

Wilhelm August Eugen Purfürst  
a.k.a.  
William Purfurst  
County of Middlesex, England

Wilhelm August Eugen Purfürst was born January 20, 1816 in Leipzig, Germany. He was the youngest of four sons born to Johann Carl Purfurst (1763-1839) and Maria Rosine Becker (1776-1843), formerly of Neustadt an der Orla, Germany.

On June 1, 1833, in Leipzig, Germany, Wilhelm (later William) was issued a German passport. It would be two years later, however, before he immigrated to England, arriving at the port of Dover on June 18, 1835. Wilhelm Eugen Purfürst would thus become the first known member of the Purfürst ancestry to emigrate from Germany. Dozens of family members, from various regions of the country, were to follow over the course of the next 100 years. Most, but not all, ended up in America.

Traveling with Wilhelm was Carl Christian August Trepte. They were of the same age and almost like brothers as William's mother and father became foster parents for the Trepte children when their parents both died within a short period of time (1818/1819).

On April 3, 1836 William August Purfurst (I), the first of four consecutive generations to carry his name, married Charlotte Humphreys. The daughter of William Humphreys, she was born September 2, 1810 in Ealing, County of Middlesex, England. The marriage took place at the All Souls Church, Langham Place, St. Marylebone, County of Middlesex, England. Witnesses to the marriage included Charlotte's father. Two months later Charlotte and her father were witnesses for the wedding of Charlotte's sister Ann to William's family friend, Carl Christian August Trepte.

William's occupation was a master boot maker. At the time of their subsequent June 1841 Census the family was living on East Street (now Chiltern Street), Marylebone, County of Middlesex, England. The 1846 London Post Office Directory indicated that William operated a "French Boot Maker" shop at Number 2 Phillpott Terrace, Edgewater Road, (Marylebone), County of Middlesex, England. At the time of the March 1851 census they were living at Number 29 Upper Berkley Street, Paddington, County of Middlesex, England. By the time of the April 1861 census they had moved nearby to address Number 35. At the time of the April 1871 census they were living with the family of their daughter Charlotte (Curtis) at Sandringham Terrace, High Street, Ealing, County of Middlesex, England.

William Purfurst, at age 65, died January 21, 1881 at Dyers Cottage, Green Lanes, Hanwell, County of Middlesex, England. In attendance was his son, William August Purfürst (II) of Number 233 Portobello Road, Notting Hill. William's Last Will and Testament specified that the three family Messuages (properties) located at Number 8, 9 and 10 Avenue Road, Stevens Town, Ealing, County of Middlesex, England were bequeathed to his wife and, upon the occasion of her death, were to be passed to their three children.

At the time of the April 1881 census widow Charlotte Purfürst was residing on St Margarets Road, Hanwell, County of Middlesex, England. At the time of the April 1891 census she was living at number 3 Albert Villas, Hanwell, County of Middlesex, England. Charlotte Purfurst, age 88, died March 30, 1899 at the home of her daughter Anna (Cumings), number 4 Grove Terrace, Hanwell, County of Middlesex, England.

William Purfürst and Charlotte nee Humphreys had four children: Charlotte Rosina Purfurst, Anna Eugenie Purfurst, Henrietta Purfurst and William August Eugene Purfurst, (II).

1. William (I) and Charlotte Purfurst's first child, Charlotte Rosina Purfurst, was born about 1836 in Westminster, County of Middlesex, England. On May 13, 1855 she would marry James Curtis. The marriage took place at the St John's Church, Parish of Paddington, County of Middlesex, England. At the time of their marriage they both indicated they resided on Upper Berkley Street, Paddington, County of Middlesex, England. Born in 1835 in Marylebone, County of Middlesex, England James was the son of James Curtis but was orphaned at an early age. James' (Jr.) occupation was a Dyer and eventually operated his own business with which he remained connected throughout his life. In 1856 he commenced to preach the Gospel and in 1864 became the minister of Salem Chapel, Hayes, County of Middlesex, England. In 1874 he resigned his pastorate but in 1878 accepted a call as a Baptist minister for the Zoar Chapel, Staines Road, Hounslow, England. At the time of the April 1871 census the family was living at number 6 Sandringham Terrace, High Street, Ealing, County of Middlesex, England. At the time of the April 1881 census they were living on High Street, Ealing, County of Middlesex, England. At the time of the April 1891 census they were living at Denbigh Villa, Boston Road, Hanwell, County of Middlesex, England.



**James & Charlotte (Purfurst) Curtis. - 1890**

James Curtis, at age 63, died on October 29, 1898 at Ashburton Villa, Uxbridge Road, Hanwell, County of Middlesex, England. In his Last Will and Testament he indicated that his Dye Works on Saint Margarets Road, Hanwell, County of Middlesex, England was being operated by William August Purfurst. James Curtis specified that the place of business; plus the four adjacent cottages known as Numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4 Rosiana Cottages, Saint Margarets Road, Hanwell, County of Middlesex, England; plus their premises known as Mabel Villa, Saint Margarets Road, Hanwell, County of Middlesex, England; plus their properties known as Numbers 26 and 31 High Street, Ealing, County of Middlesex, England (formerly known as 6 and 11 Sandringham Terrace, Ealing) shall pass to the trustees of the estate, his wife Charlotte Rosina Curtis and his son-in-law William

Henry Fryer (husband of his eldest daughter, Annie) of Number 10 Lammas Park, Ealing, County of Middlesex, England. Upon the occasion of Charlotte's death the property known as Mabel Villa shall be sold with the proceeds placed into trust for his grandchildren, the children of his son James William Curtis. All other properties were to be sold with the proceeds divided equally among his remaining children.

James and Charlotte Curtis would have seven children: James William Curtis, Annie Curtis, Charlotte Rosina Curtis, Lydia Curtis, Alice Curtis, Henrietta Curtis and Edith Elizabeth Curtis.

1.1. James and Charlotte Curtis' first child, James William Curtis, was born April 14, 1857 in Paddington, County of Middlesex, England. At the time of the April 1881 James was living in the villa next to his grandmother Charlotte Purfurst. The census indicated he was married but his wife was not listed with him. His father's 1895 Last Will and Testament substantiates that son James (Jr.) most certainly had children; however, identification of his wife and those children have not yet been found. James (Sr.) provided for the children of his son James (Jr.) in his Will but chose to select a son-in-law as a co-executor of the estate. All of this would seem to imply that not only was the eldest son James, Jr. estranged from his wife but also was not in his father's favor.

1.2. James and Charlotte Curtis' second child, Anne Curtis, was born December 4, 1859 in Paddington, County of Middlesex, England. In March 1890 in Brentford, County of Middlesex, England she married William Henry Fryer. The son of Henry and Sarah Fryer, he was born in 1859 in Grays Inn, County of Middlesex, England. The March 1901 Census indicated they were residing at Number 35 Church Road, Hanwell, County of Middlesex, England. Theirs was believed to be a childless marriage.

James and Charlotte Curtis' third child, Charlotte Rosina Curtis, was born September 2, 1861 in Paddington, County of Middlesex, England. On June 26, 1883 at the St John Parish Church in Ealing, County of Middlesex, England she married James Simpson. The son of John Simpson, he was born about 1857 in St Pancras, London, England. James and Charlotte would have three children, all born in St Pancras, London, England: Sidney Simpson born about 1889; Richard Simpson born about 1891; and John Simpson born about 1894. At the time of the 1901 census they were living in Islington, London, England.



**Herbert & Lydia (Curtis) Harvey Family – 1900**  
**Left to Right**

**Rear**

**\* Alice Marguerite Harvey**

**Front**

**\* Herbert G. Harvey**  
**\* Herbert Harvey**  
**\* Alfred Edwin Harvey**  
**\* Lydia (Curtis) Harvey**  
**\* Charles Everard Harvey**

- 1.3. James and Charlotte Curtis' fourth child, Lydia Curtis, was born June 7, 1864 in Paddington, County of Middlesex, England. On March 31, 1884 at the Baptist Chapel in Ealing, County of Middlesex, England she married Herbert Harvey. The son of Edwin Harvey and Esther Priest, he was born June 1879 in Great Missedden, County of Buckinghamshire, England. Herbert died about 1946 in Hanwell, County of Middlesex, England. Lydia died September 8, 1923 in Hanwell, County of Middlesex, England. At the time of their 1901 census they were living at Number 111 Boston Road, Hanwell, County of Middlesex, England. They had five children: Alice Marguerite Harvey, Gladys Harvey, Herbert G. Harvey, Charles Everard Harvey and Alfred Edwin Harvey. After their deaths the remains of children Gladys, Charles and Alfred were placed in a common gravesite with their mother.



**William & Alice (Curtis) Piggott Family – 1930**  
**Left to Right**

**Back Row**

**Center Row**

**Front Row**

- \* **William Josiah Piggott**
- \* **William Roy Piggott**

- \* **Gladys Piggott**
- \* **Alice (Harvey) Piggott**

- \* **Gwendoline Piggott**
- \* **Alan Piggott**

1.3.1. Herbert and Lydia Harvey's first child, Alice Marguerite Harvey, was born about 1885 in Hanwell, County of Middlesex, England. About 1913 she married William Josiah Piggott. The son of Samuel Piggott and Sarah Ann Garner, he was born December 23, 1877 in Croydon, County of Surrey, England. Alice died April 08, 1938 in Sutton, County of Surrey, England. William died December 1963 in Croydon, County of Surrey, England. They had five children:

1.3.1.1. William Roy Piggott married Elizabeth Alison Toombs and had children Eleanor Caroline Piggott and Christine Piggott.

1.3.1.2. Theodore Herbert Eric Piggott died in childhood.

1.3.1.3. Gladys Marguerite Piggott married Friedrich Ewer and had children David Ewer and Annette Ewer.



**Patrick & Padrayla (O'Leary) Holdsworth Family – 2003**  
**Left to Right**

**Standing**

- \* **Michael Holdsworth**
- \* **Gulden Holdsworth**

**Seated**

- \* **Padrayla (O'Leary) Holdsworth**
- \* **Patrick Holdsworth**

1.3.1.4. Gwendoline Erica Piggott married William Antony O'Leary and had a daughter Padrayla Jane O'Leary who married Patrick Holdsworth.

1.3.1.5. Alan Derek Piggott who married Ms. Myfanwy and had children Julia Piggott and Robert Piggott.

1.3.2. Herbert and Lydia Harvey's second child, Gladys Harvey was born January 1886 in Hanwell, County of Middlesex, England and died two months later on March 01, 1886.

1.3.3. Herbert and Lydia Harvey's third child, Herbert G. Harvey was born about 1888 in Hanwell, County of Middlesex, England.

1.3.4. Herbert and Lydia Harvey's fourth child, Charles Everard Harvey, was born November 1890 in Hanwell, County of Middlesex, England and died as a young man on February 19, 1916 in Hanwell, County of Middlesex, England.

1.3.5. Herbert and Lydia Harvey's fifth child, Alfred Edwin Harvey, was born in 1895 in Hanwell, County of Middlesex, England and died as a teenager on January 08, 1913 in Hanwell, County of Middlesex, England.

1.4. James and Charlotte Curtis' fifth child, Alice Curtis, was born about 1868 in Paddington, County of Middlesex, England. At the time of the 1901 census she was living with her widowed mother in Ashburton Villas, Hanwell, County of Middlesex, England. It is believed that Alice never married.



**Henrietta (Curtis) Joy  
with son Henry - 1902**

- 1.5. James and Charlotte Curtis' sixth child, Henrietta Curtis, was born April 22, 1869 in Ealing, County of Middlesex, England. On March 26, 1891 at Union Church, Hanwell, County of Middlesex, England she married Charles William Joy. The son of Mathew Charles and Rosa Joy, he was born about 1869 in Hanwell, County of Middlesex, England. At the time of the 1901 census they were living at Number 141 Uxbridge Road, Ealing, County of Middlesex, Middlesex. Charles and Henrietta had a son, Henry C. V. Joy, born about 1898.
- 1.6. James and Charlotte Curtis' seventh child, Edith Elizabeth Curtis, was born March 28, 1877 in Ealing, County of Middlesex, England. At the time of the 1901 census she was living with her widowed mother in Ashburton Villa, Hanwell, County of Middlesex, England. It is believed that Edith never married.
2. William (I) and Charlotte Purfurst's second child, Anna Eugenie Purfurst, was born August 18, 1838 in Leipzig, Germany. The circumstances of that foreign birth are described in subsequent paragraphs. On December 26, 1864 in St John's Church, Parish of Paddington, County of Middlesex, England Anna married Nathaniel Cumings. At the time of the marriage Nathaniel was living at Number 4 Johnson Street, Saint Pancras Camden Town, Middlesex while Anna was living at Upper Berkley Street West, Paddington, County of Middlesex, England. The son of John Cumings, Jr. and Sarah Fletcher, Nathaniel was born February 21, 1843 in Somers Town, County of Middlesex, England.

Nathaniel's occupation was a Cheesemonger. His father was a builder. At the time of their subsequent April 1871 census and the April 1881 census, Nathaniel and Anna were living at Number 183 Caledonia Road, Islington, County of Middlesex, England. In their April 1891 census they were living at Number 5 Sommerfield Road, Islington, London.

Nathaniel died on February 18, 1892 in Islington, County of Middlesex, England, just a few days short of his 49th birthday. In his Last Will and Testament, his real and personal estate was bequeathed to his wife Anna Eugenie Cumings and, upon the occasion of her death, was to be divided equally among their children still living.

In her 1901 census Anna was residing in Hanwell, County of County of Middlesex, England. Living with her were sons Arthur and Herbert and daughters Hilda and Edith. Anna's date and place of death is not known.

Nathaniel and Anna Cumings would have nine children: Eugenie M. Cumings, Annie Eleanor Cumings, Daisy Cumings, Caroline Cumings, Herbert Eugene Cumings, Edith Florence Cumings, Albert Ernest Cumings, Arthur Nathaniel Cumings and Hilda Gwendolyn Pearl Cumings.



**Nathaniel & Anna (Purfurst) Cumings Daughters – 1906  
Left to Right**

**Seated**

- \* **Caroline Cumings**
- \* **Hulda (Cumings) Price**
- \* **Edith (Cumings) Cumings**

**Standing**

- \* **Annie (Cumings) Tinson**
- \* **Daisey (Cumings) Sennitt**



- 2.1. Nathaniel and Anna Cumings' first child, Eugenie M. Cumings, was born June 1866 in Islington, County of Middlesex, England. She apparently died as a youth prior to 1871 as there was no record of her in the family census that year or thereafter.
- 2.2. Nathaniel and Anna Cumings' second child, Annie Eleanor Cumings, was born February 19, 1868 in Highgate, County of Middlesex, England. On October 9, 1888 in Mount Zion Chapel on High Street, Marylebone, County of Middlesex, England she married Willie Ebenezer Tinson. The son of John and Harriett Tinson, he was born September 01, 1864 in Marylebone, County of Middlesex, England. In their 1901 census they were residing at Number 15 Edmonds Terrace, St Marylebone, London, England. They would have four children: Clifford Wilfred Tinson, Violet Irene Tinson, Leslie Cyril Tinson and Geoffrey Philip Tinson.
  - 2.2.1. Willie and Annie Tinson's first child, Clifford Wilfrid Tinson, was born November 3, 1890 in Islington, London, England. On November 26, 1928 in Horfield, Bristol, County of Gloucestershire, England he married Violet Zipporah Deakin. Violet was born July 24, 1907 in Weeden, Daventry, County of Northamptonshire, England. Clifford died on July 20, 1982 in Cheltenham, County of Gloucestershire. Violet died on April 10, 1998 in Farnborough, County of Hampshire. They had one son,: Ashley Russell Tinson who married Edna Margaret Neville and had children Peter Neville Tinson, David Ashley Tinson and Helen Sophia Tinson.
  - 2.2.2. Willie and Annie Tinson's second child, Violet Irene Tinson, was born about 1893 in London. She died on June 23, 1982 in Highgate, County of Middlesex, England. She never married.
  - 2.2.3. Willie and Annie Tinson's third child, Leslie Cyril Tinson, was born December 13, 1898. He died as an infant on June 3, 1899 in London, England.
  - 2.2.4. Willie and Annie Tinson's fourth child, Geoffrey Philip Tinson, was born March 15, 1908 in St Johns Wood, London, England. On Sep 6, 1930 in Barnet, County of Hertfordshire, England he married Evelyn Florence Davey. Evelyn died March 2, 1976 in Barnet, County of Hertfordshire, England. They had three sons Alan Geoffrey Tinson, Christopher Tinson and Anthony John Tinson.
    - 2.2.4.1. Alan Geoffrey Tinson married Jean Marie Thompson and had children Keith Alan Tinson, Graham Andrew Tinson, Philip Neil Tinson and Alick John Tinson.
    - 2.2.4.2. Christopher Tinson married Inge Lis Hansen and had a daughter Maja Tinson.
    - 2.2.4.3. Anthony John Tinson who married Gillian Searle.
- 2.3. Nathaniel and Anna Cumings' third child, Daisy Cumings, was born March 19, 1870 in Islington, County of Middlesex, England. On March 19, 1890 in the Mount Zion Chapel, High Street, Marylebone, County of Middlesex, England she married John Morton Sennitt. The son of Henry Oasland and Mary Sennitt, he was born about 1867 in Bayswater, Kensington, County of Middlesex, England. At the time of their April 1901 census they were residing at Number 90 High Street, Willesden, County of Middlesex, England. They would have two children: Reginald Sennitt and Doris Sennitt.

- 2.3.1. Reginald Sennitt was born about 1804 in Harlesden, London, England and married May Yeo.
- 2.3.2. Doris Sennitt was born about 1900 in Harlesden, London, England and married Thomas Buchanan.
- 2.4. Nathaniel and Anna Cumings' fourth child, Caroline Cumings, was born October 30, 1871 in Islington, County of Middlesex, England. In her April 1901 census she was living in Paddington, London, England. Her occupation at that time was a bookkeeper for a butcher shop in Paddington. It is believed that Caroline never married.
- 2.5. Nathaniel and Anna Cumings' fifth child, Herbert Eugene Cumings, was born September 26, 1873 in Islington, County of Middlesex, England. On May 21, 1901 in the Highgate Road Baptist Chapel in St Pancras, London, he married Bessie Campion. The daughter of James and Louisa Campion she was born about 1868 in Islington, London, England. At the time of their marriage Herbert was living at number 15 St. Edmunds Terrace, Regents Park, London, England while Bessie was residing at Number 58 Pemberton Gardens, Upper Holloway, London, England. They had one known child: Eugenie Bess Cumings.
- 2.6. Nathaniel and Anna Cumings' sixth child, Edith Florence Cumings, was born May 04, 1875 in Islington, County of Middlesex, England. On October 15, 1903 in Ealing, County of Middlesex, England she married Percy Edgar Cumings. The son of Henry and Louisa Cumings, he was born about 1877 in Levtonstone, County, of Essex, England. At the time of their marriage Edith was living with her widowed mother in Hanwell, County, of Middlesex, England while Percy was residing in Kensington, London, England. Although they share the same surname their ancestral relationship, if any, is not known. They had one known child, Joyce Cuming.
- 2.7. Nathaniel and Anna Cumings' seventh child, Albert Ernest Cumings, was born April 29, 1877 in Islington, County of Middlesex, England. On February 20, 1902 in the Baptist Church, Acton Lane, Harlesden, Willesden, County of Middlesex, England, he married Rose Mary Moss. The daughter of Frederick and Elizabeth Moss, she was born about 1873 in Bildeston, County of Suffolk, England. At the time of their marriage Albert was living with his widowed mother in Hanwell, County of Middlesex, England while Rose was residing at number 93 St. Marny Road, Wandsworth, London, England. They had two known children: Christopher Cumings and Paul Cumings.
- 2.8. Nathaniel and Anna Cumings' eighth child was Arthur Nathaniel Cumings. He was born February 4, 1880 in Islington, County of Middlesex, England. About 1904 he would marry Kathleen Aylott. The daughter of Benjamin and Jane Aylott, she was born about 1879 in Ealing, County of Middlesex, England. Arthur and Kathleen would both die on November 8, 1940 at number 11, St Leonards Road, Ealing, County of Middlesex, England as a result of a World War Two bombing raid. His Last Will and Testament named his son, John Nathaniel Cumings and a local financial institution as executors of his estate. Upon the occasion of his death he bequeathed to his son a number of personal items to include all photographs of his parents and sisters and everything known to have belonged to his parents and Grandparents. They had one son: Johan Nathaniel Cumings.

- 2.8.1. Arthur and Kathleen's son John Nathaniel Cumings was born October 4, 1905. On January 16, 1940 in Wimbledon, County of Surrey, England he married Mary Phyllis Parish. Mary was born April 2, 1916 in Wimbledon, County of Surrey, England. John died August 22, 1974 in Worthing, County of Sussex, England. Mary died August 23, 1995 in Rustington, County of West Sussex, England. They would have two children: Rosemary Cumings and David John Cumings.
  - 2.8.1.1. John and Mary Cumings first child, Rosemary Cumings, was born February 19, 1941 in London, England. She died March 11, 1986 in Angmering, County of West Sussex, England. Rosemary never married.
  - 2.8.1.2. John and Mary Cumings second child, David John Cumings, married Sylvia Diamond.
- 2.9. Nathaniel and Anna Cumings' ninth child, Hilda Gwendoline Pearl Cumings, was born September 23, 1886 in Islington, London, England. On November 25, 1920 in Brentford, County of Middlesex, England she married Clair Sandon Price. The son of Silas Eber Price and Nettie Sandon, he was born December 19, 1888 in LaCrosse, LaCross County, Wisconsin. They had two children: Ursula Edith Price and Christine Hilda Price.
  - 2.9.1. Clair and Hilda Price's first child, Ursula Edith Price, was born October 23, 1923 in Ealing, County of Middlesex, England. On July 31, 1963 in Rutland, Rutland County, Vermont she married Michael Bristowe Roberts. Ursula died January 19, 1998 in Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico. Michael died September 01, 2007 in Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico They had two children: Joseph H.S. Roberts and Rachel Wagaye Roberts who married Melaku Dissassa,
  - 2.9.2. Clair and Hilda Price's second child, Christine Hilda Price, was born April 15, 1928 in England Christina died in 1980 in Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico. She had never married.
3. William (I) and Charlotte Purfurst's third child was Henrietta Purfurst. She was born May 9, 1841 at the family home, Number 99 East Street (now Chiltern Street), County of Middlesex, England. She was baptized in St Mary's Church, St Marylebone Road, Paddington, County of Middlesex, England. On April 25, 1851 Henrietta, age 9, died at the family home, Number 29 Berkley Street, Paddington, County of Middlesex, England.



**William & Elizabeth (Prosser) Purfurst, II. - 1875**

4. William (I) and Charlotte Purfurst's fourth child, William August Eugene Purfurst, (II.), was born in September 1843. He was baptized September 10, 1843 in St James Church, Paddington, County of Middlesex, England. On September 13, 1875 in the Register's Office, District of Kensington, County of Middlesex, England he married Elizabeth Prosser. The daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Prosser, she was born about 1851 in Oxford, County of Oxfordshire, England. William's occupation was a Dyer. At the time of the marriage he was currently living at Number 11 Albert Terrace, Paddington, County of Middlesex, England while Elizabeth was living on Green Lane, Hanwell, County of Middlesex, England. At the time of their April 1881 census they would be living at Number 233 Portobello Road, Kensington, London, England. William's occupation was then a Greengrocer. At the time of their March 1901 census they would be living in Hanwell, County of Middlesex, England. His occupation was once again a Textile Dyer.

Elizabeth Purfurst, age 55, died May 18, 1906 at Number 147 Ditchling Road, Preston, Steyning, County of East Sussex, England. Present at the time of her death was her son William August Purfurst, III. The ownership of this residence and the reason for her living there is unknown.

William August Purfurst (II), age 67, died June 23, 1911 at Number 14, Albermarl Road, Gorleston, County of Great Yarmouth (Suffolk), England. Present at the time of his death was Phillis Barrett, the mother of Harry Barrett, the husband of William's daughter, Ethel. Probate records indicate that William was no longer involved with the Dye business in Hanwell and was instead living at Hope Cottage, Albermarl Road, Gorleston, County of Great Yarmouth (Suffolk), England. This is assumed to be the residence of, or in close proximity to daughter Ethel and her husband. As his wife preceded him in death his estate was left to his son and daughter

William and Elizabeth Purfurst would have two children: William August Eugene Purfurst, (III) and Ethel Beatrice Purfurst.



**William August Purfurst, III – 1905**



**Ethel Beatrice Purfurst - 1903**

Author's Comment: In the above photo William is wearing the uniform of the King's Royal Horse Artillery. The unit's duties include firing of Royal Salutes during State Occasions and participating in Royal parades.

- 4.1. William August Eugene, (II). and Elizabeth Purfurst's first child, William August Eugene Purfurst, (III) was born on July 20, 1880 in Bayswater, County of Middlesex, England. In actuality the child's birth registration indicates that his first and middle names were reversed from those given to his father and grandfather before him. (August William rather than William August). However, all subsequent historical documents, including his marriage registration, indicates that his name was in agreement with his ancestors. The assumption is made that the birth registration was filed incorrectly therefore all references to this generation, within this publication, will indicate William August Eugene Purfurst, III. On April 29, 1905 in the Register's Office, District of Brentford, County of Middlesex, England he married Margaret Holland Woods. The daughter of William and Mary Woods, she was born about 1886 in Kirkham, County of Lancashire, England. At the time of the marriage she was living at Number 5 St Margaret's Road, Hanwell, County of Middlesex, England. August William's occupation was a Dyer and was currently living at Number 73 St Margaret's Road, County of Middlesex, England.

August William Eugene Purfurst, (III) age 32, died March 15, 1913 at the Uxbridge Workhouse Infirmary, Hillington East Road, County of Middlesex, England. At that time he was living at Number 9 Hammond Road East, Southall, County of Middlesex, England. Margaret died April 9, 1857 in Westminster, London, England. They had two children: William August Eugene Purfurst, (IV) and Margaret Elizabeth Mary Purfürst.

- 4.1.1. August William Eugene and Margaret Purfurst's first child, William August Purfurst, (IV) was born June 2, 1906 at the family home, Number 73 St. Dunstons Road, Hanwell, Middlesex. His life is further described in subsequent paragraphs.
- 4.1.2. August William Eugene and Margaret Purfurst's second child, Margaret Elizabeth Mary Purfurst, was born August 9, 1908 at the family home, 73 St. Dunstons Road, Hanwell, County of Middlesex, England. Margaret, age 3, died November 17, 1911 in Hanwell, County of Middlesex, England.
- 4.2. William August Eugene, Jr. and Elizabeth Purfurst's second child, Ethel Beatrice Purfurst, was born November 14, 1883 at the family home, St Margarets Road, Hanwell, Middlesex. On September 12, 1905 at the St. Andrew Church, Parish of Gorleston, County of Great Yarmouth (Suffolk), England she married Harry Herbert Barrett. The son of Phillis Stammer, he was born about 1875 in Wilby, County of Great Yarmouth (Suffolk), England.

At the time of the 1871 Census, Phillis Stammer, unmarried at age 27, was a housekeeper for widower Michael Barrett, age 48, in Lowestoft, County of Suffolk, England. At the time of the 1881 census, Phillis was now living with her parents, Robert and Phillis Stammer in Wilby, County of Suffolk, England. At age 37 she is still unmarried but now has two children: Harry Stammer, age 6, and Charles Stammer, age 4. By the time of the 1891 Census Michael Barrett, age 69, and Phillis, age 47, are married and currently living at Number 60 Gile Road, Gorleston, County of Great Yarmouth (Suffolk), England. Phillis' children are listed as Michael Barrett, age 16, and Charles Barrett, age 14. The assumption is made that the children were born to Phillis while she acted in the capacity as Michael's housekeeper and they later married. It is also assumed that Harry and Charles Stammer were adopted by Michael Barrett after that marriage since Barrett was the name utilized on Harry's subsequent wedding certificate.

At the time of their marriage Ethel Purfurst was living at Upper Cliff Road, Gorleston, County of Suffolk, England while Harry Barrett was living at Shadbroke Road, Gorleston, County of Suffolk, England. They had one known child, Sylvia Muriel Barrett, born January 13, 1914 in West Tottenham, County of Middlesex. England.

As previously outlined, William August Eugene Purfurst, Sr. and Charlotte Humphrey had four children. Three were born in England but daughter Anna was born in Leipzig, Germany.

On March 8, 1838 William, Sr., wife Charlotte and daughter Charlotte sailed from England in route back to Leipzig, Germany where William's parents lived. While in Leipzig, daughter Anna was born on August 18, 1838. The family returned to England on March 8, 1839 aboard the vessel *Britanna* which had sailed from the German port of Hamburg.

On October 30, 1840 William's father, Johann Carl Purfürst died in Leipzig, Germany. On May 2, 1842 William's mother, Maria Rosine Purfurst nee Becker, departed Leipzig for London to live with William and his family. She died November 13, 1843 at Number 2, Philpott Terrace, St Mary, Paddington, Kensington, County of Middlesex, England. The certificate stated that the informant was Marie's "daughter-in-law Charlotte" whose residence was stated to be the same as Marie's place of death. Marie's death certificate also stated that she was "the widow of winemaker William (sic) Johann Carl Purfurst".

Also as previously stated, August William Eugene Purfurst, III and his wife Margaret Holland Woods had a son William August Purfurst, IV. On March 30, 1929 son William IV married Kitty Louisa Jones, age 25, in the Registers Office, in Richmond Upon Thames, County of Surrey, England. She was the daughter of Hugh Jones. At the time of this marriage, William's occupation was a typewriter mechanic. It has been stated that the marriage was of short duration.

While serving in the volunteer services in London during the Second World War, William (IV) came into contact with Buddhism through a Burmese monk. He subsequently developed an interest in, and become quite knowledgeable on the subject of, Oriental Philosophy. When he realized that he had no practical experience on the subject he arranged, at the age of 46, to go to Thailand to seek ordination as a Buddhist monk. In 1954 he was ordained as The Venerable Kapilavaddho Bhikku. That same year he returned to England where in London he founded a charitable organization, the *English Sangha Trust*, and a Buddhist monastery. In 1955 he returned to Thailand with young men for training and, upon the occasion of their ordination, again returned to England.

His health soon failed and in May 1957 he was forced to disrobe. On April 9, 1957, just prior to his retirement, his mother, Margaret nee Woods, died thus, as his last official duty, he arranged for the cremation of his mother.

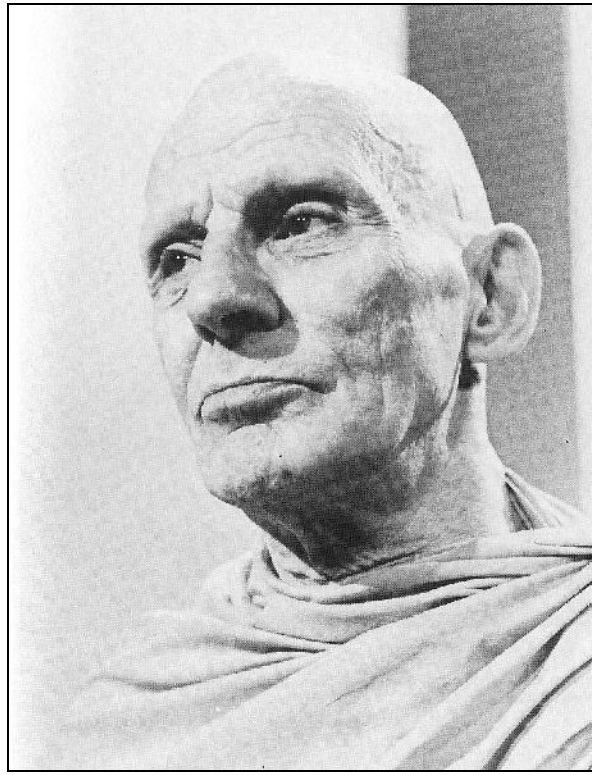
On June 21, 1957 Kapilavaddho Bhikku, formerly William August Purfurst IV, legally changed his name to Richard August Randall. He stated that he was then residing at Flat 4, Cleveland Gardens, London.

On November 13, 1965 at the Registry Office, Paddington, County of Middlesex, England, William Purfurst, now Richard Randall, age 50, married Jean Mildred MacGregor, "formerly Rendle (sic)", nee Lester, age 30. She was the daughter of Ernest Stanley Lester and Ruth Lester. It was Ruth and daughter Jean who nursed Richard back to health after his forced retirement. At the time of this marriage, Richard's occupation was a Publisher's Account Clerk. On January 10, 1966 he formally adopted Jean's son who had been born May 16, 1965. The son was then named John William Lester Randall. During his convalescence William wrote a book on his experiences, *Life as a Siamese Monk*.

The marriage of Richard Randall and Jean was dissolved on June 17, 1971. Four months later, on October 1, 1971, two months before his death, Richard Randall, age 65, married Jacqueline Patricia Gray, age 24. She was the daughter of Michael Joseph Gray. Richard's occupation was a lecturer (at the Buddhist College) and resided at Number 181 Haverstock Hill, London, England.

William August Purfurst, IV, now Richard August Randall, formerly Kapilavaddho Bhikku, died on December 19, 1971 at Middlesex Hospital, St Marylebone, County of Middlesex, England and was cremated at Golders Green Crematorium, in North London, England. At the time of his death his occupation was lecturer at the Buddhist College and resided at Number 129 Haverstock Hill, London, England.

On March 29, 1972 William's widow Jacqueline, age 25, remarried to Alan Paul James, age 32. Alan and Jacqueline were also associated with the *Sangha Trust*.



**William August Purfurst, IV,  
a.k.a Richard Randall,  
a.k.a. Kapilavaddho Bhikku - 1968**