

Roll: **19250721-1973**

Camera: **Kodak Brownie 2A**

Format: **116**

Year: **1925** Month: **July**

Subject: First trip to Gilderoy

People:

Dad, Nana, Great Aunt Annie, Vi, Vera and Sibyl.

Notes:

Gilderoy is a magnificent house in Upperwood, high up on the sides of the Derwent Valley, overlooking Matlock Bath. The house was divided into two, East and West Gilderoy, quite early in it's history. Elsie's sister Annie lived in Gilderoy East with; her husband William George Powell (who, for reasons which are beyond me, was known as Blake) and their three surviving daughters; Violet Elsie Powell (Vi), Dorothy Vera Powell (Vera) and Florence Sibyl Powell (Sibyl). Although there are separate servants quarters at Gilderoy, there is no mention of servants in the 1939 register.

Electricity is known to have come early to Matlock Bath as it was available for the first illuminations in 1897, organised at a community level to celebrate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. Blake was a prosperous man and I'm guessing he would have adopted the technology as early as possible.

Dad at this time would be just five months old. Sibyl was seventeen and Vera was nineteen. Interesting that Vi was not there, perhaps she was at work?

The taller lady in the darker clothes is Annie, now forty one years old and beginning to look a little more like her mother Eliza.

Technical:

Assuming the pictures were taken by my Grandad, Freddy Fulford on a Kodak Brownie 2A. All are printed on Velox paper and three are marked in pencil as "51". The forth, on which date is written, does not have this marking but is stamped with "718" which suggests to me, that it was printed in a lab and that the earlier set taken in Nottingham should end with those also marked "718".

Dates:

On the back of 0037 Nana or Grandad has written "July 1925". I know that Elsie and Fred were sent two picture postcards on 23rd July, care of Mrs Powell so they were there in the week ending 25th and so I have chosen a date a couple of days earlier although, on reflection I think they are more likely to have been taken the first or second day after their arrival. The times are quite arbitrary as there is nothing in the way of shadows or other indicators to help but they would I think, be between 10am and 4pm for Dad to be awake and happy.

Frames:

MPS-0037	2107	11:30	Mother and baby.
MPS-0038	2107	12:00	Annie, Sibyl, Wes, Nana and Vera.
MPS-0039	2107	12:05	Sibyl, Vera, Dad, Nana and Annie.
MPS-0041	2107	12:30	Mother and baby.
MPS-0045	2107	11:30	Back of photograph
MPS-0046	2107	12:00	Back of photograph
MPS-0047	2107	12:05	Back of photograph
MPS-0048	2107	12:30	Back of photograph



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MPS-0037 - Mother and baby.



MPS-0038 - Annie, Sibyl, Wes, Nana and Vera.



MPS-0039 - Sibyl, Vera, Dad, Nana and Annie.



MPS-0041 - Mother and baby.