

Subject: For Valerie

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To: "Penny Sperring (Val)" <penny@brookside35.fsnet.co.uk>

Penny,

As I told you in my last e-mail I have been in touch with the National Statistics and Registrar General re sorting out my family name. He has advised me that if I send him the fact of the case and can corroborate them with two witnesses he will authorise a change to my birth certificate. I have written what I believe to be the facts. Can you ask Valerie to check, and correct or add to them if necessary, and then either email me or write to me conveying the authenticity of them? A statutory declaration would I believe be better but not necessary.

Also there is a lady by the name of Anne Tomlinson who knew the family in London, a second cousin of my Father (I think), she would have been about sixteen then. Anne lives in Wells and would love dearly to meet Valerie. She is not too well and has difficulty travelling. She also can corroborate this story and will also write to that effect. If Valerie could go and see her and talk to her, it would be a great help. Anne has indicated to me that it is unlikely she will be still alive when I come to England. Her address is

Anne Tomlinson
8 Harewell Walk
Wells, Somerset BA5 2EZ
England
Phone 1749 673427

The facts of the matter relating to my Fathers change of name to the best of my knowledge are as follows:

At a date unknown to me but believed to be in the mid 1930's Willoughby promised to marry an unknown girl. He decided for reasons now only known to him to break this promise. This breach of promises being heavily frowned upon, he decided to fake a suicide. This was achieved by leaving his cloths on the beach at Beachy Head. He is then alleged to have travelled to Spain where he remained for many years playing piano in hotels and cafes under the name of André Everett Fredric Williams. On his return to England he continued to play and at some point met my Mother Iris Florence King in Cardiff. They married and ended up in London where André took up a partnership in the real-estate industry with Land Securities Investment Trust Ltd Westmorland House 127/131 Regent Street London W1. At this time he had plaid for the BBC in the name of Williams. A listener then wrote in to the BBC advising how much André sounded like Willoughby. This letter was passed on to André who then wrote to the listener and advised that in point of fact he was one in the same person. It was from this point that he resumed his forma name of Willoughby D'Eresby Walmisley.

I trust that the supplied information is sufficient for you to authorise a change in the entry of my birth and make it Paul Walmisley with Walmisley as the surname instead of the present entry of Paul Walmisley Williams where the Walmisley is shown as a Christian/given name

With or without the change I intend retaining and using the name "Paul Walmisley Gardener" The interest in the change of the records is so that my children, and their offspring will be able to trace their lineage. If the change is not made, in years to come this information will get lost and a trace past me will be impossible.