in February 1919. Agnes Longmuir was the wife of James Longmuir a Jute Merchant in Calcutta.

Jessie Reid Liverpool - Bombay 1919

James Longmuir died in 1922 but I could find no further information about what Jessie did between 1919 and her marriage to Lionel in 1932.

Rather surprisingly perhaps the next record in Lionel's life is that he joined the Indian Army during the Second World War. According to the London Gazette he was appointed as Second Lieutenant in the Indian Army on 24<sup>th</sup> January 1942 but by 17<sup>th</sup> March of that year he is an Acting Captain.

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## THE LONDON GAZETTE, 8 MAY, 1942

Sub-Lt. A. J. Sumption to be Lt. 3rd Jan. 1942.

Tempy. Sub-Lts. (Sp.) to be Tempy. Lts. (Sp.) with seny. as stated:—

W. F. Stratton. 20th Feb. 1942.

R. A. Nichous. 24th Apr. 1942.

H. F. Parkinson. T. A. M. Ionides.

26th Apr. 1942.

Proby. Tempy. Elect. Sub-Lt. W. O. Buchanan to be Tempy. Elect. Sub-Lt. with seny. of 6th Jan. 1942.

Tempy. Elect. Sub-Lts. to be Tempy. Elect. Lts. with seny. as stated:—

E. F. Coward. 15th Jan. 1942.

H. T. Steele. 7th Mar. 1942.

Tempy. Paymr. Sub-Lts. to be Tempy. Paymr. Lts. with seny. as stated:—

R. Blackwell. 22nd Nov. 1941.

W. M. Moncrieff. 27th Feb. 1942.

J. L. Shaw. 1st Apr. 1942.

Tempy. Actg. Sub-Lts. to be Tempy. Sub-Lts. with seny. as stated:—

R. M. Hamer. 26th Feb. 1942.

F. R. Fulcher. 4th Mar. 1942.

H. Naysmith. 3rd Apr. 1942.

N. Hood. 14th Apr. 1942.

Tempy. Actg. Sub-Lt. (A) T. E. Rogers to be Tempy. Sub-Lt. (A). 13th Apr. 1942.

To be Tempy. Sub-Lts. with seny. as stated:—

A. W. Willes. J. G. Milne. E. J. McAllister.

J. W. S. Beswick. H. Sagar. M. W. Young.

M. W. Morrison. P. Baxter. W. S. Wilson.

1st May 1942.

To be Tempy. Sub-Lts. (Sp.) with seny. as stated:—

D. G. Hartley. W. W. Mackereth. H.

Darvashire. R. Pashley. A. B. Iline.

India Office,  
8th May, 1942.

The KING has approved the following promotions, appointments, retirements, etc.:—

INDIAN ARMY.

Maj. to be Lt.-Col.

L. C. Palk, 4th Jan. 1942.

Capt. to be Maj.

W. H. L. Spurgin, 27th June 1941.

Emergency Commissions.

The undermentioned appts. are made:—

To be 2nd Lts.

Angus Lambro White. 8th Aug. 1940.

Subdr. Jai Singh. 24th Nov. 1940.

Thomas Warren Kinsey. 10th Dec. 1941.

23rd Dec. 1941.

Frederick Proctor Woodward. Alan Henry Ottmann.

Condr. Henry Cyril Truran, 26th Dec. 1941.

William Marriott Smalley, 1st Jan. 1942.

John MacDonald, 6th Jan. 1942.

Levy.

23rd Jan. 1942.

John Richard Goldring. Q.M.S. Leonard George Aston.

24th Jan. 1942.

Lionel Egremont Anscombe. Melville Frederick Gamble.

28th Jan. 1942.

McKean Edward Tatchell. Jack William Richard King. William Thomas Waterlow. Sgt. Thomas James Hamilton. Alfred Ernest Hills. Joseph Thomson. Kenneth Bratley. Sgt. Joseph Reginald Dale. William Henry Napier. L/Cpl. James Wilson Bruce. George Morris McIntosh.

Angelo Stavros.

His role throughout the war was in Military Intelligence and his name appears in the 1943 and 1944 British Army Lists with the rank of Acting Captain. During this time he was based in the Headquarters of the Army in India in New Delhi.

Following the end of war things began to change very rapidly in India as the independence movement grew stronger. In late 1946 Lionel and Jessie obviously decided to leave for good and arrived in Southampton from Bombay on 8<sup>th</sup> November 1946.

SHIP'S NAME	OFFICIAL NUMBER	STEAMSHIP LINE	REGISTERED TONNAGE	MASTER'S NAME	VOYAGE
ANDES	167337	ROYAL MAIL LINES	Gross 25,688.5 Nett 14,787.44	R.G.CLAYTON.	From BOMBAY To SOUTHAMPTON

Date of Arrival 8 NOV 1946

### NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF BRITISH PASSENGERS

(1) Port of Embarkation	(2) Port at which Passengers have been handed	(3) Names of Passengers (Whether Mr., Mrs., Miss or Child)	(4) CLASS	(5) AGES OF PASSENGERS					(6) Proposed Address in the United Kingdom	(7) Profession Occupation or Calling of Passengers	(8) Country of last Permanent Residence*	(9) Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence*						
				Adults of 12 years and upwards	Adolescents under 12 years and upwards	Children between 3 and 12 years	Infants	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	England	Wales	Scotland	Irish Free State	Other British Colonies and Dependencies
<b>CIVILIAN PASSENGERS</b>																		
BOMBAY 1	SOUTHAMPTON	ABBOTT, Wm. Henry	A	57						Rosine, Polborn Lane Frinton-on-Sea, Essex	P.O. Official	England	1					
" 2	"	EDITH MAUD	"	56						"	Housewife	"	1					
" 3	"	ABRAHAMS, Hannah	"		51					22 Prospect Terrace North Shields	Stenog.	India	1					
" 4	"	"	"		28					c/o Lloyd's Bank Ltd Pall Mall, London, W.1	Stenog.	India	1					
" 5	"	ABDULLAH, Dr. Sheik M	"	47						The Mosque, Woking, Surrey	Missionary	"	1					
" 6	"	ANScombe, Lionel E.	"	57						Bridge St, Belper, Derby	Hotel Keeper	"	1					
" 7	"	"	"	57						"	Housewife	"	1					
" 8	"	ANDON, Juan Geo.	"	61						c/o Imperial Bank of Merchant	Merchant	"	1					

Lionel & Jessie Anscombe Bombay - Southampton 1946

The address given in the shipping list is that of Lionel's sister Gwendoline. His profession is given as Hotel Keeper which indicates that, apart from the Second World War, he spent the whole of his working life in the hotel trade.

What Lionel and Jessie did when they got back to England is a bit of a mystery. George does mention in his notes that "My father remarried later and returned to England at the great India exodus in 1947. They stayed with us in Camberley for a while and he died a few years later in Gainsborough, Lincs."

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What we can be sure of is that Lionel died on 19<sup>th</sup> June 1949 in Doncaster Royal Infirmary of heart failure and bronchiectasis.

Registration District SHEFFIELD									
DEATHS in the Sub-District of SHEFFIELD NORTH WEST in the County Borough of SHEFFIELD									
Column 1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	
No.	When and Where Died.	Name and Surname.	Sex.	Age.	Rank or Profession.	Cause of Death.	Signature, Description, and Residence of Informant.	When Registered.	Signature of Registrar.
	June 1949 29. The Royal Infirmary	Lionel Egremont male ANSCOMBE		61 years	of 21 George Street Gainsborough	In Heart Failure Bronchiectasis	J G Anscombe widow of deceased husband 21 George Street Gainsborough	June 1949	J G Anscombe June 1949 Registrar

At the time he was living at 21 George Street in Gainsborough, Lincolnshire and was buried in Gainsborough on 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Interestingly his wife gives his profession as Engineer's Carpenter which seems quite different to the hotel keeper he describes himself as in 1946.



21 George Street, Gainsborough, Lincolnshire

Quite why he was living in Gainsborough is not clear but his son Frederick Alan was also living there for a long period. Whether Fred went to live with Lionel or Lionel went to live with Fred is not clear. Either way Fred married Gwendoline Golland there in 1952 and he died there in 1977.

It would appear that after Lionel's death Jessie went back to her native Scotland where she died on 29<sup>th</sup> September 1972.

**ANSCOMBE Jessie Grant of 43 Princes St Edinburgh died 29 September 1972 Probate Nottingham 16 November. £120063.**

This presents another mystery. The house that Jessie and Lionel were living in in Gainsborough is a relatively small terraced house, probably 'two up two down'. Yet Jessie dies 23 years later and leaves £120,000 which is equivalent to £1.6 million pounds today.