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Solving your family history mysteries

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family history REPORT

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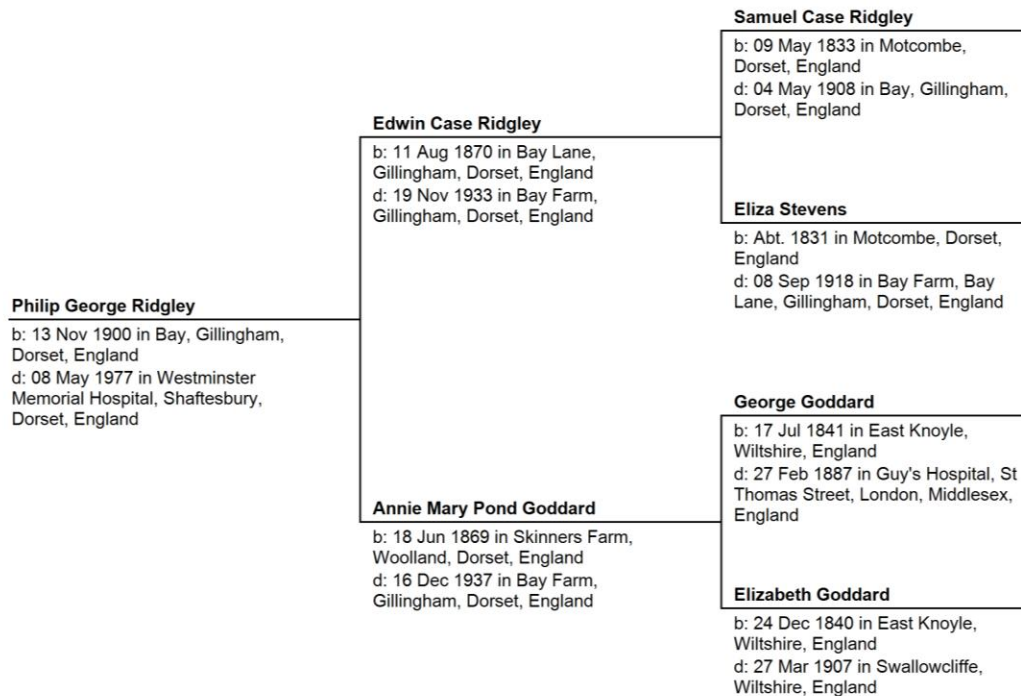
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Price	£60 (Standard Introductory Report)

YOUR REQUIREMENTS

You indicated that you wished to explore the ancestry of your maternal grandfather, Philip RIDGLEY. You provided the following details:

Name	Philip RIDGLEY (deceased)
Date of birth	Between 1898 and 1902
Place of birth	Gillingham, Dorset, England
Name of spouse	Beatrice (surname not known)
Other information	A farmer of Bay Farm in the mid 1900s.

FAMILY TREE



RESEARCH

A search of the General Register Office produced a likely candidate for the birth certificate of your grandfather, Philip RIDGLEY (reference 1900/352). We ordered this certificate (see Appendix 1 for a copy) and discovered the following information:

"Philip George RIDGLEY was born at Bay, Gillingham, Dorset, England" on the 13th November 1900, son of Edwin Case RIDGLEY, a farmer, and Annie Mary Pond GODDARD."

Using this information, we searched the 1901 England Census and located the following family:

1901 England Census

Dwelling: Bay, Gillingham, Dorset

RIDGLEY, Edwin; Head; Married; Age 30; Farmer (employer); Born Gillingham, Dorset

RIDGLEY, Annie; Wife; Married; Age 31; Born Woolland, Dorset

RIDGLEY, George; Son; Single; Age 4m; Born Gillingham, Dorset

The 1901 England census was taken on the 31st March 1901 and this provides a calculated date of birth for George RIDGLEY between 1st November and 30th November. This accords with information from Philip George RIDGLEY's birth certificate. It appears his parents used his second name only.

To confirm this information we searched the 1911 England Census and located the following family:

1911 England Census

Dwelling: Spring Cottage, Gillingham, Dorset

RIDGLEY, Edwin C; Head; Married; Age 40; Farmer; Born Gillingham, Dorset

RIDGLEY, Philip; Son; Single; Age 10; Born Gillingham, Dorset

A further search located Edwin's wife:

1911 England Census

Dwelling: Longham, Wimborne, Dorset

MILLS, Harry Hodson; Head; Married; Age 41; Domestic Gardiner; Born Harrowden

MILLS, Bessie Olivia; Wife; Married; Age 39; Born Woolland, Blandford

MILLS, Daisy Mary; Daughter; Single; Age 5; Born Pyt House Lodge, Tisbury, Wiltshire

RIDGLEY, Annie Mary Pond; Visitor; Married; Age 41; Born Woolland, Blandford

This appears to confirm that Philip George RIDGLEY was the son of Edwin Case RIDGLEY and Annie Mary Pond GODDARD.

We searched the 1891 England census and identified the following family

1891 England Census

Dwelling: Bay Farm, Bay Lane, Gillingham, Dorset, England

RIDGLEY, Samuel C; Head; Married; Age 57; Yeoman; Born Motcombe, Dorset

RIDGLEY, Eliza; Wife; Married; Age 58; Born Motcombe, Dorset

RIDGLEY, Samuel S; Son; Single; Age 34; Farmer's son; Born Gillingham, Dorset

RIDGLEY, George S; Son; Single; Age 32; Medical Student; Born Gillingham, Dorset

RIDGLEY, Edwin C; Son; Single; Age 20; Farmer's son; Born Gillingham, Dorset

From the 1911 England Census, we know that Edwin Case RIDGLEY was born around 1871 in Gillingham, Dorset. This entry in the 1891 England census corroborates this information and would indicate that they are one and the same person. It would therefore appear that Edwin, your great grandfather, is the son of Samuel C. RIDGLEY and Eliza, your 2nd great grandparents.

We located Edwin Case RIDGLEY in the National Probate Calendar. This document records a summary of Edwin's last Will & Testament:

"RIDGLEY Edwin Case of Bay Farm, Gillingham, Dorsetshire, died 19 November 1933. Probate: Blandford on 31 January to Annie Mary Pond Ridgley, widow, and Philip George Ridgley, farmer. Effects: £9773 18s. 5d."

Further information was available from the National Burial Index:

"Buried at Gillingham Cemetery: In loving memory of Edwin Case Ridgley who passed away Nov. 19th 1933 Aged 63 years. At Rest. Also his loving wife Annie Mary Ridgley who passed away Dec, 16th 1937 Aged 68 years. Re-united."

We searched the 1871 England census and identified the following family:

1871 England Census

Dwelling: Woolland, Dorset, England

GODDARD, George; Head; Married; Age 29; Farmer of 400 acres; Born Donhead St Mary

GODDARD, Elizabeth; Wife; Married; Age 29; Farmer's wife; Born Donhead St Mary

GODDARD, William G; Son; Single; Age 2; Born Woolland

GODDARD, Annie Mary P; Daughter; Single; Age 1; Born Woolland

From the 1911 England census, we know that Annie Mary Pond RIDGLEY was born around 1870 in Woolland, Dorset. We also know from Philip George RIDGLEY's birth certificate that she was born Annie Mary Pond GODDARD. This entry in the 1871 England census corroborates this information and would indicate that they are one and the same person. It would therefore appear that Annie is the daughter of George GODDARD and Elizabeth.

We searched the 1851 England Census and identified the following family:

1851 England Census

Dwelling: Newbury, Gillingham, Dorset, England

RIDGLEY, George; Head; Married; Age 46; Cheese dealer; Born Shaftesbury, Dorset

RIDGLEY, Harriet; Wife; Married; Age 44; Born Horsington, Somerset

RIDGLEY, Phillip; Son; Single; Age 10; Scholar; Born Motcombe, Dorset

From the 1891 England Census we know that Samuel C. RIDGLEY was born around 1834 in Motcombe, Dorset. The Samuel RIDGLEY in this census was also born around 1834 and born in Motcombe, Dorset. It therefore seems likely they are one and the same man.

We identified a baptism for Samuel Case RIDGLEY at Holy Trinity Church, Shaftesbury, Dorset, on the 6th June 1833. His parents are recorded as George RIDGLEY and Caroline CASE. His date of birth is recorded as 9th May 1833. The father named would appear to be the one recorded in the 1851 England census. It is interesting to note that his mother does not have the same name as George's wife in the 1851 England Census. We would suggest that "Harriet" is George's second wife. This may be confirmed by identifying the marriage of George RIDGLEY and Harriet in the first instance.

We located Samuel Case RIDGLEY in the National Probate Calendar. This document records a summary of Samuel's last Will & Testament:

"RIDGLEY, Samuel Case of Bay in Gillingham, Dorsetshire, yeoman, died 4 May 1908. Probate granted at Blandford on 26 January to George Stevens RIDGLEY yeoman and William Alford BRISTOL, farmer. Effects: £3467 13s. 9d."

Further information was available from the Dorset Monumental Inscriptions database:

"In loving memory of Samuel Case Ridgley, who died May 4th 1908. Aged 74 Years. Until the Day Break. Also of Eliza, widow of the above, Who died September 8th 1918. Aged 86 Years. Also of Samuel Stevens, Eldest son of the above, Who died March 25th 1915. Aged 59 Years. Also of Sam, Infant son of E. and A. Ridgley, who died January 24th 1900. Aged 1 Year and 9 Months."

FURTHER RESEARCH

A birth certificate may provide the following information:

- Name, date and place of birth
- Father's name (if given at time of registration), place of birth and occupation
- Mother's name, place of birth and maiden surname

A marriage certificate may provide the following information:

- Date and place of marriage
- Name, age and marital status of man and woman
- Occupation and usual address
- Name and occupation of each party's father
- Names of the witnesses
- Name of the person who solemnised the marriage

In order to extend your family tree, we would recommend obtaining the following certificates from the General Register Office. Please note that although we have confirmed that these certificates exist, we cannot verify that they are the correct ones until we receive them. There is no refund if the certificate is for the wrong individual.

1. The marriage certificate for Edwin Case RIDGLEY and Anne Mary P. GODDARD
2. The birth certificate for Annie Mary P. GODDARD
3. The marriage certificate for Samuel Case RIDGLEY and Eliza STEVENS
4. The marriage certificate for George RIDGLEY and Harriet BAVERSTOCK

In addition to these records, we estimate that a further two hours of research may reveal two further generations of ancestors or add further detail to the individuals identified, for example the names of siblings. The total price would be £80 for the research and £37 for the four certificates - a total of £117.

We hope you have found the information uncovered by *The Time Detective* to be of value. We would very much value your feedback by email to:

feedback@thetimedetective.com

If you wish to commission any further research, please provide details by email on:

research@thetimedetective.com

APPENDIX 1 - PHILIP GEORGE RIDGLEY'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE

GIVEN AT THE GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE

Application Number PAS 803612/3



CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF BIRTH

REGISTRATION DISTRICT **Shaftesbury**
 1900 BIRTH in the Sub-district of **Gillingham** in the **County of Dorset**

Column:-	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
No.	When and where born	Name, if any	Sex	Name and surname of father	Name, surname and maiden surname of mother	Occupation of father	Signature, description and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar	Name entered after registration
352	Shaftesbury November 1900 5 Day Gillingham H. F.	Philip George	Boy	Edwin Cass Ridgley	Anne Mary Ridgley Tarnet Goddard	Farmer	A. M. P. Ridgley Mother Gillingham	28th December 1900	Joseph J. Soper	Joseph J. Soper

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Births in the District above mentioned.
 Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, under the Seal of the said Office, the **28th** day of **February** **2003**



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