

Charles Wallace: 1888-1972

Isabella Salt: 1890-1978

Charlie was born in Tomknitter bridge near Oswaldtwistle, Lancashire in 1888. He was the 6th child of John Wallace and Rose Ann (Godwin) Wallace. He had 9 siblings: William, Fanny, Augustus, Annie (Bella), Louisa, Margaret, Emily, Walter and Arthur.

He worked all of his life as a labourer for Blythes at Church Kirk from 1902-1952 when he reached retirement age. At some point during those years he lost an eye.

He married Isabella 'Bella' Salt in 1909 at St Paul's Oswaldtwistle. They had 5 children: Albert, William, Florence, Louie and Jack.

Bella was born on a narrow boat at Runcorn, Cheshire in 1890. Her parents, Joe and Ria, eventually settled in Tomknitter bridge where Joe worked moving chemicals by canal boat from Blythes to Yorkshire and beyond.

In 1910, tragedy struck when Charlie's sister, Louisa, committed suicide in the mill lodge near Blythes: at the time she lived with her parents and had a 3 year old son, Albert.

After John & Rose Ann passed away in 1911 and 1914 respectively, Charlie and Bella took Albert in and brought him up as their own son. He was known as 'big Albert' as they already had a son of the same name.

****See Louisa Mary Wallace on the Wallace/Godwin page for more information****

In 1969, the couple celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in Canal Street, Church Kirk. Charlie passed away in 1972 and Bella in 1978.



Photo: Wind farm on the moor: taken from Green Haworth, near Oswaldtwistle, Lancashire

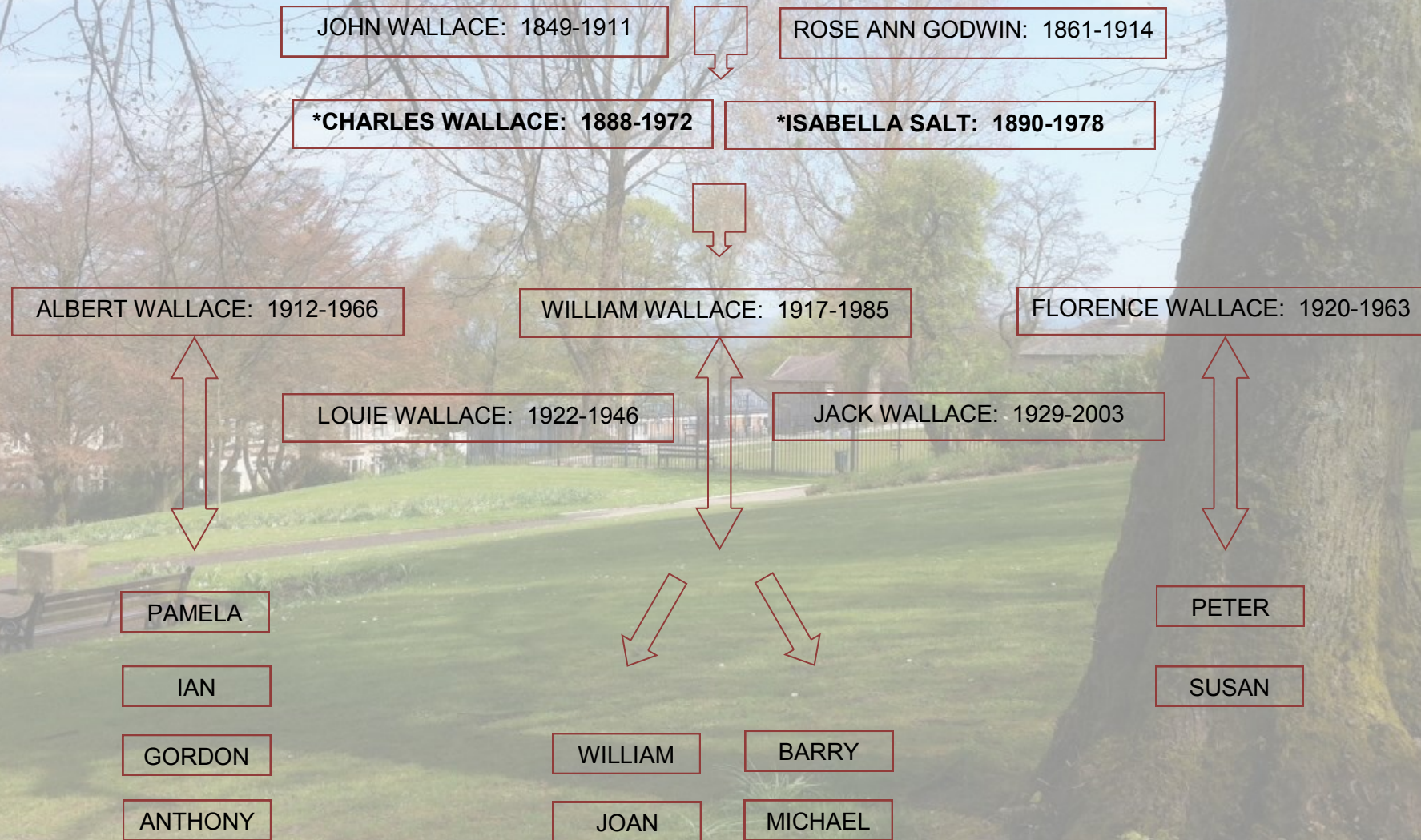


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