

Mogridge - Hill and Mogridge – Cann Weddings in Pilton in 1936 and 1945



On Saturday 22nd February 1936 the wedding took place at St Mary's Church, Pilton, between Reginald Charles Mogridge and Violet Phyllis Hill. Both bride and groom lived in Mill Road, Barnstaple. Reginald was the son of Frederick Mogridge, a fisherman, and the then late Mrs Tabitha Mogridge of 1 Mill Road. Violet was the second daughter of Mr and Mrs Arthur Hill of 25, Mill Road.

In the wedding photograph (left) the following have been identified: The lady far left is Rose Hill (née Guard), mother of the bride. The man behind her is Arthur Hill, father of the bride. The child bridesmaid, front left, is Rose Hill (married name Bull), youngest sister of the bride. The bridesmaid behind the bride is Millie Hill (married name Bates), sister of the bride. The

man at the back, immediately behind the bride, is Thomas Mogridge, brother of the groom and the best man. The man behind and to the right of Violet is her new husband Reginald Mogridge. The third bridesmaid, to the right of the picture at the back, is Elsie Hill (already married to Fred Offield), eldest sister of the bride. On the far right is Fred Mogridge, father of the groom. The identity of the woman seated front right is unknown.



The parents of the groom, Fred and Tabitha Mogridge, are shown in this photograph.

A newspaper cutting from the North Devon Journal of 27th February 1936 and these photographs were recently inherited (in 2020) by Keri Lambert, the great grand-daughter of Fred and Tabitha. The newspaper cutting is included on the second page of this story and gives a good idea of how weddings used to be reported with details of the dresses, flowers and gifts.

After World War II, on 8th December 1945, Reginald's brother, Stanley, was married to Alice A Cann, the second daughter of Mr and Mrs R H Cann of 9 Bradiford also at St Mary's Church, Pilton. At both weddings the Vicar of Pilton, Rev. John Harrison, officiated and Tom Mogridge, the brother of Reginald and Stanley, was the best man. Both Stanley and Alice did, at one time, work at the Frandor Engineering Works in Bradiford. Stanley had been in the merchant navy before and during the war and was well-known as the mate of the vessel 'Purbeck' around the Channel ports.

A later photograph of Alice Mogridge can already be found on The Pilton Story archive.

<http://vimp.thepiltonstory.org/picture/Alice-Mogridge-of-Pilton/e92a0814b6e58379e084d5662e642b6b>

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PRETTY PILTON WEDDING

MOGRIDGE—HILL

Pilton Church, Barnstaple, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Saturday between Mr. Reginald Charles Mogridge, youngest son of Mr. Fred Mogridge, and of the late Mrs. Mogridge, of 1, Mill-road, Barnstaple, and Miss Violet Phyllis Hill, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hill, of 25, Mill-road, Barnstaple. The Vicar (the Rev. John Harrison) officiated, and the bride, who was given away by her father, was pleasingly gowned in pale blue marocain with train, and her blue velvet belt was held with a diamond clasp and buckle. Her wide hat was to tone, and her bouquet was of white tulips, white heather, and trailing fern.

Misses Mildred and Rose Hill (the bride's sisters) were bridesmaids, and another sister (Mrs. Offield) acted as matron of honour. Their flower-pattern dresses were of lemon colour, and the two elder had gold head wreaths and golden shoes, and the younger wore a silver head wreath and silver shoes, and carried a posy of daffodils. The elder sisters carried bouquets of lemon tulips and trailing fern.

The bride's mother was becomingly attired in navy-blue marocain, with matching coat and hat.—Mr. Tom Mogridge, brother of the bridegroom, was the best man.

After a reception in the bride's home the bride and groom left for Maisemore, Gloucester, for the honeymoon, whence the bride travelled in a tweed coat, with brown and orange dress and brown shoes and gloves, and a hat of tweed with brown ribbon.

The bridegroom gave the bride a travelling case, the two elder bridesmaids necklaces, and the younger a signet ring. The bride's gift to the bridegroom was a gold signet ring.

The bride received a sitting-room clock from the staff of Messrs. Marks and Spencer's Stores, and the groom a hall set from the employees of the Corona mineral works. Many wedding gifts were received.