BERTIE HARDWICK'S SUITCASES

John Crump donated two suitcases which belonged to his grandfather Bertie Hardwick. The suitcases are now part of the display at Bat & Ball Station.



The two suitcases are on far left and second one down in the middle

Bertie who was from Barrow-in Furness married Elizabeth Elsie Coulter in 1917 and they had four children, all girls (Inez, May, Verda and Georgina, known as Ena). They lived in Jarrow, South Shields until 1940 then the family moved to Croydon.

In 1950 Ena married Douglas Cramp and in 1953 they moved to Sevenoaks. They had three children John, Stephen, and Elizabeth. The family lived in different houses in Sevenoaks and John still lives in Sevenoaks, in Cramptons Road, next to Bat & Ball Station.



The Hardwicks (from L to R) Bertie, Inez, Rusty the Dog, and Elizabeth (Elsie)

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