

# No(r)ster Family History

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# Eva May Everingham

\*c. 1877 - †1 Mar 1940

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Father: ???

Mother: ???

Husband: Alfred Norster Percy (\*1871 - †1965)

Children: Bert Percy (\*? - †?)  
Alfred Jack Percy (\*? - †?)  
Noel Bernard Percy (\*1907 - †?)  
Dorothy May Percy (\*1912 - †?)

Birth: c. 1877  
Ulmarra, Clarence River, New South Wales, Australia

Wedding: 19 Jul 1905  
Swan Bay, New South Wales, Australia  
(Alfred Norster Percy)

Death: 1 Mar 1940  
Lismore, New South Wales, Australia

Funeral: 2 Mar 1940  
Methodist Church, Lismore, New South Wales, Australia

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Note: <sup>a)</sup> BIOGRAPHY: Obituary, The Northern Star, 4th March 1940.  
There was a large and representative gathering at the funeral in Lismore on Saturday afternoon of Mrs. Eva May Percy, wife of Mr. A. N. Percy, of Magellan-street, Lismore. Mrs. Percy died in Lismore on Friday morning. The remains were conveyed to the Lismore Methodist Church, where a large congregation attended a service conducted by the Lismore Presbyterian minister the Rev. James Beatty. Mr. A. H. Brockington officiated at the organ. Mr. Beatty, in opening his address, mentioned the unavoidable absence from Lismore of Rev. R. B. Lew. He spoke of the esteem in which Mrs. Percy had been held, of her devotion to her God and the Church, and particularly to her work as a member of the Methodist Ladies Church Aid Society. Members of the Church Aid, with the president (Mrs. R. B. Lew) attended the service and formed a guard of honour at the church door as the remains were carried to the hearse. A cortege followed the deceased to the Methodist portion of the Lismore cemetery, where Mr. Beatty officiated. The pall bearers at the church were Jack and Bert Percy (sons), H. Everingham (brother), S. G. Barnes, H. C. Blanch (church stewards) and R. R. Wotherspoon, and at the graveside Mr. P. A. Pursey (brother-in-law) and J. Leeson replaced Messrs. Barnes and Blanch. The wreaths were carried by Messrs. A. H. Warne, F. Gamble, L. V. Caldwell, W. G. Swanson and J. Downs, and included tributes from the Printing Industry Employees' Union (Lismore branch), 'Methodist Ladies' Church Aid Society, Lismore. Methodist Order of Knights, Methodist Christian Endeavour Society, postmaster and his staff; Kyogle, Lismore Methodist Choir, Lismore Methodist Brotherhood, management and staff of McLean's store, telegraph branch, Lismore, and the directors of "The Northern Star" Ltd. Messrs. Will Riley and Son conducted the funeral.

# Ann White Noster

\*14 Jan 1836 - †10 Apr 1921

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Father: Henry Norseter (\*? - †?)

Mother: Mary White (\*1796 - †?)

Siblings: Henry Norster (\*? - †1900)  
Francis Noster (\*? - †1922)  
John Richard Noster (\*? - †1900)  
Mary Noster (\*? - †?)  
Elizabeth Norster (\*? - †?)  
Jane Norster (\*? - †?)  
Samuel John Norster (\*1823 - †?)  
Jane Norster (\*1826 - †?)

Husband: Theodore Percy (\*1838 - †1926)

Children: Francis Henry Percy (\*1865 - †1926)  
Maud Mary Percy (\*1867 - †1918)  
George C Percy (\*1869 - †?)  
Alfred Norster Percy (\*1871 - †1965)  
Walter Cameron Percy (\*1874 - †1954)  
Catherine Isabella Percy (\*1876 - †?)  
Eugenie Annette J Percy (\*1881 - †?)

Birth: 14 Jan 1836  
Chesil, Portland, Dorset

Baptism: 8 May 1836  
Parish Church, Portland, Dorset

Wedding: 8 Oct 1863  
Weslyan Church, York Street, Sydney, New South Wales  
(Theodore Percy)

Death: 10 Apr 1921  
Coraki, New South Wales, Australia

Funeral: 11 Apr 1921  
Methodist Cemetery, Coraki, New South Wales, Australia

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Note: <sup>a)</sup> 1841-Census: Mallams, Portland, Dorset.nn1851-Census: High Street, Fortunes Well, Portland, Dorset.nn1881-Census: In Australia  
nBIOGRAPHY: NSW Death Certificate 1921/007409n  
Says arrived NSW Aust approx 1872n  
Retained Mothers name at Marriagen  
Death Cert says Mother Father unmarried.

# Alfred Norster Percy

\*14 Apr 1871 - †20 Nov 1965

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Father: Theodore Percy (\*1838 - †1926)

Mother: Ann White Noster (\*1836 - †1921)

Siblings: Francis Henry Percy (\*1865 - †1926)  
Maud Mary Percy (\*1867 - †1918)  
George C Percy (\*1869 - †?)  
Walter Cameron Percy (\*1874 - †1954)  
Catherine Isabella Percy (\*1876 - †?)  
Eugenie Annette J Percy (\*1881 - †?)

Wives: Eva May Everingham (\*1877 - †1940)  
Florence Ellen Reid (\*? - †?)

Children: Bert Percy (\*? - †?)  
Alfred Jack Percy (\*? - †?)  
Noel Bernard Percy (\*1907 - †?)  
Dorothy May Percy (\*1912 - †?)

Birth: 14 Apr 1871  
New Caledonia, France

Wedding: 19 Jul 1905  
Swan Bay, New South Wales, Australia  
(Eva May Everingham)

Wedding: 1942  
Ballina, New South Wales, Australia  
(Florence Ellen Reid)

Death: 20 Nov 1965  
Ballina, New South Wales, Australia

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Notes: <sup>a)</sup> BIOGRAPHY: Obituary, Northern Star 8/2/1966  
Historical Link goes with death of Mr. A.N.Percy.  
He was the fourth son of Theodore and Anne Percy, late of Coraki. Theodore Percy came from Walton in Somershire, England, in the mid-fifties of the last century. Anne was a daughter of a sea-faring family of Portland, arriving in Sydney just after the "Dunbar" was wrecked at the "Gap."  
They met in Sydney and soon after, wed and went to New Caledonia, where he was engaged in coffee cultivation and the culture of several fruits, at Mont d'Or (Mount of Gold).  
Mr. A. N. Percy was born in New Caledonia, the fifth son of a family of eight - five sons and three daughters.  
Leaving the plantation, the family moved to St. Vincent, where the father took over the management of a large cattle run.  
While they were at St. Vincent, a violent insurrection broke out among the natives, who set out on a campaign of massacre and destruction. Many families were wiped out but, through the loyalty of the chief of the tribe nearest to the home, who did not join in the revolt, the Percy family was able to escape.  
Mr. Theo Percy was in Noumea at the time but performed a "Paul Revere ride" on his stockhorse to protect his family, breaking through a cordon of sentinels on the outskirts of Noumea, in order to do so.  
A magnificent fact was that, immediately prior to reaching the Percy home, the natives attacked a hotel, where they indulged in the spoils of victory. Thus; strong drink became a key factor in the family escape.  
Arriving in Australia, the family finally moved to the Richmond, settling at Bungawalbyn and engaging in cane-farming. The venture failed and the next move was to Coraki, where the younger members of the family went to school under the rule of Mr. E. M. D. Spring, father of a well known violinist and music-teacher of Lismore, or later years.  
Mr. Alfred Percy commenced 'working at the Coraki "Herald", under Mr. L. F. Benaud, of a well-known family in the printing industry. A fellow-employee at the 'pink paper' was the brilliant journalist, Mr. Herb. McCallum.  
Following a period of 20 years in the "Herald," Mr. Percy moved to Casino, where he was employed at the Casino "Express". After 2½ years, he secured a position in the jobbing department

of "The Northern Star," Lismore. He remained with the "Star" for nearly 30 years, until his retirement. He was in charge of that department for many years. Mr. Percy married Eva May Everingham at Swan Bay in 1905. They had three children, Noel Bernard, Alfred Jack and Dorothy May. When Mrs. Percy died in 1940, Mr. Percy moved to Ballina, to live in retirement. Later, he married Mrs. Florence E. Reid and lived in Norton Street until his death. Mr. Percy was a staunch member of the Methodist Church and a regular attender of the services, until failing health compelled him to keep within the confines of his home. Except for a period which he was compelled to spend in hospital, he remained there, until his death. While at Ballina he served several years in the capacity of circuit steward. He became well-known in Ballina, the members of the church and friends tendering him a complimentary dinner on the attainment of his 90th birthday. Mr. Percy was fond of music, especially band music. He was a member of the Coraki brass band for many years. Other musical interests were the violin, which he played for some years, and pianist with a small orchestra, in Coraki. The Ballina Methodist Church was well fitted for the funeral service conducted by Rev. R. Trigger, Mr. Percy's son-in-law, Ronald R. Wotherspoon officiated at the organ. A number of Lismore residents attended the funeral service, among whom were representatives of the Methodist Church, "The Northern Star" and other bodies. The large number of floral tributes were carried by Ballina, Lismore and Mid - Richmond residents. Mr. Percy was buried in the Methodist portion of the Ballina cemetery. Pall-bearers at the church were Bert and Jack (sons), Brian (grandson), W. Ellis and A. Felch (Ballina church officers) and R. Hammond (neighbour), Ron Wotherspoon replaced J. Hammond at the cemetery.

b) Eva May Everingham is mother of: Bert Percy (\*?), Alfred Jack Percy (\*?), Noel Bernard Percy (\*1907) and Dorothy May Percy (\*1912)

# Eugenie Annette J Percy

\*1881 - †?

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Father: Theodore Percy (\*1838 - †1926)

Mother: Ann White Noster (\*1836 - †1921)

Siblings: Francis Henry Percy (\*1865 - †1926)  
Maud Mary Percy (\*1867 - †1918)  
George C Percy (\*1869 - †?)  
Alfred Norster Percy (\*1871 - †1965)  
Walter Cameron Percy (\*1874 - †1954)  
Catherine Isabella Percy (\*1876 - †?)

Birth: 1881  
Coraki, New South Wales, Australia

Funeral: after 1926

# Noel Bernard Percy

\*1907 - †?

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Father: Alfred Norster Percy (\*1871 - †1965)

Mother: Eva May Everingham (\*1877 - †1940)

Siblings: Bert Percy (\*? - †?)  
Alfred Jack Percy (\*? - †?)  
Dorothy May Percy (\*1912 - †?)

Wife: Elizabeth Ruth Barnes (\*1907 - †?)

Birth: 1907  
Coraki, New South Wales, Australia

Wedding: 26 Sep 1936  
New South Wales, Australia  
(Elizabeth Ruth Barnes)

# Theodore Percy

\*13 Oct 1838 - †18 Nov 1926

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Father: ???

Mother: ???

Wife: Ann White Noster (\*1836 - †1921)

Children: Francis Henry Percy (\*1865 - †1926)  
Maud Mary Percy (\*1867 - †1918)  
George C Percy (\*1869 - †?)  
Alfred Norster Percy (\*1871 - †1965)  
Walter Cameron Percy (\*1874 - †1954)  
Catherine Isabella Percy (\*1876 - †?)  
Eugenie Annette J Percy (\*1881 - †?)

Birth: 13 Oct 1838  
Walton, Somerset

Wedding: 8 Oct 1863  
Weslyan Church, York Street, Sydney, New South Wales  
(Ann White Noster)

Death: 18 Nov 1926  
Coraki, New South Wales, Australia

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Note: <sup>a)</sup> BIOGRAPHY: Extracted from Death notice Richmond River herald. from Scrapbooksupplied by Mrs Bella Mckinnon Mitchell. (Original unparagraphed)nnBIOGRAPHY: After several weeks illness Mr Theodore Percy of Union St, Coraki,passed to his rest on Thursday night at the advanced age of 88 years. The deceased gentleman came from fine old English stock, being a native of Walton in Somersetshire.n When at 17 years of age he left the family roof, and, in the company with his brother, the late Joseph Pursey, of "Frampton Park" Bungawalbyn, set sail on the "Phoebe Dunbar" for Australia. This was the beginning of what was to prove an adventurous and at times thrilling pioneering life.The "Phoebe Dunbar" was wrecked in Moreton Bay and those aboard clambered ashore by means of the jib boom.n Mr Percy went to work at Helidon Spa and Gatton Stations, then he took a turn at the Mookerawa diggings, but failing to strike payable gold went to William Boyd's station at Stonehenge, near Glen Innes.n In the year 1863, he moved to Sydney and was married in the old Wesleyan Chapel in York Street (Note until this time he used his birth spelling of PURSEY WGP). With his young wife he left for New Caledonia, followed coffee growing at Mont D'or, and then managed a cattle station at St Vincent.n The natives there were treacherous, but he was able to overcome their hostility, and live in peace amongst them. Finally, however, they broke out in insurrection, revolted against French rule, and massacred a large number of the whites. Fortunately, Mr Percy's family were able to escape, and he sent them to Sydney.n Mr Percy himself helped quell the rebellion, but the experience he went through determined him to leave the country, especially as the whole of his savings had been lost in a nickel mine floated in London with a capital of 220,000 pounds, but which never paid a dividend.n About the year 1878 Mr Percy returned to Sydney, and in March 1880 brought his family to the Richmond by the original "Richmond" which was skippered by the late Captain Ben Alley.n Settling at Bungawalbyn he entered into sugar growing for five or six years, and then went to Coraki, and conducted a delivery business for many years.n For close on 20 years past he had lived a retired life on his property near the Hospital, retaining to the last the respect and esteem of all who knew him.n Mrs Percy died six years ago, and the surviving sons and daughters are - Frank (Postmaster at Adelong), George (Malanganee), Alfred (Lismore), Walter (Postmaster at Bourke), Mrs G C Burgess (Molong) and Miss Netta Percy who lived with her father.n There are 24 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.nnEmigration: 1856nTravelled to Aus on Phoebe Dunbarn1856nLanded at Moreton BaynWent to New Calodonia to grow coffee unsuccessfullynStory 2 is mix with French in New calidonia at birth of son meant change to Percy from the French de PercynOpen Notes for full Storyn1856nMigrated to AustralianThis is line that went to PercynStory 1 is that wife snobby and wanted northern spelling of Pursey to PercynnnDEATH: Buried at Coraki with Wife