

Harry Bird

12th May 1882 – 14th August 1950

Harry Bird was born in Sleaford Lincolnshire he came from a long line of Birds from the town .



Market Place Sleaford

1850

Thomas Bird Labourer 41 yrs married **Mary Ann Newton 24 yrs** on **27th June**. These were Harry's grandparents and where the Newton Connection began. **John Newton** Mary Ann's father was a Brewer (deceased)

On the marriage certificate **William Bird, Thomas's** brother and Harry's great uncle marked with a cross was a witness together with Ann Hill

1855 John Bird, another of Harry's great uncles was a Beer Retailer in North Street

1858

Harry's grandfather **Thomas Bird** died on 13th September two days before his son **Thomas** was born on 15th September who was Harry's father. According to his death certificate he died suddenly from natural causes "by the visitation of God". His certificate states he was a Brewer's Labourer .The event must have been traumatic for **Mary Ann** who was left to bring up the baby alone together with her two older sons Arthur and Joseph Newton. When she registered the birth on 22nd October she stated that her husband was a Chelsea Pensioner at the time of his death



Normal rules are that a candidate can only be exceptionally admitted at the age of 55 if he cannot earn his own living because of a service disability or receives an army pension. Thomas was only 50 when he died.

1861 Census

John Bird 51 (great uncle) was a Butcher registered in Westgate living with his wife **Elizabeth** son **James 9** and two servants



Westgate

Two other members of the extended Bird family were living in Westgate in **1861**

1861 Census

Harriet Bird 46 Widow, Charwoman born Yorkshire

Sarah 12

Robert 9

George 4

George was born on 8th May 1856 in the Union Workhouse in New Sleaford to Harriet Bird formerly **Egley**. No father on the birth certificate

Still to establish the partner of Harriet and the father of her three children all named Bird

Elizabeth Bird 67 Widow

Esther Bird 25 Dressmaker

Harry's grandmother and family were living in South Street

Ann Newton 69 Brewer's widow born Metherrington

Mary A Bird 35 Ag Labs widow

Joseph Newton Bird 8 Scholar

Thomas Bird 2

**Arthur Bird 11 was staying with his uncle Joseph Newton
At 30 Eastbourne Terrace Paddington London**



Eastbourne Terrace

Joseph Newton	39 Landscape Gardener (born Sleaford)
Mary Newton	47 (born Stawnton Notts)
Arthur Bird	11 Visitor
Ann Rose	24 Cook
Hannah Clark	21 Parlour maid
Helen Lock	14 Housemaid

(Harry's other Great Uncle)

William Bird	43 was farming 10 acres of land in Swineshead
Sarah Bird	36
William Bird	8
Lydia Bird	7

Ann Newton widow of **John Newton** died aged 75 yrs on 20th March 1866 of Bed Sores in South Street New Sleaford

By **1867** Joseph Newton was registered at 30 Eastbourne Terrace and 74 Oxford Terrace two houses in succession.

1871 Joseph Newton was registered as a Seed Merchant in Paddington

1871 Census shows that **John Bird** was a publican and grocer he was registered in West Street Sleaford with his wife **Elizabeth** and a son **James** his assistant. They had a domestic servant Sarah Rush

Harry's grandfather **Thomas** was a Brewer's Labourer , **John Newton**, Mary Ann and Joseph's father had been a brewer

It is recalled by older members that the family ran pubs both in Sleaford and North London

The Bull & Dog can be recalled, however there is no evidence whatsoever in the Sleaford archives to suggest the Birds or Newtons were the licensees of pubs. They were only beer retailers, brewers or brewers assistants

In many of the surrounding villages the Newton's were described as beer retailers



Bull & Dog Sleaford



Connections with the White Hart can be recalled

As far as research has established to date none of the Birds lived any where near North London especially to run Pubs
Perhaps **Joseph Newton** who lived in Paddington had children who later went on to run pubs in London

The only verified connection is on **Gertrude Goldsmith's** side. Her great uncle Charles was a Licensed Victualler at the Rose Tavern in Rose Lane Norwich in 1881

During the 1800's the following pubs existed in Sleaford

Black Bull, White Bull, White Horse, White Swan, New White Hart, Old White Hart Bull & Dog, the Nags Head plus a number of others
None had a Bird as a licensee

John Bird died in 1889 in Sleaford aged 79 yrs his occupation was given as Publican

1871 Census

The family were living in London Road **Quarrington** – 14 Nag's Head Passage

Mary Ann Bird **45 Widow**
Arthur Bird **20 Stone Mason**
Joseph Newton Bird **18 White Smith**
Thomas Bird **12**
Lucy Struggles **22 Visitor** from Old Sleaford

On 23rd September 1871 **Joseph Newton Bird and Lucy Struggles** married in the Parish Church of St Swithin

A baby **Frank Bird** died at birth in March 1872

A baby **Ellen Bird** was born in September 1874

A baby **Lucy Maria Bird** was born in Sleaford in 1876

A baby **Thomas Bird** died at birth in June 1877

A baby **Sarah Ann** died at birth in September 1879

(All could have been theirs)

1871 Census

William Bird **52** was farming 20 acres of land in Swineshead

Sarah Bird **46**

William Bird **19**

John Richard Bird **9**

Ann Redmile **88** Mother in law

1872 Directory John Bird was a shopkeeper , butcher and Beer Retailer in West St

1876 Directory John Bird was a Beer Retailer and Flour Dealer in West Street

1874

Arthur Bird married Mary Ann from Langwich Ferry Lincoln she was 11 years his senior. They moved to 18 Bond Street St Mary's Lambeth Parish London. In **1877** they had a daughter named **Annie**. **Arthur** was still a stone mason



St Mary's Lambeth

1881 Census

18 Jermyn Street Sleaford

Mary Ann Bird **55 Seamstress**
Thomas Bird **22 Carpenter**

No trace of Joseph Newton Bird & Lucy on this Census

1881 Thomas Bird married **Rebecca Pepper** on 19th April in the Parish Church of Sleaford. The certificate states his father was a **brewer** and **Rebecca's** father was a shepherd.

1881 Census

Shows **John Bird as a Publican** living at 66 Westgate. He was a brewer and ran a Beer House. His son **James** was unmarried and now a cattle dealer. There was a servant Helen Rush aged 14 living in the house

1882 Harry was born in Sleaford on 12th May at 1 Sharpe's Court Old Sleaford

1883 Edwin was born in Quarrington on 23rd December at 14 Nag's Head Passage

Another connection with a Pub ?



The Nag's Head Sleaford

Between **1884** and **1900** Thomas had moved his mother **Mary Ann 65** and his family down to London, possibly to be near older brother Arthur and uncle **Joseph Newton**

1891 Census

Shows the family living in Canada Wharf Battersea. They had two lodgers in the house Thomas 28 & Harry Gould 26 born Sleaford but with family living in **Quarrington** possibly friends of the family or workmates of **Thomas** as both were carpenters.

By **1901** Thomas Gould had married and moved to South Wimbledon.

Canada Wharf was described as being a very poor area in the Booth Surveys of London with multi occupancy housing. **Thomas** was described as a carpenter



Old Battersea Bridge in Smog (Whistler)

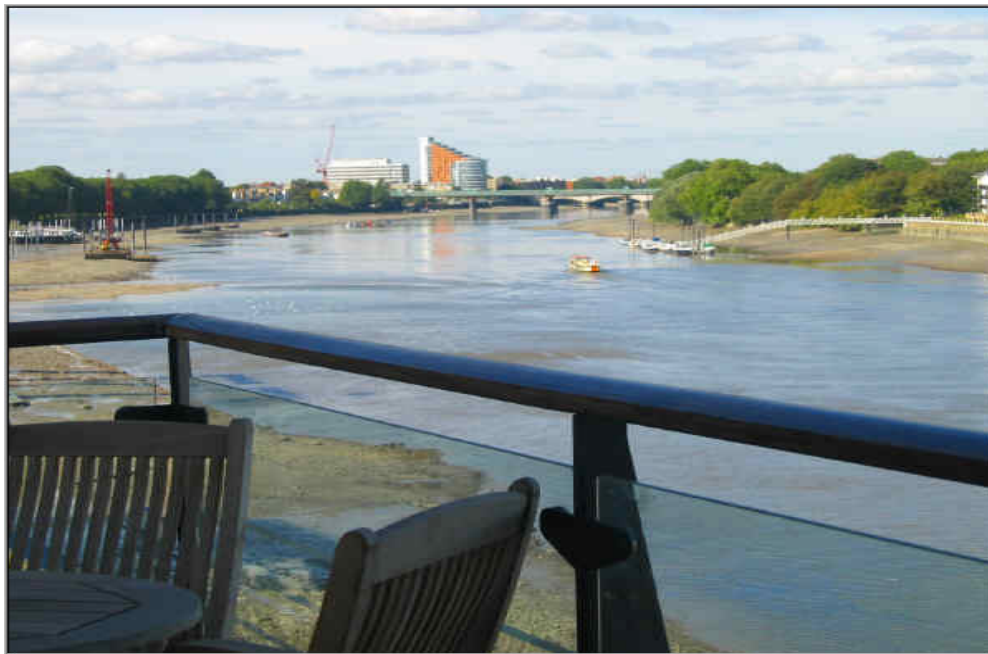
1891 daughter **Jessie Newton Bird** was born on 25th April in Canada Wharf Lombard Road Battersea

1896

James Bird Cattle Dealer **son of John** now lived at 65 West Banks Sleaford



Battersea Wharves



View along the Wharf Today

No trace of Joseph Newton Bird & Lucy Struggles on the 1901 Census

Arthur Bird had now moved to 10 James Street Lambeth he was a general labourer and there was a son **Arthur** aged 9 A multi occupancy house with 11 residents
Annie had left home and was a 'between maid domestic' in a boarding house at **Wycombe Abbey School**

1901 Census

The Family had moved to 18 Esher Street Westminster

No Trace of mother Mary Ann

Thomas Bird	42 Builders Foreman
Rebecca	41
Harry	18 Book Publisher
Edwin	17 Joiner
Jessie	9
Henry Pepper	47 Sawyers Labourer resident



Old Stables in Esher Street today

Arthur had now moved to Oakley Street Lambeth

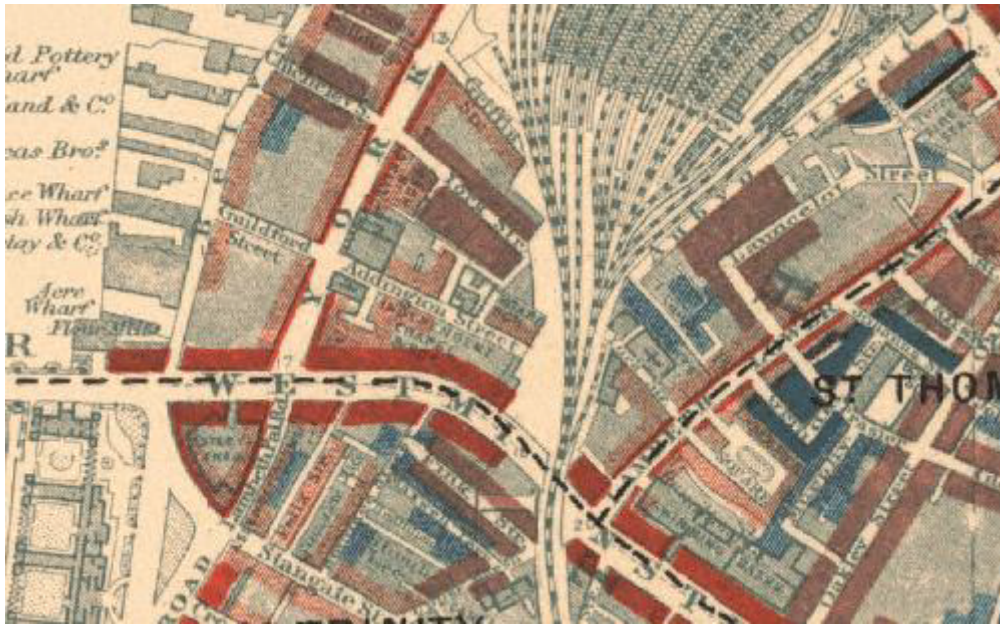
53 Oakley Street Lambeth

Arthur Bird

49 Stone Mason

Mary Anne

61



Oakley Street

1901 Joseph Newton was a patient in St Mary Abbots Kensington

1902 **Harry Bird** moved to 215 Vauxhall Bridge Road. He became the proprietor of a Confectionary & Pastry Shop. We have yet to discover his connection with printing and book publishing, although he had people registered in the house up until he married connected to the trade



Printers Workshop Westminster



Ronald

The central figure in the Printers Workshop looks uncannily like his son Ronald therefore it could have been Harry around 1900 before he acquired his Confectionary shop. Harry told one of his daughters that he was a printer in his younger days and could set print.



Delicious pastries

By 1903 Harry had become proprietor of **William Bird Stationers** at 133 Praed Street opposite Paddington Station. This appears to be the first time he used the name William. He was registered there until **1918**

His great uncle **Joseph Newton** had lived nearby for many years in Eastbourne Terrace



*Books
and Stationery*

