

Charles Childs
25.02.1883 – 16.11.1956



Charles Childs was born in 1883 in Dudley near **Birmingham** his parents were **John Childs** and his second wife **Phillis Gill**

The Childs family originated from the Parish of Madron in **Penzance Cornwall**



David Child, Charles' great grandfather was born in 1727 he married for the second time at the age of 73 to **Mary Hosken** on 17th March 1800 in Madron Parish Church. An 's' was added to the family name in 1788
David died on 23.15.1820 aged 93 in Madron after fathering ten children

John Childs Charles' grandfather was born 17th January 1808 he was a Tailor and Outfitter his first marriage has not yet been traced and it is unknown as to whether there were any children from the marriage, but an Elizabeth Childs who was born 1836 may have been the couple's child.

John's second marriage where it is stated on the certificate that he was a Widower was to **Maria Eastaway** born Ilfracombe in Devon. The couple married on 12th September 1837 at the Parish Church in **Madron**. Maria's father **Robert** was a Master Mariner. His son Robert (Maria's brother) was also a Mariner and in 1871 was living at 1 Cornwall Terrace Penzance where his wife Mary was running a Lodging House. Their uncle **Thomas Eastaway** was a Landed Proprietor in Ilfracombe. Witnesses at the wedding were Thomas John Small born 1807 a Tin Smith from Madron and Sarah Eastaway
Some of the Eastaways had been born in Australia in the 1850's and on the 1861 Census were back staying with their mother Mary in Penzance at the lodging house.



Inside Madron Parish Church

1841 Census Chapel Street

John Childs	Tailor
Maria Childs	wife
Maria Childs	2
Sarah Jane Childs	1 month
Robt Eastaway	15 Tailor
Elizabeth Wallis	15 Female Servant

1851 Census 5 Chapel Street

John Childs	43 Tailor
Maria	35
Maria	12
Sarah Jane	10
John	7
David	4
Mary	11 months
Ann Penglaze	15 Servant

1861 Census 7 Chapel Street
John Childs 53 Tailor Outfitter
Maria 44 Tailor's wife
Sarah Jane 19 Unmarried at home
John Childs 16 Printer
David Childs 14 Cabinet Maker
Mary Childs 11
William Childs 7

Brother of John – David Childs

David Childs 60 Plumber & Painter Employer of 3 men
Porthena 53
William 30 Chemist
Henry 24 Painter & Glazier
Thomas 21 Professor of Music
Emily 15
Anne 9
Mary Storey 30 General Servant

All living at 14 Duke St, Portland Place St Marylebone

Also in the household

John W Rose 64 A Clicker
Helen Rose 54 Keeper of a small School

(A Clicker is the Foreman of a companionship of composers who distributes the newspaper copy)

Charles' Grandfather **John** travelled north with his father and family and settled in **Dudley** in Worcestershire somewhere between **1862 & 1870**. The couple were living at no 7 Oxford Street in **1871**. Next door at no 6 was a Tailor and Drapers. His son **William Henry** 18 was a Hamper & Cellar Carrier and his daughter **Mary** 20 was an Assistant, both at the Post Office in Dudley.

Before **1870** his son **John (Charles' father)** a **Printer Composer** had married his first wife **Elizabeth Ann** from **Gulval** in Gulval Parish Church near Penzance. The couple travelled north with the rest of the family, they had a baby son **David John** born **1870** in Dudley.



Gulval Parish Church

The family were living at 53 Spring Gardens Dudley

Elizabeth Ann died of Consumption on 27th October 1874 in Dudley at 8 Oxford St.

John Childs re married **Phillis Gill** in **1875** she was born in **Dudley** in 1847 the daughter of a coal miner **Joseph Gill** (deceased at marriage). At the time of their marriage she was working as a housemaid for an Irish Unitarian Minister of the Old Meeting House Dudley. The couple lived at 8 Oxford St.

Children born to **Phillis** and **John** were **Joseph** born 1876 **Dora** born 1878 **William** born 1880 **Lilian** born 1881 and **Charles** 1883 all in Dudley



Dudley from the Castle

1871 Census

John Childs 28 was a Printer journeyman and was living with his wife **Elizabeth Ann 31** and their baby son **David John** age 8 months

His uncle David Childs had died in London

Porthena(W) 63 Living on income from property

Annie 20

Mary Storey 40 Domestic Servant

Thomas Childs was now married to Sarah and had four children **William, Thomas, Elizabeth and an infant son 1 month old.**

He was the proprietor of a musical instrument shop 15 St John Street St Pancras London



The rest of David's family had dispersed throughout central London

1881 Census 66 Hinley Road Dudley

John 37 Printer Composer

Phillis 34

David John 10 from 1st marriage

Joseph 5

Dora 3

William 1

Elizabeth Pidduck 13 Domestic Servant

Grandfather John

Still living at no 7 Oxford Street Dudley a **Master Tailor** age 73 yrs

With wife Maria (Eastaway) 66 years

1891 Census

The family had moved to 18 Dibdale Street

John 48 Printer Composer

Phillis 44

David John 20 Apprentice

Joseph 15 Printer not apprentice

Dora 13

William Henry 11

Lilian 10

Charles 8

Grandfather John

Aged 83 years had retired back to his roots to Penzance with Maria. The couple were living at 15 South Terrace West Penzance. Maria's family the **Eastaways** were still running a Lodging House at 1 Cornwall Terrace. Both Terraces were just off the Western Promenade.

In the 1920's **Charles Childs** became the proprietor of an Hotel in Torquay Devon. Perhaps he had the idea because as a boy he had been to stay with his grandmother's family in Penzance?

1901 Charles' half brother **David John 30, Composer** had married **Sarah 26** they were living in **Oldbury**. They had two children **Charles** aged 6 and **Flora** aged 1 year

1901 Census

18 Dibdale Street Dudley

John	57	Composer (jobbing)
Phillis	55	
William H	21	Railway Foreman
Charles	18	Brewers Clerk
Arthur		
Massey	24	Boarder - Woollen Drapers Assistant

No trace on 1901 Census of grandfather John Master Tailor, grandmother Maria had died in June 1896 in Penzance in their house overlooking the sea. Other members of the extended family were still living in Penzance



Sunset over Penzance

Many years later John's great grandson Maurice had a tailor's shop in Torquay



Everything seemed to 'run in the family'