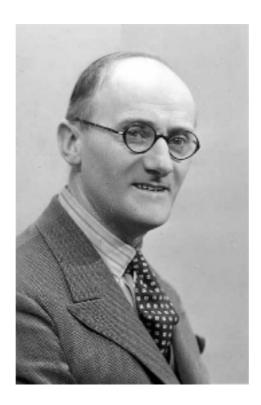
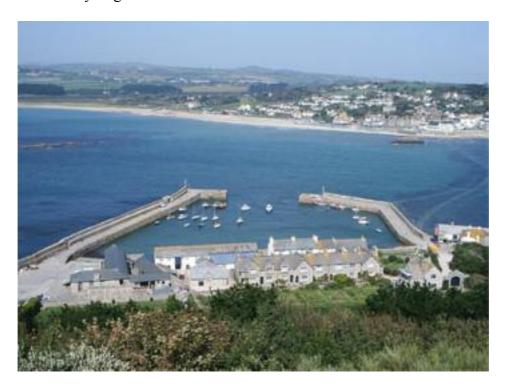
# Charles Childs 25.02.1883 – 16.11.1956



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



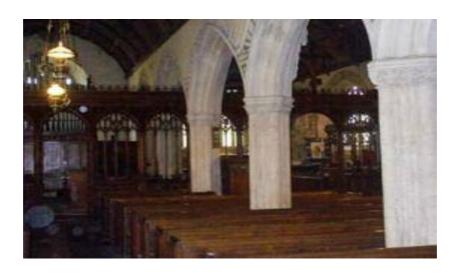
**David Child, Charles'** great grandfather was born in 1727 he married for the second time at the age of 73 to **Mary Hosken** on 17<sup>th</sup> March 1800 in Madron Parish Church. An 's' was added to the family name in 1788

David died on 23.15.1820 aged 93 in Madron after fathering ten children

**John Childs** Charles' grandfather was born 17<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 compositors 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 Compositor 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 Compositor

Phillis 34

David John 10 from 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Compositor

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, Compositor** 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	Compositor (jobbing)
Phillis	55	
William H	21	Railway Foreman
Charles	18	<b>Brewers Clerk</b>
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'