

## CHAPTER 5

### SPENCER AND ELIZABETH SIVYER'S CHILDREN (SPENCER'S FIRST MARRIAGE)

The children of Spencer's first marriage to Elizabeth Hogg Bathgate were:

James Alexander Spencer  
Martha Elizabeth Harriet  
Emmeline  
Albert Augustus George  
Archie Ernest William Carvosso

The above children and their relevant families are detailed below.

#### **(A) James Spencer Alexander Sivyer**

Born 23 September 1852 at Sydney

Died 6 April 1934 at Gympie, Queensland.

Married Rose Adeline Dawson at Gympie on 14 June 1880.

#### **Children:**

- (i) **Sydney Oswald Spencer Sivyer**, born 24 October 1880 at Gympie, Queensland
- (ii) **Adeline Alice Eliza Sivyer**, born 12 April 1883 at Gympie and died at Gympie 11 May 1948.
- (iii) **Mona Lillian Sivyer**, born 7 July 1884 died at Gympie.
- (iv) **Bertha**, born 23 August 1886 and died at Gympie on 2 June 1887.
- (v) **Frederick Sivyer**, born 4 March 1888.died in New Zealand in 1934.
- (vi) **Hilda Sivyer**, born 30 June 1891, died at Gympie, married James Goodwin.

James' wife, Rose, was the daughter of James Dawson and his wife, nee Bull. Rose was born in London, England around the year 1861. It is assumed that she died in Gympie, Queensland.

*This photo of James Spencer Alexander Sivyer nursing his great grandson, James Spencer Sivyer Jnr – approximately 1932 in Gympie.*



#### (1) **Sydney Oswald Sivyer**

James Spencer Alexander's son, **Sydney Oswald Sivyer** was married twice. His first marriage was to Charlotte Draper.

There was one (1) son to this marriage and his name was also James Spencer Sivyer or affectionately known in the family as "Young Jim" or "Cousin Jim". He was raised by his aunts, Adeline and Mona.

**Young Jim** resided in Gympie for many years. He married Florence Carr at Gympie and they had three sons, James of Rockhampton, Robert Towers of Ferny Grove, Brisbane and Kenneth of Mackay, Queensland.

Robert was in the Australian Air Force for many years as a pilot of the Vietnam War era and he also flew one of the first F111s to Australia. He is now retired from the Air Force.

James Spencer died at Rockhampton on 4 April 1971.



*Photo of Robert and Beverly Sivyer's wedding with Robert's parents, Jim and Florence Sivyer in 1967*

***Marriage Certificate of James Spencer Alexander Sivyer to Rose Adeline Dawson***

# MARRIAGE

A 46708

MARRIAGE solemnised in the District of GYMPIE Colony In the State of Queensland

19 1880 Registered by John Farrelly

Marginal Notes (if any)	Column 1 Number .. ..	390	381
	2 When and where married .. ..	14th June 1880	Gympie
	3 Name and surname ..	<b>Bridegroom</b> James Spencer Alexander SIVYER	<b>Bride</b> Rose Adeline DAWSON
	4 Condition .. ..	Bachelor	Spinster
	5 Birthplace .. ..	Sydney New South Wales	London Middlesex England
	6 Profession, trade or occupation .. ..	Carrier	-
	7 Age .. ..	27	19
		years	years
	8 Usual place of residence .. ..	Gympie South side of Victoria Bridge	Red Hill Gympie
	<b>Parents—</b>		
	9 Father's name and surname. Mother's name and maiden surname .. ..	Spencer Sivyer Elizabeth Bathkit	James Dawson Eliza Bull
	10 Father's rank or profession .. ..	Inspector of Roads	Miner

Married in the Residence of  
Mr. Thomas Broadfoot  
Red Hill Gympie

This marriage )  
was solemnised )  
between us )

James Spencer Alexander  
Sivyer  
Rose Adeline Dawson

according to the rites of the  
Primitive Methodist Church

In the presence )  
of us )

Thomas Broadfoot  
Eliza Broadfoot

~~DATE OF REGISTRATION~~

By me

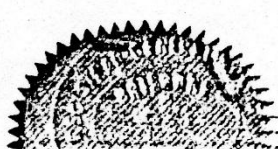
A.R. Bailey  
Officiating Minister or Registrar

~~SIGNATURE OF REGISTRAR~~

I, Harold William Tesch  
Registrar-General, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of an entry in  
a Register of Marriages kept in the General Registry Office, Brisbane, and I  
further certify that I am a person duly authorised by law to issue such certificate.

Extracted on 21 September 1976

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Birth Certificate of Sydney Oswald Spencer Sivyer

<b>BIRTH</b>		B 46624
BIRTH in the District of <b>Gympie</b>		Colony in the State of Queensland.
1880	Registered by	John Farrelly
Marginal notes (if any).	Column. 1 Number .. .. .	2832 2421
<b>CHILD.</b>		
2 When and where born .. ..		24th October 1880 South side of Mary River Gympie
3 Name .. .. .		Sydney Oswald Spencer
4 Sex .. .. .		Male
<b>PARENTS.</b>		
<b>Father—</b>		
5 1. Name and surname of father ..		James Spencer Alexander SIVYER
2. Profession, trade or occupation		Timber Getter
3. Age. 4. Birthplace .. ..		28 years Sydney N.S. Wales
6 1. When and where married .. ..		14th June 1880 Gympie Queensland
2. Issue—living and deceased ..		Living 1 one years
		Deceased 1 one
<b>Mother—</b>		
7 1. Name and maiden surname of mother .. ..		Rose Adeline formerly Dawson
2. Age. 3. Birthplace .. ..		19 years London Middlesex England
<b>INFORMANT.</b>		
8 Signature, description, and residence of informant .. ..		Certified in writing by J.S.A. Sivyer, Father, Gympie
<b>WITNESSES.</b>		
9 1. Medical attendant .. ..		I.P. Ryan L.R.C.S.I.
2. Nurse .. .. .		Mrs Broadfoot
3. Other witness to birth .. ..		
<b>REGISTRAR.</b>		
10 1. Signature of Registrar .. ..		John Farrelly
2. Date. 3. Place of registration ..		December 21st 1880 Gympie
11 Name, added after registration of birth		

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I, **Harold William Tesch**, Registrar-General, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of an entry in a register of births kept in the General Registry Office, Brisbane, and I further certify that I am a person duly authorised by law to issue such certificate.

Extracted on 14th May 1976

*Handwritten signature or initials*

**Sydney Oswald's** second marriage was to Mary Bowman at Coolabunia, Queensland on 29 December 1909.

**Children** from this marriage are:

- (i) **Olive Elizabeth**, born 10 February 1908
- (ii) **Jean Adeline**, born 23 July 1910
- (iii) **Percival Spencer**, born 22 November 1912; died in 1938, accidentally killed on horseback, never married
- (iv) **Douglas Sydney**, born 6 March 1919. Married, wife's name unknown. One son, named Douglas.
- (v) **Graham Dawson**, born 16 May 1922, married Dulcie. Graham was a member of the Australian Air Force. He and Dulcie have one son, David William and a daughter, Mary Lillian.
- (vi) **John Valentine**, born 28 March 1925, married. He has two sons, John Pierre and Len and three daughters, Janet, Dianne and Robyn.
- (vii) **Marie Rose**, born 2 September 1928.
- (viii) **Delma Florence**, born 22 February 1931
- (ix) **Beryl**, born 1916 and died six weeks later.

Syd died at Gympie, Queensland in 1952. His wife, Mary, died at Rockhampton, Queensland in 1963.



*John*

*Sivyer*

*grandchildren, Stephen and Clarissa*

*Valentine  
with two of his*

**(2) Adeline Alice Eliza Sivyer**

Adeline was a school teacher and I remember her well as a Primary School Teacher at Cooroy State School.

The records show that she had two terms at Cooroy and at one time was in charge of the One Mile School at Gympie.

Adeline never married.



**(3) Mona Sivyer**

Mona never married and it is not known where she worked in her early years but her latter years were spent housekeeping for Adeline.

Adeline and Mona both died at Gympie, Queensland.

(4) **Bertha Sivyver**

Records show that Bertha was born 23 August 1886 and died at Gympie on 2 June 1887.

(5) **Frederick Sivyver**

Frederick married Florence Lodding and he was a Church of Christ minister.

They had one daughter, Gwen, who married Arne Stone. Gwen and Arne resided at Indooroopilly, Brisbane.

Fred died in New Zealand in 1934.

(6) **Hilda Sivyver**

Hilda married James Goodwin and nothing is known of them.

They had no children and it is assumed that they resided in Gympie also.

These are the immediate descendants of James Spencer Alexander Sivyver and it is known that James resided and died at Gympie.

His occupation was given as Timber Cutter on Syd's Birth Certificate, however, an extract from the Newspaper, "Gympie Times" dated 10 April 1934 which was forwarded to me by Pat Towner reads:

**OBITUARY  
MR JAMES SIVYER**

*The death occurred on April 6, at his residence, Hilton Road, Gympie of James Sivyver, one of Gympie's oldest residents. He was born in Sydney in September 1852 and came to Maryborough with his parents when a young lad. When gold was discovered in Gympie, he walked to the field within a week of the report of its discovery. Meeting with no success he returned to Maryborough. Later he and his father were engaged in carrying from Maryborough to Gympie and also Gayndah. The deceased subsequently settled in Gympie and was engaged in the timber industry and later quartz carting for different mines during the prosperous days of the field. His headquarters were in the "Round Scrub" area which skirted the Normanby grounds.*

*He leaves a family of two sons and three daughters, nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren. His wife predeceased him 19 years ago. The burial service at the*

*Gympie Cemetery was conducted by Pastor L Bowes of the Church of Christ. Mr J Bennett read the Lodge service for the I.O.B.*

**(B) Martha Elizabeth Harriet Sivyer**

Martha Sivyer was born on 2 August 1858 and married Jonathan Pickering at Maryborough Queensland on 3 August 1875.

Jonathan was a member of the Queensland Police Force and it is of interest that his registered number was No. 1. They resided at many places such as Tiaro, Imbil, Cooran, Tewantin and Noosa.

Children from the marriage are:

- (i) **Herbert James Jonathan Pickering**, born 30 April 1879 at Maryborough, Queensland. Married Margaret Brown Colson on 21 April 1905. Herbert died on 18 August 1908.
- (ii) **May Ethel Eliza Pickering**, born 25 August 1880 at Maryborough, Queensland. Married William Campbell on 7 July 1899. May died 5 October 1964.
- (iii) **Ruth Elizabeth Pickering**, born 7 January 1883 at Tiaro, Queensland. Married Frederick George Lister on 24 November 1908. Ruth died 26 July 1964.
- (iv) **Spencer Pickering**, born 14 April 1885 at Tiaro, Queensland. Married twice. First marriage to Ellen O'Brien. Second marriage unknown. Spencer died 15 December 1938.
- (v) **Myra Emmeline Pickering**, born 10 April 1888 at Tiaro, Queensland. Married John Howard Steer, minister of religion. Children unknown. Myra died 5 March 1964.
- (vi) **Martha Pearl Pickering**, born 27 May 1891, Tiaro Queensland. Married John Page, children unknown. Martha died 22 August 1961. Martha and John Page resided at Bundaberg for almost all of their married life.
- (vii) **Ethel Pickering**, born 26 May 1893. Married Paul Zimmerlie on 25 June 1919. Children unknown. Ethel's date of death is unknown.



These are the immediate descendants of Martha and her husband, Jonathan Pickering. It is of interest to note that three of her daughters, namely, May, Ruth and Myra all passed away in the year 1964.

**(C) EMMELINE SIVYER**

Emmeline was born on 27 December 1862 at Newcastle, New South Wales.

Very little is known of Emmeline except she married a man named Hurley and went to either Wales or England to live. It is also said that she gave birth to triplets.

No definite information has been obtained.

**(D) ALBERT AUGUSTUS GEORGE SIVYER**

Albert was born on 14 May 1864 at Picton, New South Wales.

Albert married Sybil Adam and they resided in Brisbane for many years. He died in 1943 and is buried at Mt Gravatt Cemetery, Brisbane.

He had the following children:

- (i) Clifford Darcy (Barney) Sivyver.** Barney married and had two children, Alan John and Patricia.
- (ii) Chasley Sivyver.** Chasley married Alfred Hultgren and resided in New Zealand for many years. Chasley was also known as "Nick". She had two children, Peter and Jill.  
Peter resided in Western Australia and Jill in New Zealand.  
Chasley died in New Zealand in 1987.
- (iii) Gilbert Sivyver.** Gilbert married and died with no issue. He was also known as Timothy.

**(E) ARCHIE ERNEST WILLIAM CARVASSO SIVYER**

Archie was born on 29 November 1873 at Maryborough, Queensland. He married Mary Stephenson of Bundaberg at Bundaberg. Archie Died in Mackay on 2 June 1943.

Children of this marriage are:

- (i) James Sivyver,** born 10 April 1904 at Bundaberg and died on 5 July 1964 at Mackay, Queensland.

- (ii) **Marion Mona Sivyver**, born 7 February 1906 at Bundaberg. Marion lived at Mackay, Queensland and never married.
- (iii) **Archie William Sivyver**, born 13 February 1908 at Mt Perry, Queensland. Archie William has three sons, namely James William, Douglas Archie and Donald Lindsay. Archie William and his three sons have been cane farmers at Mackay, Queensland, for most of their lives.
- (iv) **Joseph Spencer Sivyver**, born 27 March 1910 at Bundaberg, Queensland. He never married and died at Mackay, Queensland on 10 April 1981.
- (v) **Robert Thomas Sivyver**, born 17 February 1916 at Mt Perry. He married Coral Munster and they have one daughter, Tony.



***Photo: Harriet Sivyver with Eva on her left and Edgar on her knee and Archie Ernest William Carvosso Sivyver standing***

These are the immediate descendants of Archie Ernest Sivyver.

Archie William Sivyver has several grandchildren and they are listed in the family groups.

The above people and families are long-time residents of the Mackay district, cane farming all of their lives. Archie William retired to Ball Bay, north of Mackay with his wife. The street in which he resides is named "**Sivyver Street**" and he lived at the corner of this street and another.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

The writer acknowledges the following:

- (i) photos of James Spencer Alexander Sivyver and Robert Sivyver's wedding given by Robert Sivyver.
- (ii) Photo of Harriet with Eva, Edgar and Archie given by the Lynch family
- (iii) Photo of John Valentine Sivyver with grandchildren given by daughter, Diane Sivyver

## CHAPTER 6

### SPENCER AND HARRIET SIVYER'S CHILDREN (Spencer's Second Marriage)

The children of Spencer's second marriage to Harriet Coram were:

Eva Ethel Coram, Edgar Hubert, Walford Arnold, Stanley Hume, Ida Maud Mary, Percival Spurgeon Septimus and Gertrude Beatrice May.

Below are the details of the children of Spencer's second marriage:

#### (1) **Eva Ethel Coram Sivyler**

Born 19 May 1882 at Gillen's Siding. Married George Cartwright at Gympie.

Eva died at Gympie on 31 July 1961. Her husband died at Gympie on 24 February 1942.

Eva's children are:

**John Spencer Cartwright**, born 23 February 1905 at Gympie. John married Marcel Tobin and they had two daughters. John Spencer died in December 1983.

**Clement George Cartwright**, (Clem), born 3 October 1906 at Gympie. Clem never married and died at Gympie on 12 March 1980.

**Evelyn Ida Meta Cartwright**, (Meta), born at Gympie on 3 December 1908. Meta married Cyril Poncini and they had two sons and two daughters.

Meta died on 21 July 2001.





**Ethel Kathleen Mary Cartwright**, born 13 April 1911. Ethel married Lonnie Luther Wittington at Gympie. They had 2 sons and 3 daughters . Ethel died on 17 December 1986.

**Noel Patrick Sivyer Cartwright**, born 19 July 1915 at Gympie. Noel married Beryl Stamp and they had one son. Noel died 27 August 1999.

***Eva and George Cartwright's Wedding***

**Albert Walford Cartwright**, born 21 July 1913. Alec married Hilda Tipman and they had two daughters.

Albert died 6 October 1959.

**Maureen Gertrude Cartwright**, born 8 August 1918 at Gympie. Maureen entered the Catholic Church as a religious sister where she served all of her working life. Maureen died on 14 February 2001 and is buried at Nudgee Cemetery.

**Valma Annie Cartwright**, (Val), born 26 September 1921 at Gympie. Val Married Vivian Carlos Mitchell and they had three sons. Val died on 30 October 2011 in Brisbane.

**Imelda Eva Cartwright**, (Melda), born 13 November 1924 at Gympie. Melda married Joseph Lynch. They had one son and three daughters. Melda died on 7 April 2011.



*Eva Cartwright (Sivyer)  
with her five daughters,  
from left Meta, Ethel,  
Melda (on her mother's  
knee), Val and Maureen*

(2) Edgar

### **Hubert Sivyer**

Born 13 March 1884 at Moolboolama, Queensland. Edgar (Ned) married Muriel Alice May and they had two daughters and one son.

Edgar's children are:

**Amy Harriet Sivyer**, born 24 December 1912 and died 25 December 1912.

**Spencer Sivyer**, born 8 September 1917 and died 9 September 1917.

**Francis Eva May Sivyer**, born 10 August 1914.

Edgar was accidently killed at Fenwick Bros Sawmill at Cooroy on 28 June 1922. I have studied the Inquest Report on Edgar Sivyer as the Queensland Archives. The Police Report states that death was instantaneous. A large piece of wood having flown off the circular saw and hit him end on in the chest, leaving a hole large enough for the lungs to protrude.

The inquest was held at Cooroy on 4 July 1922 and in the absence of the doctor, a Shire Councillor, Charlie Crank, at the request of the Coroner pronounced life extinct. Edgar had been employed at Fenwick's Mill for 8 years and 6 months. His occupation prior to this is unknown but it is presumed that he was engaged in the timber industry with his brothers in some way or other.



### 3. Walford Arnold Sivyer

Walford (Wally) was born 18 June 1886 at Boowoogum. Walford married Ruby Agnes Dunbar who was born 17 June 1892 in Liverpool, England. They had no children. Walford died on 5 February 1967 in Brisbane and Ruby died on 10 July 1979 also in Brisbane.



### 4. Stanley Hume Sivyer

Stanley was born 27 April 1888 at Pimpama, Queensland. Stanley married Ellen Marie Ronlund who was born in Isojoki, Finland, in Cooroy on 11 July 1917. Stanley and Ellen had five sons. Stanley died at Casino, New South Wales on 8 April 1969 and is buried at Nambour Cemetery beside Ellen who died at Cooroy on 7 January 1967.

Their children are:

**Mervyn Spencer Sivyer**, born 7 July 1918 at Cooroy, Queensland. Mervyn died on 3 June 2001 at Southport.

Mervyn married Iris Taylor and they had one daughter. Mervyn married again to Nell Rankine and they did not have any children.

**Maurice Hilton Sivyer**, born 19 December 1921 at Cooroy, Queensland. Maurice married Beryl Eaton and they had two sons and two daughters.

Maurice remarried Barbara Aiers and there are no children of this marriage. Maurice died at Nambour on 10 November 1999.

**Kenneth Stanley Sivyer**, born at Cooroy on 30 August, 1923. Ken married Beryl Klemm and they had two sons. Beryl died on 28 April 2004 and Ken remarried Jean. Ken died 26 November 2006 at Redcliffe, Queensland.

**Ronald Douglas Sivyer**, born at Cooroy on 17 February 1926. Ron married Elizabeth Helen Lettman at Cooroy on 8 February 1947. They had three sons and one daughter.

**Neville Howard Sivyer**, born at Cooroy on 13 October 1929.



Neville married Jean Brown on 8 June 1968.  
There was no children of this marriage and Neville died in Casino on 3 September 2004.

### 5. **Ida Maud Mary Sivyer**

Ida was born at Nundah, Brisbane on 1 July 1890 and married Charles Walter Fenwick (Walter) on 10 September 1913 at "Devon Park", Tinbeerwah. They had two sons and one daughter. Ida died at Cooroy on 14 January 1957.

Ida's children are:

**Clifford Walter Fenwick**, born 18 March 1916  
Cliff married Ivy Bunker on 29 February 1936 in Cooroy. and they had one daughter. Cliff remarried Roberta in New South Wales and they had one son. Cliff died on 7 November 1997.

**Una Maud Fenwick**, born 18 March 1916  
Clifford and Una are twins.  
Una married Walter Warner in Gympie on 14 October 1936. She and Walter (Wally) had four daughters. Una died on 14 August 2000.

**Dalford Fenwick**, born 20 October 1921.  
Dalford (Dal) married Joan Charles on 20 December 1947 and they had one son. Dal died on 23 November 2002.



### 6. **Percival Spurgeon Septimus Sivyer**

Percy was born on 26 October 1893. He never married. Percy died at Brisbane on 21 September 1961.



## 7. Gertrude Beatrice May Sivyer

Gertrude (Gertie) was born at Tinbeerwah on 11 December 1895.

Gertrude married William Wall on 18 June 1919 at Cooroy. There were no children of the marriage.

She died at Redcliffe, Queensland on 1 October 1981.



These are the immediate descendants of Spencer and Harriet Sivyer.

All families are listed separately in Family printouts.



*Eva Cartwright and son, Clem*



*From left: Ida, Gertie and Eva*



*Stanley and Percy Sivyer planting at Tinbeerwah Farm*



*Gertrude is standing on right and Percy seated – others unknown*



*Walford and Stanley Sivyer - 1959*



*Gertrude Wall (Sivyer and Una Warner (Fenwick)*



**Walford (Wally)  
Sivyer and his  
horse team**



**Ida Sivyer and Charles Walter Fenwick - 1913**



**Gertie Sivyer (left) and Muriel May  
(Edgar's wife) and her daughter**



*This photo of Cooroy was taken in 1910, it shows future generations of where Spencer's second family grew up and what it was like then*

***Acknowledgments:***

***All photos of Eva Cartwright (Sivyer) given by the Lynch Family  
Photo of Ida (Sivyer) and Charles Fenwick given by Debbie Chalmers  
Photo of Getrie Wall (Sivyer) and Una Fenwick given by Debbie Chalmers***



