



Rhoda Elizabeth Selman nee Searle

Rhoda Elizabeth Searle was born on the 17th July 1884 and her birth was registered in the September Quarter in the Windsor Registration District. She was baptised in the same year in Egham, Surrey where her parents Henry and Rhoda Searle were resident.

Charles W. J. Selman was born on the 4th September 1882 in Cricklade, the son of Walter and Emma Selman.

The family are recorded as living at Woodbine Cottage, Stroud Street, Egham, Windsor, Berkshire in the 1891 census. Henry Searle was not recorded as being at home on the night of the census. Members of the household recorded are:- Rhoda, Wife, 23, born in Oxfordshire; Rhoda E., Daughter, 6, Born in Surrey; Thomas E. A., Son, 4, born in Surrey; Charles E., Son, 1, born in Surrey.

In 1891, Walter Selman, 33, and his wife Emma, 33, and three children, Charles, 8, May, 5, and Emily 5, are living in the High Street at Cricklade.

In 1901 Rhoda Elizabeth Searle is living and working as a servant at 63 High Street, The Avenue, Egham, Berkshire for Albert Edward Saltmarsh and his household. Rhoda is recorded as age 17, a domestic housemaid born in Egham, Surrey

By 1901, the Selman family are still living in the High Street in Cricklade; Walter, 43, was a horseman on a farm, Emma, 43, (her birthplace was Ashton Keynes), Charles, 18, was an assistant coachman, and the daughters May, 16, and Emily 15. Walter and the three children were all born in Cricklade.

In 1905 Charles Walter J. Selman married Rhoda Elizabeth Searle in Tillington, Sussex on the 16th April. The marriage is registered in June Quarter of 1905 in the Windsor Registration District.

Stephen Searle Selman their eldest son was born on the 5th March 1906 and his birth was registered in the June Quarter of that year in the Cricklade Registration District. He was baptised at Brinkworth on 6th May 1906 the son of Charles Wallis John and Elizabeth Rhoda Searle.

Mervyn C. W. Selman was born in the September Quarter of 1910 and his birth registered in Cricklade Registration District.

The 1911 census at Latton records the family as:- Charles, Head, 28, Domestic groom, born in Cricklade; Rhoda, Wife, 26, born in Egham, Surrey; Stephen, Son, 5, born in Latton; Mervyn, Son, Infant, born in Latton. Boarder Alfred Blake, age 20, a domestic groom, born in Shorthath, Surrey is recorded in the same household.

Youngest son Mervyn Selman died aged 21 and unmarried on the 21st September 1931. He is buried in the churchyard of St. John, Latton

The 1939 Register records Charles, Rhoda and Stephen as living in Norcote Cottage, Ampney Crucis, Gloucestershire, a contiguous parish to Latton. Charles is recorded as a Private Gardner (Heavy Worker). Rhoda is listed as carrying out unpaid domestic duties and Stephen is working as a dairy hand (heavy worker).

Rhoda Elizabeth Selman died in the December Quarter of 1966 aged 82. Her death is registered in the Cirencester Registration District and she is buried in the churchyard of St. John, Latton



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Charles Selman died in the September Quarter of 1968 aged 85. His death is registered in the Cirencester Registration District. He is buried in a joint grave with his wife Rhoda in the churchyard at Latton.



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Stephen Searle Selman died unmarried in the December Quarter of 1996 and his death registered in the Cirencester Registration District. He was 90 years of age. At this stage we do not know if he is buried in Latton with his parents and brother.