

Thomas Blizard 1865 – 1948 Man of Pershore and Little Comberton

The reasons for putting together these notes are partly having more time on my hands due to the pandemic as well as being asked to look up details of a linked Rose family for a friend, thus finding my love of family and social history re-kindled. Then by chance I was asked about the Blizard's time in Pershore and Little Comberton. This being part of a more in depth genealogy project for the family that I am working on so that the few male Blizard's we have to carry on the name, will have an idea of where their ancestors came from and the type of lives they led. My connections with Thomas Blizard are that his granddaughter Mary Rampke nee Blizard was my mother and that I find myself living in the town and on the lands where he too lived and worked along Three Springs Road , Pershore.

A Little background on our Blizard Family in Pershore

The earliest confirmed records that we have regarding our side of our Blizard family in Pershore are the deaths of Thomas's 4 x Great Grandparent's (5 generations) Joseph Blizard d 1757 and Ann Blizard d 1750 in Holy Cross Pershore. Their descendants appear to have all been involved in the market gardening trade of the town. Living in The Newlands, owning properties, land and dwellings, renting them out for said market gardening production and from all accounts seem to have been quite good at it. Thomas's grandfather Stephen Blizard (1776 – 1844) we know from wills and other accounts, he owned 4 such dwellings in Newlands and having purchased land referred to as "The Pick" growing fruit and vegetables with other parcels of land being rented out for similar use. The gravestones of Stephen his son Joseph can be found in the Abbey grounds.

Thomas's parents were Timothy Blizard (1811 – 1875) of Pershore and Jane Fleet of Worcester (1821 – 1886). Timothy also a successful market gardener in the family business located both in The Newlands and Three Springs Road Pershore, with parcels of land in Pershore and surrounding areas. Jane his wife was the daughter of William John Fleet a successful Butcher and businessman from the Shambles in Worcester. According to the various wills and newspaper articles of the time, Jane had inherited several properties from both of her parents and grandfather in Worcester thus making her quite a wealthy woman in her own right. They were married at St Swithens Church, Worcester on December 23rd 1845, Timothy at this stage was living on Three springs Road (No 60 as 2020) and it appears with the marriage was only just in time as the birth of their first born , Eleanor Ann Blizard was also in December 1845, a somewhat rushed affair it would seem. Thomas was born in Three Spring Road, Pershore, Worcestershire, on 7th March 1865, the 8th the youngest offspring of Timothy and Jane Blizard. Thomas's siblings at this time were, Eleanor b 1845, Mary Ann Charlotte b 1847, Martha b 1852, Timothy b 1855, Jane b 1856 – d 1859, Elizabeth b 1860 and Timothy John b 1862 – d 1863.

1871 Census records Thomas at 6 years of age, living in Three Springs Road. Listing Head as William Haynes aged 68 with his wife also 68, themselves Market Gardeners of 5 Acres (William Haynes believed to be the son of Ann Blizard and John Haynes of Pershore, therefore Aunt and Uncle of Thomas) His parents may have been absent at the time of the census, possibly leaving William and Ann holding the fort.



The Newlands Pershore from Three Springs Road

1879 Littlebugs (Trade) Directory for Pershore lists under Market Gardeners, Mrs Timothy Blizard, operating at Three Springs Road, husband Timothy having died 6 years previous when Thomas was a boy of 10 years. Jane would carry on with the family business on her own for several years, a strong lady born of necessity by all accounts.

1881 Census records show Thomas now aged 16 with occupation listed as Gardener, living with his mother Jane as head of household aged 60, also present at the time were his sister Elizabeth (21), Thomas Cormadine Osbourne (5) (the son of Mary Anne Blizard, his older sister, now married to Alfred John Osbourne) and servant girl Sarah Severne (Severne, read as servant the census very unclear) (18) b St Helens Worcester.

Map of Pershore around 1900



Map shows Three Springs Road to Cemetery in use as Market Gardens and Orchards

With his father dying when he was 10 years old, it would have been a sharp learning curve for young Thomas to continue in the family business.

He has been surrounded by women up till now, possibly he could have been spoiled rotten but at the same time learning the whiles and ways of the female of the species in the shape of his mother and four older sisters who were deemed to have all “married well”. He would have to learn his craft fast if he was to take over the mantle from his mother and make a go of it. At 16 his occupation being recoded as Market Gardener, we can gather he was in full time employment as such, having been coached by his mother no doubt. She must have been quite a dominant force in his life at this stage..

Being a market gardener in Pershore at this time they would had to deal with local children and nare-do well adults “Scrumpling” your valuable crops. There are several accounts in the Worcester Chronicle (later Berrows Journal) where.....

13/07/1864 Thomas`s father Timothy not pursuing charges against Alice Cosnett for stealing cherries.

18/01/1874 Timothy Blizzard of Pershore, not taking action against Joseph Stiles accused of stealing Cherries,

31/06/1878 Timothy Blizzard not wanting to pursue the case of a local girl accused of stealing from his premises.

Father Timothy Blizard seemingly had a forgiving nature, he would obviously know all of the local families and what a harsh sentence of the time that could be passed would do to them and their chances in life.

Thomas at the age of 20 in **1886**, sadly lost his mother Jane aged 64.

The Will of Jane Blizard Nee Fleet, formally of the Shambles, Worcester, reads that she left Thomas, what could only be described as a very well off young man, quite the catch for any young lady of the time. There was several newspaper articles referring to land and houses in and around Worcester and Pershore that were put up for auction following her death.

1891 Census records Thomas a bachelor of 26 years of age, head of household and Market Gardener, Three Springs Rd, it also lists a servant boy named Thomas Corwardine aged 14. No doubt Thomas would be socialising in the farming community of the area, enjoying his new found freedom with money in his pocket.

Thomas found love when along came a young lady in the form of Annis Clara Tarrant, a local girl from Four Pools Farm, Evesham, who would appear to have been in a similar financial position to Thomas. Being the youngest of eight children and at the time of marrying Thomas had lost her brother and both of her parents, thus inheriting their estates and that of her late grandfathers, (rumoured to have been in excess of £1000.00, the equivalent of some £132,000 in 2020), no doubt giving them the means to build up and maintain the family business. They were married at St Peters Church, Bengeworth, Evesham on 12th January 1893.

Thomas`s siblings in 1893 at the time of his marriage to Annis Clara Tarrant

Sister Eleanor, would have been aged 45, married to Fredrick Birch, Market Gardener (employer of 4 men according to the 1881 census), living in Newlands Pershore, children :- (age) Eleanor Jane, b approx. 1872 (21), Timothy T, b approx. 1873 (20), Percy E, b approx. 1874 (19) and Jessie E, b approx. 1876 (17).

Sister Mary- Anne would have been aged 46, married to Alfred John Osborne, married aged 20 in 1867 at Ombersley Worcester.

Children: - Florence, b approx. 1870 (23), Albert, b approx. 1874 (19), Thomas, b approx. 1876 (17), William b approx. 1878 (15), Alfred b approx. 1880 (13), Martin b approx. 1884 (9) and Matilda b 1887 (6).

Alfred John Osborne is the man behind a family dispute that later resulted in a court case against the Blizard`s where he stated he would ruin said family and seemingly

did so. A possible reason was that he married Thomas's sister in 1867 when she was only 20 years of age without consent or as of debts owed! . Alfred was a successful market gardener and farmer of some renown, he also was one of the executors of Thomas's mother Janes will. (Research of said court case is planned to be carried out at later date purely out of interest).

Sister Martha would be aged 41, married to Edmund Milward in 1879, the son of Thomas and Emma Milward, well known Butchers shop in Broad Street Pershore
Children: - Charles Thomas, b approx. 1880 and Edmund John, b approx. 1881

Sister Elizabeth, would be aged 33, married to Joseph Whitmore in 1881 aged 21, he to a market gardener / farmer.
Children: - Joseph, b 1882 (11), Jessie, b 1884 (9), Frank, b 1885 (8), Mildred, b 1887 (6) and William O, b 1890 (3)

From the information of Thomas's siblings, and that of his own course through life, we can understand the memories of Beth Milward (Granddaughter of Edmund Milward and Martha Blizzard) when she recalled family always had said "Those Blizzard's marry into money or at least the expectation of money".

Whilst talking to Beth she produced a wonderful photograph of the Blizzard Sisters for me too copy, a sterner looking bunch of young ladies as I've ever seen.



The Blizard Sisters

Elizabeth b 1860

Martha b 1852

Mary Anne Charlotte b 1847

Eleanor Ann b 1845

1901 Census we find Thomas aged 34 as head of household, occupation as Market Gardener / employer; living in Three Springs Road with Wife of eight years, Annis Clara (Tarrant) aged 34. Children, sons Arthur (5) and Timothy (11 months), daughters Mary (7) and Clara (2) and servant girl G Groves (15) who was born in Hereford.

1905 Littlebugs (Trade) Directory Worcestershire, Pershore section (Page 497), Three Springs Road List (Page 509), names all residents as follows: - Heading from the Worcester Rd end along Three Springs towards the Cemetery and Upton

Knotty Elms (House located on the corner of Holloway, a beautiful cream house in 2020)

Abbey Croft

The Sanatorium (Formerly the Fever Hospital)

Haynes, Mrs Jane, Market Gardener.

Thomas Blizzard, Market Gardener.

From this we can see that Three Springs Road was very sparsely populated in 1905. An 1898 map of Pershore shows land laid predominantly to Orchards and Market Gardening use all the way from Holloway Road to the Cemetery.

Thomas carried on with his Market Gardening business alongside a developing passion for Horse Braking and Racing, owning horses and coursing of his dogs, building a reputation far and wide for his expertise in all of these fields. Going by oral history from family members, it would be safe to say that he was often away, absent following these passions.

No doubt with the continued trade of dogs and horses plus racing as part of his business / pleasure, we can be sure that a considerable amount of gambling would have been involved, thus reducing whatever family money was left in the coffers along with bad investments that may have been made.

It has been said that he followed the Fairs, presumably these being the popular Horse Fairs of the time, visiting Pershore and surrounding towns, which must have been quite a spectacle of the time.

Newspaper articles of the time report him dealing in horses with various partners, stables and stud farms in the local area.

Perce Blizzard, Thomas's son, recalled that at said Fairs he would also be involved with the Boxing Booths, challenging all comers, more often than not taking the winnings, leaving them knocked for six, quite a reputation it would seem. He also mentioned that he was "quite the ladies' man" so he had been told. He recalled it being "open house" at their Three Springs Road home, never knowing who would be there and in what condition they would be in! Another recollection was that Thomas and the Tarrant's were known to have traded a lot on the local "Black Market" so to speak. Having searched records and not finding any court accounts of either being charged or cautioned of said dealings we can only presume that they were either

very good at what they did, were innocent, or more likely somewhere in-between, having a finger in many pies as they say.

(Thomas's obituary in the Evesham Journal wrote that he was "a well-known personality, sportsman and had broken Horses and tamed all sorts of dogs and various wild animals and keeping hounds that he was fond of coursing.)

His father Timothy had the house built next door to his Three Springs Road home by Mumford a Pershore builder. We know Timothy lived in what is now No 60 Three Springs Road (the old Black and White house) and the house next door (The new house), known to locals as James the Fish's. 2020 now sold on with all the lands behind covered in new housing estates). The old house would by now neglected and in disrepair, later it is in use was as a barn and office by the new owners of the surrounding land, still at this time in the use of growing of vegetables and fruit, many years later purchased around 2017-18, with following modernisation, extensions to the private dwelling we see today. Thomas was born in the new house and all his sisters being born in the old black and white house according to his daughter Jess.

Thomas and Annis Clara continued the market gardening business along with all other interests, raising 8 children as follows :- Mary Jane

b 1893, m George Simms

Arthur Thomas b 1895, m Madge Payne

Clara Elizabeth b 1898, m Alex Wenszal

Timothy "George" b 1900, m Annie E Rose.

Charlotte Mildred "Milly" b 1903, m Arthur Pugh

Ernest W "Ern" b 1905, m Madge Baylis

Percy b 1908, m Nancy Izod

Jessica Matilda "Jess" b 1910, m Edgar Burge

1907 We find Thomas living in Broad Street, Pershore for a short while as around **1908/10** he moves to Great Comberton, again for only about 12 months.

It appears that it was the final straw, leaving Pershore with his gardening empire in tatters and the money all but gone due to bad business judgement, court settlements and repayment of debts. Trevor Blizzard grandson, recalls from his father Perce Blizzard, that Thomas was sat at his main table (now in Trevor's dining room) in the house at Three Springs Road, after they had taken everything he owned, large knife in his hand, he stabbed the table with force, shouting "If anybody touches this, I will chop his bloody hands off" thus the table stayed! Perce went on to say "he would of at that" Trevor retorts "Typical Blizzard, short of fuse"

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1911 census we have Thomas living at "Old House Farm" Little Comberton. (on the Wick road out of the village on the right hand side of the road of the tight bend just before Grange Farm, tucked back from the road down a drive, an old black and

white property) he is head of household aged 45 years , occupation now Horse Breaker / Carter. Wife Annis Clara aged 44. Children, Arthur T (15), Clara E “Bess” (12), George (10), Mildred (7) Ernest (6), Percy (3), Jessie (4 months). Quite a family to support with dwindling means.



Pershore Co-Operative Market, later change to Pershore Growers, closing early 1980`s

He continued to ply his trade as Horse Breaker and Carter, becoming an agent for the Co - Op Market in Pershore, having 2-3 drays and 1 day carriage, he was transporting people and produce to and from Pershore and Evesham Railway Stations and Markets on a regular basis. Storing them when not in use, in the long barn opposite the Post Office in Manor Lane, Little Comberton. George Blizard, his grandson recalled George Snr, saying that he also had horses that were Trotters, which he raced at the fairs, no doubt accompanied with the betting thereon. Thomas`s granddaughter Mary (Rampke) recalled that his last three working horses for the drays and were all beautiful Shires, named Tommy and Smiler both chestnut brown and a beautiful grey named Captain, when handing me old horse shoe of his.

Family tales of Thomas having completed his deliveries and business in Pershore, he would often stop at the Millers Arms for a tankard or two of Cider his preferred tonic. Should he par-take more than one should whilst in charge of a horse and dray, “Captain” would bring his master home without direction or help? Grandfather George told me that the horse was also known to have a drink of cider occasionally, whatever next!



Time for a quick one on the way home!

At some stage in his life at Little Comberton, they moved from “ Old House

Farm” now a somewhat tumble down affair it was said, into the heart of the village “Yew Tree Cottage” (a black and white on the opposite side of the road to the War Memorial, later the home of Roy Lewis and now much improved and extended)

Thomas`s wife, Annis Clara passed away in January 1931 aged 64, after a hysterectomy operation that went wrong at Pershore Hospital, the only photograph we have of her after a little repair is.....



Annis Clara Blizzard, Thomas`s late wife, pictured at the front door of Old House Farm

Thomas continued his work up to his 80th year, still breaking horses and carrying on with the Cater business, he must have been a strong man to have continued this late in life. His reputation was reported far and wide that he “could tame the most unruly of beasts and training of savage dogs for useful work”

He could be seen walking his horse down to Pershore Blacksmiths Mr Nash`s (opposite what is now Redlands house, with the black barn type garage door) after the one in Elmley had closed down.



**Thomas walking one of his Shire Horses down to Nash`s Blacksmith
Mr Nash (Centre) Blacksmith of Pershore**

Thomas`s children at the death of their mother in 1931

Mary had married to George Simms, settled and having 2 children Arthur and Joyce. Arthur married to Madge, settled having 1 son John
Clara Bess, still single, having moved away and working at Kunde`s Cake factory.
Timothy “George” had married Annie Rose, having 3 children Mary, Ethel and George.

Milly was married to Arthur Pugh, having 3 boys Lawrence and twin Kenneth and Roland

Ern was still at home aged 26 and courting Madge Baylis who he later married and became a Publican

Perce aged 23 later to marry Nancy Izod of Fladbury, Railway Inspector and had 2 boys Trevor and Terry

Jess, aged 21 later to marry Leslie Burge and have 4 children, Derek, John, Joy and Betty.

Thomas would have pretty much been on his own at this stage with all the children either settled or self-sufficient in gainful employment.

Son Arthur had served in the First World War, 1915 joining 2024 Platoon, S Troop, D Squadron, and Worcester Yeomanry

1st mounted Brigade, 2 mounted Division. As part of the British Mediterranean Expeditionary force aged 23. Thankfully returning safely and gaining employment at General Sir Francis Davies estate in Elmley Castle.

Son Timothy "George" worked as a stable lad in Kinnersly aged 14-15, later as a Groom to Lady Barbra Smith, wife of Gerald Dudley Smith of Strensham Court (demolished 1975) He served in the Devonshire Yeoman's, Royal Devonshire's, A Company 52 Battalion, enlisted 1918. 52 Battalion was set up for the training of young soldiers throughout the war.

Especially for France and the German onslaught of 1918. After discharge in May 1918 he later joined the Army Reserves Worcester Regiment Feb 1920 to July 1921. Then moving to Elmley Castle and joining his older brother in the employ of General Sir Francis Davis who it was said would only employ ex-service men. They both would have learnt their horsemanship from their father Thomas which would have stood them well in service for their country and later employment.

In later years Thomas would have, what can only be described delicate mishap! (recollection of Trevor Blizzard, Thomas's grandson) He had been out with dog and gun, no doubt somewhere he shouldn't have been "poaching" in or around the Village of Little Comberton or on Bredon Hill. He was sat on a bail of straw taking a breather with shotgun by his side, possibly a flask of something warming at hand when somehow the gun went off, resulting in Thomas having a ricochet of gunshot in his groin!!!

I wonder how he explained that one at the hospital. Family say that he was never quite the same after that! Not surprised.

Thomas as a result of this injury and failing health was struggling with life at 80 years of age. His daughter Clara "Bess" a single lady aged 48 gave up her job at Kundles Cake Factory, returning to Little Comberton to look after her ailing father. She purchased the two black and white cottages in Manor Lane next to the Post

Office and Derretts Bakery. They were in a poor state of repair at the time, having them renovated, the one nearest to the Cross Roads she rented out to the then village Road Man and his family, Mr and Mrs Portman, the other she lived in. She began working in the shop and soon became Post Mistress. Mary Thomas's granddaughter worked for her at the age of 14 delivering telegrams, helping in the shop and cleaning, saying that it was worse than prison there was so many rules that Bess had. Bess bought Mary a bicycle to get to and from work, taking it out of her wages. If it was quiet in the shop / Post Office she would be sent to "Well Furlong" home of Mr and Mrs Barrow, part of the Cadbury family to help her Uncle Bill Rose and Aunt Wynn who were employed as Head Gardener and Housekeeper there. She must have had to be a strong woman to look after Thomas from what we gather, keeping him in line, ruling with a rod of iron. She would not let him keep his greyhound Charlie in his house as it was dirty, he was banished to live in the back of the barn with the chickens and horses.

Thomas passed away on February 13th 1948, of a seizure and YES it was Friday 13th, his Blizard luck had failed him once more. After a funeral service at St Peter's Church, Little Comberton he was buried with wife Clara at Pershore Cemetery. Bess continued as Post Mistress and later married and moved to Eckington, running a small market gardening operation with her husband.

Having learnt and talked about the life and times of Thomas Blizard, Market Gardener, Horse Dealer /Breaker, Horse and Dog trainer and racer, Boxing Booth brawler etc...he would have been one hell of a local character it would seem. But what did he look like? Unfortunately many family photos have disappeared from the Chocolate box in the sideboard we used to go through with Gran Annie as kids. We only have one that shows the man himself extracted from a family group photograph at a wedding hence the button hole.

Thomas Blizard, aged 73 at his sons Percy Blizard's Wedding in Fladbury 24th September 1938



A tall, thick set man who looks to be of strong and sturdy stock, look at the size of those hands and boots, no wonder contenders in the Fairs Boxing Booth were knocked for six!

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MR. TOM BLIZZARD, LITTLE COMBERTON

It will be generally acknowledged that Mr. Thomas Blizzard, who ~~the week~~ died at his home at Little Comberton at the age of 82 years, and was interred in Pershore Cemetery where his parents lie buried, was one of the best known men within, and far beyond, the local district for nearly three-quarters of a century, but not so much in the agricultural industry in which his forbears were engaged. The primary business for which he had so decided a penchant, and which gave him such wide prominence, was horse-breaking. The more high-spirited and unruly the colt the greater the pleasure it afforded him in subduing it, and the same might be said of savage dogs, hundreds of which he also trained in his day to various sorts of useful work. This for very many years was his chief employment, kindly but firmly executed by a master hand.

He was the only son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Blizzard and with the exception of one older unmarried sister, of Worcester, he was the last of a family of five. Born in Pershore, he went to Hanley Castle Grammar School, and on the death of his father his mother carried on the business as a market gardener for several more years.

Mr. Tom Blizzard was a widower for many years, his wife being a daughter of the late Mr. George Tarrant of the Four Pools Farm, Bengeworth, Evesham, and he leaves eight sons and daughters; one, unmarried, is the sub-postmistress of Little Comberton, where her father died after an illness of almost

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THE LATE MR. THOMAS BLIZARD
 In the passing of Mr. Thomas Blizard at the age of eighty-two, the district loses a well-known and honest man. He had been in failing health for two years, and he passed away last Friday. He had been nursed by his daughter, Miss C. E. Blizard, who is postmistress at Little Comberton Post Office.

A well known sportsman, he possessed a wonderful knowledge of animals, and had broken horses, trained all sorts of dogs and tamed various wild animals. He had also kept some splendid greyhounds which he was fond of courting.

Mr. Blizard came of an old Perashore family, and was born and bred in that town, his father being a market gardener with land at Three Springs-road. Mr. Blizard succeeded his father and continued the business for some time before moving to Great Comberton and then to Little Comberton where he carried on a carrier's business with a regular service with produce to Perashore markets. Before the advent of the motor car he was the chief link with town and railway. He could tell a story with the best and had a wonderful memory of events that happened many years ago.

The funeral service was at St. Peter's Church, Little Comberton, on Tuesday, the interment afterwards taking place at Perashore Cemetery where his wife, who predeceased him some years ago, is buried.

Dr. W. Sinclair Snow (Vicar of Elmey Castle) officiated at Comberton and Perashore. The service was choral with Miss Pardington at the organ, and the hymn "Abide with me," the 23rd Psalm, and as the cortege left the church, the Nunc Dimittis were sung.

The family mourners were Messrs. Arthur, George, Ernest and Percy Blizard (sons), Mrs. G. Sims, Miss C. E. Blizard, Mrs. S. Barge (daughters), Mr. G. Sims and Mr. L. Barge (sons-in-law), Mrs. A. Blizard, Mrs. G. Blizard (daughters-in-law), Mr. John Blizard and Miss Mary Blizard (grandchildren), Mr. and Mrs. F. Woods, Mr. W. Tarrant, Mr. C. Millward (nephews and nieces) and Mr. L. Isod.

Among the large congregation were many farmers of the district, including Mr. John Hutton, Mr. F. W. Coombe, Mr. H. Coombe, Mr. J. E. Bell, Miss E. M. Deakin, Mrs. Edmunds, Mr. A. H. Andrews and Mr. W. M. Andrews, Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. F. Rowland, Mrs. Portman, Mr. J. Bell, Mr. E. P. Pitcher, Mr. W. G. P. (Jack) Pitcher, Mr. G. Hedgecock, Mr. A. Hedgecock, Mr. F. E. Revers, Mr. A. Revers, Mrs. G. Taylor, Mrs. Hodges, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hundy, Miss G. Heeks, Mr. H. Hasbury, Mr. Fred Haines, Mr. R. Hedgecock, Mr. L. Harrow, Mr. A. W. Rose, Mr. Cyril Revers, Mr. R. J. Derrett, Mr. and Mrs. P. Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Pugh (son-in-law and daughter) were unable to attend owing to illness.

The many beautiful wreaths included one from "Friends at Well Farlong," and "Customers of the Elough Inn, Elmey Castle."

The funeral arrangements were by Perks Bros., Evington and Perashore.

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Copies of Thomas's obituaries from local news Papers

The last photo was taken shortly before the death of Thomas's son Percy Blizard, sat with Mary Rampke and her younger brother George Blizard (grandchildren of Thomas). Stood in the doorway are Alan Blizard Great Grandson of Thomas, and son of George, the two young lads are Robert and Stephen Blizard his sons. Out of the numerous Blizard's in our Pershore family tree, they are the only ones that can carry on the Blizard name (both now strapping young men) and living in Derbyshire, so come on lads we are depending on you.

Sadly Percy, Mary and George are no longer with us but we have fond memories made with them all. This photograph was taken at one of the many Blizard Family gatherings arranged by Percy's Sons Trevor, his wife Dot and Terry his brother so that the "old ones" could keep in touch with each other, now we are getting to be the old ones as our numbers dwindle.

Take life's lesson to enjoy, love and cherish family and friends as life passes by so quickly.

