

Appendix

Places my Grandfather William Bower lived

I was able to trace entries in London's Electoral Rolls to show how gradually William & Charlotte's family became entitled to vote at age 21. (Also see Notes below)

Residents of 8 Locksley Street, Limehouse

| Residents 21+ | 1918/20 | 1921/3 | 1924/7 | 1929 | 1930/1 |
|--------------------------------|---------|--------|--------|------|--------|
| Bower, Charlotte | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Bower, William | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Wilding, Alice | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Johns, Christopher | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Johns, Charlotte (daughter) | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Elders, Ellen (daughter) | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Elders, Francis | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Bower, Dorothy | | | | | ✓ |
| Bower, Reuben Thomas | | | | | ✓ |
| | 2 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 8 |

Commented [CB1]:

Residents of 55 Dixon Street, Limehouse

| Residents 21+ | 1933/4 | 1935 | 1936 | 1938/9 |
|--------------------------------|------------|------|------|--------|
| Bower, Charlotte | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Bower, Dorothy | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Bower, Frederick | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Bower John | ✓ (1934) | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Bower, Reuben Thomas | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| Bower, William | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Bower, Lily Mary | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Johns, Charlotte (daughter) | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Beeson, Annie | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Beeson, Benjamin | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | 9 (8 1933) | 9 | 9 | 8 |

Notes

1. From 1919-1931 Alice Wilding lived with William & Charlotte Bower at 8 Locksley Street, Limehouse but is not listed under 55 Dixon Street. Presumably, she helped Charlotte with the growing Bower family.
2. William & Charlotte's daughter Charlotte married Christopher Johns but by 1931 was on her own living with her parents.
3. William & Charlotte's daughter Ellen married Francis Elders and lived with her parents for a while.
4. The Electoral Rolls show:
 - When William & Charlotte's children reached 21 years old, entitling them to vote
 - When they married and moved away
- (Marriages Ellen 1927, Reuben Thomas 1935, my father 1936, Lily 1942, John 1947)
5. I could not find an entry for 1932. At some stage, the family moved to Becontree in Essex but it was short-lived and they moved back to Limehouse.
6. The entry in 1935 had Reuben William rather than Reuben Thomas.
7. After the family moved to 55 Dixon Street in Limehouse, they lived with Mr & Mrs Beeson (see entry in 1939 Register of England & Wales below)
8. 55 Dixon Street was destroyed in the Blitz and was not rebuilt. By 1941 William & Charlotte were living at 154 Streatfield Road, Kenton, Harrow.

Register of England & Wales 1939

55 Dixon Street, Limehouse

Bower, William born 23.10.1866 Married G.P.O. Retired

Bower, Charlotte born 17.8.1876 Married Unpaid Domestic Duties

Bower, Dorothy born 18.6.1906 Single Stockroom, F.W. Woolworth

Bower, John born 29.12.1912 Single Clerk Despatch

Bower, Lily M. born 10.4.1915 Single Table Decorations (see Note below)

Johns, Charlotte born 10.7.1900 Married Incapacitated (see Note below)

Beeson, Benjamin M. born 20.12.1880 Married G.P.O. Cleaner

Beeson, Annie F. born 14.8.1883 Married Unpaid Domestic Duties

Beeson, Elizabeth F. born 19.9.1923 Single Junior Office Clerk (see Note below)

Note

The Register was used extensively and a note was added where women married and changed their name:

- Lily Bower married and took the married name of Watts
- Charlotte Johns (born Bower) re-married and took the name of Green
- Elizabeth Beeson married and took the name of Kelly.