

Reginald Charles Smith and Mary Elizabeth Canham

By their marriage in 1921 Mary Elizabeth had become Marie Elizabeth. They were married on 24th July in the parish church of St Paul, Herne Hill (cert no. 269.) He was 20, a bachelor, jewelers assistant living at 60 Milkwood Road. His father was recorded as Charles Albert Smith, a foreman. She was also 20 and living two doors from him at 64 Milkwood Road. She was a spinster who was a cashier and bookkeeper. Her father was recorded as James John Canham. The fathers were the witnesses at the ceremony.

It is interesting to note that the position of bookkeeper/cashier would probably not have been available to a woman but for the war of 1914-18.

A first child, Ronald Charles was born on 8th November. Two other children, Eileen and Jack were born later.

After about fifteen years as a jeweller in Bond Street, London, the great depression of the 1930s forced Reginald to move to a position as manager of a leather and fancy goods store in Princes Street, Edinburgh. Later he moved to the department store, Patrick Thomson on the 'Bridges' in Edinburgh where he was Chief Buyer until he retired.

He died in 1972, the record being: (dist. 730 no. 540) 1972 July 10th at 44 Boswall Parkway, Edinburgh.

Reginald Charles Smith, male, 71 (D.O.B. 3 August 1901) Dept. store buyer. Married to Marie Elizabeth Canham.

Parents: Charles Albert Smith, Edith Elizabeth Smith M.S. Valie (deceased).

Informant Robt. Clark.

Her death took place more than 20 years later: (dist. 742 no. 20) on Jan 10 1993 at Queensbury House Hospital, Edinburgh.

Mary Elizabeth Smith. Widow of Reginald C. Smith, female, 91 (D.O.B. 10 August 1901).

Parents:Canham military police(deceased),Selous. Informant M. Clark.