

# Family Group Record for Robert Charles Boileau Pemberton

<b>Husband</b>		<b>Robert Charles Boileau Pemberton</b>	
Born	15 Nov 1834	Calcutta, West Bengal, India	
Christened	10 Dec 1834	Calcutta, West Bengal, India	
Died	22 Dec 1914	13 Cresswell Gardens, South Kensington, London <sup>1</sup>	
Buried	28 Dec 1914	Brompton Cemetery, Fulham Road, London, England	
Father	Robert Boileau Pemberton (1798-1840)		
Mother	Henrietta Peach McLeod (1800- )		
Marriage	13 Nov 1862	Seetapore, Bengal, India <sup>2</sup>	
Other Spouse	Marguerite Ellen Brenan ( - )	30 Nov 1876 - Rogate, Sussex, England <sup>3</sup>	
<b>Events</b>			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Military: Captain.</li> <li>2. Military: Major General.</li> </ol>			
<b>Wife</b>		<b>Alice Louisa Barrow</b>	
Born	30 Jan 1842	Sholapoor, Bombay, India	
Christened	21 Mar 1843	Sholapoor, Bombay, India <sup>4</sup>	
Died	22 Mar 1868	Ryde, Isle of Wight, Hampshire, England	
Buried			
Father	Lousada Barrow (1816-1877)	Mother	Piercy MacDonald (1822-1905)
<b>Children</b>			
<b>1</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Alice Evelyn Mcleod Pemberton</b>	
Born	8 Sep 1863	Lucknow, Bengal, India	
Christened	14 Oct 1863	Lucknow, Bengal, India <sup>5</sup>	
Died			
Buried			
Spouse			
<b>2</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Catharine Pemberton</b>	
Born	18 Nov 1864	Lucknow, Bengal, India	
Christened	28 Dec 1864	Lucknow, Bengal, India <sup>6</sup>	
Died			
Buried			
Spouse			
<b>3</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Annie Gertrude Pemberton</b>	
Born	24 Mar 1866	Lucknow, Bengal, India	
Christened	13 Apr 1866	Lucknow, Bengal, India <sup>7</sup>	
Died			
Buried			
Spouse			

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Children (cont.)		
4	M	Robert Pemberton
Born	12 Jan 1868	
Christened	22 Jan 1868	Fort William, Bengal, India <sup>8</sup>
Died		
Buried		
Spouse		
General Notes: Husband - Robert Charles Boileau Pemberton		
<p>RCB married twice, firstly to Alice Louisa Barrow, in 1862. They had four children, all born in India: Alice Evelyn (1863), Catherine (1864), Annie Gertrude (1866) and Robert (1868), who became a priest in the Church of England. His second wife was Marguerite Ellen Brennan, whom he married in 1876. She bore him a son, Edward Gerald (1877), also born in India, who, when the Pedigrees were published, in 1923, was a Captain in the Warwickshire Yeomanry.</p>		
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<p>Note, age at death in 1914 of 86 indicates birth 1828</p>		
General Notes: Wife - Alice Louisa Barrow		
<p>dates from gravestone</p>		
Notes: Marriage		
<p>Alice married Major General Robert Charles Boileau Pemberton, son of Captain Robert Boileau Pemberton and Henrietta Peach McLeod, in 1862.</p> <p>Major-General Robert Charles Boileau Pemberton Author and Compiler of Pemberton Pedigrees</p> <p>Introduction.</p> <p>Those of us researching our Pemberton origins owe a large debt to Robert Charles Boileau Pemberton (I shall refer to him for convenience as "RCB") who on his retirement in 1892 decided to try to assemble a genealogy of the Pemberton family.</p> <p>Born and baptised in Calcutta in 1834, he had a distinguished army career, rising to the rank of Major-General in the Royal Engineers. In retirement, he lived in South Kensington, London, and so was ideally placed to use the capital's library resources, especially those of the Guildhall, the London Library, the Public Record Office and the British Museum (which housed what is now the British Library). He was a member of the Society of Genealogists.</p> <p>He died on 22nd December, 1914, and a brief obituary was published in The Times two days later:</p> <p>"The death took place on Tuesday at 13 Cresswell Gardens, South Kensington, after a short illness, of Major-General Robert Charles Boileau Pemberton, C.B., C.S.I., late Royal Engineers, aged 80. He was the son of the late Captain Robert Boileau Pemberton, 44th Bengal N.I. He served at the siege of Delhi and the capture of Lucknow, receiving the medal with two clasps and being mentioned in despatches. He was Director and Annuity Trustee of the Great Indian Peninsula Railway, and formerly Director General of Railways in India and Secretary to the Government of India in the Public Works Dept. and a temporary member of the Viceroy's Council."</p> <p>(His entry in Who was Who, 1897-1915 adds that he was decorated for military and civil services, being made a Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath and a Companion of the Most Exalted Star of India.) theindiacompany</p> <p>His funeral was held at Brompton Cemetery on 28 Dec. 1914, after a service at St. Peter's, Cranley Gardens, London S.W.7.</p> <p>The photograph on the right, taken about 1890, is of a group of Indian civil servants, one of whom is RCB. The problem is, we don't know which one!</p>		

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RCB's Immediate Family.

The following information about RCB's own family is based on Chart 13, entitled St. Albans Family. West Indian Branch, in the published collection of Pemberton Pedigrees.

His parents were Robert Boileau Pemberton, a captain in the Indian army, and Henrietta Peach, who married in 1832. His paternal grandparents were the Rev. John Butler Pemberton and Harriet Price (née Boileau) who married in 1797.

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Chart 13 lists three further descendants up to 1923: Robert married Ethel Frances Arnould in 1894 and they had two daughters, Ethel Vera, born 1895, and Katharine Frances, born 1897. For more information about Robert, see below.

Edward Gerald married Yolande Constance Dietz (born in Florence) in 1902 and they had a son, John Boileau Pemberton, in 1903.

The Will and the Books.

In 1911, three years before he died, RCB had published some of his findings in book form as *The Pembertons of Nevis and St. Christopher*, from whom he himself descended. (Although it was published in London, the only copy traced so far is in the Library of Congress.)

On 29th January, 1915, *The Times* published an abstract of RCB's Will, in which he made provision for the publication of more of his work:

"The testator stated that for some years past he had been engaged in completing a genealogy of the Pemberton family, and if it should not be finished in his lifetime he left to his trustees all the books and papers in connexion therewith and £500 for the completion and publication thereof, and he also directed when the said genealogy is published that all copies shall be distributed to such persons and institutions as the trustees shall determine and he particularly requested that a copy should be sent to the London Library, St. James Street, S.W. and one to the Society of Genealogists."

By the time he died, RCB had collected or drawn up forty pedigree charts of various Pemberton families, plus a lot of Notes containing biographical information "with proofs and authorities for statements or suppositions". Users of the Charts will quickly conclude that he was selective, but he was selective out of necessity. He deserves our admiration for what he achieved at a time when there were few telephones, and no IGI, computers, fax machines or Internet, so that the principal means of gathering information were visiting libraries, writing letters and making personal visits.

Most of the pedigrees, of course, are of English families, although families from Philadelphia, Boston, Ireland and Canada and the French Pembertons of New Zealand are included, all of them seemingly of a similar social standing to his own.

RCB also goes into some detail about coats of arms. One result of his selective approach is that thirteen of his forty family groups are illustrated with coats of arms, and he clearly devoted a lot of time to researching the heraldry of the Pembertons.

His son Robert edited and prepared the charts for publication, and they appeared in book form in 1923 with the title *Pemberton Pedigrees*, under the imprint of the Sidney Press of Bedford. In the Preface Robert hoped that "the interest of the various families may justify the issue of the Notes as a second volume in the near future", but he also saw the need for further research "to link up most, if not all, of the branches with the original Lancashire stock". Unfortunately, the Notes were never published so far as we are aware, and their whereabouts, and those of the remaining material, are unknown.

The Rev. Robert Pemberton, M.A., editor of *Pemberton Pedigrees*.

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## Notes: Marriage (cont.)

In 1923, when the Pedigrees were published, Robert was Rector of Ingatestone, Essex. In the preceding thirty years he had held appointments in Forton (Hampshire), Scarborough (N. Yorkshire), Solihull and Four Oaks (both Warwickshire) and Lyonshall (Herefordshire).

In 1905, Robert published Solihull and its church. It is a substantial volume of 229 pages, and in the introduction he acknowledges a debt to his father, who transcribed many documents for him at the Public Record Office and the British Museum. As well as a description of the church (St Alphege), the book contains a brief history of Solihull, lists of previous clergy (some with portraits) and officials, and some account of the surrounding manors and their families with, in some cases, genealogical charts.

His research efforts in finishing the book for his father are exemplified by the following entry on page 33 of The Cheshire Sheaf, April, 1906:

Information is desired in connection with the early Pembertons of Lancashire and Cheshire, more especially with regard to those branches whose members migrated to S. Albans, co. Herts, and Rushden and Higham Ferrers, co. Northampton, in the 15th and 16th centuries, and regarding James Pemberton of Whiston, co. Lancs., whose estates were confiscated by the Confiscation Act of 1652, cap. 23, and his ancestors and descendants.

The Lancashire and Cheshire Record Society's publications have already been examined, as well as most of those of the Chethan and Surtees societies.

A "Geoffrey (or Jeffery) Pemberton, who came from Wiston, co. Lancs., and settled at S. Albans, being descended from the Pembertons of Pemberton Hall, co. Lancs.," is stated in the Visitation of Northamptonshire of 1681, which is in the College of Arms, to have been the father of Roger Pemberton of S. Albans, who died in 1627, whereas in various Visitations of Hertfordshire, of earlier dates, his father's name is given as "Robert" whose wife's name was "Catherine." In some this Robert is styled "of S. Albans." Anything tending to elucidate the facts would be useful.

The undersigned would be glad to enter into communication with any Pembertons or others who may be interested in such inquiries.

R. C. B. Pemberton,  
Major-General  
13, Creswell Gardens, South Kensington, London, S.W.

Robert died at the age of seventy-one on the 23rd September, 1940, at Mill Hill Emergency Hospital, Hendon, Middlesex. As well as being Rector of Ingatestone, he had also been Rural Dean of Brentwood since 1937. The funeral announcement in The Times on 26 September stipulated "no mourning, no flowers". He was buried in Brompton Cemetery on 27th September, near his wife, Ethel Frances Pemberton, who had died ten years before, and the service was conducted by the Bishop of Barking, the Rt. Rev. J.T. Inskip. The family mourners were Miss C. Pemberton (sister), Mr. G. P. Burn (grandson), Miss B. Arnould (sister-in-law) and Col. Sholto Pemberton and Lady Wingate (cousins).

A memorial service held at the Parish Church, Ingatestone, at the same time was attended by many clergy from the diocese. The service was conducted by the Bishop of Chelmsford, Dr. Henry Wilson.

An obituary in The Essex Chronicle on 27th September headed "Ingatestone's Loss", said the Rev. R. Pemberton had been ill for about three months. It gave details of his career and said he was of a most kindly nature, broadminded and generous-hearted. He had been a valued member of the Chelmsford Rural District Council and the Board of Guardians. He was never happier than when describing the features of Ingatestone's delightful old church to visitors.

The family grave in Brompton Cemetery, London.

The last resting place of RCB and of his son Robert and some other members of their family is in Brompton Cemetery in London. It is marked by a simple granite cross. To find it, walk up the main avenue from the Brompton Road entrance until you come to the Colonnade. On your left, level with the end of the Colonnade, is a large monument to a Walker family. The Pemberton memorial is immediately behind that monument. RCBPgravestone2RCBPWalkerStone

1901 Census: Civil Parish Kensington, Ecclesiastical Parish St Mary, Sub-District Brompton, Registration

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## Notes: Marriage (cont.)

District Kensington  
Creswell Gardens, Kensington, London, Middlesex, England

Robert C B Pemberton	Head	M	66	East Indies Other Col	[RETIRED MAJOR GEN R E]
Alice E M Pemberton	Daughter		F	37	
Catherine Pemberton	Daughter		F	36	
Annie G Pemberton	Daughter		F	35	
Flora Billingham	Servant	F	28	Cople, Bedfordshire	
Maud James	Servant	F	26	Barksay, Hertfordshire	
Rose Lee	Servant	F	21	Kensington, London	

1. *Newspaper*, From The Times, 24 December 1914

Major-General Pemberton, C.B.

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2. *Community Trees*, India Marriages, 1792-1948. Name Robert Charles Boileau Pemberton

Birth Date 1834  
Age 28  
Spouse's Name Alice Louisa Barrow  
Spouse's Birth Date 1843  
Spouse's Age 19  
Event Date 13 Nov 1862  
Event Place Seetapore, Bengal, India  
Father's Name Robert Boileau Pemberton  
Spouse's Father's Name Lousada Barrow.

3. *Community Trees*, England, Sussex, Parish Registers, 1538-1910. Name Robert Charles Boileau Pemberton

Event Type Marriage  
Event Date 30 Nov 1876  
Event Place Rogate, Sussex, England  
Gender Male  
Age 42  
Marital Status Widowed  
Birth Year (Estimated) 1834  
Father's Name Robert Boileau Pemberton  
Spouse's Name Marguerite Ellen Brenan  
Spouse's Gender Female  
Spouse's Age 27  
Spouse's Marital Status Single  
Spouse's Birth Year (Estimated) 1849  
Spouse's Father's Name Edward Fitzgerald Brenan.

4. *Community Trees*, India Births and Baptisms, 1786-1947. Name Alice Louisa Barrow

Gender Female  
Christening Date 21 Mar 1843  
Christening Place Sholapoor, Bombay, India  
Birth Date 30 Jan 1843  
Father's Name Lonsada Barrow.

5. *Community Trees*, India Births and Baptisms, 1786-1947. Name Alice Evelyn Mcleod Pemberton

Gender Female  
Christening Date 14 Oct 1863  
Christening Place Lucknow, Bengal, India  
Birth Date 08 Sep 1863  
Birthplace Chr. Lucknow Bengal India  
Father's Name Robert Charles Boileau Pemberton  
Mother's Name Alice Louisa.

6. *Community Trees*, India Births and Baptisms, 1786-1947. Name Catharine Pemberton

Gender Female  
Christening Date 28 Dec 1864  
Christening Place Lucknow, Bengal, India  
Birth Date 18 Nov 1864  
Birthplace chr Lucknow, Bengal, India  
Father's Name Robert Charles Boileau Pemberton  
Mother's Name Alice Louisa.

7. *Community Trees*, India Births and Baptisms, 1786-1947. Name Annie Gertrude Pemberton

Gender Female  
Christening Date 13 Apr 1866  
Christening Place India  
Birth Date 24 Mar 1866  
Birthplace Lucknow Bengal India  
Father's Name Robert Charles Boileau Pemberton  
Mother's Name Alice Louisa.

8. *Community Trees*, India Births and Baptisms, 1786-1947. Name Robert Pemberton

Gender Male  
Christening Date 22 Jan 1868  
Christening Place Fort William, Bengal, India  
Birth Date 12 Jan 1868  
Father's Name Robert Charles Boilean Pemberton  
Mother's Name Alice Louisa.