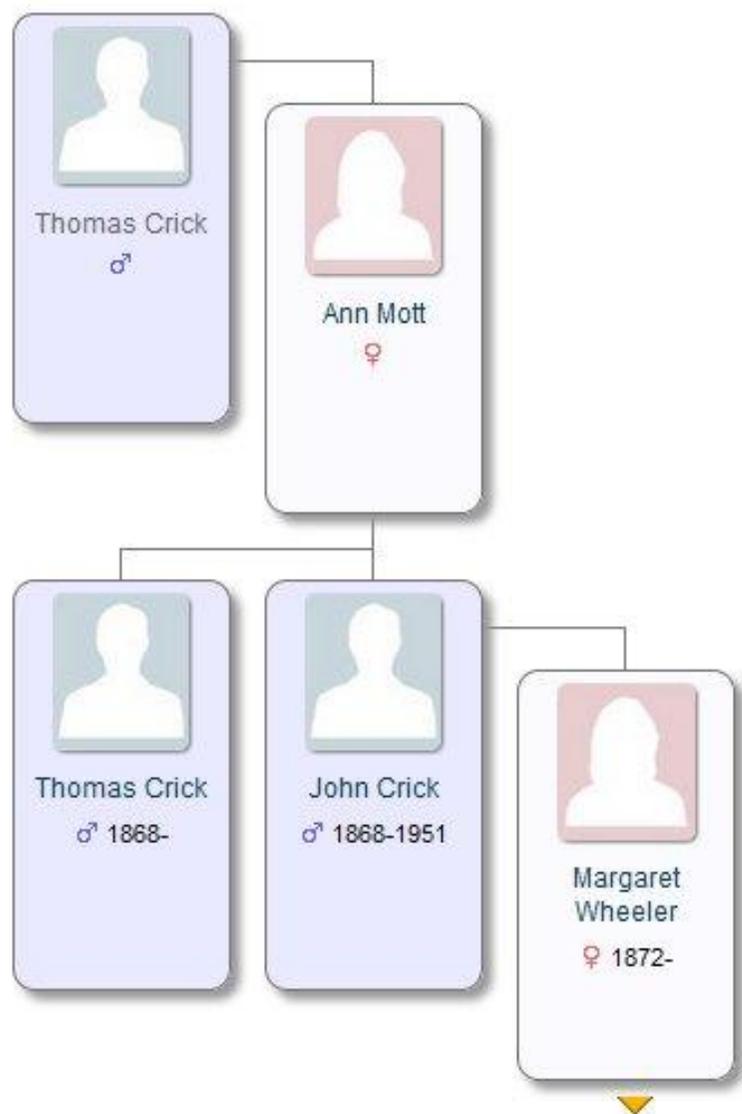
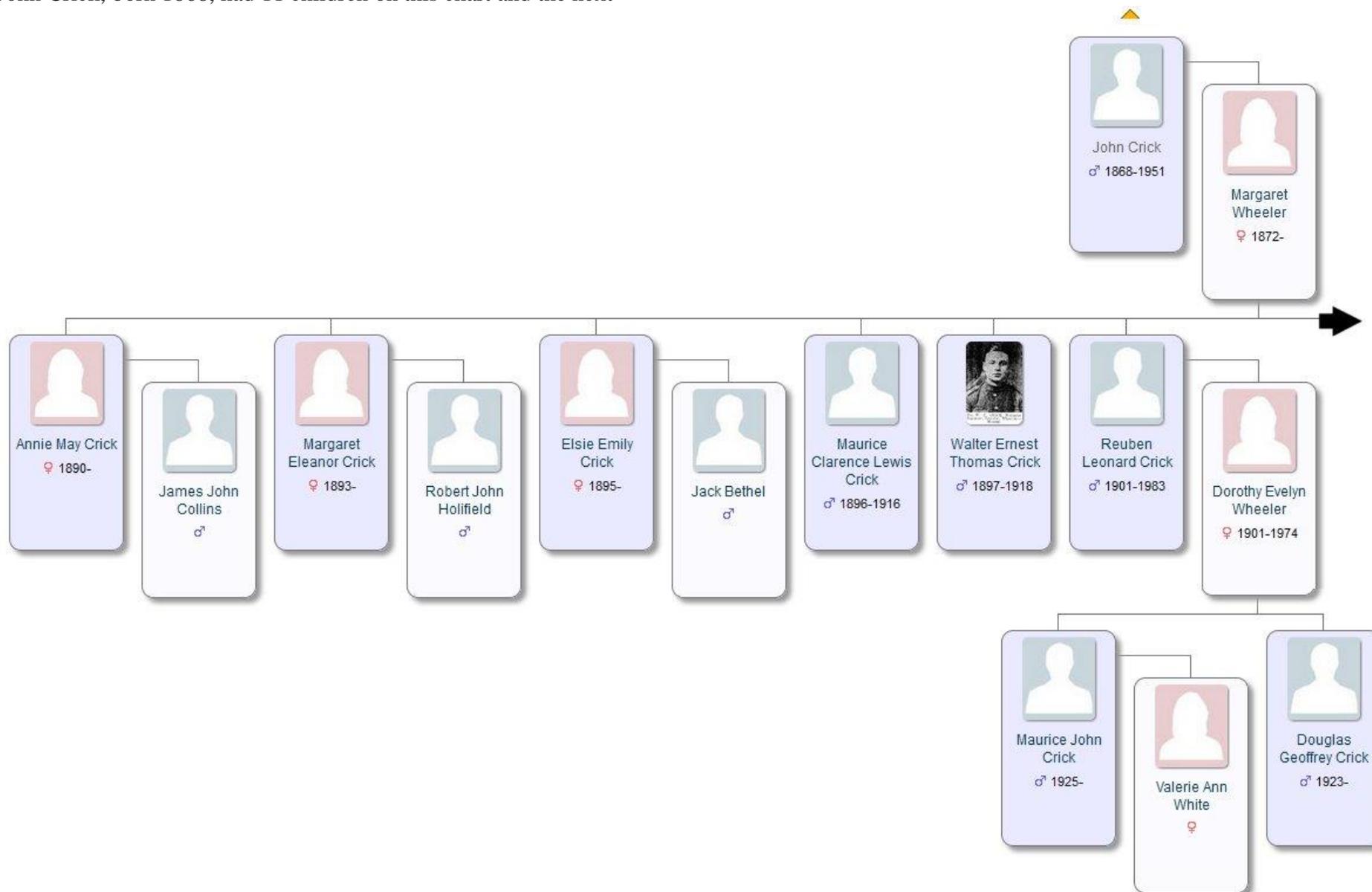


Crick Family and history of Crick butchers



John Crick, born 1868, had 11 children on this chart and the next



Maurice Clarence Lewis Crick and Walter Ernest Thomas Crick both served in the Great War and did not survive it. They are shown later.
Maurice John Crick and his wife, Valerie Ann White (daughter of the Whites butchers' family, started the Cricks butcher business in Wheatley in 1973 in the newly built parade of shops

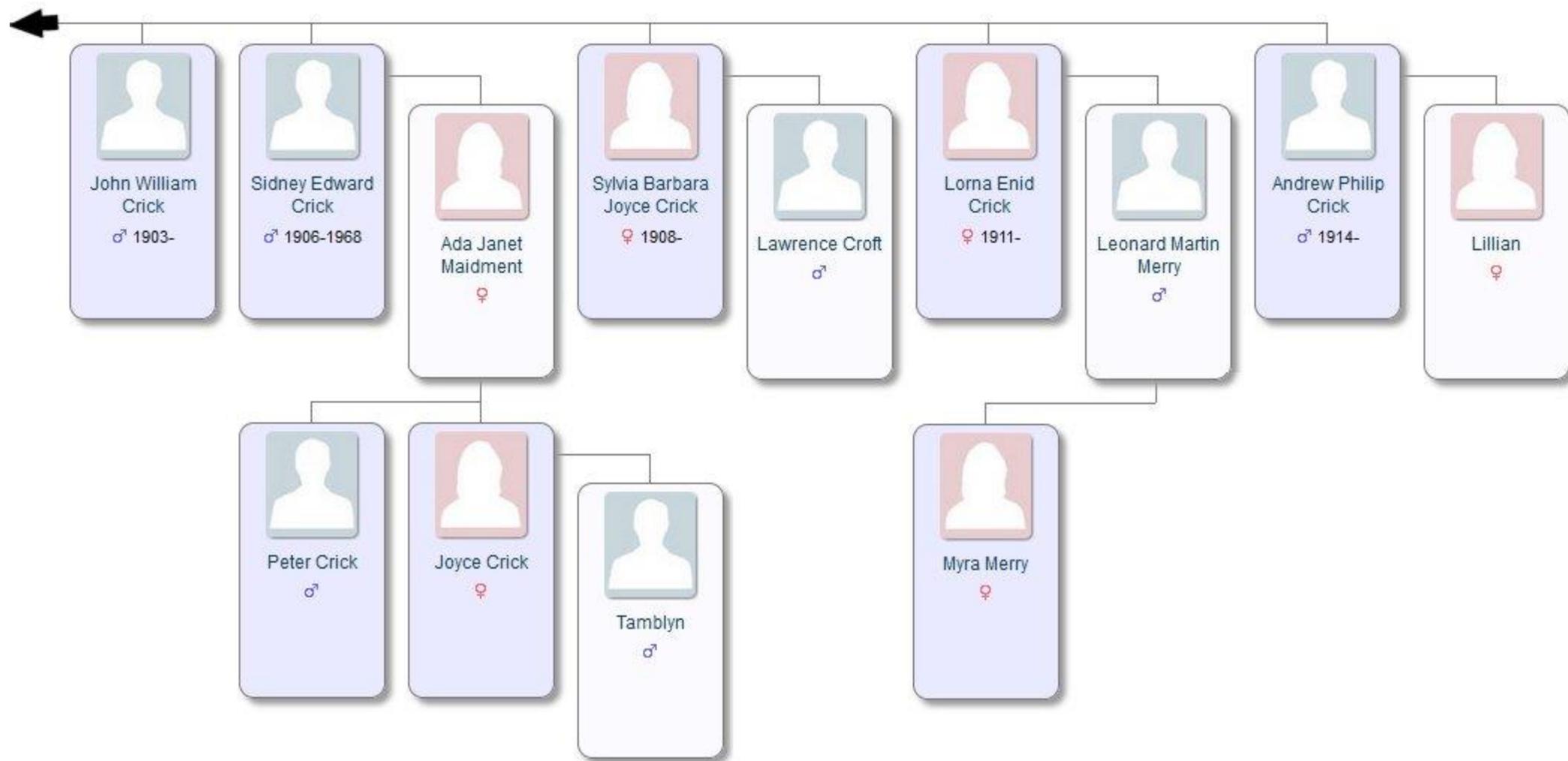
John and Margaret with John, Sidney & Sylvia



Margaret Eleanor (probably on the left) with her younger sister Sylvia in a pram & friend
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The remainder of the family tree of John Crick, born 1868,



Maurice Crick served first in the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry and then as Private No 8635 in the Machine Gun Corps. He fought in France and Flanders and died of his wounds on 18 December 1916.



Memorial disk for Maurice, often incorrectly referred to by the army as Horace.



Maurice's brother, Walter, who served in the 3rd battalion of the Worcestershire Regiment, was killed in action in France/Flanders on 27 May 1918.



Pte. W. E. CRICK, Worcester Regiment. Shotover, Wheatley.—Missing.

Sylvia Crick's father, John Crick, on the mowing machine pulled by two black horses from the Shotover Estate, outside Westfield Cottages, now a copse. Sylvia and her two cousins from Tilbury are by the gate



Brothers Tom Crick and John Crick with daughter Elsie Bethel (nee Crick) from a late 1940s group



History of Crick's butchers

With the two eldest sons being killed in the war, it was left for a child of the next son, Reuben Leonard (Rugger) Crick (born 18th May 1900) and his wife Dorothy Evelyn (nee Wheeler), to create the branch that started this business. Maurice Crick was born on 17th December 1924, in Boarstall. The family moved to Wheatley in April 1929 and lived in the stone cottage on the left-hand side of the footpath leading from Station Road to Farm Close Lane, alongside Hathaways Yard.

His father was a blacksmith who had served his apprenticeship with Wilfrid Sheldon. He worked for Cullums, and he had to shoe the heavy horses which were used to pull the carts for the sawmill. Other work included welding machinery, and fitting metal rims on cartwheels etc. The family moved into 54 High Street in 1939.

Maurice went to the infant school in Bell Lane, and then to the Church Road School. He enjoyed all sports and played football and cricket for the Wheatley village teams. Maurice's mother, Dorothy was a 'good church-person', so Maurice and his brother Geoffrey both sang in the church choir. Arthur Sheldon was the organist and choir master at that time, and Rev. Groves the vicar.

When he left school, in 1938, Maurice started to work for Jack White's butchers, in Wheatley. At that time this was on the corner of Church Road (now 2 Church Road). Butcher White also owned the house opposite, Jessamine Cottage, where his daughters Frances and Edie lived. Maurice worked for Vic White's butchers, in the Market 1939 – 1943, and again from 1946-1973, a total of 34 years.

Between 1940-1943, Maurice served in the National Fire Service (NFS) with Les Tombs, Dolph Shorter, Mr Arkle, who ran the paper shop, Roy Crook, who had the garage, Arthur Wake, Jim Butler, from Holton, and Bill Smith, who was the 'Messenger'. After the war Maurice continued to serve in the Auxiliary Fire Service (AFS) with Vic Munt.

In 1943 Maurice was called up to serve in the Royal Navy. He trained as a signalman and went on a troopship to Gibraltar, and later in the Med. on HMS Fleetwood. He returned in January 1945 and did escort duty on a minesweeper in the English Channel. He was de-mobbed in June 1946, and went back to Vic White's in Oxford market.

Maurice married Butcher White's daughter, Valerie, at All Saint's Church, Highfield, on 7th April 1958, and in 1973 they set up their own butcher's shop, MJ and V A Crick, in Wheatley. They bought a house in Sandhills, 2 Bursill Close, and had two children: Malcolm b 1959 and Julie b.1964. Sadly, Valerie died of cancer in 1998, and Maurice died .c 2011. There are, apparently, no members of this Crick family still living in the immediate area.

The business was first taken over by Mark Surman and Colin Ware, but, since March 2014, has been run by Jason Robinson and his wife.

Crick Butchers in the 1970s



M J & V A Crick 70 High Street