

The Mellor Family

What we know

Jean Mellor married Bertram Anthony Flack, son of Frederick Henry Douglas Flack and Alice Mary Flack nee Cockshutt on 16 October 1948 at Southport, Lancashire.

Jean Winnifred Flack, nee Mellor was born on the 22 July 1926 at Southport, Lancashire to John Victor Mellor and Winifred Mellor nee Illingworth.

John Victor Mellor is recorded as in receipt of the British Victory and First World War Medal for his service as a Signaller in the Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve during World War I.

Jean's mother was Winifred Illingworth, born c.1900 at Mirfield, Yorkshire, the third of six children born to Isaac Illingworth born c.1873 at Mirfield, Yorkshire and Harriet Illingworth, born c.1873 at Liverpool, Lancashire.

The information about J V Mellor supplied by William Flack and Sarah Flack is as follows –

- that he was born John Victor Mellor in May 1899, possibly in Birkenhead,
- JV's father was a "gentleman"
- was married to Winifred Illingworth, who died in 1943,
- lived and worked many years in Southport,
- had a sister named Alice,
- had two children Jean and Victor.
- died 26 May 1990 in the Isle of Man.

Research findings

Searches of the available records reveal the following information that appears to fit the available information about John Victor Mellor:

The 1911 Census of England and Wales, records the following persons resident at 154 College Road Great Crosby, Lancashire:

- Robert Mellor, Head, Married, Male, Furniture Dealer, aged 55, born 1856 in Boddlely, Cheshire.
- Jane Mellor, Wife, Married, Female, Assistant In Business, aged 42, born 1869 in Penmon, Anglesey.
- Alice Mellor, Daughter, Female, aged 14, born 1897 in West Kirby, Cheshire.
- **John Mellor, Son, Male, School, aged 11, born 1900 in West Kirby, Cheshire.**
- Emily Buckley, Niece, Single, Female, Green Grocers Assistant, aged 18, born 1893 in Liverpool, Lancashire.

The 1901 Census of England and Wales, records the following persons resident at 8, South Road, Hoylake cum West Kirby, Wirral, Cheshire.

- Robert Mellor, Head, Married, Male, aged 46, born 1855, Living On Own Means, born at Cheshire, England.
- Jane Mellor, Wife, Married, Female, aged 32, born 1869 at Beaumaris, Anglesey, Wales
- Alice Mellor, Daughter, Female, aged 4, born 1897 at West Kirby, Cheshire.
- **John Mellor, Son, Male, aged 1, born 1900 at West Kirby, Cheshire.**
- Fanny Mellor, Visitor, Single, Female, aged 30, born 1871, Living On Own Means, born at Cheshire.
- William Hemingway, Visitor, Single, Male, aged 28, born 1873, Hairdresser, born at Liverpool, Lancashire.

The John Mellor recorded in the 1901 and 1911 Census documents above appears to be identical with **John Victor Mellor** whose birth was registered in the June quarter of 1899 in the Wirral District of Cheshire (Reference vol. 8A, Page 490). He is also probably identical with the **John Victor Mellor**, born 24 May 1899 at West Kirby, Cheshire who was baptised at St Bridget's Church of England, West Kirby on 6 July 1899 the son of Robert and Jenney Mellor. JV's father, Robert Mellor is recorded at the time of the baptism as a "Commission Agent".

In the 1911 Census of England and Wales the Illingworth family is recorded as residing at 87 Matlock Road, Birkdale, Lancashire. Isaac Illingworth's occupation is recorded as Motorman for the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Co. The children are recorded as Edith aged 14, Phyllis aged 11, Winifred aged 11, James Richard aged 6, Ada aged 3, and Freda aged 2.

A death registration for Winifred Mellor was located indicating that Jean's mother died, aged 44, at Southport in the March quarter of 1944 (Reference Vol. 8b, Page 504.)

John Victor Mellor's father, Robert Mellor, is probably identical with the Robert Mellor who married Jenny Bulkeley (born in 1870, daughter of Thomas Bulkeley) on 3 October 1895 in Liverpool, Lancashire.

Robert Mellor is probably identical with the Robert Mellor who is recorded in 1891 Census of England and Wales as resident at Eastbourne Road, Birkdale, Lancashire with his two sisters and his brother William:

- William Mellor, Brother, Married, Male, aged 48, born 1843, Retired Farmer Congleton, born Cheshire.
- Fanny Mellor, Sister, Single, Female, aged 40, born 1851, Living On Own Means, born Congleton, Cheshire.
- Helen Mellor, Sister, Single, Female, aged 37, born 1854, Living On Own Means, born Congleton, Cheshire.
- Robert Mellor, Brother, Single, Male, aged 36, born 1855, Book Keeper, born Cheshire.

Robert Mellor is probably identical with the person of that name recorded in the 1881 Census of England and Wales living with members of his family and two servants at 24, Clarence Road, Birkdale, as follows:

- Mary Mellor, Head, Single, Female, aged 30, born 1851, Railway Shareholder, born at Congleton, Cheshire,
- William Mellor, Brother, Single, Male, aged 39, born 1842, Railway Shareholder, born at Congleton, Cheshire,
- Helen Mellor, Sister, Single, Female, aged 28, born 1853 at Congleton, Cheshire,
- Robert Mellor, Brother, Single, Male, aged 27, born 1854 Commercial Traveller (Sweets), born at Cheshire.

And in the 1871 Census, resident at Turnpike Road (Smallwood House), Smallwood, Congleton, Cheshire, England as follows:

- Alice Mellor, Head, Female, aged 49, born 1822 at Cheshire,
- Fanny Mellor, Daughter, Female, aged 23, born 1848 at Cheshire,
- Helen Mellor, Daughter, Female, aged 21, born 1850 at Cheshire,
- Robert Mellor, Son, Male, aged 17, born 1854 at Cheshire,
- Mary A Jackson, Servant, Female, aged 32, born 1839 at Cheshire,
- James Taylor, Servant, Male, aged 42, born 1829 at Cheshire.

An image of the original Census form is shown below:

No. of House	NAME, SEX, AGE, and No. of YEARS of MARRIAGE	RELATION to Head of Family	SEX	AGE	PROFESSION, OCCUPATION, or SERVICE	WHOLE BORN
7	Alice Mellor	Head	F	49	Farmer of 105 Acres	Cheshire Congleton
	Fanny	Daughter	F	23	None	Cheshire Congleton
	Helen	Daughter	F	21	None	Cheshire Congleton
	Robert	Son	M	17	Scholar	Cheshire Congleton
	Mary A. Jackson	Servant	F	32	None	Cheshire Congleton
8	James Taylor	Servant	M	42	None	Cheshire Congleton
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	Mary A. Jackson	Servant	F	32	None	Cheshire Congleton
9	William Howe	Servant	M	29	Blacksmith	Cheshire Congleton
	Elizabeth	Servant	F	20	None	Cheshire Congleton
	Mary	Servant	F	8	None	Cheshire Congleton
10	James Taylor	Servant	M	42	None	Cheshire Congleton
	Fanny	Servant	F	23	None	Cheshire Congleton
	Elizabeth	Servant	F	21	None	Cheshire Congleton
	Mary	Servant	F	32	None	Cheshire Congleton
	Robert	Son	M	17	Scholar	Cheshire Congleton
	James Taylor	Servant	M	42	None	Cheshire Congleton
	Mary A. Jackson	Servant	F	32	None	Cheshire Congleton
Total of Houses				Total of Males and Females		110

It indicates that Alice Mellor, Robert’s mother, was recorded as head of the family and the farmer of 105 acres, employing three labourers. Robert is recorded as a scholar.