



William Dawe

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Hi Sue,

I am so sorry for the lack of reply after taking the efforts to reply back that evening very late! it was strange that I woke up looked at my phone minutes before you sent your email. Unfortunately, I have been away on business and then since being back been very busy at work. Things are just starting to die down.

Thank you very much for your insights, and my grandfather and family have been chasing me for the latest after following news for the last 6 months of new information and findings I have had, with the latest really showing very strong similarities with the photos you sent looking like my grandfather. I have got a lot to refresh my memory on, on where I got to.

Regarding your grandparents, it was surprised to hear they had died prior to your dad marrying your mum in 1953. I know regarding Dorothy, she vanished in 1918, replying to a letter from William saying "Gone away", see later in my email for more on this, and wondered how you knew she died (I have found no record of her on Ancestry, and from what I read on Ancestry, she had no contact to other members of the family). I was more surprised to hear William had died, as on the wedding certificate, the occupation says rancher (which doesn't quite line up as he was ex. Met Police), nor does it say deceased like it does for Eileen's father. I have yet to establish a death certificate or place he died. From my research, William L had no brothers or sisters, and given that Dorothy left in 1914, they lived in London from 1904 when William Senior started work in London to when he retired in 1929.

Regarding Dorothy, when William Senior retired from the Met Police in 1929, he filed a report, regarding Dorothy saying he hasn't seen her since 1914 when she registered as a nurse for the British Red Cross stationed at various places in the country, until 26th October 1918 she was in Seaford Sussex, when William Senior received a letter from her and his reply was returned "Gone Away". He apparently contacted relatives, but had no luck. All very strange, but having read this wondered whether this was a potential reason why William L Dawe went to Australia and or affected him whilst growing up which could explain why he left Florence May, and no one wished to talk about it, something to this day my grandfather has wondered.

It certainly sounds like engineering has followed in the family, with my grandfather working in TV repairs for Comet and Currys many years ago, my father working for Panasonic, and me carrying on the engineering trait of working for GE Aviation here in Cheltenham for the last 8 years, having spent 1 year during a University placement living in Perry Barr in Birmingham working for BlackBerry in the centre.

I managed to get confused with some information in my previous email. My grandfather Peter wasn't christened on the same day as Florence and William getting married. Instead they were walking down the road near the church or even attending a church service to mark his birthday, and the vicar came out onto the road looking for someone to christen as he was meant to be christening someone that day but they didn't turn up. I need to check with him, but I believe he was christened in Redland Parish Anglican church on the 5th June 1938 with William Leslie Dawe listed as the father. From my research William and Florence married in a registry office in Bristol in 1934.

I had wondered about Steve, as he was born prior to the marriage of your parents, with both registered at living at different addresses at the time of marriage. In addition Steve was registered as Wright at the time of birth. My thoughts were that the RC church would probably not have welcomed the scenario at the time, but were welcoming to the fact that Steve was being adopted by William L.

Regarding living at 55 Cannon Hill Road, unfortunately, Ancestry and the records Birmingham online holds have not all been digitised yet, due to changing to electoral registers and boundary's however apparently through some research, they can be accessed in person at the local library through the council. I have been meaning to contact them to check whether they do hold them there, but haven't had time yet. It would be interesting to know. Do you think he suffered with episodes, or after reading some of the articles whilst he was in Australia in the local and national papers some of the media coverage and write ups were emphasised and played a lot of drama. Unless he had another family, he only had two living children – Peter and Elaine. Mavis was born and died

in 1934 a couple of hours old, something which my grandad never knew about and was shocked when we told him.

In case you haven't seen them before, I have included the following:

- 1. Marriage certificate of your parents
- 2. Marriage certificate of Florence and William L
- 3. Marriage certificate of William & Dorothy
- 4. Birth certificate of William L Dawe
- 5. Birth certificate of William Dawe
- 6. Met police pension retirement submission

Hopefully the above sounds familiar and does seem to make sense that my grandfather and your dad is the same.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Jon

CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF MARRIAGE

GIVEN AT THE GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE

Application Number: 2326102/1

1934. Marriage solemnized at <u>The Register Office</u> in the District of <u>BRISTOL</u> in the County of <u>COUNTY BOROUGH OF BRISTOL</u>							
No.	Where Married	Name and Surname	Age	Condition	Rank or Profession	Residence at the time of Marriage	Partner's Name and Surname
63	<u>High Street</u>	<u>Loelia Dawe</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>Single</u>	<u>Commercial Traveller</u>	<u>Wooden Road, Redland</u>	<u>William Dawe</u>
	<u>19th</u>	<u>Florence May Jones</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>Spencer</u>		<u>Brighton Road, Redland</u>	<u>Frank Edward Jones</u>

Married in the Register Office according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Loelia Dawe in the Presence of us, Henry James Spiller Susan Spiller by James G. Cole Deputy Registrar

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a register of Marriages in the Registration District of Bristol

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, under the Seal of the said Office, the 24th day of May 2010

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peter Elaine 4 yeards old.jpg
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