

The Eastby Nonagenarians



The photograph above shows 13 ladies from Eastby, and probably also of Embsay, at some sort of gathering. The photograph may have been taken in the garden of Bridge End Cottage, Eastby, in 1939/1940. The lady in the centre of the middle row (seated) has been identified as Mrs. Humphries, 2nd wife and then widow of Raleigh Humphries, who lived here. She died in July 1940.

The photograph is courtesy of the granddaughter of Mrs Sarah Jane Wilson, who, with her husband Alfred Wilson, lived at the Heugh, Eastby.

The writing on the back of the photograph identifies 4 of the women:
“Back row: first left : Annie Whitaker (with cat), Mrs Wilson’s cousin ; 2nd left: Miss Shuttleworth; 3rd left: Mrs Sarah Jane Wilson of The Heugh who died in 1954. Middle of centre row: Mrs Humphries the 2nd Mrs Thomas’s step mother.”

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