

NANKIVELL NOTEBOOK

excerpts for Douglas M. Mumma

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Acknowledgements

NANKIVELL NOTEBOOK began as a list of 250 modern-day households bearing the surnames Nankivell, Nancekiewill and variations on these spellings. In late 1978 my brother Denis A. Nankivell labored many days searching hundreds of telephone directories for names and addresses in the English-speaking world - Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, Republic of South Africa, Canada and United States of America. The hobby once conceived would never have been successful without Denis's initial persistence. Many thanks, Denis. We are indebted to telephone directory collections at ...

Enoch Pratt Free Library, Reference Departments,
Hyattsville, MD, and Baltimore, MD, USA;
The Library of Congress, Main Reading Room,
Washington, DC, USA;
Library at Australian Embassy, Washington, DC, USA;
Library at New Zealand Embassy, Washington, DC, USA.

In early 1979 a letter was sent to each of the listed households explaining the new project and inquiring about data concerning themselves and their families. The responses were immediate, enthusiastic and overwhelming! Records of births, deaths, marriages came to me from everywhere; also notes about hobbies and special interests were included. Correspondents referred to their memories, to family Bibles, to old family letters, to newspaper clippings. Some persons sent genealogical trees developed many years previously by older family members. Correspondents obtained certificates from registrars at home and abroad; they visited grave sites, took notes and pictures of the scenes. They graciously shared with me their findings. Many thanks to one and all for this outpouring of knowledge.

Invaluable supporting information has been gotten from various renditions of the International Genealogical Index. Much data has been obtained from microfiche files at various locations of Genealogical Library of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Mormon ...

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A different dimension has been added to Nankivell clan history by research in England by Mr. Thomas F. Johns. Tom's specialties have been wills and census returns of the mid 19th century. This information has in a number of instances greatly assisted in building family units. Many thanks, Tom, for the efforts you have made in behalf of the development of Nankivell genealogy.

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Whanganui Museum, New Zealand;
The Adelaide Advertiser (a newspaper);
Reading Room of State Library of South Australia;
Library of South Australia Genealogical Society;
Library of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia;
Truro Records Office, Truro, Cornwall, England;
Exeter Records Office, Exeter, Devon, England;
St. Catherine's House, London, England.

Again my heartfelt thanks to one and all of the hundreds of persons who through their interest, time, effort, resources and cooperation have made possible this incomplete review of Nankivell clan history known as NANKIVELL NOTEBOOK.

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Introduction

NANKIVELL is an old and distinguished name having origins in Cornwall, England, before the 14th century.

Experts in the Celtic language of early Cornwall differ as to the meaning of the name. Some authorities believe the name means 'Valley of the Horse'. Others insist the name means 'Glen of Woodcocks'. Still others think the name may mean 'Sweet One'.

There are several stories about origins of the Nankivell clan. No doubt early Nankivell family history is part of the history of the people of Cornwall, whose roots are in the Celtic race. The Celts were Indo-Europeans of Southern Germany known to have existed in the Bronze Age, c1000 B.C. Celts occupied large parts of Eastern Europe and Gaul, Spain, Britain, Scotland and Ireland. Since Anglo-Saxon settlements never reached far into Cornwall, Celtic place names still predominate there.

It is said that people (Celts?) from the Iberian Peninsula came to England about the time of Christ looking for tin, which at that time could be picked up from the surface of the earth.

Some persons believe the Nankivell family came from France with William the Conqueror in 1066. However, a check of the 'Roll of the Battle Abbey', the list of knights who survived the Battle of Hastings, finds no one bearing a surname even resembling 'Nankivell' or 'Nanteuil'.

There is also the tale of Nankivell survivors of the Spanish Armada of 1588. That expedition was a rout and it is thought there could have been no survivors reaching the shores of Cornwall. It is also to be noted the NANKIVELL name was already established in Cornwall by 1588.

Then there is the story of Huguenots who brought the NANKIVELL name to England when they were forced to flee from France. It is true Huguenot immigrants married into Nankivell families. However, the name seems to have been established before the arrival of Huguenots.

Just before 1800, ores ... copper and tin, silver and lead ... were discovered in the region of Tavistock - Marytavy, Devon. Cornish miners took jobs in the various mines that opened. As the mines of Tavistock became depleted miners contracted their services for specified lengths of time at overseas locations in Mexico, South America and Africa. A number of Nankivell families became pioneers in those far-away places of Australia and New Zealand.

When in their new homes it was found more men were wanted for the mines, the immigrants always knew somebody at home for the work: Cousin Jack. So Cornishmen all over the world have become known as 'Cousin Jack'; the womenfolk are called 'Cousin Jennie'.

By 'Tre Ros Car Nan Pol Pen
Ye may know most Cornishmen'.

NANKIVELL NOTEBOOK began as a list of names and addresses from telephone directories around the English-speaking world. To this was added a list of individual records concerning births, baptisms, marriages, and deaths, mostly of England, from International Genealogical Index (IGI). Other lists of records, census data, some wills have been examined.

Happily, NANKIVELL NOTEBOOK has grown from mere listings of names. In answer to query letters, individuals have sent results of their personal research into their own family roots. Interesting bits of family history and unique insights into the lives of some family members have also been included.

NANKIVELL NOTEBOOK is now a large collection of genealogical histories describing several large family groups and hundreds of small families, single households and individuals. The histories begin with family members bearing the Nankivell surname and include descendants whatever the surname to the present day.

The oldest record of the family name is the mention of 'Nansouvel' on the Assize Rolls of Cornwall in 1277. There are several later records where names of similar spelling are mentioned.

Over the years the spelling of the surname has changed so that in the modern world we find many variations. Worldwide the most popular is Nankivell, but Nancoekivell is often seen in North Devon, England, and Ontario, CAN.

It is often said that family members are buried as Nan(oe)kivell but live as Kivell. The name Kivell is widely used, but not all persons using the name are of English extraction with roots in Cornwall or Devon.

Probably the largest number of persons bearing the Nankivell name are living in Australia. However in New Zealand there is probably a larger number of Nankivells if expressed as a percentage of total population. England is probably in third place using either method of count.

The oldest continuous history of Nankivells begins in Saint Columb Major, Cornwall, about 1400 when the lands of Nankivell came into possession of a King's Herald by name of Typsett. For several generations the family name was hyphenated as Typsett-Nankivell; later the Typsett was dropped.

Nankivells are recorded as living in Truro, Cornwall, from about 1600. The Truro family is widely believed to be a branch of the St. Columb Major family but exact ties cannot be shown. Many references to persons bearing the Nankivell surname from 1600 to 1700 can be found in Cornish communities such as St. Austel, St. Stephen in Brannel, St. Ewe, Parranzabuloe and Ruan Laniorne.

From Cornwall Nankivells spread throughout England. Then with poor economic conditions in England in the mid 19th century, Nankivells from all parts of England migrated to countries around the world. Today Nankivells are found in England, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, United States of America and Republic of South Africa.

It was in 1840 that two sons of Ann Rogers and Thomas Nankivell of Marytavy, Devon, were among first English settlers to New Zealand. Descendants are numerous in New Zealand and Australia. Two small family branches are represented in USA. A large genealogical history has been developed for this family.

After 1862 when gold was discovered in Australia, many Nankivells migrated there. They often put their mining earnings into farm lands; many of these lands remain in the hands of descendants. Several large and moderate-sized histories are under development.

The several Nankivells who came to USA had small families. Only small histories have been possible and in general exact ties to their English past remains unknown.

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Nankivell family of Saint Columb Major,
Cornwall, England

(1) Characteristics of Cornish people

(4) Heraldry

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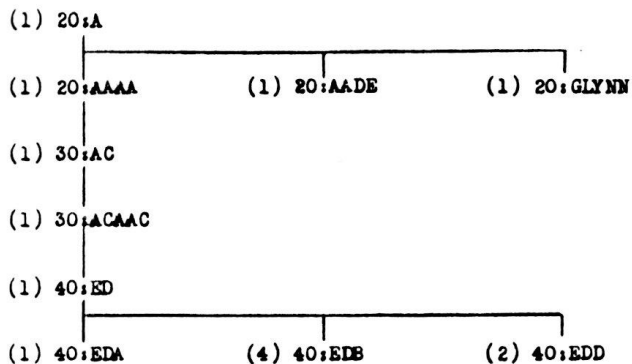
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NANKIVELL, Edmund of Generation XIV.
 b 16 Jl 1844 St. Columb Major, Cornwall, ENG eb058
 d 17 Ap 1895 Kingston, Jamaica, B.W.I.
 m/2 25 Oc 1882 Jamaica
 Lilla Agnes NORTON
 Still flirtatious in her 80s - recalled her 18
 inch waistline which she maintained until age 25,
 and that her husband was known to upset the chess
 board when he was losing.
 b 27 Ap 1863 USA
 d Oc-De 1950 Bournemouth, age 87 ed613

2A NANKIVELL, Kathleen Lilla Maud
 Hospital nurse.
 b 6 Nv 1884 Jamaica ed703
 d Jl-Se 1971 Bournemouth, Dorset ed703
 nm

2B NANKIVELL, Noel Howard
 From 8 to 16 years of age attended Christ's Hospital,
 a boarding school in Horsham, Surrey, as 'Blue Coat
 Boy' receiving Admiralty Gift, which means that Admir-
 alty paid for his education because his father was a
 deceased naval officer.
 Went into Colonial Civil Service; first sent to
 Jamaica, then Trinidad. In 1930s was Deputy Colonial
 Secretary in Trinidad. The Deputy Colonial Secretary
 became Acting Colonial Secretary or Governor when
 these officers were on leave. For one day c 1936 Noel
 was Governor of Trinidad.
 In late 1930s he was very much involved with troubles
 in the oil fields. He was posted to Cyprus as Treas-
 urer. Coming home from Cyprus for Christmas Holidays
 was killed in train incident under mysterious circum-
 stances.
 b 27 Mr 1893 Jamaica
 d 20 De 1938 France
 bur St. Germaine-en-Laye, Paris, France, under a bit
 of Cornish granite.
 m/1 Jl-Se 1917 Brentford, Middlesex em447; div
 Sybil Agnes HUNT
 b 1899
 d

m/2 19 My 1932 Trinidad
 Florence MUYSKEN, dau Elizabeth Benjamina VanDEURS,
 an American, youngest of six children, & Joan.
 A Bard of Cornwall; lived 30 years in Cornwall.
 b 8 Je 1901 Amsterdam, The Netherlands
 lvng Ja 1986 Brighton, England

1A NANKIVELL, Agnes
 Author.
 b Ap-Je 1918 Brentford, Middlesex eb710
 lvng
 m Ap 1939 Brentford, Middlesex em566
 William RUFF
 b 1902
 lvng

A RUFF, John Piers
 b 1948

B RUFF, Richard William
 b 1954

2A NANKIVELL, Selma Hope
 An artist of some repute. A Senior Lecturer at
 Brighton Polytechnical College in silk screen
 printing for which she had 7 years training.
 Secretary of Brighton Society, of Preston Society,
 and of Sussex Heritage Trust. In June 1980 became
 Chairman of Brighton's Conservation Area Advisory
 Committee.
 b 30 Se 1934 Port of Spain, Trinidad, B.W.I.
 lvng Ja 1986 Brighton, England
 m Jl-Se 1962 Chelsea, Sussex em695
 Adrian Raphael MONTFORD, son Marian Alice DIBDIN
 & ...; sculptor; teaches sculpture at St. Martin
 School of Arts in London.

A MONTFORD, Alice Petra
 b 23 De 1963

B MONTFORD, Simon Dicon
 b 21 Je 1965

C MONTFORD, Piran Dibdin
 b 1 Au 1970

D MONTFORD, Sukey Jeanne Demelza
 b 17 Ja 1972

2B NANKIVELL, Edmund Typpett
 Electronic Engineer; Author: 'The Jowett Jupiter'
 b 18 Nv 1936 Haarlem, The Netherlands
 lvng Ja 1986 Lewes, Sussex
 m Jl-Se 1962 Chelsea, Sussex em694
 Belinda Primrose ROBINSON

A NANKIVELL, Daniel
 b 30 Oc 1964 Hertford eb970

B NANKIVELL, Lucy Ellen
 b 22 Je 1966 Brighton eb981

C NANKIVELL, Howard
 b 13 Fe 1971 Brighton eb1006

NOTE:
 FAMILY AND DESCENDANTS OF SON
 JOHN SHOWN IN CHART 3.
 DAUGHTER SELINA MARRIED DAY-
 DESCENDANTS LIVING NEW ZEALAND.

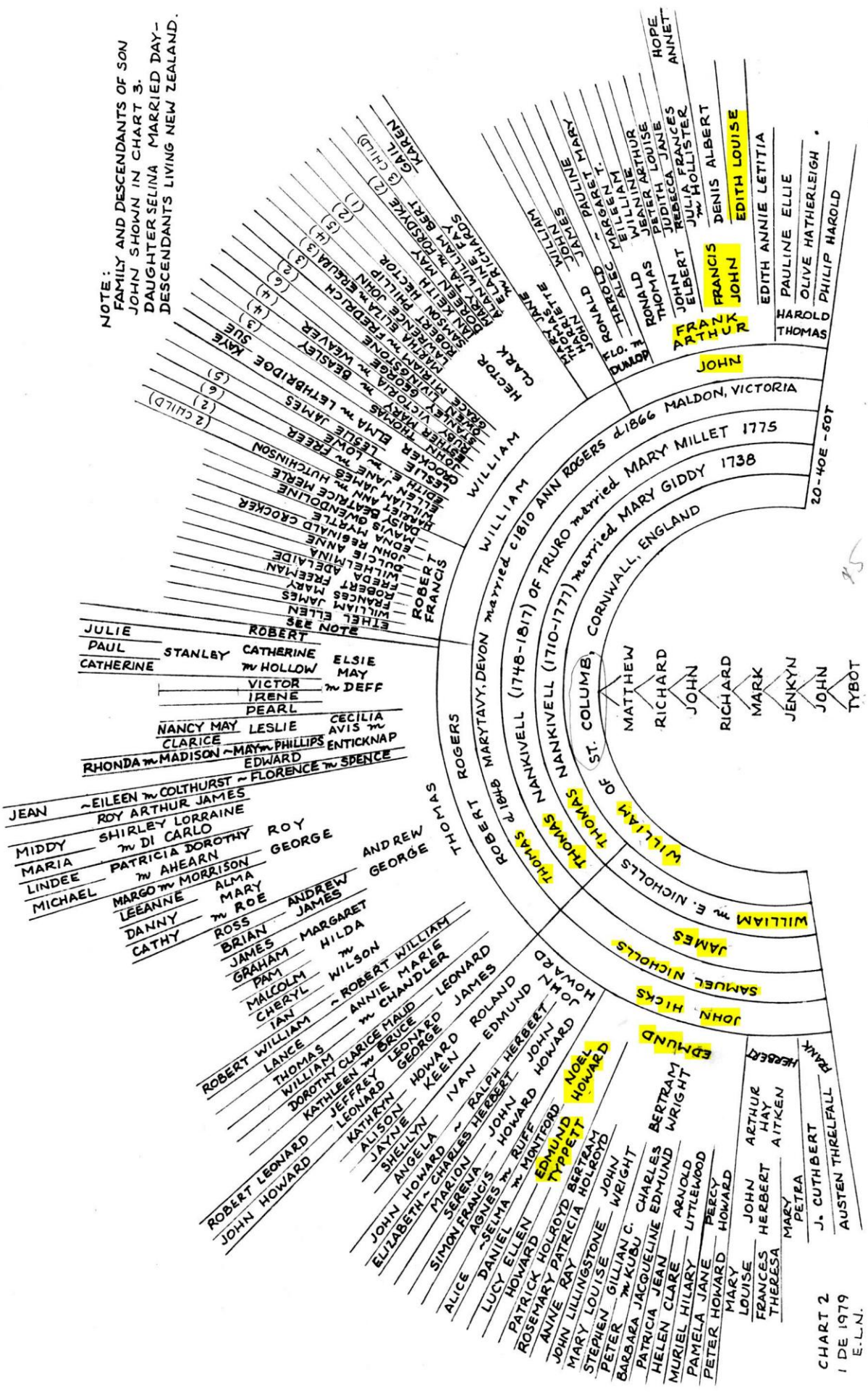
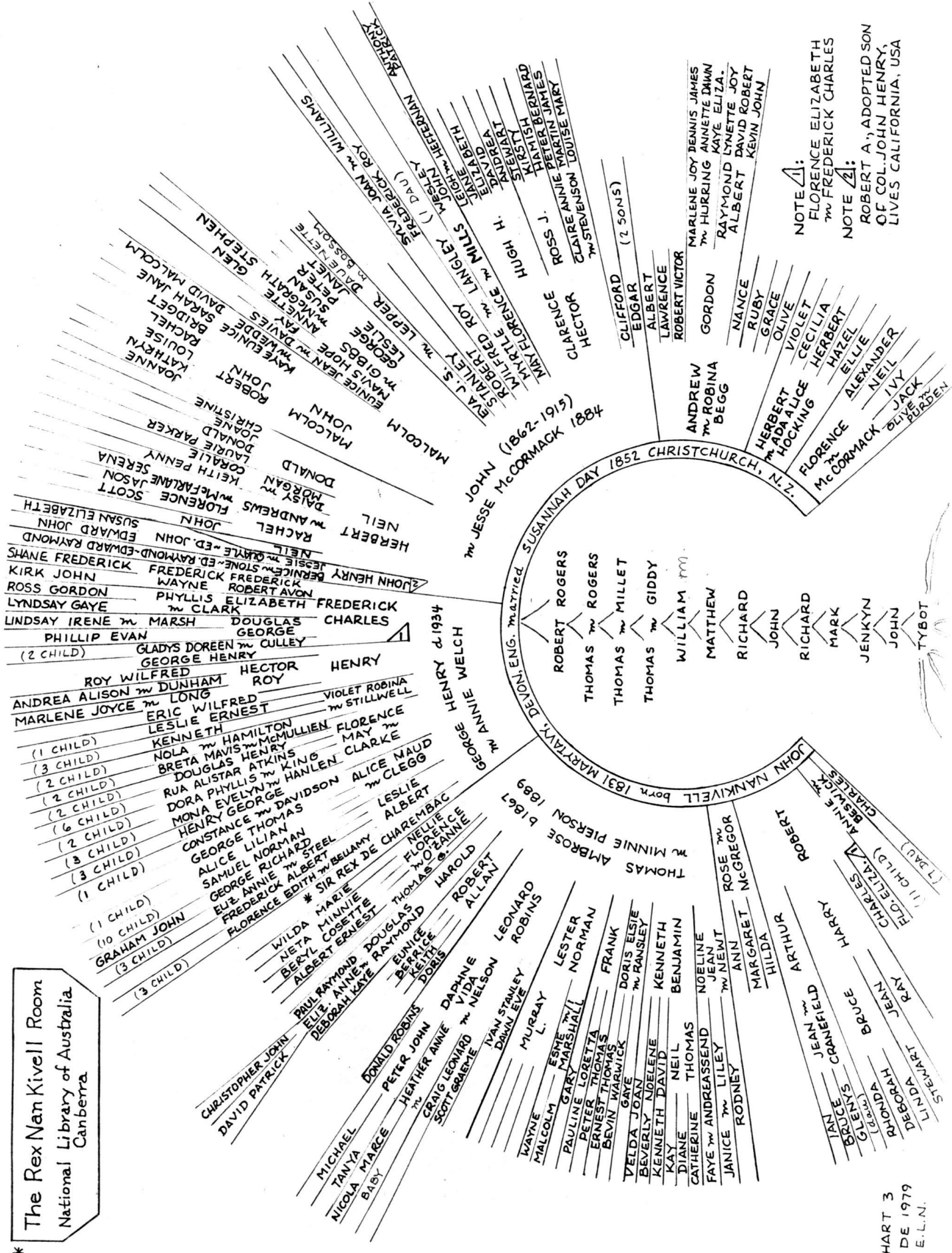
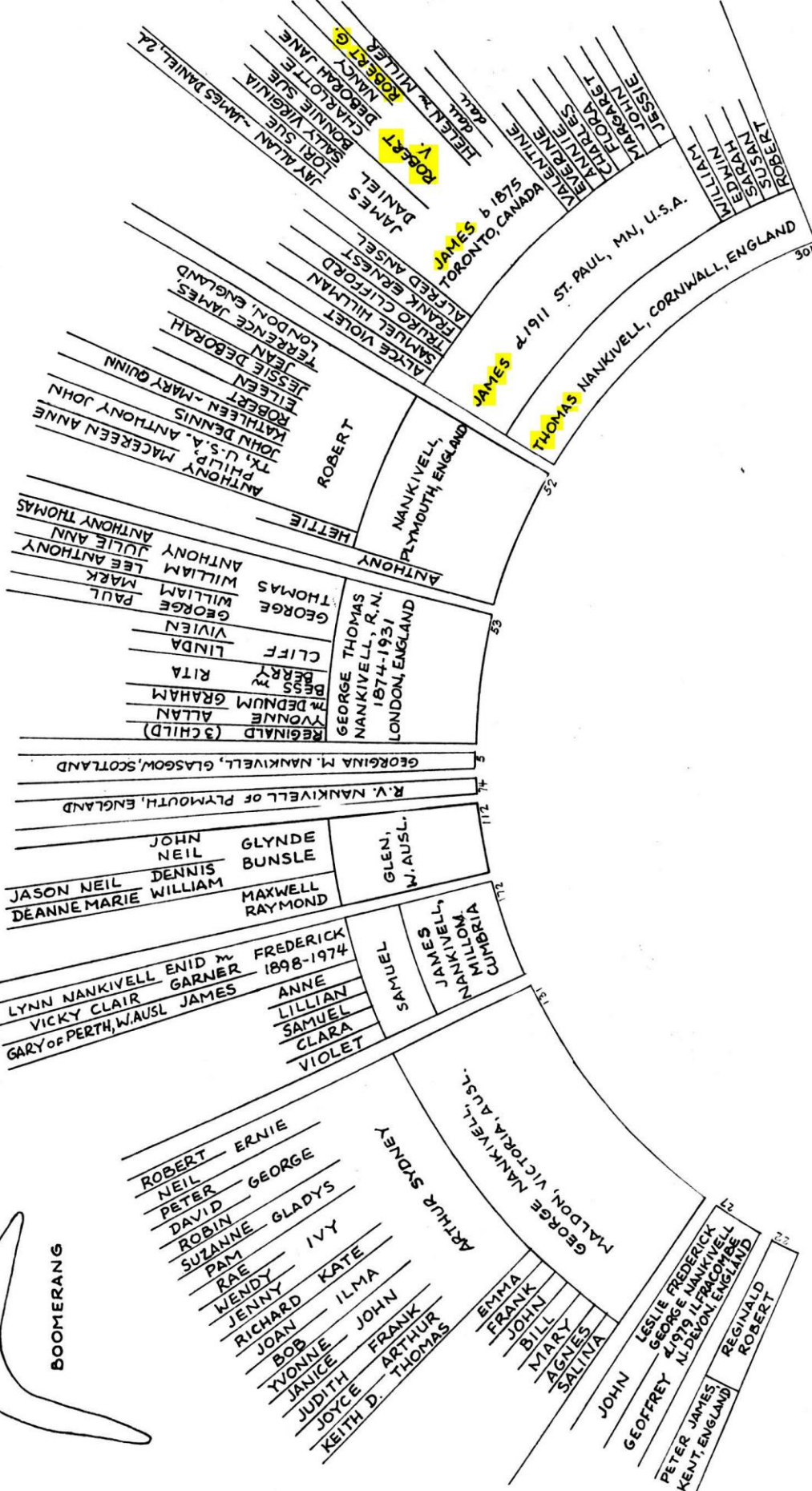
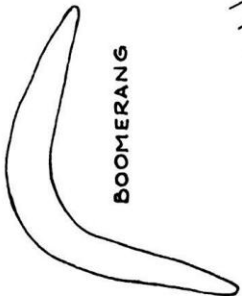
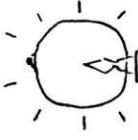


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* The Rex Nan Kivell Room
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NANKIVELL STREET

QUEENSTOWN, TASMANIA

VALERIE JANE
KENNETH RUTH 1 CHILD
JANET GRAHAM HENRY
ROBERT MARK ROBERT
WILLIAM HENRY
HERBERT JOHN ROGER
HERBERT HENRY 1871-1955
DOROTHY JOAN PETER
EDITH
GERTRUDE MARY
FLORENCE
MARY PHILIPPA
ERNEST
ARCHIBALD HARDY
EDWIN HARDY
WILLIAM HARDY
MARTIN PETER
GUY DUNNELL
PETER JAMES
VICTOR
IDA
ROSE

ARTHUR HAROLD
PAMELA
KAREN
GREGORY
IAN (2 CHILD)

WILLIAM
MADGE
KATHERINE
MATTY
ALICE
SON
RONALD (3 CHILD)

WILLIAM, NANCE-KIVELL, COENWALL, WOODSTOCK, N.Z.
JOHN ROY
PEGY
PETER
JASON
THOMAS SYDNEY
MARGARET (4 CHILD)

HENRY NANKIVELL
JOHN MARY BAUDEN 1783
JOHN ANNE BROWN 1751
PETER NANKIVELL
RUAN LANIHORNE

HENRY NANKIVELL
MARTIN PETER
WILLIAM HARDY
EDWIN HARDY
ARCHIBALD HARDY
GUY DUNNELL
MARTIN PETER
PETER JAMES
VICTOR
IDA
ROSE

ARTHUR HAROLD
PAMELA
KAREN
GREGORY
IAN (2 CHILD)

WILLIAM
MADGE
KATHERINE
MATTY
ALICE
SON
RONALD (3 CHILD)

WILLIAM
KATE
WILLIAM
WALFORD NANCEKIVELL

FAY MAXFIELD
M HOOPER
JAN MAXFIELD
M PARTRIDGE
ALFRED CHARLES

GUY MAXFIELD
DIRK SANDRA M TATZEL
GLEN KEITH
ALEXANDER GARY

LEONARD
LEONARD
LEONARD
LEONARD

WILLIAM
KIVILL
OF DEVON

OF MILL FERT, BRADWORTH, DEVON, ENGLAND

WILLIAM 1865-1931

REGINALD WILLIAM
GARFIELD THOMAS
DOROTHY ANNIE
IRIS FRANCES
SYLVIA MAY
GWENDOLINE VERA
BARBARA JOAN
GLENVA EDITH MARY
ERIC CHARLES
RUBY FRANCES
CLARICE EVELYN
MAURICE NANCEKIVELL
BARBARA MARY
THEODORE DONALD
ROBERT STANLEY
DIANE RUTH
GLENVA ALFRED
LEE BARFETT
JAMIE

LAWRENCE WILLIAM
EVELINE FRANCES
JOHN THOMAS
ERNEST
STANLEY
FREDERICK
GEORGE
CYPRIEL BARFETT

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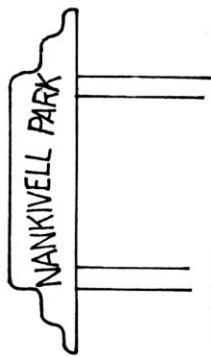
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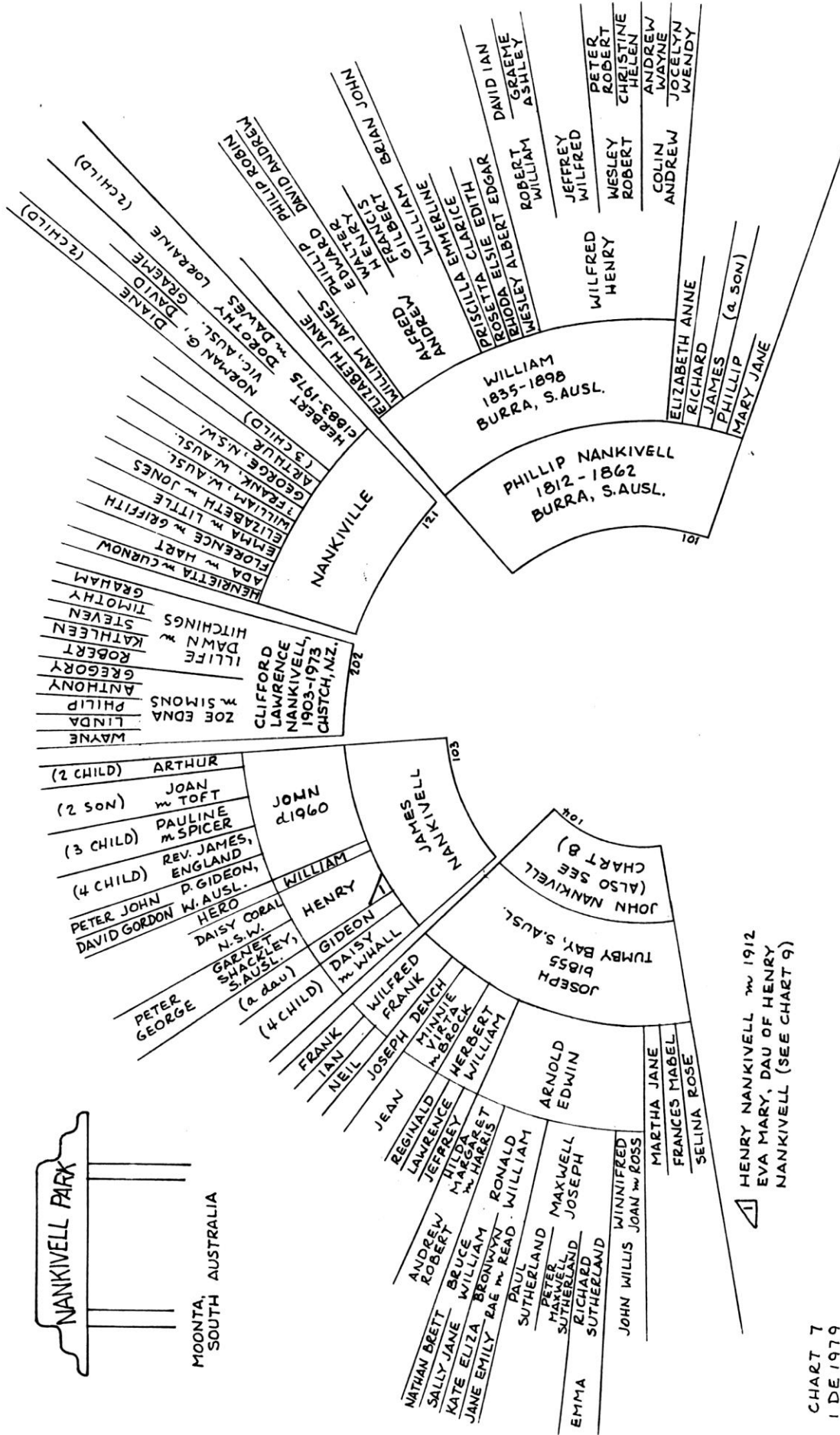
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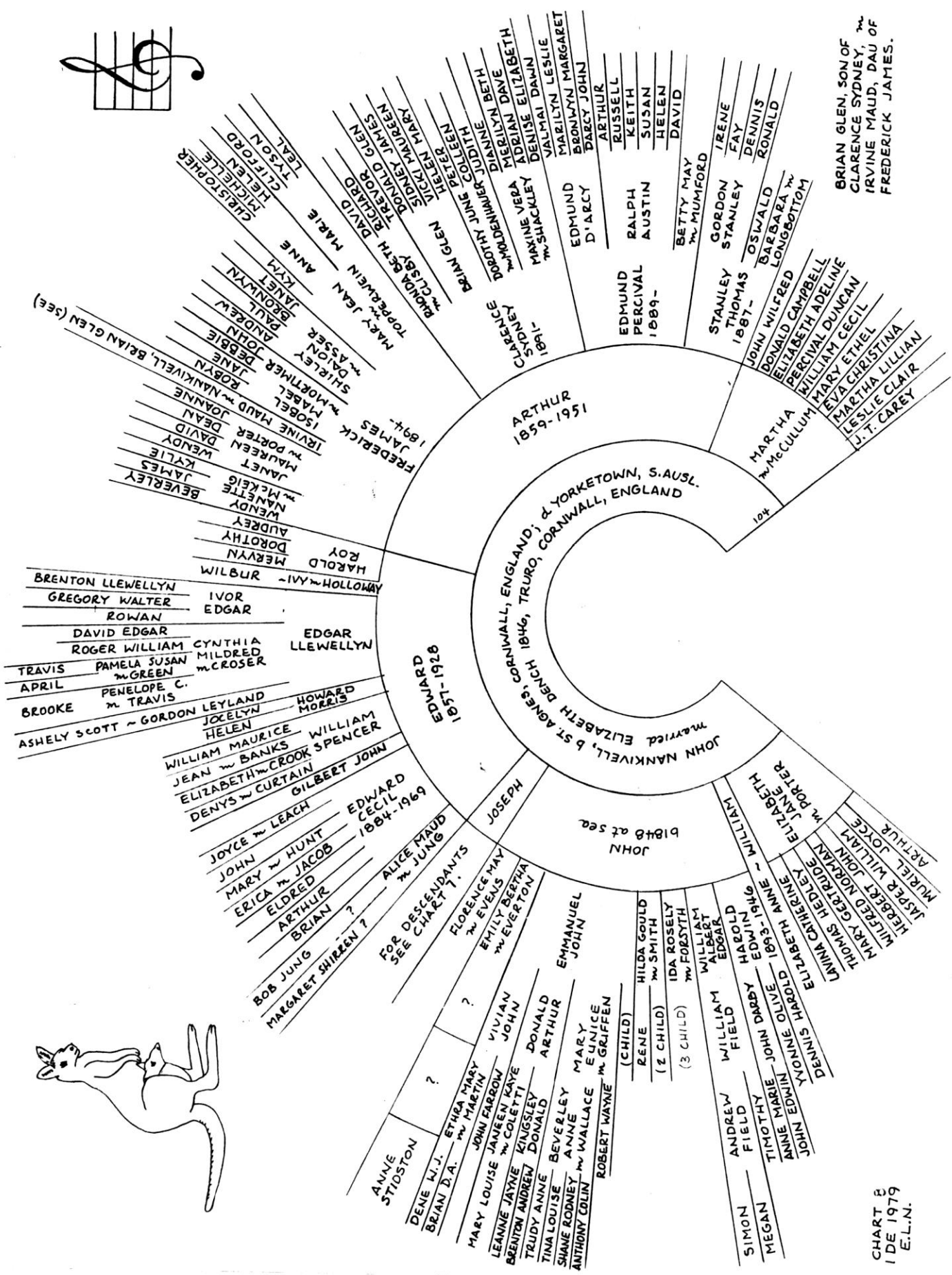
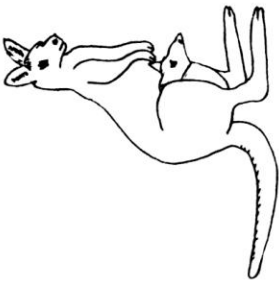
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MOONTA
SOUTH AUSTRALIA





BRIAN GLEN, SON OF
 CLARENCE SYDNEY,
 IRVINE MAUD, DAU OF
 FREDERICK JAMES.

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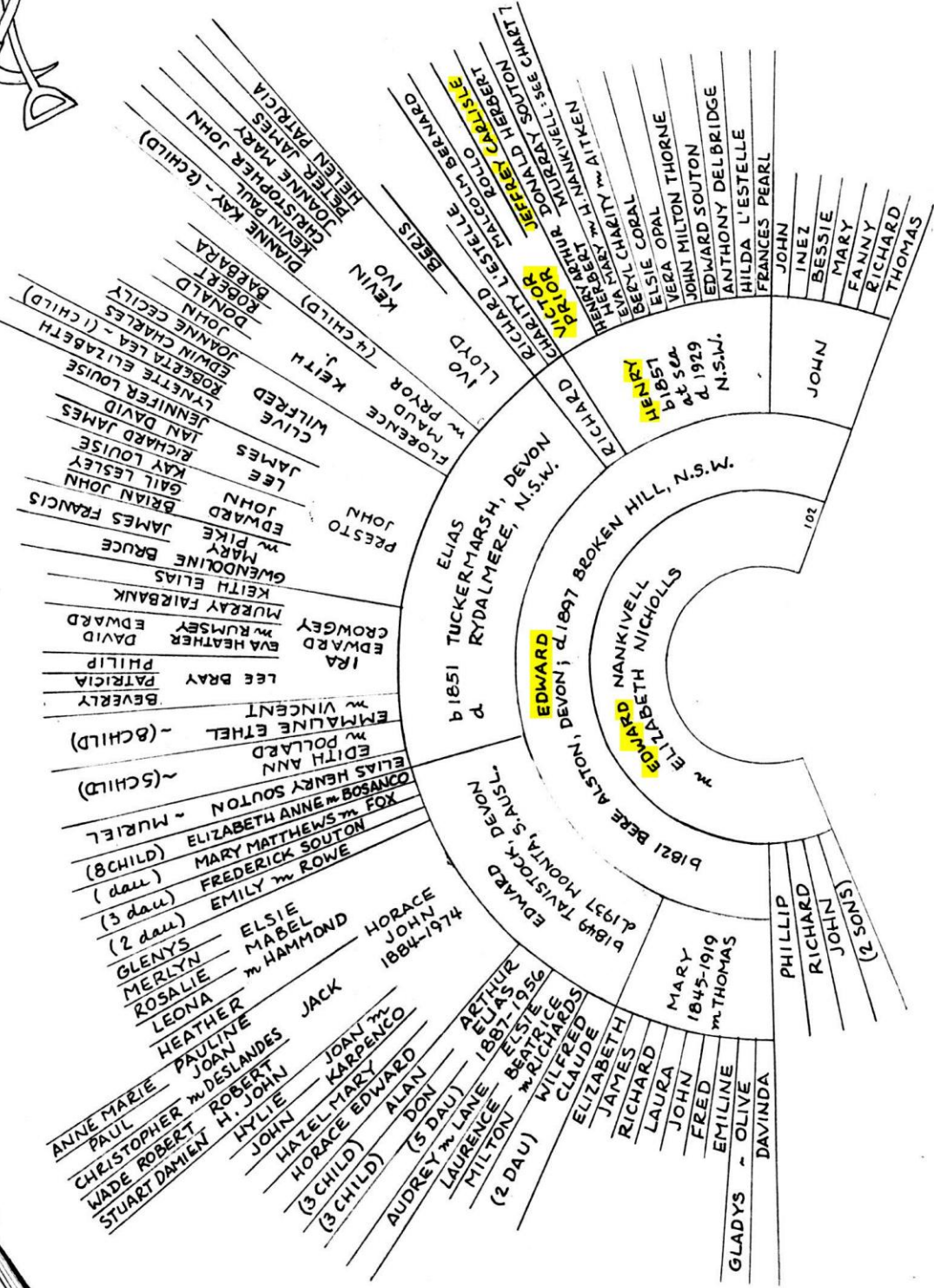


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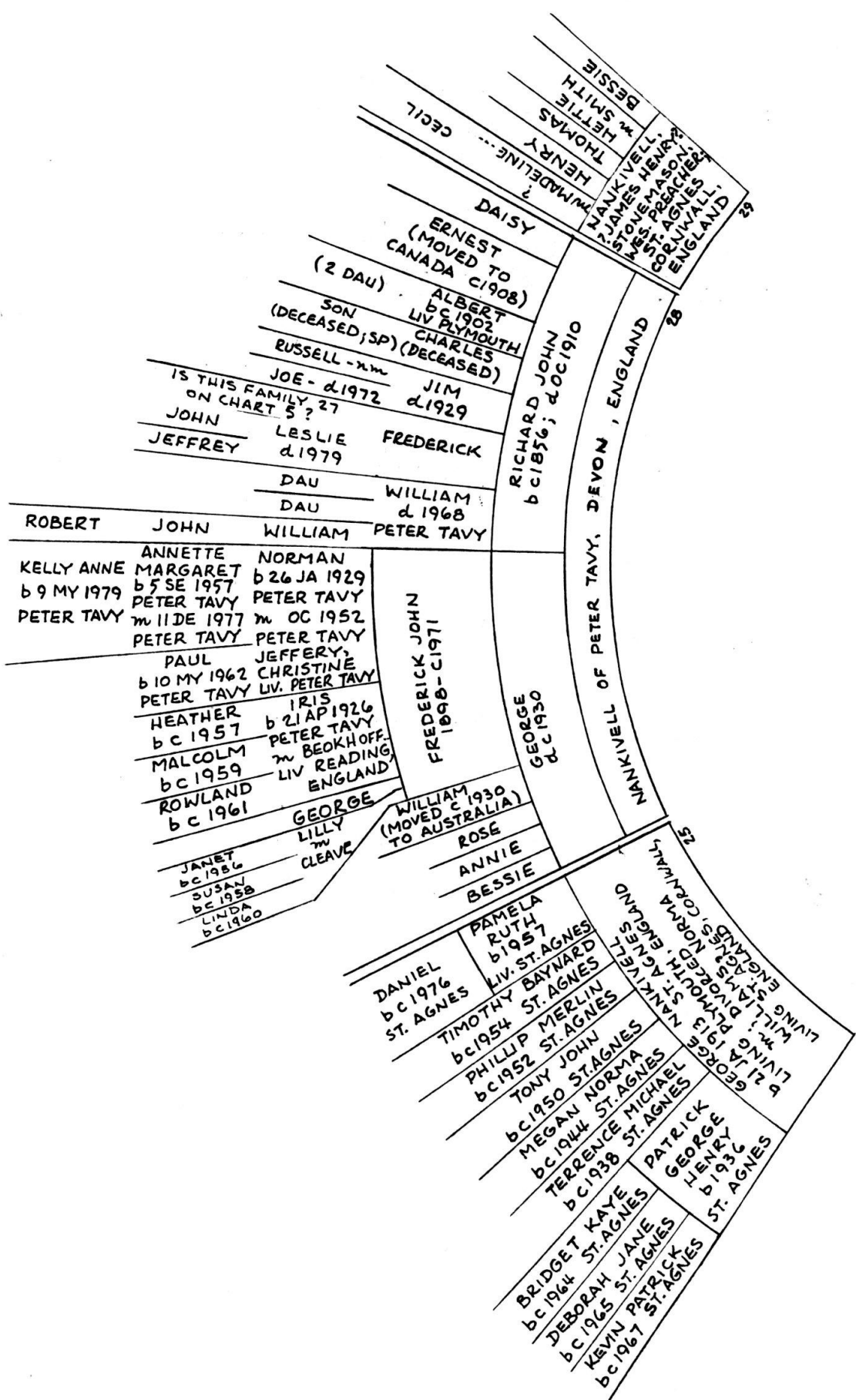
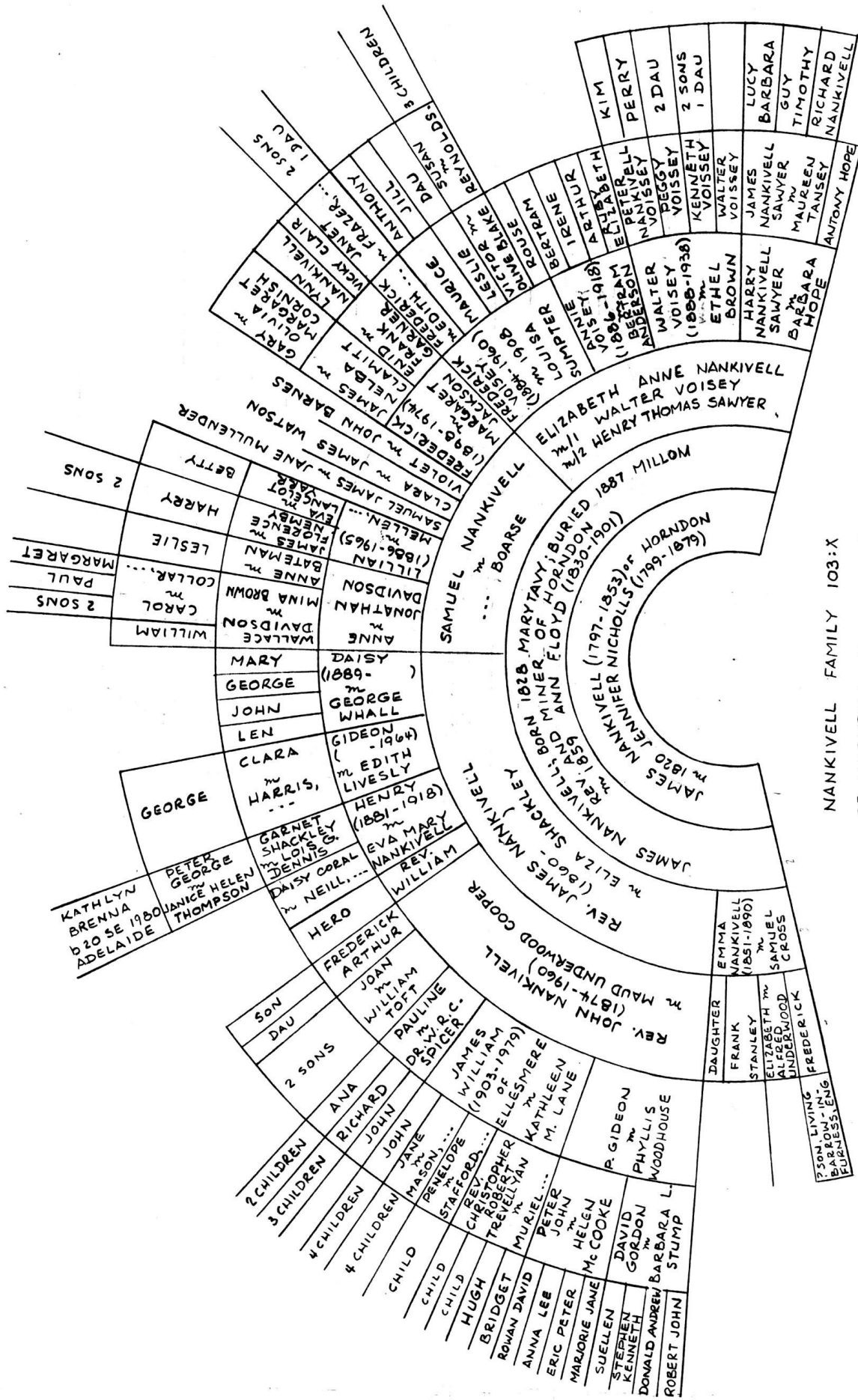


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NANKIVELL FAMILY 103: X
OF HORNDON, DEVON, U.K.

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