

Lionel Egremont Anscombe – 1888 - 1949

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

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

Superintendent Registrar's District <i>York</i>										
Registrar's Sub-District <i>Walmgate</i>										
18 <i>88</i> . BIRTHS in the Sub-District of <i>Walmgate in the city and</i> in the County of <i>York</i>										
Columns:—	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.
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.
<i>353</i>	<i>Eighth January 1888 Barracks, Fulford York. W.S.D.</i>	<i>Lionel Egremont</i>	<i>Boy</i>	<i>Clement Silas Anscombe.</i>	<i>Amelia Agnes Anscombe formerly Mulcahy.</i>	<i>Quarter Master Sergeant 9th Lancers</i>	<i>Amelia A. Anscombe Mother. Barracks, York.</i>	<i>Twenty second February 1888.</i>	<i>H. M. Foster Registrar.</i>	

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 21st 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. It was a well-known retreat from the sweltering heat in the summer months down in the plains of India.

Doris Ward
in the India, Select Marriages, 1792-1948

Name: Doris Ward
Gender: Female
Marriage Date: 21 Aug 1913
Marriage Place: Simla, Bengal, India
Father: Horace S. Ward
Spouse: Lionel Edward Auscombe
FHL Film Number: 527902

Source Information

Ancestry.com. India, Select Marriages, 1792-1948 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2014.

Original data: India, Marriages, 1792-1948. Salt Lake City, Utah: FamilySearch, 2013.

Description

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There is actually very little information about Lionel for most of his life. All we really know is that he was in the hotel industry. In the baptism record of their first child, Gilbert Eric, his trade is given as Hotel Assistant Manager. In the probate record of his first wife she is recorded as living at Parry's Hotel in Ambala. Then when he finally left India in 1946 his occupation is given as Hotel Keeper. However, apart from the reference to Parry's Hotel it's not clear where his and his family's base was.

We know from notes left by his son, Gilbert Eric, that when their other two sons were born, Doris went to Calcutta for the period before, during and after the birth. *"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.

So it's not meaningful to use the location of their children's birth as an indication of where they were living. Although it does give an indication of where they were not living. In other words we can assume they were not living in or near Calcutta.

I think the best we can assume is that, during the period from about 1905 to about 1930 Lionel and his family lived in accommodation provided by hotels in the Ambala/Shimla area. Perhaps working during the winter months in Ambala and in the summer in Shimla.

In fact there is much more evidence of his wife's activities because not only did she travel to Calcutta for the birth of two of her children, she also returned home to England at least three times, each time for a significant period of time.

Doris was christened Madeline Doris Ward and was the daughter of Horace Spencer Ward and Rose Dendy. She was born on 15th May 1889 at 173 Westminster Bridge Road in London.

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BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of <i>St Mary Lambeth</i> in the County of <i>London</i> in the Year 18 <i>89</i>						
When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parents Name.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian.	Surname.			
<i>May 25. '89</i> 18 <i>89</i> July 21 No. 1017.	<i>Emmanuel</i> <i>Arthur</i>	<i>Henry</i> <i>Newham</i> <i>Mary</i>	<i>Rosell</i>	<i>74</i> <i>Ingrave</i> <i>St.</i> <i>Bathurst</i>	<i>Painter</i>	<i>J. P. K. Moore</i> <i>Curate</i>
<i>May 15. '89</i> July 21 No. 1018.	<i>Madeline</i> <i>Doris</i>	<i>Horace</i> <i>Spencer</i> <i>Rose</i>	<i>Ward</i>	<i>173</i> <i>Westminster</i> <i>Bridge</i> <i>Rd.</i>	<i>Hosier</i>	<i>J. P. K. Moore</i> <i>Curate</i>

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.

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In the 1911 Census on 2nd 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.

Number of Schedule _____
 (To be filled up by the Enumerator after collection)

CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.

Before writing on this Schedule please read the Examples and the Instructions given on the outside of the paper, as well as the headings of the Columns. The entries must 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 the Head of Family	AGE and SEX	PARTICULARS AS TO MARRIAGE.				PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION of Persons aged 10 years and upwards.		BIRTHPLACE of every person.	NATIONALITY of every Person born in Foreign Country.	INFLUENTIAL
			State, for each Married Woman entered on this Schedule, the number of	Children born alive to the present Marriage, or of any other Marriage, also write "None" in Column 7.	Children born dead to the present Marriage, also write "None" in Column 7.	Children born dead to any other Marriage, also write "None" in Column 7.	Personal Occupation.	Industry or Service with which workers is connected.			
1. <i>Horace Spencer Ward</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>Married 24</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>London, Lambeth</i>	<i>English</i>	
2. <i>Rose Ward</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>London, Lambeth</i>	<i>English</i>	
3. <i>James Alfred Ward</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>London, Lambeth</i>	<i>English</i>	
4. <i>Madeline Ann Ward</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>London, Lambeth</i>	<i>English</i>	
5. <i>Beatrice Selina Ward</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>London, Lambeth</i>	<i>English</i>	
6. <i>Edna Eric Ward</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>London, Lambeth</i>	<i>English</i>	
7. <i>Alfred John Ward</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>London, Lambeth</i>	<i>English</i>	
8. <i>William Reginald Ward</i>	<i>Daughter</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>London, Lambeth</i>	<i>English</i>	
9. <i>Robert Sandy Ward</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>London, Lambeth</i>	<i>English</i>	
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(To be filled up by the Enumerator)

1. I have used the form on this Schedule as entered in the paper as enclosed.	2. I have made the copies and transfer in Columns 2 and 3 separately, and have compared their sum with the total entered in Column 4.
3. I have entered the names and number in Column 2 and 3 separately, and have compared their sum with the total entered in Column 4.	4. I have entered the names and number in Column 2 and 3 separately, and have compared their sum with the total entered in Column 4.

Totals of Enumerators: *459*

(To be filled up by, or on behalf of, the Head of Family or other person in occupation, or in charge, of this dwelling)

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

Signature *Horace Spencer Ward*

Printed Address *219 Westminster Park Road 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, so a girl not blessed with beauty, money or pedigree had little hope of marrying well. 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”.

Even so it is unlikely that she would just up sticks and travel on her own to India. When she arrived she would have needed a chaperone to go fishing with and ideally she would either know someone who lived in India already or be able to travel with someone who “knew the ropes”.

On the other hand 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.

It would be really interesting to know how and why she travelled to India and ended up marrying Lionel. Unfortunately, so far, I have not been able to find how she travelled and who she travelled with. What we do know is that Doris was probably pregnant with her first child when she married Lionel as the wedding took place on 21st August 1913 and Gilbert Eric was born on 2nd 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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BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of S^t 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.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian.	Surname.			
1914 April 5 th No. 1784	Gilbert Eric	Lionel Madeline Doris	Anscombe	56 Brixton Brixton	Hotel Assisano Banayn	Thos J. J. Favallier Rees

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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.

Lionel Edward Anscombe mentioned in the record of Alfred Peter Anscombe		Record Collection: India Births and Baptisms, 1786-1947	
Name:	Lionel Edward Anscombe	Document Information:	
Sex:	Male	GS Film Number	527558
Wife:	Doris Madeline	Digital Folder Number	005138310
Son:	Alfred Peter Anscombe	Indexing Project (Batch) Number	C75049-5
Other information in the record of Alfred Peter Anscombe from India Births and Baptisms, 1786-1947		System Origin	EASY
Name:	Alfred Peter Anscombe	Record Number	489
Event Type:	Christening	Citing this Record	
Event Date:	13 Jun 1919	"India Births and Baptisms, 1786-1947", database, <i>FamilySearch</i> (https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:HGJN-3Z3Z : 5 February 2020), Lionel Edward Anscombe in entry for Alfred Peter Anscombe, 1919.	
Event Place:	Simla-Calcutta, West Bengal, India	Similar Historical Records	
Event Place (Original):	Simla, Bengal, India	No similar records were found.	
Gender:	Male		
Birth Date:	3 Apr 1919		
Father's Name:	Lionel Edward Anscombe		
Mother's Name:	Doris Madeline		

The record is a bit confusing but from what we know from George's notes he would have been born in Calcutta.

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.

Form No. 9, 1919, Q & S 118 169

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

NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF BRITISH PASSENGERS.

(1) Port at which passengers have been landed	(2) NAMES OF PASSENGERS	(3) CLASS	(4) Profession, Occupation or Calling of Passengers	(5) AGES OF PASSENGERS Except in First Class Passengers, state the age from birth						(7) Country of last Permanent Residence	(8) Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence					
				Adults of 15 years and upwards		Children between 1 and 12		Infants								
				Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female		England	Wales	Scotland	Ireland	British Possessions	Foreign Countries
Calcutta	Mr James Horne	1st	Sea Captain	29						India						
"	Mr Messrs. Erskine, Hay & Co.			25	12					do						
"	Mr Messrs. Erskine, Hay & Co.			8	10											
"	Mr Messrs. Erskine, Hay & Co.			6												
"	Mr Messrs. Erskine, Hay & Co.		Merchant	42												
"	Mr Messrs. Erskine, Hay & Co.			42	7											
"	Mr Messrs. Erskine, Hay & Co.			42	4											
"	Mr Messrs. Erskine, Hay & Co.		Broker	46												
"	Mr Messrs. Erskine, Hay & Co.			34	4											
"	Mr Messrs. Erskine, Hay & Co.		Sea Captain	31												
"	Mr Messrs. Erskine, Hay & Co.			35												
"	Mr Messrs. Erskine, Hay & Co.		Nurse	25												
"	Mr Messrs. Erskine, Hay & Co.		Engineer	25												
"	Mr Messrs. Erskine, Hay & Co.			27												
"	Mr Messrs. Erskine, Hay & Co.			36												
"	Mr Messrs. Erskine, Hay & Co.			31	5											
"	Mr Messrs. Erskine, Hay & Co.			1												
"	Mr Messrs. Erskine, Hay & Co.		Company Manager	39	40					Egypt						
"	Mr Messrs. Erskine, Hay & Co.			32						India						

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 1st 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.

Richard Clayton Allen was, amongst many other things a GP in Belper, Derbyshire. From his obituary in the British Medical Journal we learn that, "During the first world war he served in the R.A.M.C. in India." So this must have been when and how Gwendoline and Richard met.

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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 27th August 1920.

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Name of Ship City of Calcutta Date of Departure 27 AUG 1920 19 21 P M.

Steamship Line Hall Line Ltd Where bound Bombay & Karachi

NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF **BRITISH** PASSENGERS EMBARKED AT THE PORT OF Liverpool

(1) Contract Ticket Number.	(2) NAMES OF PASSENGERS.	(3) CLASS. (First, 1st, 2nd or 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.		Children between 1 and 12.		Infants.		England.	Wales.	Scotland.	Ireland.	British Possessions.	Foreign Countries.	
					Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.							
	Mr A. Allison	2nd	Bombay	Loco Engineer.		37.										India	
	Mrs Doris Anscombe						31				/						
	Eric Anscombe							6			/						
	Peter Anscombe							1			/						
	Mrs B M W Beatty							43			/						
	Mr Patrick Frank Blake				Teacher												
	Mrs B Anscombe				Manager		37.							/			
							1.2										

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 29th June 1922 and christened there on 29th July.

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Lionel Egremont Anscombe mentioned in the record of Frederick Alan Anscombe		Record Collection: India Births and Baptisms, 1786-1947
Name:	Lionel Egremont Anscombe	Document Information:
Sex:	Male	GS Film Number
Wife:	Madeline Doris	Digital Folder
Son:	Frederick Alan Anscombe	Number
Other information in the record of Frederick Alan Anscombe from India Births and Baptisms, 1786-1947		Indexing Project
Name:	Frederick Alan Anscombe	(Batch) Number
Event Type:	Christening	System Origin
Event Date:	29 Jul 1922	Record Number
Event Place:	Bengal, India	Citing this Record
Event Place (Original):	Calcutta, Bengal, India	"India Births and Baptisms, 1786-1947", database, FamilySearch (https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:HGK7-2NZM : 5 February 2020), Lionel Egremont Anscombe in entry for Frederick Alan Anscombe, 1922.
Gender:	Male	Similar Historical Records
Birth Date:	29 Jun 1922	No similar records were found.
Father's Name:	Lionel Egremont Anscombe	
Mother's Name:	Madeline Doris	

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 City Line	5536	Wm Ewing	From Bombay To Plymouth			
Date of Arrival 14 5 1925								
NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF BRITISH PASSENGERS.								
(1) Port of Origin	(2) Port at which Passengers have been landed	(3) NAMES OF PASSENGERS	(4) Proposed Address in the United Kingdom	(5) CLASS (Wholesale Retail) (Wholesale Retail)	(6) Profession Occupation of Calling of Passengers	(7) AGES OF PASSENGERS. Adults of 12 years and upwards Children between 1 and 12 Infants under 1	(8) Country of last Permanent Residence	(9) Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence
Bombay	Plymouth	Mr. J. W. Keenan	77 Hymerston Ave High on Sea, Essex	1st	Comptroller	27	India	X
do	do	(2) Mrs. J. G. Johnson	Large Hill, Freshwater, Pwllheli	1st	Married	52	do	* Returning India
do	do	(3) Mrs. A. D. Standring	Leicester Bank	1st	Librarian	52	do	X
do	do	(4) Mrs. C. Standring	15 Shore, Blackpool	1st	Manager	57	do	X
do	do	(5) Mr. Reg. Locke	Manorville, Rd. Worthing	1st	Merchant	35	do	* Returning India
do	do	(6) Mr. W. M. Sudgen	31 Radnor St. Oldham	1st	Writer	43	do	X
do	do	(7) Mrs. Eleanor Cooper	4 Mrs. Penrose, Whitby	1st	Married	27	do	X
do	do	(8) Miss Margaret E. Cooper	4 Mrs. Penrose, Whitby	1st	Daughter	10	do	X
do	do	(9) Mr. Henry Wood Clark	14 Manselmore Place	1st	Baronet & Librarian		do	X
do	do	(10) Mrs. Edith A. Clark	14 Manselmore Place	1st	Wife	42	do	X
do	do	(11) Mrs. R. P. Dalling	4 Mrs. Kest	1st	Married	44	do	* Returning India
do	do	(12) Elizabeth Dalling	Manorville, Blackpool	1st	Daughter	10	do	X
do	do	(13) Clara Dalling	Manorville, Blackpool	1st	Daughter	8	do	* Returning India
do	do	(14) Mr. J. D. Dalling	Manorville, Blackpool	1st	Daughter	7	do	X
do	do	(15) Mr. Royden Wilkinson	15 Pemberton, Blackpool	1st	Indian Clerk		do	X
do	do	(16) Mrs. Margaret Wilkinson	15 Pemberton, Blackpool	1st	do	40	do	X
do	do	(17) Mrs. S. Anscombe	4 Mrs. Wood	1st	Married	60	do	X
do	do	(18) Mr. J. Anscombe	56 Brailford Rd	1st	Son	10	do	X
do	do	(19) Mr. R. Anscombe	Brailford	1st	Son	6	do	X
do	do	(20) Mr. J. Anscombe	London	1st	Son	4	do	X
do	do	(21) Mrs. Robert Dalling	29 Duane St	1st	Married	29	do	X

Doris Anscombe & sons Bombay - Plymouth 1925

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..."

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Name of Ship *City of London* Date of Departure *24th February* 1926

Steamship Line *City* Where Bound *Port Said, Bombay*

NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF **BRITISH** PASSENGERS EMBARKED AT THE PORT OF *Liverpool*

(1) Contract Ticket No.	(2) NAMES OF PASSENGERS	(3) Last address in the United Kingdom	(4) CLASS (Whether 1st, 2nd, or 3rd)	(5) Port at which Passengers have contracted to land	(6) Profession, Occupation, or Calling of Passengers	(7) AGES OF PASSENGERS										(8) Country of last Permanent Residence*								(9) Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence*
						Adults of 12 years and upwards		Children between 1 & 12		Infants		Ireland	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland	Irish Free State	Other parts of the British Empire	Foreign Countries						
						Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females													
	Mrs. J. Anscombe	Scarlett, Tynford, Berks.	2 nd	Bombay.	Domestic Nurse.	1	1	6	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	India.				
	Mrs. Mrs. A. E. Samuel.	109 Walmer Street, Rushmore, Manchester.	✓	✓	House wife.	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	✓				
	Miss J. J. Walker.	111 Victoria Rd, Brixton, London.	✓	✓	Nursing	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	✓				
	Mrs. A. M. Gray.	111 Victoria Rd, Brixton, London.	✓	✓	Enter.	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	✓				
	Mrs. A. M. Gray.	150 Cambridge Road, Kew, Surrey.	✓	✓	Clerk.	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	✓				
	Mrs. B. Anscombe.	111 Victoria Rd, Brixton, London.	✓	✓	Domestic Nurse.	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	✓				
	Miss W. Larkin.	35 Camrose Gardens, London.	✓	✓	Children.	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	✓				

Doris Anscombe & sons Liverpool - Calcutta 1926

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

By the time of their return it's probable that the family were living at Parry's Hotel in Ambala because in April 1927 Doris must have been taken ill and was admitted to the British Family Hospital in Kasauli. This information is given in her probate record following her death in the hospital on 29th April. Kasauli is in the foothills of the Himalayas about 60 miles north of Ambala.

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.

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 remarried a spinster, Jessie Grant Reid at Allahabad in Uttar Pradesh on 13th October 1932. As Allahabad is some 550 miles from Ambala it is likely that Lionel is managing a hotel there by this time, but there is no evidence of this.

Lionel Egremont Anscombe – 1888 - 1949

Jessie Reid mentioned in the record of Lionel Anscombe		Tools
Name:	Jessie Reid	
Age:	41	
Sex:	Female	
Father:	William Reid	
Husband:	Lionel Anscombe	
Other information in the record of Lionel Anscombe from India Marriages, 1792-1948		
Name:	Lionel Anscombe	
Event Type:	Marriage	
Event Date:	13 Oct 1932	
Event Place:	Bengal, India	
Event Place (Original):	Allahabad, Bengal, India	
Gender:	Male	
Age:	42	
Marital Status:	Widowed	
Birth Year (Estimated):	1890	
Father's Name:	Clement Anscombe	
Spouse's Name:	Jessie Reid	
Spouse's Gender:	Female	
Spouse's Age:	41	
Spouse's Marital Status:	Single	
Spouse's Birth Year (Estimated):	1891	
Spouse's Father's Name:	William Reid	



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 Surennie 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		Record Collection: Scotland Births and Baptisms, 1564-1950
Name:	Jessie Grant Reid	Document Information: Reference ID v 685-1 p 702 GS Film Number 255152 Digital Folder Number 008135882 Image Number 00400 Indexing Project (Batch) Number C01954-7
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	

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. Elizabeth must have come 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.

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SCHEDULE B.
FORM OF PASSENGER LIST.

Ship's Name. <i>S.S. "CLAN Buchanan"</i>	Master's Name. <i>Alexander</i>	Tons per Register. <i>1915</i>	Where bound. <i>Calcutta</i>
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Signature, _____ Master, _____

NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF CABIN PASSENGERS.
Sec. 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.				
<i>Birkenhead</i>	<i>Maddas</i>									
	<i>J. H. M. Inkster</i>				/					
	<i>Calcutta</i>									
	<i>Mrs. W. I. Reid</i>				/					
	<i>Lizzie "</i>						/			
	<i>Maggie "</i>						/			
	<i>Jessie " Cayzer</i>				/				/	
	<i>M. S. H. Lane</i>				/					
	<i>R. G. Ferguson</i>				/					
	<i>Total 8 Passengers</i>									

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per Maddas

Elizabeth Reid & daughters Birkenhead - Calcutta 1892

There appears to be little information about Jessie's life in India as a girl, but when she left school she must have trained as a nurse. She appears to have travelled back to England in 1913. There must be some doubt as to whether the Miss Reid who travelled on the Matiana from Calcutta to London in April 1913 because no Christian names or initials are given. However, we do know that Jessie was working as an orderly for the French Red Cross in France towards the end of the First World War. So it is quite plausible.

SHIP'S NAME.	OFFICIAL NUMBER.	STEAMSHIP LINE.	REGISTERED TONNAGE.	MASTER'S NAME.	VOYAGE.		
Itatiana	102588	B.I.S.N. Co. Ltd	3274	E.H. Garland	From Calcutta To London		
Date of Arrival 26 th April 1913.							
NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF BRITISH PASSENGERS.							
(1) Port of Embarkation.	(2) Port at which Passengers have been landed.	(3) NAMES OF PASSENGERS.	(4) CLASS (Whether 1st, 2nd or 3rd.)	(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 and birthday. Adults of 12 years and upwards. Children between 1 and 12. Infants. Males. Females. Males. Females. Males. Females.	(7) Country of last Permanent Residence.	(8) Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence. England Wales Scotland Ireland British Possessions Foreign Countries
Calcutta	London	Mrs W. Lawton	1 st	Lady	36	Calcutta	1
"	"	W. R. Evans	1 st	Sea planter	46	Calcutta	1
"	"	W. P. Kippers	1 st	Blacksmith	42	Calcutta	1
"	"	daughters	1 st	Lady	11	"	1
"	"	daughters	1 st	"	8	"	1
"	"	Rev. W. Mason	1 st	Minister	71	"	1
"	"	W. Mason	1 st	"	51	"	1
"	Plymouth	W. H. Hackinck	1 st	Lady	31	"	1
"	"	W. Hackinck's wife	1 st	"	1/2	"	1
"	"	W. C. Hooper	1 st	Sea planter	31	Aden	1
Aden	London	W. Robinson	1 st	Lady	28	Aden	1
Port Said	"	W. Robinson's wife	1 st	"	3	Port Said	1
"	"	W. Belle	1 st	Eastern Lib.	30	"	1
"	"	W. Peile	1 st	graph. Co.	41	"	1
Calcutta	London	Mrs Reid	2 nd	nurse	27	Calcutta	1
"	"	Master H. T. Christie	2 nd	school boy	11	"	1
"	"	W. H. Cooke	2 nd	"	28	"	1

Jessie Reid Calcutta - London 1913

She definitely came back to Europe some time before 1918 because she was eligible for the Victory and British War medals for her service as an Orderly with the French Red Cross. The medal roll indicates that she served as an orderly from May to October 1918.

S.V.M.									
(To be rendered in duplicate.)									
- BRITISH QUEEN'S MEDAL French Red Cross - REGIMENT OR CORPS.									
ROLL OF INDIVIDUALS entitled to the Victory Medal and the British War Medal granted under Army Orders of 1919.									
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	Theatres of war in which served				Clasps awarded (to be left blank)		REMARKS
Regt. No.	Rank		1(a).		2(a).				
			From	To	From	To	From	To	
<i>14</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>REID, Janet.</i>			<i>12-14</i>	<i>4-15</i>			
		<i>Orderly REID, Jessie Grant.</i>	<i>5-10</i>	<i>10-18</i>					<i>See note on record card</i>
		<i>Doctor REID, James M.</i>	<i>5-10</i>	<i>10-17</i>	<i>5-10</i>	<i>10-17</i>			

Jessie Grant Reid Victory and British War Medal

I can find no information about what happened to Jessie between 1918 and 1932 when she married Lionel. Presumably she returned to India, possibly to stay or live with another family member. We know for example that her brother, William, remained in India all his life.

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 24th January 1942 but by 17th 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. Nicholas. 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. W. Harrison. 24th Feb. 1942.

F. R. Fulcher. 4th Mar. 1942.
H. Naysmith. 3rd Apr. 1942.
N. Hoad. 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.
Darbshire. R. Pashlev. A. B. Ilne.

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 Lambre White, 8th Aug. 1940.
Subdr. Jai Singh, 24th Nov. 1941.
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 8th 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 1946								
NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF BRITISH PASSENGERS								
(1) Port of Embarkation	(2) Port at which Passengers have been landed	(3) NAMES OF PASSENGERS	(4) CLASS (Whether 1st, 2nd, or 3rd)	(5) AGES OF PASSENGERS Adults of 12 years and upwards Children Infants Males Females Males Females Males Females Males Females	(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*
CIVILIAN PASSENGERS								
BOMBAY	1	SOUTHAMPTON	ABBOTT, Wm. Henry	A 57	Rosine, Polbarn Lane Frinton-on-Sea, Essex	P.O. Official England	1	
"	2	"	" Edith Maud	" 56	"	Housewife	"	1
"	3	"	ABRAHAM, Hannah	" 51	22 Prospect Terrace North Shields	Stenog.	India	1
"	4	"	" , Merria	" 28	2/5 Lloyd's Bank Ltd Pall Mall, London, W.1.	Stenog.	India	1
"	5	"	ABDULLAH, Dr. Sheikh M	" 47	The Mosque, Woking, Surrey	Missionary	"	1
"	6	"	ANESCOMBE, Lionel E.	" 57	Bridge St, Belper, Derby	Hotel Keeper	"	1
"	7	"	" , Jessie G.	" 57	"	Housewife	"	1
"	8	"	ANDON, Juan Geo.	" 61	c/o Imperial Bank of 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.

Lionel Egremont Anscombe – 1888 - 1949

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.”

What we can be sure of is that Lionel died on 19th 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								
No.	1. When and Where Died.	2. Name and Surname.	3. Sex.	4. Age.	5. Rank or Profession.	6. Cause of Death.	7. Signature, Description, and Residence of Informant.	8. When Registered.
1949.	June 1949	Lionel	male	61	George Street Gainsborough	Heart failure Bronchiectasis	J. S. Anscombe Widow of deceased	June 1949
291.	The Royal Infirmary	EGREMONTE	male	61	Engineer Carpenter	Certified by C. Philip Alkin M.D.	21 George Street Gainsborough	104-9 Registrar

At the time he was living at 21 George Street in Gainsborough, Lincolnshire and was buried in Gainsborough on 23rd 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 29th September 1972.

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

Lionel Egremont Anscombe – 1888 - 1949

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.