

THE SELWYNS OF REMENHAM

Teddy Selwyn's father, the Reverend Stephen John Selwyn and family came to Remenham in the early 20's to live in Wilminster House overlooking Butlers Field and Lion Meadow. He renamed the house Matson House and the garden entrance Matson Drive after Matson, the family home in Gloucestershire. This was the seat of Lord George Augustus Selwyn, an 18th century wit, MP and member of the Hell and Fire Club; the family included an aide-de-camp to the Duke of Marlborough, a governor of Jamaica and a law lord. Another George Augustus Selwyn brought Christianity to the Pacific Islands and became the Bishop of ^{MELANESIA} Polynesia. Selwyn College, Cambridge was founded in his honour and he became the first Master. In his youth, he rowed for Cambridge in the first Oxford and Cambridge Boat race in 1829 (which was rowed at Henley!) and his son Bishop John Richardson Selwyn (another Master of Selwyn College) rowed for Cambridge about 30 years later. Subsequently yet another Selwyn was short-listed for the Cambridge boat. The Reverend Stephen John Selwyn coached the Japanese eight for the 1928 Olympics. Pam Selwyn, Teddy's wife, was a renowned horsewoman.

(The Reverend Burley, Francis Burley's father, and Jim Bland rowed for Selwyn College as undergraduates.)

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