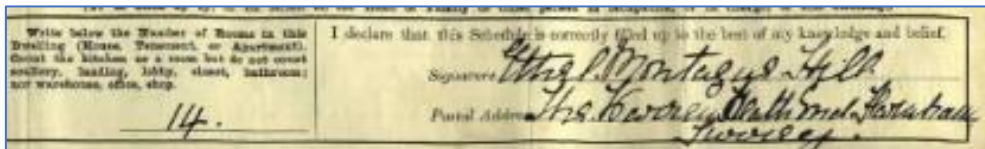


Chapter 4 Part 3 The 1910s
The Warren

The large Victorian house called The Warren usually had plenty of residents, visitors and servants to fill the extraordinary expanse of 14 rooms and the 1911 census was no exception.

Lily Ethel Ada Hill	Head		40	Mar	Private Means	Surbiton
Emma Jane Barry	Mother		65	Mar	Private Means	Kensington
Anthony Cuthbert Hill	Uncle	62		Sing	Retired Capt HM Army	Kensington
Cyril Eunice Montague Hill	Son		10		Student	Paddington
Lionel Evelyn Montague Hill	Son		5			Kensington
Leslie Basil Montague Hill	Son		3			Kensington
Vincent Roland Montague Hill	Son		3			Kensington
Margaret Ryass	Servant		37	Sing	Cook (Domestic)	Armargh
Katherine Alice Sparrow	Servant		49	Sing	Parlourmaid (Dom)	Colchester
Annie Elizabeth Carden	Servant		46	Sing	Nurse (Domestic)	London
Fanny Hanwell	Servant		21	Sing	Nurse (Domestic)	Sheffield
Annie Edith Bruce	Servant		18	Sing	Nurse (Domestic)	Tring
Veronica Campbell	Servant		18	Sing	Housemaid (Dom)	Newcastle

Ethel Hill signed the document since Colonel Hill was away in Ireland. They had been married 17 years with 4 children and one deceased. Clearly having three toddlers required three nurses.



So, who were these people? Lily Ethel Ada Parkinson had married Henry Cecil de la Montague Hill at Westminster, London in 1893. It must have been a society wedding; three Vicars needed, naturally.

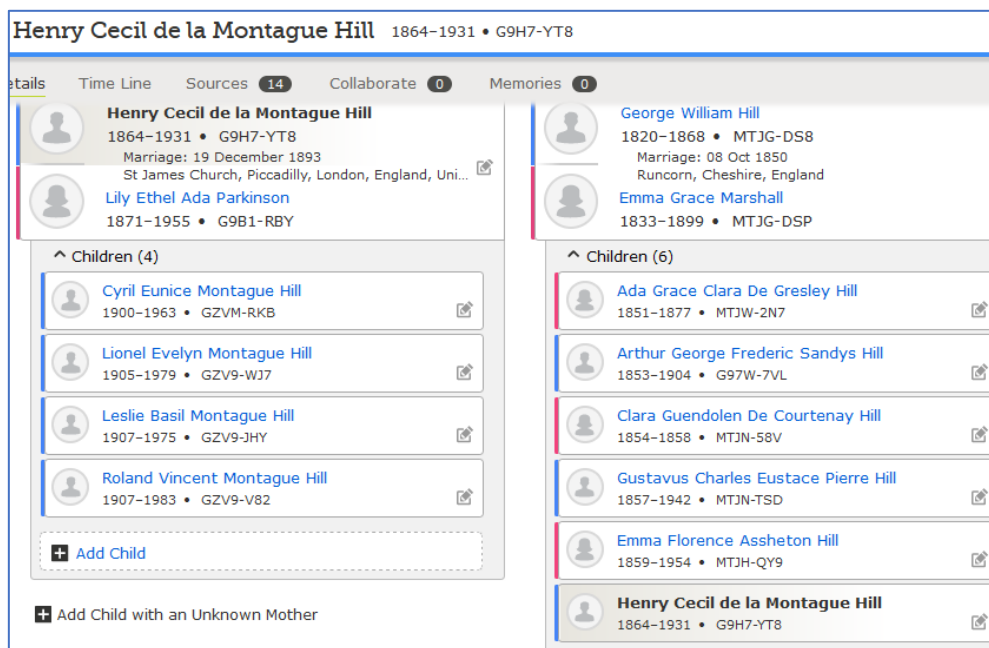
1893 Marriage solemnized at the Church in the Parish of St James Westminster the County of Middlesex							
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.
380	Dec: 19 1893	Henry Cecil de la Montague Hill	29	Bachelor	Lieut. 5th Buffs	S. James's	George William Hill
		Lily Ethel Ada Parkinson	24	Spinster		Andrew's	John Parkinson
Married in the Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by Licence or after							
This Marriage was solemnized between us: H. C. de la M. Hill and Lily Ethel Ada Parkinson in the presence of us: Robert Mercer Barry and E. Mercer Barry							

HILL-PARKINSON.—19th inst., at St. James's Church, Piccadilly, by the Rev. E. Bennett and the Rev. Horace Atkins, Vicar of Harrington, Northampton, H. C. de la Montague Hill, the Bufts, youngest son of the late Mr. G. W. Hill, of Toothill, Carnarvon, and Lily Ethel Ada, only daughter of the late J. Parkinson, 18th Hussars, and Capt. 4th Batt. West Yorkshire Regt., and Mrs. Robert Mercer Barry, of Ashley Grange, Cheriton, Kent.

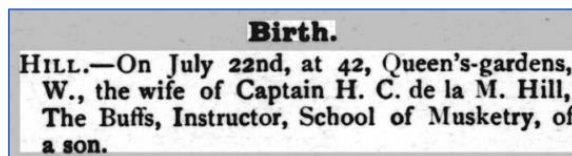
When Ethel's mother Emma Jane Parkinson née Dunn was widowed, she had remarried and in 1911, her husband Robert Mercer Barry, a retired Army officer was in Bucklebury, Berkshire on his farm.

Ethel was somehow in a tizz filling in the form because she gave her uncle the wrong surname! The uncle Anthony Cuthbert Hill was really Anthony Cuthbert Dunn, her mother's younger brother.

Ethel's husband, Henry Cecil de la Montague Hill (1864-1931) born in Lytham St Annes, Lancashire, seems to come from a family with extraordinary names.



Henry first served in the 3rd Battalion of the Welsh Guards but was 'gazetted' to The Buffs (East Kent). The London Gazette seemed to be used as a verb.



An announcement was placed in the Folkestone Herald in August 1900 at the birth of the Hill's first son Cyril Eunice Montague Hill. Captain Hill was an instructor and experimental officer with The Buffs in the School of Musketry. Hart's Army List showed the 1882, 1891 and 1902 dates of being promoted Lieutenant, Captain then Major.

UK, Hart's Annual Army List, 1908 for Hy Cecil De La Montague Hill

Hart's Annual Army List 1908			
Fusiliers	.....	10 May 82	24 June 91
Hy. Montague Shallett O'Brien, Major, Royal Munster	.....	30 Dec. 91	27 Aug. 02
Hy. Cecil de la Montague Hill, Major, Border Regt.	.....	10 May 82	30 Dec. 91
Henry Louis Rosher, Major, The Buffs	.....	10 Nov. 85	23 Oct. 95

From 1906 to 1909, Henry was on the General Staff Northern Command, and was appointed to Command of the 1st Battalion at Aldershot on August 4th, 1910. While Ethel was completing the census in 1911 in Rowhills, her husband was in Dublin. The battalion had been ordered to reinforce the Garrison at Belfast where Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, was making a controversial speech in the Ulster Hall regarding **supporting** Irish Home Rule. (Lord Randolph Churchill, his father had made a speech in the same place **opposing** Home Rule.) These were troubled times.

Leaving Ireland, Colonel Hill then served in France in 1914 on active service. Towards the end of the war, Henry was injured, invalided home and given the command of the Machine Gun Training Centre. He was mentioned in despatches and made C.B. (Companion of the Order of the Bath) and C.M.G. (Companion of the Order of St Michael and St George)

https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Hill-33732#_note-16 describes

While my grandfather and great uncles were undergoing their intensive training at Grantham, a group of officers were in discussions with Brigadier-General Henry Cecil de la Montague Hill concerning the possibility of establishing a masonic lodge dedicated to the corps. The idea was approved, and this led to the formation and consecration of Maguncor Lodge, No. 3806, at the Guildhall, Grantham on 20 September 1917, with the Brigadier General himself becoming the first Senior Warden.

Henry Cecil de la Montague Hill died in 1931 at Walmer near Dover. His wife Lily Ethel Ada Montague Hill also died in Walmer in 1955 and all four sons lived into old age.

We have not quite finished with The Warren but first let us try to understand money in this period. Some 1914 advertisements for live-in cook show wages around £25 per annum. That may have given a half-day off a week but for others it had been half a day a month.

WANTED, superior COOK-GENERAL, Farnham; £24-£26; two in family and child; nurse and valet kept; no boots or knives; personal reference essential.—Apply, Mrs. Larpent, Bessborough, Heath End, Farnham. (45,137)

WANTED, thorough good GENERAL; good plain cooking; comfortable home; occasional help; £20 to £25, if able to do requirements.—Miss Franks, 2, Wellington Place, Guildford. (45,128)

The Surrey voting register showed how much some voting lodgers paid. George Knott only paid 4 shillings a week to live at Hale in Cemetery Lodge but then he had to mow the grass and tend the graves for the landlord Daniel Knott.

Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962				
Guildford > 1915				
Name	Description	Address	Rate	Notes
Knott, George Alfred	Three rooms, two first floor, one ground floor, unfurnished	Cemetery lodge, Hale	4s. per week by services rendered	Daniel Knott, Cemetery lodge

The Royal Arms charged ten shillings a week for rooms only.

Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962				
Guildford > 1911				
Name	Description	Address	Rate	Notes
Corble, John Willis	Ground floor sitting room, first floor bed room, both furnished	The Royal Arms hotel, Heath end	10s. per week for rooms only	W. J. Rudling, same address

Surrey Voting Registers restarted in 1918 after the First World War. Returning to The Warren, in 1919 Colonel George Edward Nussey Booker (1867-1938) and his wife Edith (not Aditha) Mary née Tiarks had moved in. He was Lieutenant Colonel CBE (Commander of the Order of the British Empire) in the Reserve Regiment of Cavalry attached to the 5th Dragoon Guards.

Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 for George Booker	
Farnham > 1919 Autumn	
Name	Address
Booker, Aditha	The Warren, Upper End
Booker, George (Colonel)	Do. do.

George Booker was a Lieutenant in the 5th Dragoon Guards in 1892 but by 1911 he was an employer as an Insurance Broker living at Eaton Place, Belgravia. War came and in serving his country, he rose through the ranks.

1	George Edward Nussey Booker	Head	44		Married				Insurance Broker	50
2	Edith Mary Booker	Wife	37	37	Married	19	2	2	none	
3	Rachael Edith Booker	Daughter	12						Student	350
4	Minnie Bailey	Servant	32		Single				Cook (Domestic)	01
5	Jeane Verdant	Servant	30		Single				Housemaid (Domestic)	
6	Alice Georgina Essex	Servant	17		Single				Housemaid (Domestic)	
7	Rose Foster Folkes Sargeant	Servant	17		Single				Housemaid (Domestic)	

One constant question we have asked is who owned The Warren in the 1910s? We need to re-look at Admiral Sir Thomas Sturges Jackson from Devonport. He was the Admiral we had met previously with a son having an identical knighthood, rank and name, just to add confusion.

In 1908, Thomas Jackson had been an Occupational voter; he did not own The Warren. However, 1914 and 1915 in the Ownership Electors, he was listed as owning The Warren, a freehold house. He also had a Cheltenham home and a United Service Club membership.

Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 for Admiral Jackson			
Guildford > 1914			
Jackson, Admiral Sir Thomas Sturges	Avelington, Cheltenham	land Freehold house	The Warren

Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962			
Guildford > 1915			
Jackson, Admiral Sir Thomas Sturges	United Service club, Pall Mall, S.W.	Freehold house	The Warren

By 1915 Thomas Jackson was now 73 and The Warren was probably an investment.

UK, Navy Lists, 1888-1970 for Thomas Sturges Jackson				
1933, January				
	Admiral.	Vice-Admiral.	Rear-Admiral.	Captain.
Admiral <i>N.P.M.</i> Sir Thomas Sturges Jackson, K.C.V.O.	5 July 05	24 Jan 02	20 Oct 96	14 Oct 81

Thomas' wife Helen Louisa, with whom he had had six children had died in 1884. He later married Marian Crane and together they had a daughter. Marian died in 1920. Thomas Jackson KCVO (Knight Commander of the Victorian Order) died in 1934. So, who owned The Warren now?

JACKSON K.C.V.O. sir Thomas Sturges of Cherries Colchester died 9 September 1934 Probate London 19 November to sir Thomas Jackson K.B.E. C.B. M.V.O. and Harold Gordon Jackson retired captain R.N. Effects £1647 13s. 5d.

The last property we have yet to visit is the Army College. If we turn left from The Warren, there is the Army College cricket ground adjacent to us. That delightful summer tap of a cricket ball on the willow bat makes our heart rejoice. We spot an Army College student wearing a striped blazer with a straw boater on his head, slipping down the bank to watch the cricket match. A blissful English country scene for any lady or gentleman.