

## **Family History Notes - Walmisleys**

### **Some explanatory notes on some of my ancestors.**

#### **John Richard Lambert Walmisley & Richard John Walmisley**

The Walmisley family have been trying to establish the connection between John Richard Lambert Walmisley and my great grandfather Richard John Walmisley. The evidence is definitely pointing to Richard being his illegitimate son.

Our cousin Richard was certain that Richard was one of his sons. Mum said that her father, John Lionel Walmisley talked about, someone who she thought was her grandfather, though maybe John Lionel meant his grandfather, who went to Westminster School and was a good oarsman who rowed in the Henley Regatta. Mum said he was a Judge. Richard confirmed that John Richard Lambert Walmisley was a Solicitor, went to Westminster School and rowed in the Henley Regatta. There is also a story which I remember mum telling that we had Persian blood and that her Olive skin came from a Persian Princess. Richard confirmed that John Richard Lambert's father John Angus Walmisley married Anne Marie Lambert. She was the daughter of William Henry Lambert and Bibee Sharifta. Anne was born in Thane, Maharashtra India. Her father was a Lieutenant serving in India. Family oral histories record that Bibee was a Parsee or **Parsee** (a community of people who migrated to India from Persia in the 7th Century).

There is much circumstantial evidence that this is the case and this correlates with the story mum had told us.

John Richard Lambert Walmisley married Maria Augustine Graff nee Girault in 1841. She was a widow who had 3 children by her first marriage. She had 3 children with John Richard Lambert, John George, Augustina Anna and Philip Walter. In 1859 Maria filed for judicial separation on the basis that he had deserted her in November 1857 and had been having an affair with an Anne Howell of 133 Stanley Street Pimlico before 1857. In the divorce details it states that she had 3 children by John then aged 17,15 & 12 which would correspond to the ages of John George, Augustina and Philip at the time.

I have been unable to find census details for John Richard Lambert Walmisley for 1861.

In the census of 1871 John Richard Lambert is living at Preston House in Middlesex with 2 sons. John who is 21 and Richard John who is 15. There is no sign of a mother or wife. These 2 sons were not Maria's children so who was the mother?

The possible dates of birth for Richard from the various census data range from 1855 to 1859!

The one birth certificate I have purchase from GRO UK as a possiblity for Richard John's birth is for 1855. It gives the father as John Richard Walmsley – occupation independent , mother Annie Walmsley nee Burr. Address 25 Warwick Place Pimlico and date of birth 28 December 1855. Interestingly Pimlico crops up again as the address for Richard's birth and also the person who John Richard Lambert was having an affair with. Could they be the same people was Annie Burr actually Ann Howell? Or did John Richard Lambert have another affair? There is also no marriage certificate for John Richard Walmsley or Walmisley and Annie Burr.

Initially I couldn't find census details for them in the 1881 census. However I made a list of the addresses that John Richard Lambert Walmisley had lived at around 1881 and when I checked the address of 11 Chippenham Road Paddington it gave as the occupants John Worsley born 1819, John Worsley born 1851 and Richard Worsley born 1856. John is listed as a solicitor. They are all listed as lodgers and the head of the household is an Ann Burns! Ann's name is hard to read on the original document and could be Burr or Burn. So this is definitely the Walmisleys possibly living with the woman who was Richard's mother.

I can't find a birth certificate for John but there is a marriage certificate. He married May Sullivan in 1887 and John Richard Lambert was listed as his father. John was listed as 39 at his marriage which would tally with him being born in about 1848. The 1871 census gave his year of birth as 1850.

There is a death certificate for Annie Walmisley and she is listed as the wife of John Richard Lambert Walmisley- solicitor. Annie died on the 14 November 1882 at 11 Chippenham Road which was the address for the 1881 census. Annie Burr was listed on the 1881 census as being born in Ashwell Hertfordshire. I have found a baptism certificate for Anne Burr in Ashwell for 1823 and it lists her date of birth as 28 March 1820.

This is conclusive evidence that she was:

- the common law wife of John Richard Lambert Walmisley
- The mother of Richard John Walmisley and possibly John Walmisley
- Born Anne Burr
- My great, great grandmother

John Richard Lambert married again in 1883 to Alice Elizabeth Workman. Maria had died in 1882.

I can't find a marriage certificate for Richard John Walmisley and Amy Emma Selina Morgan though the 1911 census says that they had been married for 27 years which would mean marriage in 1883 or 1884. Annie Constance Walmisley was born on 2/3/1884 so presumably the marriage would have been before this. Richard was still living with his father in the 1881 census. Nor have I been able to find a birth certificate for Amy. The marriage certificate would have helped work out her fathers name and also census data for them. Amy put both Morgan and Harrison as her maiden name on the birth certificates for her children. Annie Constance and Henry Richard have Morgan as the maiden name and John Lionel has Harrison as the maiden name.

Its possible that Amy's maiden name was Harrison and that she married a Morgan and was never divorced so she was Richard's common law wife.

So lots of interesting questions but I think it does point to Richard John Walmisley being a son of John Richard Lambert Walmisley

Details below are the various address and sources I have checked

Year	Person	Age	Birth date?	Details
1841	John Richard	22	1819	Census Already a soilicitor. Living in

	Lambert Walmisley			Middlesex and born Middlesex
1851	John Richard Lambert Walmisley	32	1819	Census born and living in Middlesex
1871	John Richard Lambert Walmisley	52	1819	Census born and living in Middlesex. Occupation solicitor Living at Preston House
	John Walmisley	21	1850	Son, scholar born and living in Middlesex
	Richard Walmisley	15	1856	Son, scholar born and living in Middlesex
1881	John Worsley	62	1819	Solicitor 11 Chippenham Road Paddington
	John Worsley	30	1851	Solicitors Clerk
	Richard Worsley	25	1856	Solicitors Clerk
1891	Richard Walmsley		1859	Census data – address 131 The Albany Camberwell. Married living with Emma, Annie, John and Richard
1901	Richard Walmsley	46	1855	Census data. Married living with Emma, Annie, John and Richard
1911	Richard Walmisley	54	1857	Census data- address 132 Camberwell rd Camberwell. Living with Emma, John, Richard details say accountant and that he and Emma had been married 27 years so possibly married in 1884. Annie was born in February 1884 so could have been 1883.
1912	Richard Walmisley			In Mental Asylum. Possibly Horton when he was admitted on 5/12/1912 but later at Hanwell because Horton was used as a military hospital in WWI. His death certificate and hospital record say that he died in hospital on 29/7/1920
1918	John Lionel Walmisley & Amy Walmisley			Electoral Roll. Richard not living with them so must have been in hospital. Living at 132 Camberwell Road Camberwell
1919	Ditto			
1920	Richard Walmisley	62	1858	Death certificate for Richard says he died on 29/7/1920 aged 62.