



# Spencer Whiteman 1840 – 1919

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Engineer

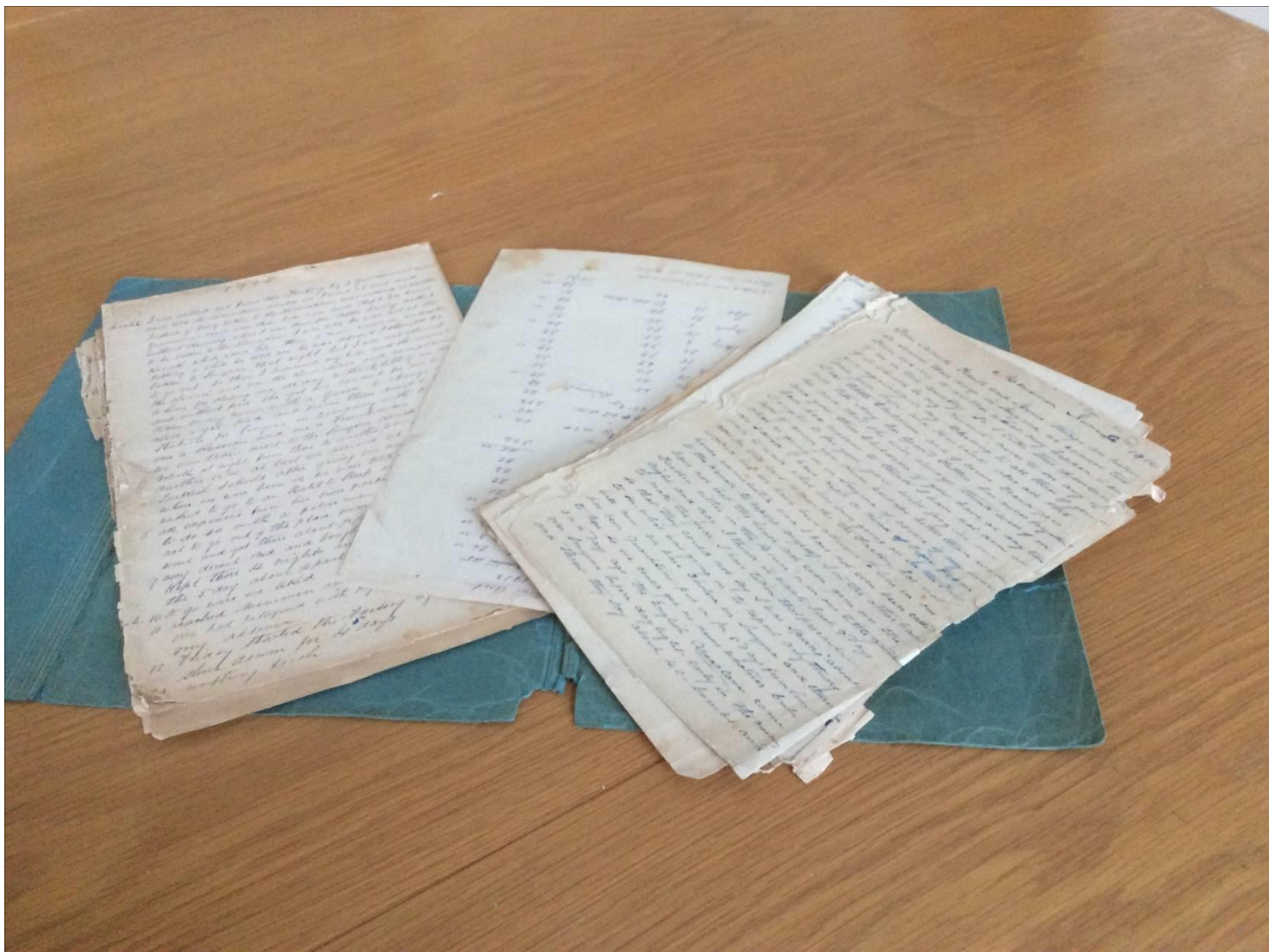
*“really it is very trying now nearly four years to be shut up in this place cannot go to Smyrna to see anyone nor can they come up from Smyrna to see us...Sometimes for days I don't see a man”*



Maude Williamson  
nee Whiteman  
1880 - 1975







# Udimore Church





*Parish of Udimore*

PLACE	HOUSES		NAMES of each Person who abode therein the preceding Night.	AGE and SEX		PROFESSION, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT, or of INDEPENDENT MEANS.	Where Born		
	Unfinished or Building	Inhabited		Males	Females		Whether Born in same County	Whether Born in Scotland, Ireland, or Foreign Parts.	
Inslam		1	Thomas Steiman	40		Ag. Lab <sup>r</sup>	Y		
			Charlotte da	35			do		
			Mary da	12			do		
			Charlotte da	10			do		
			Eliza da	8			do		
			Thomas da	4			do		
			William da	5			do		
			Mary da	3			do		
			J. Lab <sup>r</sup>				do		
Bollwook House		1	Edward Whitman	55		Ag. Lab <sup>r</sup>	do		
			Rosina da	26			do		
			Ann da	7			do		
			George da	5			do		
			Mad. da	4			do		
			J. Spencer	1			do		
	do		1	Robert Keates	40		Ag. Lab <sup>r</sup>	do	
				Elizabeth da	40			do	
				William da	20			do	
			Sarah da	18			do		
			Robert da	15			do		
			Ellen da	13			do		
			Mary da	5			do		
			J. George da	2			do		
Road and Cottage			1	George Costen	41		Ag. Lab <sup>r</sup>	Y	
			Mary da	50			do		

# 1841 Census

Udimore, Sussex



# 1851 Census: Udimore

Parish or Township of <i>Udimore</i>		Enumeration District		Household No. <i>100</i>		Class of		
No. of House	Name of Street, Lane, Road, and Place	Name and Surname of each Person who abode in the house, on the Night of the 30th March, 1851		Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of		Rank, Profession, or Occupation
						Male	Female	
<i>16</i>	<i>Longhouse</i>	<i>Thomas Greenwood</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>47</i>			<i>Ag. Lab.</i>
		<i>Sarah Green</i>	<i>Do Wife</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>42</i>			<i>Do</i>
		<i>Thomas</i>	<i>Do Son</i>	<i>Unmarried</i>	<i>14</i>			<i>Ag. Lab.</i>
		<i>William</i>	<i>Do Son</i>	<i>Unmarried</i>	<i>11</i>			<i>Do</i>
		<i>Thomas</i>	<i>Do Child</i>	<i>Unmarried</i>	<i>7</i>			<i>Do</i>
		<i>John</i>	<i>Do Child</i>	<i>Unmarried</i>	<i>4</i>			<i>Scholar</i>
		<i>Ann</i>	<i>Do Child</i>	<i>Unmarried</i>	<i>1</i>			<i>Scholar</i>
<i>26</i>	<i>2 Newhouse</i>	<i>Thomas Green</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>51</i>			<i>Ag. Lab.</i>
		<i>Sarah</i>	<i>Do Wife</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>47</i>			<i>Do</i>
		<i>Thomas</i>	<i>Do Son</i>	<i>Unmarried</i>	<i>13</i>			<i>Ag. Lab.</i>
		<i>Richard</i>	<i>Do Son</i>	<i>Unmarried</i>	<i>20</i>			<i>Do</i>
		<i>John</i>	<i>Do Son</i>	<i>Unmarried</i>	<i>16</i>			<i>Do</i>
		<i>John</i>	<i>Do Child</i>	<i>Unmarried</i>	<i>7</i>			<i>Do</i>
<i>27</i>	<i>Woodhouse</i>	<i>Edmund Whitman</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>46</i>			<i>Ag. Lab.</i>
		<i>Ann</i>	<i>Do Wife</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>41</i>			<i>House Keeper</i>
		<i>Thomas</i>	<i>Do Son</i>	<i>Unmarried</i>	<i>10</i>			<i>Ag. Lab.</i>
		<i>Harriet</i>	<i>Do Child</i>	<i>Unmarried</i>	<i>7</i>			<i>Scholar</i>
		<i>John</i>	<i>Do Son</i>	<i>Unmarried</i>	<i>5</i>			<i>At home</i>
Total of Persons...		<i>11</i>	<i>9</i>					

# Castle Inn, Winchelsea





# 1861 Census: Winchelsea

Page 22] The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the

Parish (or Township) of <i>St Andrew's Church Winchelsea</i>		City or Municipal Borough of <i>Winchelsea</i>		Municipal Ward of		Parliamentary Borough of <i>Rye</i>		Town of <i>Winchelsea</i>		Hamlet or Tything, &c.	
No. of Schedule	Road, Street, &c., and No. or Name of House	BOURNE		Name and Surname of each Person	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of		Rank, Profession, or Occupation		W
		In Inland	Coast- ward (A.), or Island (B.)				Males	Females			
✓ 118	5 <i>Castle Street</i>	1		<i>Mary West</i>	<i>Widow</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>52</i>		<i>Widow of a Surgeon</i>	<i>West</i>	
				<i>John Mary West</i>	<i>son</i>	<i>un</i>	<i>31</i>				
				<i>William St West</i>	<i>son</i>	<i>un</i>	<i>29</i>		<i>House Servant</i>	<i>Sally</i>	
✓ 119	6	1		<i>Isabella Miller</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>52</i>		<i>Handweaver</i>		
				<i>Anna Miller</i>	<i>son</i>	<i>un</i>	<i>15</i>		<i>Schooler</i>		
✓ 120	<i>Castle Lane</i>	1		<i>Edward Whitman</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>56</i>		<i>Iron Worker</i>		
				<i>James Whitman</i>	<i>son</i>	<i>un</i>	<i>20</i>		<i>Wagon Driver</i>		
				<i>Maria Whitman</i>	<i>son</i>	<i>un</i>	<i>15</i>		<i>Housekeeper</i>		
				<i>Ellen Haygate</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>un</i>	<i>28</i>				
				<i>John Sedden</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>un</i>	<i>35</i>		<i>Wagon Driver</i>		
✓ 121	4 "	1		<i>James Harnden</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>57</i>		<i>Shoemaker</i>		
				<i>Isabella Harnden</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>un</i>	<i>53</i>		<i>Schoolmistress</i>		
				<i>Caroline Harnden</i>	<i>son</i>	<i>un</i>	<i>21</i>		<i>Seamstress</i>		
				<i>William Harnden</i>	<i>son</i>	<i>un</i>	<i>18</i>		<i>Shipman</i>		
				<i>Thomas Harnden</i>	<i>son</i>	<i>un</i>	<i>16</i>		"		
✓ 122	9	1		<i>Henry Jones</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>53</i>		<i>Butcher</i>		
				<i>Samy Jones</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>52</i>		<i>Wife</i>		
				<i>Catherine Jones</i>	<i>son</i>	<i>un</i>	<i>17</i>				
				<i>Frank Jones</i>	<i>son</i>	<i>un</i>	<i>14</i>				
✓ 123	10	1		<i>Richard Fuller</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>28</i>		<i>Farmers son</i>		
				<i>James Fuller</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>27</i>				
				<i>Walter Fuller</i>	<i>son</i>	<i>un</i>	<i>7</i>				
				<i>Richard M Fuller</i>	<i>son</i>	<i>un</i>	<i>4m</i>				
				<i>Esther Norman</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>un</i>	<i>17</i>		<i>House Servant</i>		
Total of Houses...		6		Total of Males and Females...		11	13				

# Spencer Whiteman married Ellen Huggett

11h November 1861

1861. Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish of Walswicke in the County of Stafford

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
98	November 11 <sup>th</sup> 1861.	Spencer Whiteman	24	Bachelor	Millwright	Walswicke	Edward Whiteman	Labourer
		Ellen Huggett	21	Spinster	—	Walswicke	Henry Huggett	Lawyer

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by Mr. Woodhouse or after Masses by me.

This Marriage was solemnized between us, { Spencer Whiteman  
Ellen Huggett } in the Presence of us, { Henry J. Cooper  
Spencer Whiteman } Witness



# Anna Rosa Whiteman 1864 - 1870

277	Twenty Seventh August 1864 Ferry Road Rye	Anna Rosa	Girl	Spencer Whiteman	Ellen Whiteman formerly Huggott	Mill- wright Journey man	Ellen Whiteman Mother Ferry Road Rye	Seventeenth September 1864	Woods Pond Registry
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ALSO  
OF THE ABOVE NAMED

ELLEN WHITEMAN

WHO DIED MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup> 1878 AGED 41 YEARS  
AND OF HER INFANT DAUGHTER ELIZABETH  
WHO DIED THE SAME DAY SURVIVING ITS BIRTH  
BUT A FEW HOURS

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*Go hence my friends and shed no tears  
I must lie here till Christ appears  
Short was my stay, long be my rest  
Christ look me home when he thought best.*



# Mary Harriet Peacock



# Spencer Whiteman marries Mary Harriet Peacock

## May 1<sup>st</sup> 1879

1879 **Marriage Solemnized** *with the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Her Majesty in the County of Chaplain at Suva, in the Church of Saint John the Evangelist within the British Consulate there*

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
139	May 1 <sup>st</sup> 1879	Spencer Whiteman Mary Harriet Peacock	38 19	Widower Spinster	Nulloright Engineer.	Mucmenue near Suva Suva	Edward Whiteman Francis Peacock	James Domestic Engineer Francis Joseph Keulwa

Married in the *Church within the jurisdiction of said* according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the *Church of England*  
*and subsequent to the execution of a valid Contract in the British Consulate at Suva* By me, *James Dombain*  
 This Marriage was solemnized between us, { *Spencer Whiteman* } In the presence of us, { *Francis Peacock*  
 { *Mary Harriet Peacock* } { *S. Smith* } *Smith, Keulwa*  
 The above is a true Copy of the Marriage Register of the *Church jurisdiction* aforesaid.  
 Extracted this *second* Day of *May* in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and *eighty nine*  
 By me, *James Dombain*  
*Chaplain*







March 6. I was called out from the Factory by 3 Gendarmes 10 o'clock  
and told the Kiamakam wanted me I went at once and  
Instead of being taken to the Kiamakam was ordered into the  
Gendarmes room where their beds were and I kept 3 1/2 hours  
without knowing what I was there for After having asked  
to be taken to the Kiamakam I was told he was not at the  
Konak which was a Lie. then a man came in and after  
talking a while he told me he was afraid I should be  
taken to Smyrna that night. but I was not allowed  
to go out. So then I Impressed my wife and she came to  
the Konak and saw the Kiamakam and complained  
to him for keeping me all day without letting me know  
and without food. she got his consent for me to be  
taken to my home with a Guard. to change my  
close & get food. and from there direct to the  
Station for Smyrna in Company with 2 Jews  
one a Russian and one a Frenchman

7 We were taken direct to the Smyrna Konak about 8  
o'clock at night from there to another place. again to  
another &c &c at last we arrived at one of the  
Turkish Schools after giving our names our age  
where we were born &c we were told that whoever  
wished to go to an Hotel to sleep and would pay  
8 all expenses from his own pocket would be allowed  
to do so with a police man to watch us and  
not to go out of the place from our room 22 of us  
went and got there about 1/2 past 10 o'clock we had  
9 very decent Bed and bought what food we liked  
Kept there 4 nights and on the morning of  
the 5 day about 1/2 past 8. were given our freedom

No. 10. to go were we asked

11 reached Moemmen and were pleased to find no  
one had Interfered with my wife or Factory during  
my absence



## June 17<sup>th</sup> 1916 – A Party

Last night some officer was promoted to some higher post and he came to ask Mary if we had a room in our house we could let them have for one night to give a dinner or supper to some friends of his and some superior Officers. She told him they could have it in <sup>our</sup> yard under the Mulberry trees would be nicer and she would lend tables chairs plates &c or anything to assist them. So they had a large lamb killed and their man cook and Mary & Angles helped them they had Macaroni and many kinds of food and plenty of it and there was about 14 of them there were 2 Commandars Bimbashas Lashashas &c. and they brought a gramophone, drank 4 bottles of music some of them got quite light and finished up about midnight. and this morning left the factory for good some say for the village but others say for Constantinople we are not sure were



Sum. 2  
Memorandum June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1916

Dear Abaude, Frank and Spence. Things are looking so serious these days in Smyrna we cannot tell from one day to another what may happen. I am of us in this country. So I take this opportunity if it should be my Kismet never to see any of you again to give my blessing to all three of you and your wives and husbands also all the dear little children and of course Frank you will tell Amy her Grandfather has never forgotten her and that she will always think well of me and you three children if you have at any time have had reasons to think I have not done all I ought to for you you will forgive me now of course you know perhaps better than we do what is going on in Smyrna of course if my books are saved I have kept a kind of diary from week to week what has been going on in the Factory now for the last 12 months the Factory has not worked but we have been allowed to live in our house unmolested and I have not even been called to the Komak to report myself. I on the other hand have not left the house not even gone over the Factory either in the house or in our little garden night and day. I think it wants just 9 days to make the year. I have taken that precaution so that they could not say I was spicing about to see what was going on. to report anything will now. We have Cholera in Smyrna and there has been quarantine put in for 8 days from Smyrna to here so we could get no news whatever but 3 or 4 days ago the English Aeroplanes came over Smyrna before daylight early in the morning

June 1916



October 1917

Oct 24<sup>th</sup> had looked it over they told me they wanted it emptied at once and that they had another house down in Menemen called Pso Buis house I could go to and that they would allow me 2 days to clear out. I at once objected to clear out and told them I could not do it. I said I had been here 52 years the house was not only full of my furniture but all my clothes in Laws things were in it as well as all the things we had brought in from different parts of the factory what the soldiers had thrown out of different places he said I could collect the furniture &c what I did not want to take with me and put them into one room and lock and seal it then it would be safe. I told him the same as we had done the factory their own officers had gone and locked up the door of the motor engine calling his men and telling his own men that we must go in there and the next morning went and found they broken in the back part and stolen things and what did the officer do nothing. So what could I do. I told them to go and look at the workshop his men had taken all the tin roof of the top and left my lattice open to all weathers and perhaps stolen I sent them to look at it. I got no answer nor also did I get any answer from the Firikgan Commander that my wife went to & made the complaint.

As I said before I could not leave the house and go in town so I made them an offer of 2 upstairs room one part of the house as there is only one pair of stairs to our house my family and the soldiers could not live together. I offered to put stairs up to one of the windows cut the window down to the floor and put up a door there so that we should be quite separated. After this came he would not accept that part of the house I offered he proposed me to give him 2 rooms in the other part of the house one very

# Jane Peacock 19836 -1918





# December 1917: Problems – Money and Old Mrs. Peacock

10 now we have just got news that they are not going  
11 to pay us any more funds here but that those that  
12 cannot live without assistance must leave Smyrna  
13 but those that are not in need cannot stop here  
14 in the country, but I do not know particulars. Mary  
15 is gone to Smyrna to see what it is.  
16 When had been in Smyrna 3 days she became sick  
17 at Mr. Patton's house was in bed for 12 days with  
18 some kind of fever we do not know particulars  
19 yet as she has not come back I had a few lines  
20 from her about this date said she was got up  
21 but the doctor will not let her come up as the  
22 weather is very cold and been raining 2 or 3 days  
23 so we can do nothing but wait we have passed  
24 both Christmas and also the new year but  
25 yet she has not come or write and told me  
26 anything about the English going away it  
27 is very trying for me to be left in ignorance  
28 what we have to go through and she has left  
29 her mother on my hands and somehow we  
30 do not get on so well together as we might  
31 do. She wants every thing just as she has  
been used to which I tell her is impossible  
now in war time



<sup>53.</sup>  
No 53.

December 1918.

Dec 1 Will now as I told you in my last sheet I thought  
2 Mrs Peacock would not get better and now I have the sad  
3 news to say she died at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 8 in the evening of Dec 1  
4 Anglica Mary and I set up the night before all night  
5 she suffered very much untill about 3 o'clock then  
6 she had her last sleep and when she woke up she  
7 made a slight noise in her throat and passed away  
8 easily. And we buried her next day in the Great  
9 Church yard at Menemora and I was the only  
10 relation she had to see her put into her last resting  
11 place. it was a nasty rainy day and it was raining all  
12 time and the road full of mud from the time we left the Rectory  
13 to the Church were they made a service and from the Church  
14 unto the grave we buried her in the same grave as we buried  
15 old Ellen Morrison some years ago.



# Daily Life

N 8.

400  
Now. I have no doubt often wondered how after working  
so many years how I have passed my time for a year  
without going to anyones house or even to a coffee house  
either in the house or our little garden well last  
year. the Soldiers caught a swarm of Bees. and  
we had one before settled in the Lath and plaster  
wall of our house. so we made 2 Box hives and  
put them in our garden after a time what should  
occur we saw the Hornets had found them and  
were catching them and carrying them away.  
well I got some machine wire I had with small  
holes and put in front thinking the Hornets could  
not get through however they waited on the wire  
outside and caught them hundreds of them  
so I set too with a flat Broom and waited  
there day by day and killed as many as 2.  
and 300 in a day so gradually I got the ma  
of them but they had played havoc with the  
Bees also. but it was past time for me at same  
time. but after all I only got 4 or 5 lbs of Honey  
but it was very good and honey like everything  
else was very dear. another was and still is very  
dear Matches we try to do with 3 or 4 matches a  
day. also vegetables are just the same very very  
dear. meat is cheap from 8 pence to one shilling  
for one able that is 2 3/4 lbs.

# Spencer Whiteman:

died 14<sup>th</sup> April 1919

buried at the Church of St. John Evangelist Boudjah

