

## THE STANDING FAMILY

**This photograph is the wedding of Doris Standing and John Smith. They were married in July 1938 at St. Barnabas Church in Hove. Doris and John worked at the Co-Op in Brighton, so presumably that is where they met and fell in love. Sadly, their marriage was short as John lost his life in 1941 whilst serving aboard HMS Hood, which was sunk by the German battleship Bismarck.**

**Doris, who was the sister of Thomas Percy Standing died in 1987.**



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The last recorded instance of the stocks being used in England was in Newbury in 1872. According to a contemporary account, "Mark Tuck, a rag and bone dealer, who for several years had been well known as a man of intemperate habits, and upon whom imprisonment in Reading gaol had failed to produce any beneficial effect, was fixed in the stocks for drunkenness and disorderly conduct in the Parish Church on Monday evening. Twenty-six years had elapsed since the stocks were last used, and their reappearance created no little sensation and amusement, several hundreds of persons being attracted to the spot where they were fixed. Tuck was seated upon a stool, and his legs were secured in the stocks at a few minutes past one o'clock, and as the church clock, immediately facing him, chimed each quarter, he uttered expressions of thankfulness, and seemed anything but pleased at the laughter and derision of the crowd. Four hours having passed, Tuck was released, and by a little stratagem on the part of the police, he escaped without being interfered with by the crowd."

The newspaper article refers to Mark Tuck, great grandfather of Thomas "Percy" Standing.

Percy's mother Ellen knew little about her family so it is likely Percy never knew about his great grandfather's criminal history.

