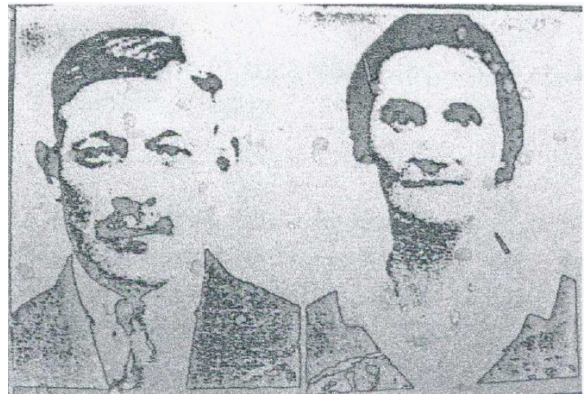


The Biggs Family

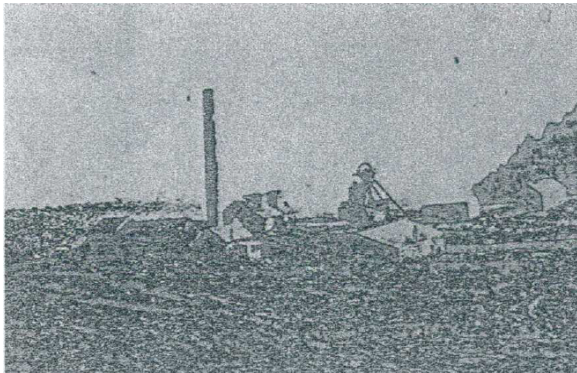


Alfred Willard Biggs

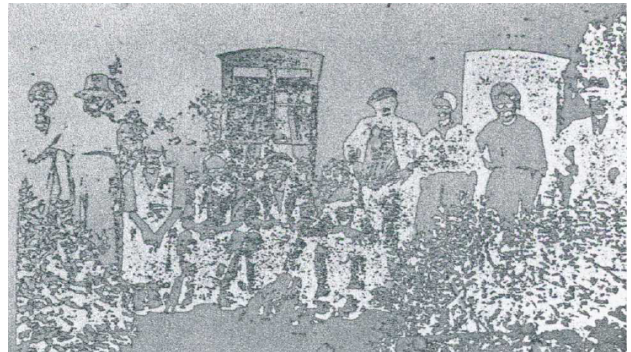


George & Amelia Biggs nee Car

Born 7th August 1913 at 5 Houses Varteg he attended local day school until standard 7. Alfred started work in John Viponds Top Pit Varteg in 1927 at the age of 14 years to work along side his father and uncles in the East Shaft.



Viponds Top Pit



Some members of the Biggs Family at 5 Houses in 1925

After working down the pit for two years Alfred decided to emigrate to America in 1929 at the age of 16 years without his parents. Alfred sailed from Liverpool and arrived in New York.

In 1930 Alfred's parents George and Amelia Biggs and their younger son Arthur also emigrated to America to join Alfred, leaving from Liverpool and arriving in New York on 8th September 1930.

Alfred's Great grandparents James and Ann Pitman after moving with many of the family from Vaggend, Somerset to Varteg and Blaenavon and into the "Melting Pot" around 1845, The Pitman Family left Liverpool on Spetember 9th 1877 and landed in New York September 30th 1877. They made their way across the plains with H G Park Company and arrived in Salt Lake City Oct 6th 1877. Brigham Young sent them on to Spanish Fork to help settle the area along with their daughter (Maybe gd daughter) Amy, whom married Edwin Thomas Street in May 1878, and three of their sons John, Dan and Meshach, all

three sons, and their son-in-law were killed, and also Daniel's son John who was only 16yrs old in the Winter quarters mine explosion in Scofield, Carbon, Utah on 1st May 1900. These were just four of the 200 who died in the explosion, it was said that nine tenths of the dead were either Americans or Welshmen.



Thomas and Emily Biggs (nee Carey) who lived in emigrated to USA and also helped other members of the family to emigrate to the USA. Thomas was a brother to George.

George's sister Ann's brother-in-law Allen Werrett also emigrated to Uah, America, and performed the marriage ceremony when Alfred's brother Arthur was married 8th Nov 1935.



Naomi Biggs sister to George Biggs married William Forward they lived in Forge Row Cwmavon and 5 Houses Varteg and they emigrated to USA arriving in New York on Britannic on 15th September 1935.

Their brother Albert emigrated to USA in 1928. Albert married three times Mary Ann Nicholas, Mary Ann Hodges, and Emily Murdock. Records show that his daughter Doris Biggs arrived in Detroit Michigan on 20th Jan 1929 her father had paid for her passage and she had been living with her Aunt Mrs Forward in Garndiffaith.



Sarah Biggs George's sister married twice William Bendall in 1900 and William Griffiths in 1925. After Mr Griffith's death Sarah emigrated to Utah USA to join her children who had emigrated many years before.

George Bendall in		1923
Lily Bendall	"	1924
Ellen	"	1925
Thomas	"	1927

Sarah and her children joined the LDS Church in 1912



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John Pitman and his wife Amy Parker of Cwmavon

Dan Pitman and his wife Margaret Pitman from Blaenavon

Margaret refused to travel to America and stayed in Blaenavon, and Dan remarried in Utah to Mary Ann Boyack and their son John was killed along with his father and uncles in the Winter Quarters mine explosion in 1900.

Meshach Pitman and his wife Mary Patterson from Scotland (married in Utah) and had a son James in 1892.