

GEAR FAMILY OF GLETNESS



William Gear, Sr., Seaman, R.N.R. Shetland section. Patrol duty. Gletness, South Nesting.

Husband of Jessie Kay Gear. Mary Ann Gear was his daughter by his first marriage to Mary Ann Dowell. In the centre of the picture above is his mother Mary Gear.

William Gear, Jr., Seaman, R.N.R., H.M. Minesweepers. Gletness, South Nesting.

David Umphray (probably spelt his name Humphray), married to Mary Ann Gear. He was born at Eswick, his father came from Garth. It appears that he fought in WWI but we haven't been able to find out much about him. The black diamond on the shoulder of his uniform could signify that he was in the 7th Battalion of the North Staffords, but there are other possibilities.

William Gear senior is mentioned in a George Gear story on a nearby sheet.

The family as seen above is complete forby one girl who died aged one. The mother of Mary Ann (standing at the back) was Mary Jane Dowell - but she died aged 27 when Mary Ann was only five years old. A few years later William married Jessie Kay Gear. The older woman named Mary Gear is William senior's mother.