

Albert John Dee and Cainscross C of E school

Archive of memorabilia donated to SLHS by Janet Grist in December 2014

In the 1980s Janet's father Brian Tiley Dee, the surviving son, wanted to write about the school. He assembled this collection of primary material but unfortunately never achieved the book.

(It is likely that the various annotations are by Brian Dee)

Biographical note by MH:

b 1872Q1, Head Master from 1895, previously Assistant Master, Pupil Teacher from 1891, and school pupil (sister Ada b 1870Q2)

1891 census shows Albert at home with sister Ada, and parents

1896: Married 4th Aug 1896, 24, Schoolmaster of School House, Cainscross, son of John Dee [black]smith, married Maria Kitchen Tiley, 29, of Malt House, Ebley, Cainscross, daughter of butcher William Tiley [marriage register page is on Ancestry]

1901 census: at Cainscross School House with Maria, son Eric Jack (b 1898Q3) and nephew George Ernest Cooper, 10, b Esher, Surrey

1911 census: at home with wife Maria and sons Eric John (12) (later married Norah Smith of The Cedars, Ebley) and Philip Ivor (6) (later married Phyllis Elsie Tyte). Son Brian Tiley was b Dec 1911.

Inventory note by MH: - I have grouped the inventory as follows:

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Papers and photographs specific to the Dee family

Photographs:

- A J Dee with rake *[this is the only photograph with his name on the back]*
- A J Dee seated in garden, with dog
- Mr Dee (always known as Jack) in garden chairs outside his home with wife Maria (always called Goodie by her family) and their future daughter-in-law Annie Turner (who married Brian Tiley Dee in Sept 1939)

Papers:

1910 – folder of school work by Eric Dee, including botanical drawings, tool rack design, and garden planting plan

1914-18 – folded paper (empty) labelled 'Letters written by A J Dee to E J Dee during 1914-1918 war and various photos. Please return to J Grist' *[no military records on Ancestry; Janet says the letters and Eric's medals were sold]*

1918 (early Dec?) – copy of letter by A J Dee to Eric Dee on discovering that he was still alive

Mr Dee's Teacher Notes:

- Elementary Agriculture 2 – lessons 7 to 13

- Advanced Agriculture 2 – lessons 8 - 15
- Advanced Agriculture 3 – lessons 16 to 19
- Elementary Physiography 2 – lessons 8 to 14
- Elementary Physiography 3 – 15 to 20 and test papers
- Advanced Physiography 2 – lessons 9 to 15
- Advanced Physiography 3 – Lessons 15 to 19 and tests papers

1930 4-page letter from ?H L Mills (*indistinct signature*) of the Palestine Police in Jaffa, an old pupil, about Allenby, life in Jaffa, and offering to send photographs of biblical sights for school lessons

1933 Log Book extracts – Girls, 1879-1933 (pencilled transcripts in exercise book, including entry 2nd June 1883: “I inflicted corporal punishment on Ada Dee. I found her beginning to talk in lesson time three times and on telling her to sit in a different place she distinctly refused. 23rd June – Ada Dee has left this week. 1st March 1884 – Ada Dee has been readmitted.” and milestones in AJDee’s progress to teacher

1933 January - Bound presentation to Mr A J Dee, Head Master of Cainscross C of E School, for his 38 years of service to the school. The book contains an illuminated page, list of School Managers, Staff, and (alphabetically) Scholars and Friends (past and present) *[15 handwritten pages]*

1984+ letters to Brian Dee

1984-10-18 – SNJ cutting St Matthew’s School memories sought: letter from B T Dee of Forest Green, Nailsworth “the only surviving son” asking for letters, memories, photographs

1984-06-04 unsigned copy of letter to Editor from Stonehaven, Kincardineshire, of memories of people and village life. Only clue is that the writer’s brother was called **Robert (Bob) Cook** and his October note is signed ?**Cyril**.

1984-10-undated – letter from **Percy A Cave** of King’s Stanley – the school garden, ear-boxing by Gibbie Giles, and passing for Marling but too poor to go

1984-10-undated – letter from **Len Histed**, attended school from 1933; wife attended too

1984-10-19 – letter from **Mrs V W Shirley** in Farmhill, sending postcard of school and church; pupil 1945-48; mother a pupil of John Dee

1984-10-28 – letter from **Mrs Jocelyn M Blanshard** of Minchinhampton – enclosed print and negative of Cainscross Day School, taken about 1895, including her father Herbert Dauncey 2nd row from top at the far right next to the teacher, together with list of all the names he could remember. (Please return the photos when you have taken a print). *See Photo list below*

1984-10-29 – letter from **Roy O M Page** in Weymouth, keen bee-keeper, ex-choirboy and pupil

1984-10-29 – letter to Brian from **Cyril Cook** (?) (same handwriting as 4th June letter to Editor above)

1984-10-30 – short letter from **Leslie Allen**, pupil 1926-32, enclosing photos

undated unsigned list of girls’ names and Sunday School teachers

1984-10-30 letter from Helen **Godman nee Scott**, dau of the vicar of Cainscross 1930-45 enclosing newspaper letter from **Barbara Browning**

1984-11-05 – long typed letter from **Norman U Smith** of Leatherhead who joined the school as a teacher after Mr Dee retired. Suggests using cassette tapes for further discussions.

- 1984-11-05 – typed letter from **Lance (R M L) Allen**, of Prestwich – co-pupil at Marling; father was Head at Oakridge from 1880-1922. Mentions performance in 1926 of Abraham Lincoln, and other plays at Marling
- 1984-11-13 – typed letter from **A J Leppard**, a choir boy under Mr Dee's baton. ALSO a copy of the Dedication programme 21 Sept 1984 for the opening of the new school
- 1984-12-14 – letter from **V C W Garraway** of Cainscross, mentions the school potted history on the back of the Sept Official programme, and the 1937 history of the church.

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Postcards (PC) and modern Photographic Prints (PP)

NB some pencilled numbers on the back, or on the name cribs, refer to more than one photo. Could be a code for the donor or lender

- 1895 Outdoors, class of 24 boys + young male teacher hands in pockets + female teacher. Photo by the Home and Colonial Photo Co, Geo W Holden of Plymouth and Johannesburg. Crib note says "Cainscross C of E School approx 1895" and names most of the boys, including two called Merrett but not the teachers [*photo on loan from Mrs Blanshard 1984, whose father Herbert Dauncy is next to male teacher, 2nd row down*]
- 1890s? outdoors, class of 26, mixed ages, girls and boys + teacher in stiff collar [*on loan from Mrs Blanshard 1984*]
- 1904 Outdoors, class of 32 girls, all wearing pinafores, middle girl holding a slate saying 'Cainscross Group 1', teacher in Edwardian dress, back says '1904 – Norah DAVIES (121) 2nd row from back (standing) 2nd from left **PC#11** + PP
- 1907 National School Cainscross (girls' end of the school) posted by PS 11 Sept 1907 to Miss M Russell, Parklands, Cainscross **PC#3** + PP
- 1907? National School Cainscross PC (boys' end of the school) unposted but prob 1907 **PC#11** + PP
- 1910 Pageant (dutch girls) Norah DAVIES front row 4th from left **PC#11 Comley studio** + PP
- 1914 Pirates of Penzance (?) older girls in costume [*Stroud Girls High? a Sunday School group?*]; Maggie Davis ('my aunt') 5th from right back row **PC#11** + PP
- 1914? Pageant [*Easter?*] older girls in costume – PP only
- 1914? No date, indoor classroom with 36 children, mostly boys but not wearing ties **PC#6** + PP. Crib note says: C Infants Room
- 1916 Class photograph, 2 rows of girls, then 3 rows of boys. Notice the separate class facing the other way, behind Mr Dee. **PC#4** + **PP** [*on loan from P W Woodward of Rodborough, sitting in front of Mr Dee in the photograph*]
- 1917? No date but names identified as group 6B on separate crib: mixed class 28 pupils group outside, teacher Mr Giles, slate label says CC Mid 6(?) (unclear); **PP#6** (*if there was an original postcard it is not now in the collection*)
- 1918? No date but names identified: mixed class group outside; **PC#5** and **PC#9** + 2xPPs; [*checked online BMD Index - three girls one boy b 1908, all look to be aged about 10; MH*] slate label says 'CC Mixed Std 5'
- 1927 Group 4, classroom, mixed, rows of 6, teacher in background **PC#7** + PP [*separate crib names everyone inc the teacher*]
- 1927? Mr Dee with A White, Fisher, E Frusher, Hogg, and a large silver plate. Two of the boys were b 1915/16, large mounted print **#10** + PP

1929? Mr Dee with Betty Blanche, Ivy Davis and Joyce Birt (*b 1917*), each holding a small trophy; large mounted print #10 + PP

1935 Outdoor group, 26 mixed pupils, with teacher **PC#8** + PP

1954 team with shield (unknown game) names on back [*on loan from W O Wicks Rodborough Avenue*] large original **PP#2** + small PP

1954 rounders team +2 teachers, separate crib gives all names [*on loan from W O Wicks Rodborough Avenue*] large original **PP#2** + small PP

Newspaper cuttings

1909 Cainscross Parish Church choir photograph, from John Garner of Stonehouse – Citizen Special July 1982

1909-05-20 *Gloucester Journal* pages 7 and 8 – *cannot see anything relevant*

1930-12-06 – *Cheltenham Chronicle and Gloucestershire Graphic* – Wedding photograph of Jack Tiley, captain of Cainscross and Ebley football team, to Miss E E Broomhall of Rodborough. Separate photograph of the Guard of Honour – the full team in football kit.

1932-11-05 – *Glos Journal* p9: Cainscross Schoolchildren – two long photographs, girls then boys, with teachers **Mr A G Dee, Mr P Giles, Miss Goulding, Miss King, Miss Ractliffe, Miss Gardner, and Miss Benjamin**

1933-01-01 *The Citizen* [*complete newspaper*]: p1 Photograph of Mr Dee, p6 – column about his retirement

1949 St Matthew's Sunday School photograph, in *The Citizen* Monday 8th Sept 1997

1961-03-02 *Citizen* article p13 about long-lived headmasters, including Mr A J Dee.

1984 *Cotswold Life* – p22 illustrated 2-page article by **Barbara Browning** about the closing of the school

1984-04-05 Undated long cutting [*SNJ?*] with photo re Cainscross School 60 years ago, and the transfer of pupils to a new school building

1921 class photograph from Miss **Olive Slade**, one of the class of 31, printed in *SNJ* 17th May 1984. 15 other pupils are named, including **Jack Sollars** (front row left – *later editor of the SNJ*).

1984-06-07 – letter from **Barbara Browning** (nee Wager?) in Winchester – mentions a school photo

Audio cassette tapes [*not played or transcribed*]

- Phyllis Halley (Peter's mother) Mrs Cremins
- Percy Cave 23/10/84 Bill Davis Mr S Cudewell
- Percy Woodward 23/10/84
- Cotswold Voices (both sides)
- small child's handwriting: 'venger boys / Up and Down / We're going to Ibiza

Church-related docs

- 1937 booklet (36 pages) commemorating the centenary of St Matthew's church, Cainscross. On pages 29-34 is the story of the early Charity schools in Stonehouse and Ebley, inc postcard from **Mary Bliss** confirming the 1831 bell story
- undated Comley studio portrait (so before 1919) of **Archie Boucher**, organist at

Cainscross Church

- undated print of choir, church in background; women in plain hats, men and boys in surplices, organist **Archie Boucher** on 2nd row **PC#7** +PP *[the photo crib attached to the rounders team photo has a tiny note on the back that might relate to this photograph]*
- undated J H Elliott studio portrait (so before 1902) of anonymous vicar **PC#10** + PP
- 1930s? Undated photograph of St Matthew's Choir, men, women and boys; A J Dee at the back and cloche-hatted lady with fox fur and lisle stockings **PC#10** + PP
- 3 x postcard view of Cainscross church