

## Emmeline Minnie Willett

Emmeline Minnie Willett's father was Thomas Willett, the great-grandfather of Allan Willett, who is at present (2005) Lord Lieutenant of Kent. This means that Emmeline was Allan's great-aunt. She remained unmarried until she was 45. She was living in Birchington at this time, though her exact address is not mentioned. She may just possibly have been living with her Uncle Charles, who lived at St Nicholas Court Farm in 1919 as her father had died by this date. She had an older brother Henry Thomas and a younger brother Frederic, so could have been living with either of them, though their whereabouts is unknown.

In 1919 on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April, she married Christopher Butters, a bachelor of 50, who came from Birchington. He was a journalist by profession, while his father was fellmonger (a person who deals in animal skins or hides). Christopher Butters was living at "Marazion" in Crescent Road at the time of his marriage, according to Kelly's Directory.

The marriage certificate was signed by a Ralph Flint (possibly a friend of the groom and maybe his Best Man) and Henry Thomas Willett. This latter signatory was Emmeline's brother and Allan's grandfather.

It would appear that Christopher Butters had died by the mid-1930s. By this date Mrs Elsie Boucher of Mill Row was cleaning for her. As far as Elsie's daughter Edna can remember, Emmeline was a widow by this date. It was in 1939, when Edna was born that Mrs Butters gave her own Christening cup to Edna, as she had no direct family of her own.