

## PIDGEONS of Newport, Shropshire & London

**Thomas PIDGEON** was born at Shifnal, Shropshire about 1812. When he married, his father was given as Henry Pidgeon deceased, so he was probably the son of Henry & Sophia (see the [PIDGEONS of Shifnal](#) family tree). By 1846, when he married **Ann LEAKE**, he had gone to London, to seek his fortune as a tailor, but he returned to his native Shropshire in the early 1850s, living at Newport until his death.

His two eldest sons **Henry William** and **Frederick** returned to London. Henry lived in Chelsea and worked as a house painter, while Frederick was a joiner and shop fitter living in central London before moving out to Wood Green.

Thomas's youngest son, **Thomas Haslam** was born at Newport but moved first to Northampton, where he married and lived for about 15 years, before moving north to Blackpool. He worked as a printer compositor. His only son **Reginald Frank** emigrated to Australia, marrying in Fremantle, WA, living and working as a carter near Brisbane, Queensland and finally settling at Horsham, Victoria.

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Notes: ab. = about, b. = born, bp. = baptised, bu. = buried, d. = died, m. = married, (+) = extra-marital relationship  
*Places in italics* = Registration districts

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- Thomas PIDGEON** (b.ab.1812, Shifnal – d.1874, 62y, *Newport*) Tailor  
: **1841**: at Bromage Barracks, Lilleshall – Thos (labourer) ?  
m.(27/7/1846, Lambeth) **Ann LEAKE** (b.ab.1816, Shrewsbury – d.1896, 80y, *Newport*)  
| **1851**: at 54 Long Acre, St Martins-in-the-Field, London – Thomas & Anne; Henry W + 2 servts  
| at Lady Gate(?) Putney – Frederick, Elizabeth (lodgers with William & Sarah CRESH(?))  
| **1861**: at High St, Newport, Shropshire – Thomas & Ann; Frederick, Elizabeth, Emma, Thomas + servt  
| **1871**: at High St, Newport, Shropshire – Thomas & Ann; Eliza L, Emma, Thomas A + servt  
| **1881**: at Wellington Rd, Newport – Anne; Emma  
| **1891**: at 12 Wellington Rd, Newport – Ann PIDGEON; Emma; Edmond C FREEMAN + servt
- **Henry William PIDGEON** (b.1840, Strand, London – d.1915, 74y, *Chelsea*) Builder & decorator  
m. (1867, Teddington) **Sara Agnes ALLEN** (b.ab.1844, Plymouth – d?1927, 82y, *Kingston*)  
| **1871**: at 13 Stanley St, Chelsea – Henry & Sarah; Elizth  
| at 2 Ubbeston Cottages, Latimore Rd, Teddington, Midx – Henry (with g.parents James W  
| & Elizabeth ALLEN & family)  
| **1881**: at 57 Christchurch St, Chelsea – Henry W & Sara Agnes; Henry Herbert, Elizabeth, Eleanor,  
| Margaret, William  
| **1891**: at 57 Christchurch St, Chelsea – William H & Sarah A; Henry T, Elizabeth, Eleanor, Ernest,  
| Agnes M, Edith M, Alfred A  
| **1901**: at 57 Christchurch St, Chelsea – Henry & Sarah; Eleanor, Ernest, Agnes, Edith, Alfred  
| **1911**: at 57 Christchurch St, Chelsea – William Henry & Sarah Agnes; Agnes May, Alfred Allan  
| [6/12 ch alive] + William Alfred Allen LAHO (g-son)
- **Henry Thomas PIDGEON** (b.7/6/1868, Teddington – d.23/6/1945, 77y, *Chelsea*) Decorator  
m.(18/2/1893, *Chelsea*) **Ellen Louisa WOOD** (b.16/12/1864, New Malden, Sur – d.1940, 76y, *Battersea*)  
| **1901**: at 5 Burnaby St, Chelsea – Henry T & Ellen L; Winifred M, William L, Doris R  
| **1911**: at 8 Burnaby St, Chelsea – Henry & Ellen; Madge, William, Doris, Guy [4/4 ch alive]  
| **1939**: at 8 Burnaby St, Chelsea – Henry T & Ellen L + Maurice H & Doris R SHACKEL (**see below**)
- **Winifred Madge Frances PIDGEON** (b.30/7/1893, *Chelsea* – d.1976, 82y, *Croydon*)  
m.(1916, *Kensington*) **John Horace NEALE** (b.1893, *Chelsea* – d.1967, 73y, *Hampstead*)  
| – **John H NEALE** (b.1920, *Chelsea* – d.) Business counsellor  
| – **Bruce Alan NEALE** (b.15/9/1923, *Chelsea* – d.1/1996, 72y, *Ipswich*)  
| : **1939**: at 54 College St, Petersfield, Hants – Bruce A, with HOLDEN family
- **William Lee PIDGEON** (b.29/7/1895, *Chelsea* – d.1970, 74y, *Dover*) house decorator  
m.(1931, *Chelsea*) **Emily SMITH** (b.25/1/1904 – d.5/1993, 89y, *Dover*)  
| **1939**: at 71 Moore Park Rd, Fulham – William L & Emily; (Patricia, Diana)
- **Doris Ruth PIDGEON** (b.28/5/1897, *Chelsea* – d.2/1985, 87y, *Lambeth*)  
m.(1930, *Chelsea*) **Maurice H SHACKELL** (b.1/2/1899, *Battersea* – d.1964, 64y, *Wandsworth*)  
| **1939**: at 8 Burnaby St, *Chelsea* – Maurice H & Doris R SHACKEL (with parents – **see above**)  
| **1945**: at 75 Alfriston Rd, *Battersea* – D R (dau of Henry Thomas)
- **Guy Leslie PIDGEON** (b.6/11/1901, *Chelsea* – d.1958, 57, *Hampstead*) electrician  
m.(1930, *Chelsea*) **Gladys Edwina LEE** (b.25/9/1904, *Chelsea* – d.1973, 69, *Rugby*)  
| **1939**: at 93 Bank Hey Lane North, Blackburn, Lancs – Guy L & Gladys E + John W GIBBS

- **Elizabeth PIDGEON** (b.8/11/1869, *St Geo. Hannover Sq* – d.) Schoolteacher  
**1901:** at Ellison Lodge, Half Moon Lane, Camberwell – Elizabeth (staff, Home for Enebrates, *sic*)  
**1911:** at 8 St John's Terr, S Shields, Dur – Elizabeth (boarder)
- **Frederick John PIDGEON** (b.1872, Chelsea – d.1873, 1y, Chelsea)
- **Frank PIDGEON** (b.1873, Chelsea – d.1875, 1y, Chelsea)
- **Eleanor PIDGEON** (b.31/12/1874, Chelsea – d.1920, 45y, *Cardiff*)  
m.(1903, *Chelsea*) **William John LAHO** (b.10/10/1874, Southwark – d.1946, 72y, *Cardiff*)  
m2.(1921, *Chelsea*) **Agnes May PIDGEON** (b.26/1/1884, Chelsea – d.1943, 59y,  
*E Glamorgan*) (sister of Eleanor, [see below](#))  
**1911:** at 2 Wauntreoda Rd, Whitchurch, Cardiff – William J & Eleanor; Victor P, Nellie P  
(William A A was with his grandparents – see above)
- **William Alfred Allen LAHO** (b.22/1/1905, Clapham – d.) commercial chauffeur  
m.(1928, *Cardiff*) **Olive Blanche ROWE** (b.30/11/1906, *Cardiff* – d.)  
**1939:** at 35 Egerton St, Cardiff – William A A & Olive B; (Shirley D)  
+ Thomas R (b.28/11/1875) & Mary M (b.20/9/1878) ROWE (Olive's parents?)
- **Victor P LAHO** (b.1907, Cardiff – d.1917, 10y)
- **Henry R LAHO** (b.1917, *Cardiff* – d.1991)  
m.(1946, *Pancras*) **Mary E GIBLIN** (b.9/3/1911 – d.1970)  
|  
→ [Peter LAHO](#)
- **Francis PIDGEON** (b.1877, *Chelsea* – d.1878, 1y, *Chelsea*)
- **Margaretta PIDGEON** (b.5/10/1878, Chelsea – d.1882, 3y, *Chelsea*)
- **William James PIDGEON** (b.9/7/1880, Chelsea – d.1882, 2y, *Chelsea*)
- **Ernest PIDGEON** (b.28/4/1882, Chelsea – d.1950, 67y, *Surrey*) Clerk, decorator  
m.(1904, *Wandsworth*) **Mary Russell BEATTIE** (b.5/5/1884, *Chelsea* – d.1955, 72y, *Surrey*)  
**1911:** at Northcott, Meadow Walk, Walton-on-Hill, Epsom – Ernest & Mary Russell; Ernest Angus,  
[2/2 ch alive] Donald Thomas Allen + boarder  
**1939:** at 28 Kingswood Rd, Banstead, Sur – Ernest & Mary R
- **Ernest Angus PIDGEON** (b.29/6/1904, Chelsea – d.1954, 49y, *Eastbourne*)  
m.(1928, *Reigate*) **Marion Doris GOLDS** (b.24/12/1903, *Woolwich* – d.12/1997, 94y, *Surrey N*)  
**1939:** at 43 Copthorne Rd, Leatherhead – Angus E & Marion Doris; (2 closed)
- **June PIDGEON** (b.1930, *Dorking*)  
m.(1954, *Surrey*) **John George Edward CLARKE** (b.9/1931, *Leatherhead* – d.2/2002, 70y,  
*Chelmsford*)  
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→ [Christopher J CLARKE \(his Pidgeon Page\)](#)
- **Donald Thomas Allen PIDGEON** (b.16/3/1907, Chelsea – d.1980, 73y, *Sutton*, Sur) Carpenter  
: **1928:** – [EMIGRATED TO USA](#) on SS “Olympic” but returned to England in the 1930s with  
: Naomi, who later left him & went back to USA, pregnant  
: **1930:** at 1635 Villa Ave, Merville, Iowa – George W & Adeline E; Naomi, Gerald BURKHEAD  
: + Donald A PIDGEON (boarder)  
m1.(22/11/1931, Sioux City, Iowa, USA) **Naomi Elliott BURKHEAD** (b.8/8/1907, Sioux C –  
: 21/10/1999, 92y, Sioux C)  
m2.(30/6/1950, Merville, Iowa) **Ralph BUSH** (b.3/10/1909, Lawton, Iowa)  
**1939:** at 3 High ST, Tadworth, Surrey – Donald T  
**1940:** at 1635 Villa Ave, Merville, Iowa – Adylene BURKHEAD; Naomi; Donna Marie PIDGEON  
(In 1935, Naomi was at Tadworth, Surrey, England)  
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**1939:** at The Ruffett, Brighton Rd, Banstead, Sur – Dorothy Freda PARRIS (with parents  
Herbert A & Rosina K)  
m2.(26/5/1948, Epsom, Sur) **Dorothy Freda PARRIS** (b.23/6/1921, *Reigate* – d.2/1999, 77y,  
[When they married, her surname was *Surrey SE*  
“Pidgeon, otherwise Parris”,  
presumably because they had lived previously as man & wife.]



- └ **Harold Leslie PIDGEON** (b.1903, Swansea – d.12/11/1918, 15y, *Samford*, Suffolk)
- └ **Henry Montague PIDGEON** (b.1871, Shoreditch – d.1967, 96y, *Honiton*, Dev) Storekeeper  
m1.(1901, *Lambeth*) **Matilda Annie HOUNSLOW** (b.1872, London – d. 1912, 40y, *Lambeth*)  
| **1911** : at 7 Santley St, Clapham – Henry & Matilda; Montague, Winifred, Dorothy, Stanley  
| [4/4 ch alive] + Edith HOUNSLOW (sis-law)
- └ **Montague Davis PIDGEON** (b.13/12/1902, Lambeth – d.11/1994, 91y, *Hampshire NE*)  
: **1939**: at 16 Fallibroome Rd, Macclesfield, Ches – Nellie I RUST (technical teacher)  
m.(1977, *Surrey SW*) **Nellie Isobel RUST** (b.10/1/1901, *King's Norton* – d.5/1984, 83y, *Surrey NW*)
- └ **Winifred Jessie PIDGEON** (b.30/1/1904, Lambeth – d.1974, 70y, *Plymouth*)  
m.(1933, *Edmonton*) **John VESTEY** (b.31/10/1907, *Barnet* – d.1/1997, 89y, *Honiton*)
- └ **Dorothy Frances PIDGEON** (b.21/8/1905, Lambeth – d.1981, 75y, *Plymouth*)  
m.(1929, *St George, London*) **Laurence Walrond INNES** (b.21/7/1894 – d.1969, 75y, *Plymouth*)
- └ **Stanley Victor PIDGEON** (b.1908, Lambeth – d.1918, 10y, *Edmonton*)  
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m2.(1914, *Edmonton*) **Edith Gertrude HOUNSLOW** (b.1883, New Barnet – d.1923, 39y, *St Pancras*,  
: Lon) [his wife's sister]
- m3(1925, *Llanelly*) **Alice Matilda REES** (b.28/12/1880, Haverfordwest – d.)  
**1939**: at 158 Crescent Rd, East Barnet, Herts – Henry M & Alice M; Florence E (**sister**)
- └ **Stanley Colville Jackson PIDGEON** (bp.13/10/1872, S Hackney – d.1874, 1y, *Hackney*)
- └ **Thomas William PIDGEON** (b. 1874, *Hackney* – d.1874, 0y, *Hackney*)
- └ **Doris Louisa PIDGEON** (b.1875, Hackney – d.)  
m.(1899, *Hanover Sq*, London) **Joseph MICHEL** (b. – d.)
- └ **Walter PIDGEON** (b.1877, Hackney – d.19/11/1917, 40y, Cambrai, France) Corporal, Royal Fusiliers
- └ **Florence Elizabeth PIDGEON** (b.29/7/1879, Hackney – d.1961, 81y, *Hatfield*, Herts) clerk  
**1939**: at 158 Crescent Rd, East Barnet, Herts – Florence E, with Henry M (**brother**) & Alice M;
- └ **Sophia PIDGEON** (b.1847, St Martin-in-the Field – d.1857, *Newport*)  
**1851**: at Horse Fair, Shifnal – Sophia (with grandfather Haskeham LEAKE & family)
- └ **Elizabeth Letetia PIDGEON** (b.1849, St Martin-in-the Field – d.)  
m.(1872, *Newport*) **Thomas EDWARDS** or **Henry TURNER ?** (b. – d.)
- └ **Emma PIDGEON** (b.1853, Newport, bp.5/2/1854, Church Aston – d.) Governess  
m.(1884, *Newport*) **James Rogers FREEMAN** (b.1860, Dunstable, Beds – d.1924, 64y, *Basford*)  
| **1891**: at 64 Mill St, Crewe – James R; Stella + servt Inland Revenue Officer  
| at 12 Wellington Rd, Newport – Emma; Edmond C (with mother, Ann PIDGEON)  
| **1901**: at 281 Burley Rd, Headingley, Leeds – James R & Emma; Edmond C, Stella + servt
- └ **Edmond Carlisle FREEMAN** (b.1885, Newport – d.1921, 35y, *Basford*)
- └ **Stella FREEMAN** (b.1887, Crewe – d.)
- └ **Thomas Haslam PIDGEON** (bp.1/7/1855, Church Aston – d.1924, 69y, *Blackburn*) Printer Compositor  
: **1881**: at 38 Exeter Rd, Northampton – Thomas (lodger with Thomas YORK & family)  
m.(1881, Northampton) **Kate Faulkner LANG** (b.31/7/1856, Northampton – d.1946, 88y, *Fylde*)  
| **1891**: at 4 Albion Cres, Northampton – Thomas & Kate; Marguerite, Reginald + Ann LANG  
| (mother-in-law) + 2 boarders  
| **1901**: at 8 Coop St, Blackpool – Thos & Kate; Marguerite, Reginald, Doris + 2 visitors + servt  
| **1911**: at 99 Wimberley St, Blackburn – Thomas & Kate; Doris [3/4 ch alive]  
| **1939**: at 2 The Crescent, Blackpool – Kate F (wid), with Doris RIGBY (daughter) & family
- └ **Marguerite Kate PIDGEON** (b.1885, Northampton – d.)
- └ **Reginald Frank PIDGEON** (b.6/9/1887, Northampton – d.1971, 83y, *Horsham, Vic*) Carter  
: **EMIGRATED TO AUSTRALIA** – (London to Fremantle in 1910)  
| m.(1913, *Freemantle, WA*) **Mabel Grace WOOD** (b.ab.1889 – d.1972, 83y, *Horsham, Vic*)

- | | **1919:** at Price and Dickson St, Woolloowin, Windsor, Qld – Reginald Frank & Mabel Grace
- | | **1925:** at Wellington & Torrance St, Woolloowin, Windsor – Reginald Frank & Mabel Grace
- | | **1925:** at Webster's Bakery, Mary St, Wynnum, Qld – Reginald Frank & Mabel Grace
- | | **Reginald Percy PIDGEON** (b.1915, Qld – d.1916, Qld)
- | | **Arnold Frank PIDGEON** (b. – d.1923, Qld)
- | | **Frank Alwyn PIDGEON** (b.31/1/1924, Brisbane, Qld – d.)
- | **Gladys Ann PIDGEON** (b.1891, Northampton – d.1892, Oy, Northampton)
- | **Doris Mary PIDGEON** (b.11/2/1894, Northampton – d.)
  - m.(1915, Fylde) **Percy RIGBY** (b.6/6/1887 – d.)
    - | **1939:** at 2 The Crescent, Blackpool – Percy & Doris; Joan + Kate F PIDGEON
  - | **Joan RIGBY** (b.19/5/1921, *Blackburn* – d.)
    - m.(1942, *Aldershot*) **Francis R HIRST** (b.1921, *Fylde* – d.)