

A Family and a Village

The Swanbourne Fremantles

An overview of those members of the Fremantle family who were born, lived, died or were buried in Swanbourne.

by Ken Harris

The Fremantle Generations

Captain (Admiral) **Thomas Francis Fremantle & Elizabeth (Betsey) Wynne.**

1st Lord and Lady Cottesloe – Sir Thomas Francis Fremantle & Louisa Elizabeth Nugent

2nd Lord & Lady Cottesloe – Thomas Francis Fremantle & Augusta Henrietta Scott

3rd Lord & Lady Cottesloe – Thomas Francis Fremantle & Florence Tapling

4th Lord & Lady Cottesloe – John Walgrave Halford Fremantle & Elizabeth Harris

5th Lord & Lady Cottesloe - John Tapling Fremantle & Elizabeth Ann Barker

Historical Background

1789 French Revolution

1796 Napoleon invades Italy

1805 Battle of Trafalgar

1815 Battle of Waterloo

1829 Catholic Emancipation

1832 Reform Act passed in Parliament

1914-18 1st World War

1939-45 2nd World War

Captain Thomas Fremantle

1765 - 1819



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Born 20th November 1765 in Hampstead, the 3rd son of John Fremantle (said to be of Aston Abbotts) and Frances Edwards, an heiress and daughter of John Edwards of Bristol.

He was one of four boys (John, Stephen, **Thomas** and William) and 3 girls (married names – Sarah Wells, Mrs Cathcart and Mrs Bishop).

Thomas went to sea in the Royal Navy aged 11.

His father died in 1784, by which time he was a Lieutenant, aged 18 or 19.

Captain Thomas Fremantle

1765 - 1819

He served in various ships in the West Indies, and was promoted to Commander in 1790, then Captain in 1793.

In January 1795, he was Captain of the *Inconstant*, serving in the Mediterranean, and it was here, on 24th June 1796 that he was sent to Leghorn in Italy, to rescue various families and merchants from the advancing army of Napoleon Bonaparte. Amongst the families was Richard Wynne and his daughter **Betsey Wynne**.

Elizabeth (Betsey) Wynne



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1778 - 1857

Betsey Wynne, born 19th April 1778 in Venice, was the second of 5 daughters born to Richard Wynne, of Falkingham (now Folkingham) in Lincolnshire, and Camille de Royer.

In 1788, Richard Wynne had sold up the estate he had inherited, and began touring Europe with his family and entourage. It was soon after this that **Betsey**, aged 11, began writing her well-known diary.

Thomas and Betsey

Betsey was 18 when she met the 30 year old **Captain Fremantle**, and there seems to have been an instant attraction between the two of them. However, there were obstacles to them getting married. **Betsey** was Catholic and **Thomas** was Protestant, she was from a wealthy family, and he, being 3rd son, had no inheritance. Also, **Thomas** was on active duty, in a war zone, and was called away to other tasks.

Thomas and Betsey

married on 12th January 1797

But these obstacles were overcome, Richard Wynne gave granted the couple £8,000, and the marriage took place in the home of Sir William* and Lady Emma Hamilton, with Prince Augustus, the 6th son of King George III, giving **Betsey** away. [* Envoy Extraordinary to the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies]

Betsey then started life aboard the *Inconstant*. When her husband and Nelson were both injured whilst attacking the port of Tenerife (25th July 1797), she was already pregnant with her first child. They all returned to England.

Birth of **Thomas Francis Fremantle** – their first child.

Betsey's Diary London Sunday, March 11th 1798.

I woke in great pain this morning, continued poorly all day, but minded it as little as possible. To my no small happiness and everybody's surprise I was brought to bed by seven o'clock in the evening of a boy, before Dr. Savage had time to come, the nurse delivered me. A small child but a sweet boy.

Purchase of the Old House

Betsey's Diary Sunday 29th July Aston Abbots

Fremantle went to see a small cottage which is to be sold, he finds it a comfortable little spot and will most likely buy it. I think it is a very wise and good plan – as we will be able to live much more comfortably in the country than in London where everything leads one into expense.

Purchase of the Old House

Betsey's Diary Monday 30th July 1798

We all went to see the house Fremantle wishes to buy, it is two miles from Winslow, about two miles from the turnpike road in the village of Swanburn, very agreeably situated on a hill, it is a very nice place which would suit us on all accounts. It is to be sold for 1,000 guineas but we are endeavouring to get it for less - it is very cheap even at that price. Mamma was very ill indeed

Purchase of the Old House

Betsey's Diary Thursday 2nd August 1798.

Mr. Cutheart called in the morning - Fremantle returned to dinner - Master Fincher came in the evening with the answer about Swanburn - which we are to buy for 900 guineas - it is worth £1,200.

Betsey's Diary Monday 6th August 1798.

Went with Mamma to our estate. The more I see the place the more I like it and find it a good bargain - as there is three little fields with the house and a good kitchen garden.

Betsey's picture



The Old House, Swanbourne, c. 1810
from a drawing in the journal of Betsy (Wynne) Fremantle

The Old House today



Thomas and Betsey had 9 children

1. Thomas Francis
2. Emma Eugenia Elizabeth
3. Charles Howe
4. Henry Hyde
5. Augusta Harriet
6. Louisa Maria Christina
7. William Robert
8. Cecilia
9. Stephen Grenville

Captain Thomas Fremantle

Thomas Fremantle returned to sea in 1801, and took part in the Battles of Copenhagen (1801) and Trafalgar (1805). He returned home in 1806, and became MP for Sandwich, under the Premiership of William Grenville. However his parliamentary career was very short-lived (though he may have supported the 1807 Act to abolish the Slave Trade).

The Grenville government fell over Catholic Emancipation, and Thomas was not re-elected in the subsequent election.

Captain Thomas Fremantle

1807 – *William and Mary* Royal Yacht.

1810 – 1814 Rear Admiral in command of the Adriatic Squadron, where he did very good service in recovering Dalmatia from the French.

1815 – Flag Officer, Channel Islands

29th November 1816 – made Baron of Austria

January 1819 – Commander in Chief, in the Mediterranean.

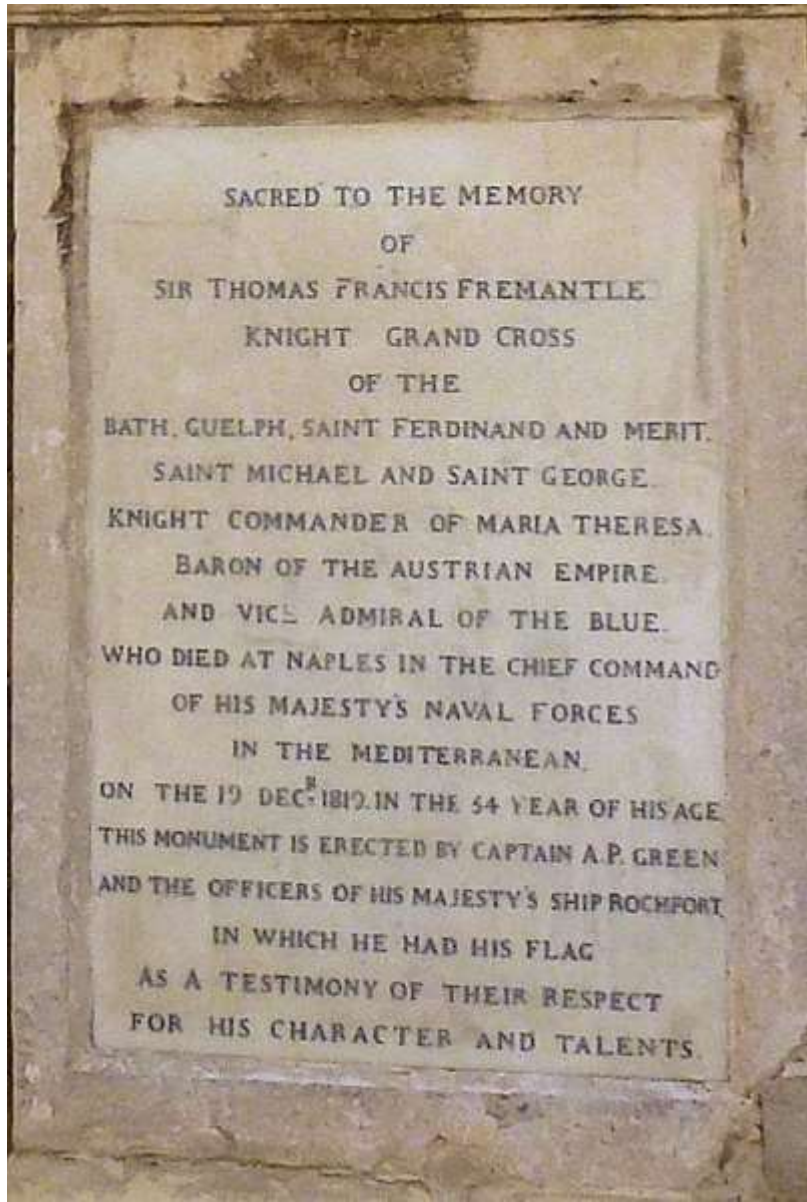
12th August 1819 - promoted to Vice-Admiral.

19th December 1819 – died and buried in Naples

Malta Memorial



Malta & Swanbourne Memorials



Thomas Fremantle's will

His eldest son **Thomas Francis**, recently come of age and down from Oxford, where he took a first in mathematics and a second in classics, inherited the Swanbourne property and the residue of personalty sworn under £3,000. He, his surviving brothers **Charles Howe** and **Stephen Grenville**, who had naval careers, and **William Robert**, who entered the church, and their **three sisters** were entitled by their father's will of 2 Mar. 1815 to share £10,000 on their mother's death; but this did not occur until 1857. **Admiral Fremantle** had in his will enjoined **Thomas** to submit himself 'entirely to be governed' by the 'advice and direction' of his uncle and trustee William Henry Fremantle, Member for Buckingham and confidant of the 2nd marquess of Buckingham, of whose small parliamentary squad he was the whipper-in.

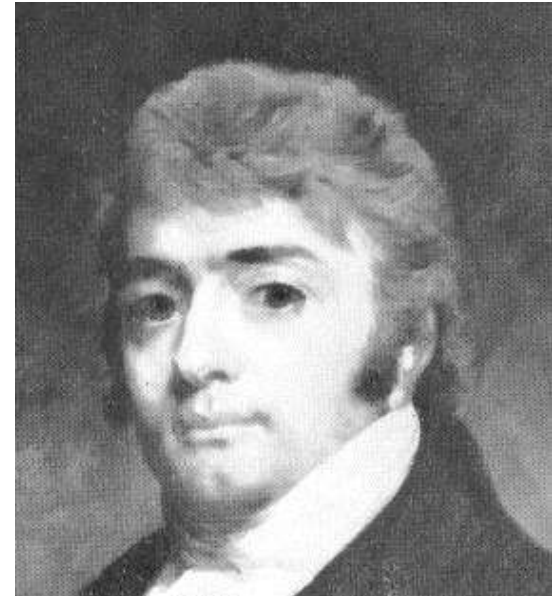
William Henry Fremantle

1766 - 1850

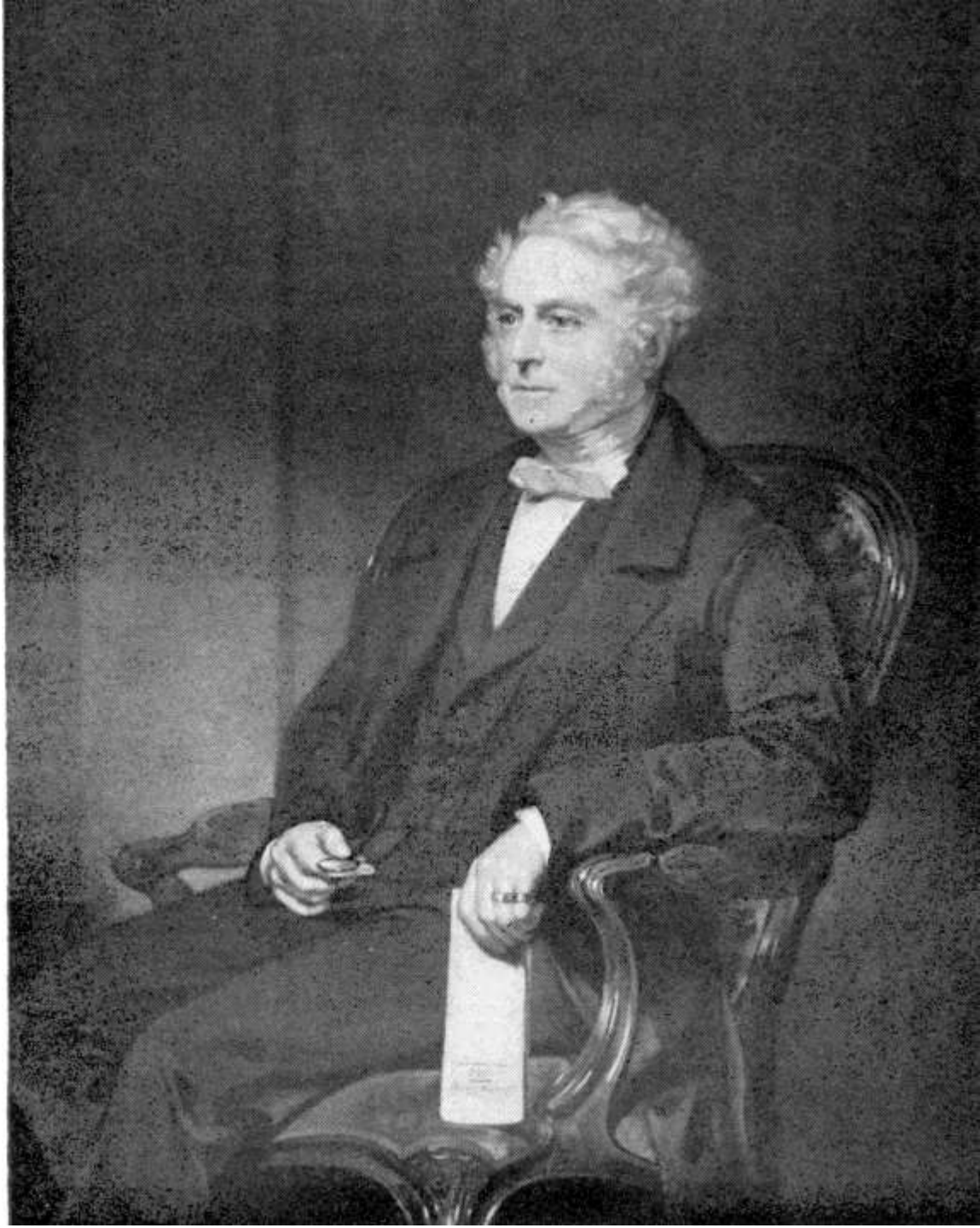
William was the younger brother of **Admiral Thomas Fremantle**.

MP for Enniskillen 1806, Harwich 1806-7, Saltash 1807, Tain Burghs 1808 – 1812, Buckingham 1812 – 1827

His connections to the Grenville family began with his apprenticeship to his father's neighbour, Earl Temple, later 1st Marquess of Buckingham, (brother of William Grenville, Prime Minister 1806 - 7).



**Sir Thomas
Fremantle,
later
1st Lord
Cottesloe**



Thomas Francis Fremantle

1798 - 1890

Betsey's Diary entry for Monday 4th July 1803

Fremantle threatened to take Tom to sea but I have dissuaded him from it – the poor child certainly is too young.

Educated at Eton and Oriel College, Oxford. A first in Mathematics and a second in Classics.

1819 – started studying for the bar, but this interrupted by his father's death.

Thomas Francis Fremantle

1798 - 1890

His Uncle, William Fremantle, made him a long-term interest free loan to tide him over his immediate financial difficulties. In the summer of 1821 he was designated for a baronetcy, in posthumous recognition of his father's services. For a month he negotiated with the authorities, to have him recognized as a baron of the Austrian Empire and to be given seniority in the list of baronets in accordance with his father's rank as a knight grand cross of the Bath (20 Feb. 1818). He considered mortgaging the Swanbourne estate for 'another £1,000' to pay fees and possible legal costs. He told his uncle that as well as having his father's and his own college debts to settle, 'besides the expense of fitting up Swanbourne last year and this', he was still being bombarded with fresh weekly bills, but that he was prepared to 'be content with a smaller income' in order to secure his object. His uncle may have assisted him again.

Sir Thomas Francis Fremantle

1st Lord Cottesloe

1798 – 1890

1821 - created a **Baronet** of Swanbourne.

1826 – 1846 MP for Buckingham (succeeding his uncle, William Henry Fremantle)

1834 - 35 Parliamentary Secretary to Treasury

1841 – 44 Secretary at War

1844 – 45 Chief Secretary for Ireland

1846 – 1874 Board of Customs

1874 – 1st Baron Cottesloe

1890 – Died 3rd December, aged 92

Swanbourne House under construction. Painting by Emily Fremantle c1865



Swanbourne House c1910



Swanbourne House c1910



Emma Eugenia Elizabeth Fremantle

1799 - 1886

Betsy's Diary Swanbourne Thursday 13th June 1799

I was surprised and frightened at being taken ill in the middle of the night as I did not expect to be brought to bed till the end of the month and my nurse was not to come till the twentieth - I called up the women at four o'clock in the morning and sent immediately for Dr. Tooky - it was all over at a little after six - the Cook was head nurse and dressed the child - it is a nice little girl but owing to her being born three weeks before her time is very delicate and small.

Baptised Swanbourne 22 Sept 1799

Died 1st December 1886

Emma Eugenia Elizabeth Fremantle

1799 - 1886

Emma did not marry, but in later life, remained a companion to her mother, in **Betsey**'s last years in Nice.

Whilst in Nice, she was also a supporter for her widowed younger sister **Cicelia** (Lady William Hervey) and her 3 children. Lady Hervey's brothers-in-law, Rev Lord Arthur Hervey and Lord Jermyn, took legal steps to have the two boys brought as Protestants, but English law did not extend to Nice.

Charles Howe Fremantle

1800 – 1869

Saturday 31st May Saturday 1800.

Fremantle was to have dined at Aston but as I did not feel very well he stayed with me. I walked a little after dinner but as I felt worse & worse I was not sorry to see Nurse Emy arrive at about nine o'clock, she just came in time for I was soon obliged to send for Mr. Tookey, and I was delivered of a nice boy.

Thursday 5th, Friday 6th, Saturday 7th June 1800.

Fremantle has been dining out every day, & I spent my time extremely stupid in my bed, the Nurse is a dreadful bore, I only got up to tea on Saturday. I am however as well as possible & the baby thrives.

Friday 1st August 1800

My dear little baby grows exceedingly, he is almost as big as Emma & I think him a pretty child but Fremantle calls him an ugly dog.

Charles
Howe
Fremantle



Charles Howe Fremantle

1800 – 1869

Charles had a very successful naval career.

He went to sea with his father, at age of 10.

1824 – awarded first ever Gold Medal for RN(L)

1829 – claimed Western Australia for the crown.
Fremantle in Australia named after him.

Married 8th November 1836 to Isabella, widow of James Wedderburn. **Rev WR Fremantle** officiated.

1855 – promoted to Rear Admiral and took over responsibility for Balaclava harbour, during the Crimean War.

1860 – promoted Vice Admiral

1864 – promoted to Admiral

Henry Hyde Fremantle

1802 – 1820

Betsey's Diary Friday 7th May 1802.

I began to feel so uncomfortable as soon as I went to bed that I was obliged to get up before one o'clock in the morning and soon sent for Mr. Tookey. I was rather worried at not having Nurse Emy with me and sent towards morning for Mrs. Feasey - however, all was as well as I could wish and another boy was born at half past eight in the morning. I rather suffered more and longer than with the others and the child did not seem quite well at first.

Henry Hyde Fremantle

1802 – 1820

Henry also went into the Navy.

A midshipman in the *Glasgow*, but he died only 3 months after his father, whilst off the coast of Cephalonia, the largest of the Ionian Islands in Western Greece. At the time, the islands were a British Protectorate, having been taken over from the French, under his father's command, in 1809.

Augusta Harriet Fremantle

1803 – 1863

Baptised 22 May 1803.

Married on 27 Sept 1826 in Swanbourne by Special Licence to Sir James Fitzgerald Bart of Wolseley, Co Stafford (1791 – 1839).

In the 1851, the widowed Lady Fitzgerald was living at 8 Lower Seymour St, Marylebone, London.

In the 1861 census, she is described as a nun, living in The Sacre Coeur Convent, Roehampton Lane, Roehampton. There were 46 other nuns plus a Mother Superior, all unmarried and 50 pupils in the Convent. She died there on 11th June 1863.

Louisa Maria Christina Fremantle

1805 – 1810

Harriet's diary, Saturday 7th September:

*Betsey felt a little uncomfortable all the morning
....and to our surprise Lord Buckingham called in his
way back from Liscombe where he had been dining
the day before. Mr Delanos came for dinner but
Betsey was not able to sit it out, and afterwards her
Misery began. We sent for Tookey who spent three
hours with Mr Delanos, and about nine I called him
upstairs he was not there long, for Betsey was soon
delivered of a nice little girl. I was quite happy when
it was over. She really had an uncommon good time.
I slept with Emma in the little room and had a very
good night.*

Louisa Maria Christina Fremantle

1805 – 1810

MEMORANDUM in Parish register. –

Capt T. F. Fremantle being abroad on His Majesty's Service both at the time of the birth and baptism of his daughter registered above by the name of Maria Christina was very anxious on his being informed she had been baptized by the said names that Louisa should be added to them and inserted (if possible) in the Register and he further desired that she might be called by that name in addition to the others. As I had registered the child and could not make an interlineation in the Register, to prevent any legal inconvenience which may arise from her being called or known by such additional name, I have inserted this memorandum.

April 5th 1806. Wm. Wodley Vicar of Swanborne.

Louisa Maria Christina Fremantle

1805 – 1810

Betsey's Diary Wednesday 24th October 1810

*I was made extremely uneasy on hearing from Mrs. Robert Butler at Brighton, that my dear little Louisa has been ill since Friday night of fever and extreme sickness at her stomach, measles of Scarlet fever being apprehended, I found it impossible to think of going to her with my baby. [Note: baby was **Stephen Grenville Fremantle**]*

.....

The dear little angel expired at nine o'clock on Monday morning the 29th Octr. She knew not Cole on Saturday, and her agonies were great from that day to the moment of her death. My affliction almost overpowers me, at the loss of such a darling and lovely child, but on account of my Baby I am obliged to exert myself in this severe trial.

William Robert Fremantle

1807 – 1895

Betsey's Diary Sunday 30th August

I felt extremely uncomfortable all day but walked out and dined at table. Mr. Tookey was sent for in the evening and towards twelve o'clock I was happily delivered of another boy.

William Robert Fremantle

1807 – 1895

Born 30th August 1807

Educated Westminster and Christ Church, Oxford.

William became an Anglican priest – ordained 1831

Curate at Swanbourne 1831?

Vicar of Pitchcott 1832

Married Emily Caroline Calvert 1835. She died on 14 July 1877 at age 74

1836 – 7 Godalming

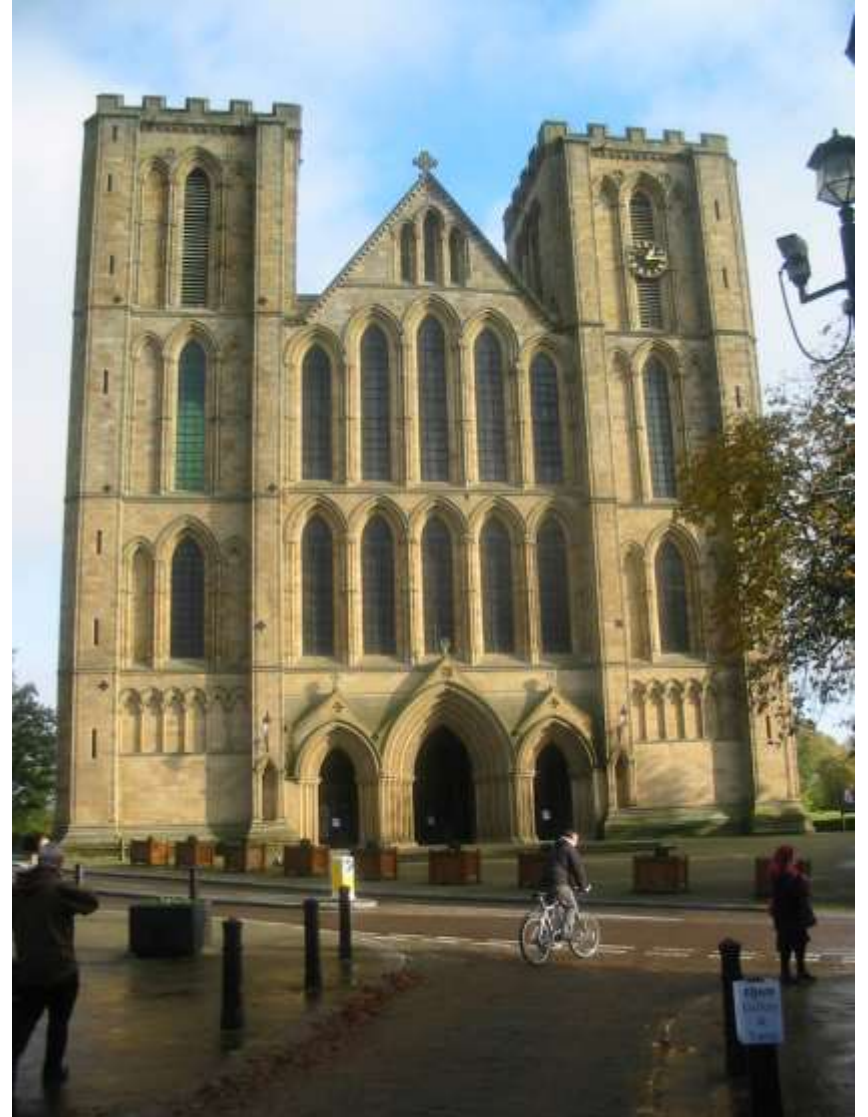
Vicar of Claydon (1837?? – 1876) [*Note: Parthenope Nightingale married Harry Verney in 1858*].

Dean of Ripon 1876 – 1895

Married Caroline Melville 1879. She was born c1833 and died on 10 February 1926

He died 8th March 1895

Ripon Cathedral



Emily Caroline Fremantle (wife of WRF)

c1803 – 1877

The Cottage Hospital Fund, arising under the will of Mrs. Emily Caroline Freemantle, proved at London 20 September 1877, consists of the following sums of stock held by the official trustee, namely:—

£1,012 5s. 10*d.* consols, £137 7s. 8*d.* India 3 per cents. and £526 15s. 6*d.* India 3 per cents. (constituting a building fund), producing together in annual dividends £45 4s. 4*d.* yearly.

By the will of the Very Rev. **William Robert Freemantle**, dated in 1892, it was directed that the income of the trust should be applied towards the maintenance of any cottage hospital existing in any of the three parishes of Middle Claydon, East Claydon and Steeple Claydon. In 1912 the income was paid to the Claydon District Nursing Association.

Cecilia Mary Fremantle

1809 – 1871

7th September 1844, married Lord William Hervey (1805 – 1850). He was the son of the 1st Marquess of Bristol.

From The Bristol Mercury Sept 21st 1844

7th Sept at St. George's, Hanover Sq., by **Rev W.R. Fremantle**, rector of Middle Claydon, Bucks, Lord Wm Hervey, 2nd son of the Marquis of Bristol, and secretary of embassy at Paris, to **Cecilia Mary**, youngest daughter of the late Vice-Admiral Sir **Thomas Francis Fremantle**, G.C.B., K.M.T. & c, The marriage was also performed according to the rites of the Roman Catholic church.

Cecilia Mary Fremantle

1809 – 1871

Cecilia - Lady William Hervey - was widowed in 1850 at the age of 41, with 3 children under 6 years of age (George 1845-1915, Augusta and Francis 1849 -1905) and with her husband having made no provision for herself or her children. Her adherence to Catholicism, rather than the Anglicanism of her husband's family, cut her off from their support. She also had a strained relationship with her brother **William**, then vicar of Middle Claydon.

Stephen Grenville Fremantle

1810 – 1860

Went into Royal Navy, eventually was Captain of the *Juno* in 1853.

In 1857, he annexed the Territory of the Cocos (Keeling) Islands, also called Cocos Islands and Keeling Islands, the British Empire. It is now a territory of Australia, located in the Indian Ocean approximately midway between Australia and Sri Lanka. It consists of two atolls and 27 coral islands, of which two are inhabited with a total population of approximately 600.

Stephen Grenville Fremantle

1810 – 1860



The Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

Thomas Francis Fremantle (1st Lord) and Louisa Elizabeth Nugent

Thomas Francis Fremantle, married Louisa Elizabeth Nugent on 24th November 1824.

Louisa was the daughter of Sir George and Lady Nugent, and had been born in Jamaica, where her father was governor from 1801 to 1805. Lady Nugent kept a diary of her time in Jamaica, and her account of this period has been published.

Louisa was left in the care of her aunt, Lady Buckingham, at Stowe, whilst Sir George was Commander-in-Chief, India, from 1811 - 1813. Her father was MP for Buckingham 1796 – 1802 and 1819 – 1832.

Louisa Nugent Fremantle

1st Lady Cottesloe

08.09.1803 – 17.08.75

Thomas Fremantle proposed to **Louisa Nugent**, on 30 June 1824, but was initially refused by her father, unless his parents contributed more. However, they were married on 24 November 1824.

They had 11 children together.

She died as the result of drinking a linament prepared for her rheumatism, instead of another medication intended for internal use.

Children of Sir Thomas and Louisa Fremantle (1st Lord and Lady Cottesloe)

1. Mary Fremantle, born Swanbourne c1826
2. Eliza Maria Fremantle, born Swanbourne c1826
3. Augusta Mary Fremantle, born St Georges, Middx 1828
4. **Thomas Francis Fremantle**, born Little Marlow 1830
5. William Henry Fremantle, born Swanbourne 1831
6. Charles William Fremantle born Swanbourne 1834.
7. Edmund Robert Fremantle born St George's 1836
8. Emily Caroline Fremantle born St George's, c1838
9. Cecilia Elizabeth Fremantle born Swanbourne c1840
10. Louisa Frances Fremantle born St George's c1843
11. Stephen James Fremantle, born St Peter's 1845

Mary Fremantle

c1826 - 1885

Born Little Marlow c1826

Married Richard Aubrey Cartwright of Edgecote, Northants (1811 – 91) on 19th September 1848

1851 – living in St. George's, Hanover Sq., London.

1861 & 1881 – Living at Edgecote House, Edgecote.

Died 03rd February 1891

Mary Cartwright (Fremantle)

c1826 - 1885

Edgecote
House,
Edgecote,
Northants



Eliza Maria Fremantle

1826 - 1891

Born Swanbourne 16th December 1826

Census 1851 – living with her grandmother, **Lady Elizabeth Fremantle (Betsey)** in Putney.

Married Richard Henry Farrer 29th June 1854

Lived at Green Hammerton Hall, Yorkshire.

Died there 19th May 1891

Buried in a grave behind a chapel of ease in the village.

There is a stained glass window in the Church in the village dedicated to Richard and **Eliza Farrer**.

Green Hammerton Hall and Church Window



Augusta Mary Fremantle

1828 - 1903

Born St. George's, Middlesex, 6th June 1828

1851 census living in Putney with Betsey

25th October 1853 married William Brodrick,
8th Viscount Middleton (1830 – 1906).

Died 1st June 1903

Thomas Francis Fremantle

2nd Lord Cottesloe 1830 - 1918

Born Little Marlow 30th January 1830

9th September 1859 married **Augusta Henrietta Scott**, daughter of John Scott, 2nd Earl Eldon.

Died Swanbourne 13th April 1918,

Buried 18th April 1918.

(Gravestone in churchyard)



William Henry Fremantle

1831 - 1916

Born Swanbourne, 12th December 1831

Ordained 1855, vicar of Lewknor, near Thame, 1857 – 65.

Chaplain to Archibald Tait, Bishop of London (1856 – 1868)
and then Archbishop of Canterbury (1868 –1882)

Canon of Canterbury 1882 - 1895

St Mary, Bryanston Square, London 1882

Dean of Ripon, 1895 – 1915 (in succession to his uncle,
William Robert Fremantle)

Died 24th December 1916

On 6th August 1863, he married Isabella Maria Eardley who
died 13th July 1901.

On 16th April 1903, he married Sophia Frances Stuart, born
c1861 Kennington.

William Henry Fremantle

1831 - 1916

Books:

- Christian Ordinances and Social Progress: Being the William Belden Noble Lectures for 1900
- Recollections of Dean Fremantle: Chiefly by Himself.
- The World as the Subject of Redemption: 8 Lectures delivered on the Foundation of J. Bampton
- The Gospel of the secular life, sermons preached at Oxford: with a prefatory essay
- The influence of Commerce upon Christianity: A Prize Essay, Read in the Theatre, Oxford, June 18 1854
- A Collection of the Judgements of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in Ecclesiastical Cases Relating to Doctrine and Discipline

William Henry Fremantle

1831 - 1916



1792	R:D: Waddilove
1828	Jam: Webber
1847	Hon: H: D: Erskine
1859	Tho: Garnier
1860	Gul: Goode
1868	Hugh: McNeile
1876	Sydney: Turner
1876	Gul: R: Fremantle
1895	Hon: Gul: H: Fremantle
1915	C: Mansfield: Owen
1941	Godwin: Birchenough
1951	Fred: Llewelyn: Hughes

Charles William Fremantle

1834 - 1914

Born Swanbourne 12th August 1834

1865 - Married Sophia Florence Smith, daughter of Abel Smith of Woodhall Park, Herts, MP.

- Occupation - Deputy Master & Comptroller, Royal Mint
- 1871 5 West Eaton Place, London
- 1881 – 11 Royal Mint, London – 4 children
- 1891 – 118 Surrey Road, London

Died 8th October 1914, buried Swanbourne 12th Oct 1914
(Gravestone in cemetery)

[Note: his son Ronald Aubrey Fremantle has gravestone in the cemetery.]

Sophia Fremantle

1846 - 1944

Address:

28 Melton Court, London.

Born 29th March 1846

Died 22nd December 1944

Buried Swanbourne

24th December 1944,
aged 98.



Picture: National Portrait Gallery

Ronald Aubrey Fremantle

1872 - 1947

Born 23rd October 1872

Was a Stockbroker with Charles H Rigg, but Fremantle and Rigg dissolved 26th October 1906.

Died 5th June 1947

Buried Swanbourne 9th June 1947, aged 74.

Address 28 Melton Court, London SW5

Edmund Robert Fremantle

1836 - 1929

Born St George's, London 15th June 1836

Joined the Navy and rose to be Admiral.

31st Aug 1866 married Barberina Rogers Isaacs, daughter of Hon Robert McIntosh Isaacs. (She died 05th May 1923, 44 Lower Sloane Street, London, buried in Swanbourne – see grave).

Fought in wars in Burma 1852, New Zealand 1864 & 1866, and in 2nd Ashanti War 1873-4.

When in Swanbourne, he lived at The Cottage.

Wrote 'The Navy as I have known her'.

Died 10th Feb 1929 (44 Sloane Street, London, buried in Swanbourne.)

**Admiral
Edmund Robert
Fremantle
1836 - 1929**



ER Fremantle

The Cottage today



Church Memorial

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
ADMIRAL SIR EDMUND ROBERT FREMANTLE GCB GCVO CMG
BORN JUNE 15TH 1836 DIED FEBRUARY 10TH 1929
AND OF BARBERINA ROGERS FREMANTLE HIS WIFE
BORN FEBRUARY 7TH 1843 DIED MAY 5TH 1923
SO HE BRINGETH THEM TO THEIR DESIRED HAVEN

Children of **Edmund Fremantle**

Edmund and Barbarina had 6 children, of whom 5 were alive in 1911. One of these - Sydney Robert Fremantle (1867 – 1958) – also had a distinguished naval career rising to the rank of Admiral.

In 1919, Sydney was made Commander of the First Battle Fleet, keeping watch on the German Fleet interned at Scapa Flow. The Fleet had set out on manoeuvres when the German Fleet scuppered itself. He accused the German commander Ludwig von Reuter of a breach 'of faith and honour'.

3 generations of
Naval Fremantles.

Vice-Admiral
Sydney, Admiral
Sir Edmund and
Cadet E.S.D.
Fremantle



Emily Caroline Fremantle

c1838 - 1929

Born St George's, London c1838

26th January 1882 married Charles Leslie Alexander (1820 - 88), rector of Stanton-by-Bridge, Derbyshire.

Died 10th February 1929 (registered Upton-on-Severn, Worcestershire)

Cecilia Elizabeth Fremantle

c1840 - 1929

born Swanbourne c1840

1851 census living in Putney with Betsey

Married 3rd September 1867 to Edmund Hugh McNeile, Canon of Liverpool

Died 15th February 1929 (registered Liverpool)

Louisa Frances Fremantle

1843 - 1909

Born St. George's Feb 2nd 1842

Unmarried

Died in Wimbledon 20th March 1909, buried in Swanbourne

From her obituary

Miss Fremantle was intimately known and beloved in this parish, where during the latter years of her father's long life she kept house for him. Throughout her whole life she displayed the keenest and most helpful interest in the welfare of all in the village. She took a prominent part for many years in the organisation and working of the Girls Friendly Society in the Diocese of Oxford, and held Bible Classes for both the young men and women in the village. Although for more than seventeen years she had ceased to reside at Swanbourne, and during a great part of that time was crippled by bad health, she never failed to keep up communication with her old friends in Swanbourne, and on her occasional visits, the last of which was in the summer of 1908, she had no greater pleasure than to meet them again. Her constant brightness and courage, and her keen sympathy in the interests of others, which never failed even during her prolonged and severe illness, bore striking witness to the power of the Christian faith and character which were the dominant features of her life.

Stephen James Fremantle

1845 - 1874

Born St Peter's, London 2nd April 1845

Went to Eton.

Ordained.

Unmarried

Died 16th September 1874, aged 29

A book of his sermons was published in his memory.

Thomas Francis Fremantle

2nd Lord Cottesloe 1830 - 1918

Married **Augusta Henrietta Scott** 9th Sept 1859, St. Peter's, Eaton Square, Belgravia, Westminster.

Director of the London, Brighton and South Coast Railway from 1868, and served as its chairman from 1896 to 1908.

He entered Parliament as one of three representatives for Buckinghamshire in a by-election in 1876, brought about by the ennobling of Benjamin Disraeli, and served until 1885.

Succeeded his father as 2nd Lord Cottesloe in 1890.

2nd Lord Cottesloe 1830 - 1918



Augusta Henrietta Scott

1836 - 1906

Daughter of John Scott, 2nd Earl of Eldon. Her grandfather was Lord Chancellor 1801-06 & 1807-27

Born 13th May 1836, Hill Street, Berkeley Square, Westminster.

She had at least 6 children.

Died 4th November 1906.

Buried Swanbourne 7th November 1906 with her brother-in-law, **William Henry Fremantle**, Dean of Ripon amongst those officiating.

(grave in churchyard)



**Lady Augusta,
Baroness
Cottesloe**
by Frederic Ricard Say

Church Memorial



IN EVERING MEMORY
OF
THOMAS FRANCE,
SECOND BARRON, COLLECTOR
GUILD OF THE MANOR
ST. P. FOR BRICKS
1870-1892
CHAIRMAN OF GRANTER SESSIONS
1880-1891
AND OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL
1897-1904
BORN 2ND JANUARY 1820
DIED 17TH APRIL 1898
ALSO OF
AUGUSTA HENRIETTA
DE WIFE
SECOND DAUGHTER OF
EDMUND SECOND EARL OF FELTON
BORN 17TH MAY 1836
DIED 4TH NOVEMBER 1906
RESTED ARE THE SOULS IN HEAVEN
FOR THEY SHALL SEE GOD.

Church
Windows
in memory of
Augusta Fremantle
2nd Lady Cottesloe



2nd Lord and Lady Cottesloe had at least 6 Children

- 1. Mary Louisa, born c1861**
- 2. Thomas Francis Fremantle, born 1862**
- 3. Reginald Scott Fremantle, born 1863**
- 4. Gertrude Charlotte Fremantle, born 1864**
- 5. Cecil Fremantle, born 1865**
- 6. Walter Fremantle, born 1869**

**Probably also Algernon Francis Fremantle 1871
– 1875 - Grave in churchyard.**

Possibly also Arthur William Fremantle, b 1870.

Mary Louisa Fremantle

1861 - 1926

Born 1st March 1861

unmarried

Died 19th September 1926, living at The Grange,
Radclive, buried Swanbourne.

(Gravestone in cemetery)

Thomas Francis Fremantle

3rd Lord Cottesloe 1862 - 1956

Born St. George's, Hanover Square, London
on 5th February 1862.

16th April 1896 married **Florence Tapling** at Holy
Trinity Church, Cuckfield, Sussex.

Died Swanbourne 19th July 1956.

(Gravestone in cemetery, and plaque in church)

Reginald Scott Fremantle

1863 - 1956

Born 11th February 1863

Married Hilda Lucy Barry, daughter of Edward Middleton Barry, on 26th July 1900

Died 30th September 1956

Gertrude Charlotte Fremantle

1864 - 1873

born 28th July 1864

died 23rd September 1873 (grave in churchyard)

Bucks Herald 27 September 1873

An inquest was held on Wednesday, by Mr. Wiseman, coroner for the hundred of Amptill, at the house of Mr. Woodman, of Littlecote, where the deceased had been conveyed after the accident. From the evidence of Mr. Fremantle, it appears that he, together with his two daughters, was returning from Cublington to Littlecote, and that the party was mounted upon ponies. When riding abreast, Mr. Fremantle suddenly saw the deceased young lady being dragged along the ground, the pony going at a furious pace. After going some distance, the pony, on ascending the hill, began to slacken his speed, and Mr. Fremantle quickly dismounted and stopped him. With the assistance of a labourer, the poor girl was set free, and it was then found that she was quite insensible. The riding-habit had become so entangled in the pommel of the saddle flap that it was found that it was found necessary to cut it away. Every attention as paid to the little sufferer by Mrs. Woodman, and a messenger was at once dispatched to Winslow for Dr. Newham, the medical attendant of the family. On his arrival, he at once pronounced that life was extinct. The injuries sustained were most shocking, and included fractures of the skull and of both arms. It was stated by Mr. Fremantle that the deceased frequently stooped forward to arrange the habit, and ran great risk of overbalancing herself. From the evidence of Mr. Newham, as to the nature of the injuries, it is very probable that she did so on this occasion, and that her fall deprived her of sensibility. The pony was very quiet and gentle. The jury (of which the Rev. C. Alexander of Stewkley was foreman) at once returned a verdict of "Accidental Death" and the body was soon after removed to Swanbourne to await internment.

Much sympathy is felt in the neighbourhood for Mr. and Lady Augusta Fremantle, in this their sad bereavement.

Cecil Fremantle

1865 - 1927

Born St George's, Hanover Sq, 12th December
1865

Unmarried

1901 census – living at Swanbourne House –
working as an estate agent.

1911 census – living at Swanbourne House –
land agent to Lord Cottesloe

J.P. for Buckinghamshire

Died 17th July 1927 at The Grange, Radclive.

Buried in Swanbourne (gravestone in cemetery)

Walter Fremantle

1869 - 1936

Born 13th March 1869

M.A. from Trinity College, Cambridge

Captain 2/1 Bucks Battalion, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry (Territorial Forces) through 1st World War & to 1921

Unmarried

Died Cambridge, 3rd January 1936,

Buried in Swanbourne (gravestone in cemetery)



**Thomas Francis
Fremantle,**

**3rd Lord
Cottesloe**

(1862 - 1956)

Thomas Francis Fremantle

3rd Lord Cottesloe 1862 - 1956

For 30 years, Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire
70 years, commanded the Bucks Battalion of
County Volunteers.

Vice-chairman of County Council

Chairman of the National Rifles Association.

Foremost authority of his generation on firearms

**3rd Lady
Cottesloe**



**3rd Lady Cottesloe,
Florence Annie Alexandra Fremantle
1875 - 1956**

Born **Florence Tapling**, 29th April 1875 in Brighton. Her mother died at and near her birth and her father, a businessman who made a fortune from carpet-making, when she was seven.

Her brother, Thomas, was an MP and eminent philatelist. He died in 1891 when Florence was aged 16.

Married 16th April 1896 – Holy Trinity Church, Cuckfield, Sussex.

She had 8 children.

Died Swanbourne 4th April 1956. (Gravestone in cemetery)

50th Wedding Anniversary



**50th Wedding
Anniversary
window in
Swanbourne
Church**



3rd Lord and Lady Cottesloe had 8 Children

- 1. Thomas Francis Halford**
- 2. Florence Mary**
- 3. John Walgrave Halford**
- 4. Edward St. John**
- 5. Margaret Augusta**
- 6. Christopher Evelyn**
- 7. Bride Faith Louise**
- 8. Katherine Dorothy Honor**

Thomas Francis Halford Fremantle

1897 - 1915

Born Marylebone, London 02.01.1897

Known as Halford, (after his father's friend – Sir Henry Halford, who died in 1897, leaving his house and estate at Wistow, Leics, to the family). He was much loved.

Unmarried.

He died of wounds in the 1st World War in Flanders, France, 17.10.1915, aged 18

Florence Mary Fremantle

1898 - 1969

Born Holton, Oxfordshire 11th March 1898

Became a missionary in Palestine & then Egypt.

She was a linguist at the Foreign Office from
1941 - 2

Then worked for the BBC Arabic News Service.

Unmarried.

Died 3rd March 1969 aged 70, living at 22 Castle
Street, Farnham, buried in Swanbourne.

(gravestone in cemetery)

John Walgrave Halford Fremantle

4th Lord Cottesloe 1900 - 1994

Born Holton, Oxfordshire 02.03.1900

4th Lord Cottesloe in 1956. Married **Lady Elizabeth Harris**, daughter of 5th Earl of Malmesbury, 16th February 1926 (divorced in 1944)

2 children - **John Tapling** and **Ann**

2nd marriage to Gloria Jean Irene Dunn in 1959.

3 children – Edward, Elizabeth and Flora

Died 21st March 1994. Galsworthy House, Kingston Hill, Surry. Buried in Swanbourne.

**John
Fremantle,
4th Lord
Cottesloe**



John Walgrave Halford Fremantle

4th Lord Cottesloe 1900 - 1994

Educated at Eton and Trinity College, Cambridge.

Rowed in winning boats for Cambridge in 1921 & 22.

Joined Territorial Army in 1930, and commanded 20th LAA Regiment Royal Artillery from 1942 – 44.

Then specialised in radar at the War Office.

1945 – elected to London County Council.

1956 – 1967 Vice-chairman of Port of London Authority

1960 – 65 Chairman of the Arts Council

1962 – 77 Chairman, South Bank Theatre Board

Cottesloe Theatre, National Theatre named after him, but closed on February 23 2013, and to be renamed.

**Sir Laurence
Olivier and 4th
Lord Cottesloe
at the
National Theatre
Topping Out
Ceremony
2nd May 1973**



Edward St. John Fremantle

1901 - 1913

Born Holton, Oxfordshire 23.08.1901

He died, 24.02.1913, of chicken pox while away at school, aged 11.

Buried Swanbourne, 27th February 1913

Margaret Augusta Fremantle

1904 - 1994

Born Swanbourne 2nd December 1904.

MA and MD from Oxford University.

Married Denys Arthur Jennings 1930, divorced 1946.

She lectured on Pathology at Oxford, and was a Fellow at Margaret Hall 1945 – 1972, and worked with Howard Florey and his team for 3 decades (1936 onwards) on the development of penicillin.

Howard Florey was jointly awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 1945, together with Sir Alexander Fleming and Ernst Boris Chain, "for the discovery of penicillin and its curative effect in various infectious diseases".

Following the death of his wife, she married Baron Howard Florey, 1967. He died less than a year later.

Margaret died 14th November 1994

Margaret Augusta Fremantle

1904 - 1994



Christopher Evelyn Fremantle

1906 - 1978

Born Swanbourne 17th December 1906.

Degree from Oxford and studied at Royal College of Art. Became a pacifist, and a pupil of Gurdjieff, a mystic, philosopher and Spiritual teacher.

Married **Anne Marie Huth Jackson** in 1930. She edited 'The Wynne Diaries'.

He worked for the Ministry of Information in the 2nd World War & the British Council 1945-6.

Editor of The World Encyclopaedia of Textiles.

Moved to U.S. and had 3 children.

Died 19th December 1978, buried in Swanbourne.

Bride Faith Louise Fremantle

1910 – 2003

Born Swanbourne 01.07.1910,

M.A. Girton College, Cambridge.

Married Dr John Berry of Tayfield, whom she met at Cambridge.

He was the first Director of the Nature Conservancy in Scotland.

They had 3 children

Died 02.07.2003

Katherine Dorothy Honor Fremantle

1919 -

Born Swanbourne 23.05.1919.

M.A. Cambridge,

Ph.D London University.

Moved to The Netherlands.

Associate Professor of Art History at
Utrecht University.

Books:

*The Baroque Town Hall of
Amsterdam.* Utrecht: Haentjens
Dekker & Gumbert, 1959.



Back Row:
Katherine
Christopher
Bride

Front Row:
Florence
Lady Cottesloe
Lord Cottesloe
Margaret



This is just an overview of
the different members of the
Fremantle family
and their links to the village

Further work will be done to understand more about these different individuals and the contribution which they have made to life of the village, and the wider world.

We would be pleased to hear from anyone who can provide us with further information.