

Arrival of Wurrs in Baldock January 1925

On 19th January 1925 Arthur Thomas Wurr (1854-1931) and his wife Margaret Mary (nee Nash 1872-1955) moved with their four children. Agnes was 29, Horace 27, Arthur Richard 25 and Monica Alice 21. They came from the east end of London and came to 34 Mons Avenue.

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The family history of the Wurrs is very long. A distant cousin once got in contact in the 1980s and the net result is that there are umpteen generations known to us back to a Stephen Wurr in 1528. This represents a colossal amount of work and is far more than will ever be possible with the Fitzgerald genealogy. For our purposes I shall ignore the very early stuff and go to the Norwich of the late 18thC. Thomas Wurr was born in 1796 and was a shoemaker. He married one Sarah Dowson around 1821 and they had about 8 children. The eldest was Jonathan, born on 19th January 1823 in St. Michael's parish Norwich city. He would live until the first year of the 20th century. The Wurrs were strict and particular baptists. He married Jemima Blake in the first quarter of 1851 and they went on to have seven children of their own. The third born was Arthur Thomas (4/11/1854) and he would prove a disappointment to his baptist parents.



Jonathan and Jemima

Arthur Thomas fell in love with a Catholic and converted. It is thought this happened in Norwich and that as he was cut off by his disapproving family he left for London. The census returns have him in Norwich with his parents in 1871 but by 1881 he is in St. Luke's' district in the East End of London, Leuens Lane. He is a Shoe Warehouseman.

In Norwich in 1871 he was shown as a Baker. I don't know if he went back to Baking but it was a baker's daughter who eventually caught his eye. She was the daughter of Charles Nash, Margaret Mary. Her father was a remarried widower. He had married first around 1870 and Margaret Mary was the first born. Then there was a sister Bertha and a brother George before his first wife died. George too died early, it seems he died a hero trying to save someone from drowning in the river Lee and drowned himself.

I think Charles remarried around 1880 and he and his new wife went on to have four more children. Charles Jnr., Kate, Edith and James (Jim).

They were not Catholics and Margaret Mary would eventually convert but not until after they married. Arthur and Margaret lived in in the East end of London.



Arthur and Margaret with Agnes and Horace C 1900

The online record of the London Electoral register gives their addresses as follows:

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| 1899 – 1900 | 9 Culford Grove | 2 unfurnished rooms on 1 st floor |
| 1901 – 1913 | 122 Matthias Rd., Hackney North | |
| 1914 – 1915 | 34 Allen Rd. | |
| 1918 - ? | 48 Prince Goerge Rd. | Margaret May also on the register ! |
| 1923 – Jan 1925 | 1 Ardleigh Rd. | Arthur and Horace also on register too. |

They had five children. Agnes Ellen 3/10/1896, Horace Charles Blake 2/3/1898 Arthur Richard 25/3/1900, Monica Alice Bertha 20/10/1904 and George Joseph born in 1909 who only lived 24 hours. So it was Mum and dad, Arthur Thomas and Margaret Mary, with Horace, Arthur and Monica who moved to Baldock in Jan 1925. Agnes had left to join a convent as Sr. O'Delia.

Marriage of Horace Charles Blake Wurr and Marian Fitzgerald



Marian Wurr February 1927