

The eldest, Burnham Wilson Simmonds, was born in 1852 in London. He married Emily Firth, a Lancashire girl, in Manchester Cathedral in 1876. He and Emily seem to have moved around, as their first child was born in Scotland in about 1877 and their second in Oxford about a year later. He became an excise man, and is listed in the 1881 census as "Civil Servant, Inland Revenue", living in Bloxham. *Rusher's List* includes him as "Inland Revenue Riding Officer" in Bloxham in 1882, '83 and '84 and then in Tadmarton in the following three years. His home was in Paisley in 1896, when he registered Ellen's death in Banbury, and the 1901 census also counted him in Paisley, still as "Civil Servant Inland Revenue".

Children two and three disappear from the Banbury scene. Ellen, born 1853, was with her parents in 1861 but there is no record of her thereafter. She may have been in London in 1871, but her name is too common to be certain of the correct identity. Catherine, born 1858, married Job Shufflebottom Morriss in 1883 and moved to London, where her husband was a journalist.

The next of Tom and Ellen's children was James, born 1859, who followed his father's trade. In 1881, at the age of 22, he was working with his father at 29½ Parsons Street. Later that year he married Kate, who had been born in Sheen, in Surrey. James only worked in Banbury for a few years. In 1888 his first known child was born in London. Six further children were also born in London and James was recorded there in 1891 and 1901.

Eliza was the fifth child, born early in 1861 in Grimsbury. She is recorded with her parents until 1881, when she was a dress and mantle maker. She married in 1887.

The next sister was Rose Anne, born in Grimsbury in 1863. She is found living with her parents in each census until 1901. She also became a dressmaker, her census descriptions progressing from "machinist (seamstress)" in 1881, to "mantle maker" in 1891 and "dressmaker (employer)" in 1901. *Kelly's Directory of Oxfordshire*, 1895, lists the Misses R. & M. Simmonds as dress and mantle makers at No.29½. Under the heading of Milliners and Dressmakers, *Rusher's* of 1895 and '96 includes "Miss Simmonds" (no initial) at No.29. This is a second suggestion that the family may also have occupied No.29 for a while. After working in the town for well over 20 years, Rose Anne married in 1903, at the age of 40.