



# People News

*Seend*

## *Miss West Awdry*

Miss West Awdry, of 6 Bathwick street, Bath, who has passed the age of 91, is a member of an old Wiltshire family, who were settled at Seend. She is full of reminiscences but dislikes publicity. In an interview with a representative of this paper, however, she pointed out, among her collection of old family portraits, a painting of her grandmother, a handsome woman, who was the mother of 14 children. She was a descendant of the Remington family, in Yorkshire, a picture of one branch of which – father, mother and 21 children - is still preserved by Miss West Awdry.

The family moved from Monkton, Chippenham in 1892. Her father had been chairman of the Chippenham Board of Guardians for many years. One of Miss West Awdry's cousins was Jeremiah Awdry, of Johnstone Street, Bath, who is buried in old Bathwick Churchyard.

Miss West Awdry lived for two years in New Zealand, where some of her cousins still have their home. One of her uncles lived to be 100, and there are many other instances of longevity in the family.

The family is scattered far and wide, some in Australia, others in New Zealand. A brother died two years ago in Africa, and another brother was drowned in young manhood in the Avon at Chippenham. A relative in Australia inherited a beautiful estate in Scotland, and came over to enjoy it, but, after going through England and Scotland, he decided to go back to Australia.

Miss Awdry had much to say about the increased traffic in Bathwick Steet, since the Cleveland toll bridge was freed. She spoke of the scores of buses and charabancs that pass, and declared that the thoroughfare is now extremely noisy.

She is a great reader and student of current events, is very active for her years, and frequently takes walks abroad.

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