

History surrounding Photos of Hicks Family : Great Holland

As you probably know, the Hicks family tree is well documented but the part of the family I am referring to is :-

Charles Thompson Hicks, baptised 29 March 1838, Great Holland, died 1892, buried Great Holland, married to Lilian Martha Smith, born c.1853, Colchester, Essex, farmer at Great Holland Hall from 1864. Children:-

- Beatrice Hicks, born c.1875, Great Holland, an author in Hampstead (1901)
- Charles Hubert Hicks, born c.1876, Great Holland, died 21 July 1918, killed in action in France. Lieutenant, 8th Battalion, Sherwood Foresters. A solicitor in Hampstead (1901)
- Amy M. Hicks, born c.1878, Great Holland, married to J. M. Bull, a teacher in Hampstead (1901), was a Trustee of Great Holland Village Hall and Institute, 1909-1933

I have seen, but do not own, an Award of Enfranchisement for the Manor of Great Holland dated 9th January 1868, concerning

- Fredrick Hicks, the tenant farmer of the Manor of Great Holland, Essex, since 16th June 1865 and
- Thomas Cree the younger, of 13 Grays Inn Square in the County of Middlesex, Gentleman, Lord of the Manor of Gt. Holland.

It was signed and sealed by the Copyhold Commissioners. However I'm not quite sure if Fredrick Hicks and Charles Thompson Hicks are the same person.

Lilian Hicks and her daughter Amy were well known suffragettes¹ and one of the pictures I'm sending is a group of young ladies including Amy Hicks with Sophie Bryant².

Charles and Amy never had children but in 1903, Beatrice married Edgar Morrison Rose (born in Palermo Sicily, 1868). Edgar was a solicitor in Hampstead.

Beatrice and Edgar had two children:-

- Lyla Morrison Rose b. 1904 - Marylebone Rd
- Thirza Morrison Rose b.1905 - Marylebone Rd

At some point, the whole family moved to Coggeshall and that is where my family's connection begins. Neither Lyla nor Thirza ever married but they were quite affluent and did a great deal of travelling, the Grand Tour, many times over.

My aunt often travelled with them and after Thirza's death in 1956, became Lyla's lifelong companion. When Lyla died in 1969, her estate was divided between my aunt and a distant relative. My aunt kept all their personal papers etc. and on her death, they were left to my husband and I as part of 'Goods and Chattels'. It seems to me I have been sorting ever since!

I have also sorted some First World War documents regarding Charles, but intend to offer those to the National War Museum, however if they are not interested I will contact you again to see if you would like to add them to your collection.

I have always felt rather sad that there was no close living relative who might appreciate these things, but could never bear to discard them; however the time has now come to find them new homes

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1 ref:- The Women's Suffrage Movement by Elizabeth Crawford Pg 284

2 Sophie Bryant (nee Willock) (1850-1922), Educationalist; Irish patriot; suffragist