

Addendum to Aspects of The Fleuss and Related Families

In September 2016 the author was contacted by Jennie Tucker, a great grand daughter of Katherine Fleuss. This was the “Fleuss Girl” that married Frank Wilson and left him with 5 girls to bring up while she apparently ran off with an Austrian Count. Jennie Tucker’s mother was Betty Perrier and so was actually a first cousin of Celia Allen, another grand daughter of Katherine.

Very little is known of this branch of the family but what is known is documented and summarised with a chart in the main booklet about the Fleuss family

On the next page is a wedding photograph in 10 June 1944 of Betty and her husband Ben who although named Wilson came from County Cork and so was not previously related. This photograph was taken at 4 Pinfold Road, Vera Guise’s (nee Fleuss) house in Streatham, probably exactly where the wedding photograph of her son Tony and Joan Dibdin was taken just two years before. What is uncanny is that there is nearly a whole generation shift within the Katherine Fleuss/Wilson Family. Jennie has a sister Vivienne and there is memory that their grandmother Peggy (Margaret) spent time in Cookham. There is a suggestion that the two Bridesmaids in the 1944 photograph are Brenda and Pat. These may be the two daughters (half sisters) of Joan Wilson who was Margaret’s (aka Peggy) older sister. It was reported by Celia that the household of Joan Wilson, (her married name is not known), did not appear a happy one.

From Celia

“All of her (Katherine’s) five daughters suffered terribly, they had trouble making lasting relationships and it was obviously a

terrible family secret, my mother never really told me anything about her childhood, but she did love Frank Hubert Wilson whom she thought of as her father and looked after him in his old age. Joan Wilson was probably the second daughter of K.Edith and Frank Wilson and seems to have had quite a busy life as did Cecilia.

Joan was married and had a daughter Brenda, who later married and emigrated to Canada, then she (Joan) went off with a married man had another daughter Pat, got divorced from her 1st husband, was then deserted by the married man and finally married Ernest. Brenda was the preferred daughter.

I know a bit about June and Beryl, Beryl married a Jazz musician and lived in Scotland, June married a school inspector and amateur artist called Eddie, they lived in South London, Vauxhall I think. Eddie spent a lot of time touring the world on cargo boats especially Russian ones”

Betty’s wedding is referred to in Joan Guise’s diary just a month before the death of her husband Tony Guise in Ceylon, 23 July 1944, and five days before the start of the V1 flying bombs in London.

From the photograph it seems that she was accompanied by her friend Jean Irvine.

Currently the only surviving member of this generation of this branch of the family may be Paul Frankland and it would be interesting to have his insights into the family history.

Thanks to Jennie Tucker for the extra information and insights.

I hope there is more to follow.

**Wedding of
Betty Perrier
and
Benjamin Wilson
10th June 1944**

Photograph taken at
4 Pinfold Road Streatham
—
house of Vera Guise.

The Wedding was
5 days before the
beginning of the V1 flying
bomb attacks on London.

The Fleuss Sisters likely to be in
the photograph are a selection of
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Vera, - identified at the back
Margaret Amy,
Gertrude,
Audrey Mary.

Dorothy was in America and
Katherine's whereabouts
unknown
Margaret (Peggy) is Fleuss
looking but the next generation.
Sadly the man next to Pat is
Raymond Perrier Peggy's
Husband as he died in 1926

This Photograph can be
compared with that of the
wedding of Joan Dibdin and
Anthony Guise, son of Vera
Guise nee Fleuss



70 STREATHAM HIGH ROAD, S.W. 16

South Thames Studios

--- , ---, ---, **Jean Irvine, Joan Guise, ---, Vera Guise, ---, ---, ---, ---, ---, Joan Wilson, ---, ---
Fleuss Sister, Cecilia Wilson, Doreen, ---, ---,
---, Brenda bridesmaid, Ben's mother, Margaret (Peggy), Pat (brides maid), =
Groom = Ben, Bride = Betty
Eddie, June , Maria Guise, ---, ---, ---**

About People in the Photograph

Jean Irvine	Friend of Joan Guise
Joan Guise nee Dibdin	Wife of Anthony Benoit Guise
Vera Guise nee Fleuss	Daughter of Henry Otto Fleuss
Joan nee Wilson	Daughter of Katherine Wilson nee Fleuss
Fleuss Sister ?	Daughter of Henry Otto Fleuss
Cecilia Wilson	Daughter of Katherine Wilson nee Fleuss
Doreen Frankland nee Perrier	Daughter of Margaret Perrier (aka Peggy) nee Wilson
Brenda	Daughter of Joan nee Wilson
Ben's mother	Possibly
Margaret Perrier (aka Peggy) nee Wilson	Daughter of Katherine Wilson nee Fleuss
Pat	Daughter of nee Joan Wilson
Groom - Ben Wilson	From County Cork
Bride - Betty Perrier	Daughter of Margaret Perrier (aka Peggy) nee Wilson
Eddie	Husband of June
June	Daughter of Katherine Wilson
Maria Guise	Daughter of Vera Guise

Notes.

Joan Wilson (married name unknown) was married and had a daughter Brenda, who later married and emigrated to Canada, then she (Joan) went off with a married man and had another daughter Pat, got divorced from her first husband, was then deserted by the married man and finally married Ernest. Brenda was the preferred daughter .

Further research and conformation required regarding the relative ages of Pat and Brenda.

Photographs suggest that Pat was older than Brenda.

The unknown Fleuss Sisters (sister of Vera) in the photograph is a selection of :

Margaret Amy, Gertrude, Audrey Mary.

Dorothy was in America and Katherine's whereabouts unknown Margaret (Peggy) is Fleuss looking but the next generation. Eddie and June may be married and June the twin daughter of Katherine Wilson nee Fleuss, but unsure.

Other direct relations of Betty, the bride, that may be missing from the photograph are

Paul Frankland; probably at war

Vera Perrier; details unknown

John Perrier; details unknown

And possibly Margaret Perrier born 1922. This person is an enigma as appear on ancestry records as she was born of a Margaret Wilson but in Somerset, so is unlikely to be related!

This photograph and others of descendant of Katherine Wilson are available on www.guise.me.uk

A couple of Photographs



This seems to be a photograph of Frank Wilson on the steps, presumably with his parents, Henry and Sarah Wilson. Frank had 4 Siblings: Annie, older, Victor, Lillian, Frederick.



Harry Carter, Cecilia Wilson's married lover. They settled together in Bexhill when he was in his 70's until he died.

Some further information based on details from Gerald Fleuss

The connection with John Francis Bentley – Architect seems to have been a family connection relished by Vera Guise who had in the 1980's passed on the information to Gerald, who produced a calligraphic tribute to him:

<http://www.calligraphyanddesign.com/gallerygeraldfle.html>

Gerald Osmund Fleuss, the son of Henry Otto Fleuss and brother to the six Fleuss Girls, tragically died of the Spanish 'flu at the end of WW1 aged only 27, leaving a widow, Wilhelmina nee Frew and one son Douglas Connell Fleuss. Wilhelmina remarried, to Frank Armfield and had three daughters, Joan, Florence and Louise.

Florence married the aviator Cyril Kay who took part in the 1934 air-race from Mildenhall to Melbourne, Australia and then flew on to his native New Zealand to become the first to complete this overall flight. After a career as squadron leader in 75 Squadron RNZAF stationed at Feltwell and Mepal during the Second World War he rose through the ranks to become Air Vice Marshal and Chief of the Air Staff in New Zealand before moving back to London after retirement. His autobiography is titled 'The Restless Sky'.

Gerald has had the pleasure of meeting up with members of this family whom he knew in his childhood.

During the Second World War Frank Armfield lived in Cambridge at 22 Station Road which is the house that Vera Guise visited (evacuated to) during the V1 and V2 bombing in June 1944.



It is probable that this photograph shown on page 10 of the Booklet 'Aspects of The Fleuss and Related Families' is of Henry Otto Fleuss and his wife Mary Anne Katherine (nee Wale).

There is still much more to uncover and unpick regarding this exceptional family.

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