

Elizabeth Van Sommer

1858 - 11 March 1932

Elizabeth was born in Tottenham, London in 1858. Her father James Van Sommer (1822-1901) was a solicitor. Her mother was Mary Maria Arnott (1818-1892). Elizabeth had 5 siblings, William, John Berger, Mary, Catherine and Ann.

She did not marry and lived most of her life with her family, the 1891 census records them at a house called Cuffnells, in Egerton Road, Weybridge.

Elizabeth was still there in 1911 by this time her father James had died and her brother William was the head of the household. The house had 17 rooms so quite a substantial home and they employed servants to look after them. There was a cook, housemaid, parlour maid and a kitchen maid.

When Elizabeth died aged 74, on 11th March 1932 she was living with her sister Ann at 7, Embankment Gardens, Chelsea.

She left £8,566. 17s 4d in her Will.

It is not known why Elizabeth is buried in Danehill, on 15th March 1932, as at present, no connection to the village can be found.

Ann Van Sommer

1853 - 9 January 1937

Ann was also born in Tottenham, in 1853. Like her younger sister Elizabeth she did not marry and stayed with her family for most of her life, except a for a short time in Portsmouth.

In 1881 Ann was the Lady Superintendent of The Sailors Welcome Coffee Tavern at 88, Queen Street, Portsmouth. This establishment was presumably an alternative to the usual public houses frequented by sailors. Why a lady of some wealth was there is not known, but perhaps she was fulfilling a desire to do good works.

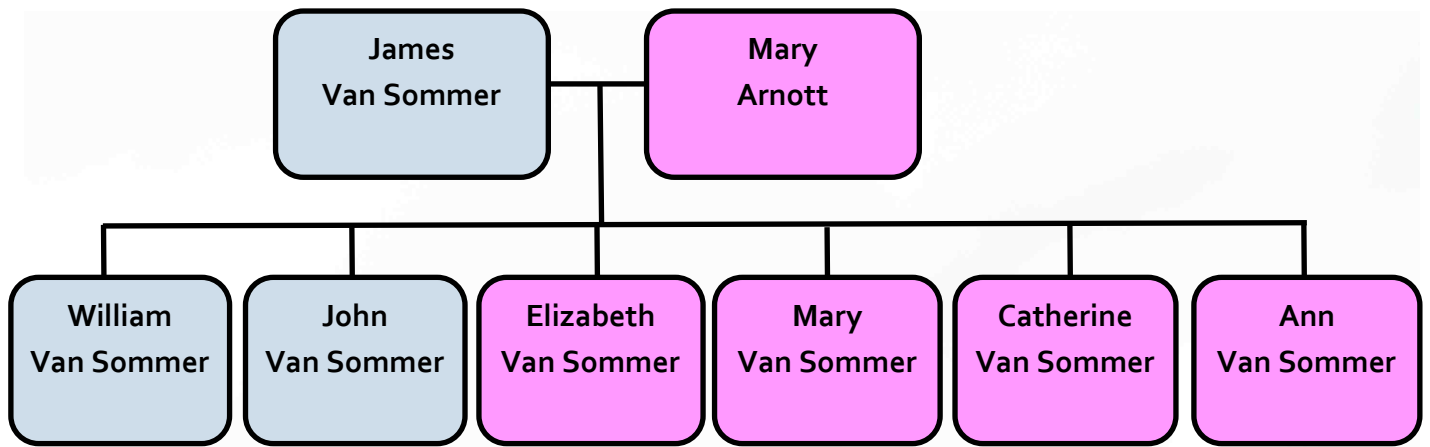
Ann died on 9th January 1937 aged 84. She survived her sister Elizabeth by 5 years with whom she had lived in Embankment Gardens, Chelsea.

She left £10,370. 6s. 5d in her Will.

Elizabeth and Ann Van Sommer
are buried at Danehill cemetery



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