

LOCAL LEEDS FAMILY TREE

The family tree (below), from a local Leeds family, demonstrates the changes and constants in family life over time and across generations.



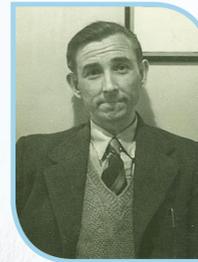
Ivy was born in Banbury where she lived until she moved to Huntingdon in 1974 with her son, John and husband Ernest.
In 1974 the whole family moved to Holt Park in Leeds. Ivy was married to Ernest Knipe in 1940, when she was 27, and worked full time as a dental nurse and later a comptometer operator in Banbury. She retired before moving to Leeds.
Ivy enjoyed painting and knitting and regularly attended the local Methodist Church.
She died in 1998



Ernest was born in Leeds and was one of 6 children. He lived in Leeds until 1938.
Ernest was employed as a gentleman's hairdresser in Horsforth, but moved to Banbury to do similar work and then to work in a factory.
During the war it wasn't deemed necessary for Ernest to join the army as he was employed in a 'reserved occupation', i.e. his work making aircraft parts was vital for the war effort.
Ernest met his wife, Ivy, in Banbury and later after retiring, he returned to Leeds with their son, John.
Ernest died in 1978.
His interests included local politics and he was a member of Banbury Borough Council in the 1960s.



Marjorie (Madge) was born an only child and was brought up in the Meanwood area of Leeds. At the start of World War II, Madge was evacuated to Lancashire. She was married in 1947, when she was 21 and lived in both Sheepscar and East End Park until 1975 when the family moved to Adel. She lived in Adel for approximately 22 years until her husband's death in 1997, when she moved to Kippax to be nearer to her family.
At the age of 14, after leaving school, Madge started working as a tailoress. She also worked in factories during the war as part of the war effort. She was involved with the clothing industry until her daughters were born, when she was employed doing clothing alterations from home.
Madge was a very keen performer and as a child performed in several pantomimes at the old Leeds Theatre Royal (demolished after the war) and also at the Grand Theatre and the Bradford Alhambra. She also regularly attends her local church.



Kenneth (Ken), like his wife, was born in Meanwood until moving to East End Park. He was brought up in a large family.
He worked at the Co-op after leaving school at 14 and then joined the army where he was posted to India and Burma during World War II. After the war ended, Ken worked at Leeds General Infirmary as a porter and then a supply officer for 20 years. Until he retired he worked as an insurance clerk.
He died in Adel in 1997 from heart disease.

Ivy Dunn = Ernest Knipe
(1913) (1903)

Madge Butler = Ken Allanson
(1926) (1924)

John Knipe = Patricia Allanson
(1944) (1950)

Anthony Armitage = Susan Allanson
(1949) (1951)



John was born in Oxford and was the only child of Ivy and Ernest Knipe. He spent his first 27 years in Banbury, Oxfordshire before moving to Huntingdon for work. In 1974 John moved to Leeds with his family where he met his future wife Pat. John and Pat married in 1978 and later moved from Leeds to Dewsbury where they had their son, Neil. When Neil was still very young, they moved to Kippax where they have remained.
John has worked for local government since he first started working. He is now retired.
His interests include reading, completing crosswords, photography and amateur dramatics. He is the business manager for a local amateur dramatics society and regularly assists with his son's theatre company.



Patricia (Pat) was born in the Sheepscar area of Leeds and lived with her parents and her sister. In 1975 the Allanson family moved from Sheepscar to Holt Park where she met her future husband, John through the local community association of which they were both members.
After marrying in 1978, when she was 28, Pat briefly lived in Dewsbury before settling in Kippax where she raised her son.
Before marrying and having a child, Pat worked as a shorthand typist in various organisations as well as a legal secretary. When Neil was small, she was responsible for his childcare, returning to part time work when he was in primary school as a teaching assistant.
Pat's interests include knitting and cross stitch. She also enjoys gardening, reading and completing crossword puzzles. She is still a member of a local amateur dramatics society, and is a member of its executive committee.



Anthony (Tony) was born in Mirfield in West Yorkshire. For a time he lived in March, in Cambridgeshire, before returning to Yorkshire where he met his future wife, Sue in Holt Park.
After he was married, Tony moved to Kippax with his new wife.
Tony was a Sports journalist at the Cambridge Times and later at the Yorkshire Evening Post until his death from Leukaemia in 1981.
Tony was very passionate about Sports, Rugby in particular.



Susan (Sue) was born in Leeds and lived with her family in various areas around the City, including Meanwood, East End Park and Holt Park before finally settling in Kippax after she was married.
She married Tony Armitage in 1977, when she was 26 and worked in several managerial roles until Tony's death in 1981. After her husband died, Sue ran her own knitwear business from home before taking up a credit control position in 2003.
As a child Sue liked to dance and like her sister, Pat, was involved in amateur dramatics. Her interests now include gardening, arts and crafts, design and photography.

Neil John Knipe = Jamie Downs
(1980) (1980)



Neil, an only child, was born in Dewsbury and later moved to Kippax when he was still a toddler. At the age of 24 he moved to Lofthouse in Wakefield with a friend and then returned to Leeds shortly afterwards. He has lived in Rothwell since 2004.
After graduating from his University Media course, Neil worked as a care assistant in several homes for people with learning disabilities. In 2009 he became a teaching assistant for children with learning disabilities and then completed a Primary School PGCE. He is now a teacher at a primary school in Leeds.
In his spare time, Neil co-directs an amateur dramatics theatre company, Tiny House Productions. He has acted in local plays since the age of 13 and still stars in several Tiny House productions. He has a keen interest in theatre and films which has led him to collect several hundred DVDs!



Jamie was brought up in a traditional working class family in Doncaster and was the second child of eleven children. She was predominately raised by her father. She lived with three siblings plus several step siblings, but stayed with her mother and her seven half siblings at alternative weekends.
In 1999 she left Doncaster to attend a History BA Honours course at the University of Chester. After graduating, she worked as an English Teacher in Taiwan for a year and a half before returning to the UK to work at the University of Leeds in various Administration posts.
Jamie Married Neil Knipe when she was 31 and lives in Rothwell (Leeds) with their cat Matilda.
Jamie's interests include drawing and graphic design as well as writing children's stories. She also enjoys travelling to new places and meeting new people.