# The Woodiwiss Influence

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A detailed look at the life and influence of Major Edwin Sydney Woodiwiss on early fancier groups and breeds during the late 1890s through 1940. Updated: December 12, 2019. Copyright Karen Lawrence 2019

Part 1 -Major Edwin Sydney Woodiwiss

### **EDWIN SYDNEY WOODIWISS (1871-1940)**

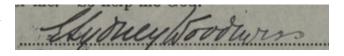
"Now My Idea of Bliss
Were this –
Upon the Whole –
Eternal Chats
About Cats
With Major Sidney Woodiwiss
And Mrs. Cattermole. "1

Then this journey into the background of Major Edwin Sydney Woodiwiss began, I was looking for concrete proof that the Edwin Sydney in the various newspaper reports I had found was indeed the well-known Abyssinian breeder as we were portraying him, especially when we had confused the issue by locating mention of a Major Edwin Sydney Woodiwiss as a "Memorable Manitobian" living in Canada (rather than Britain). I wanted confirmation that this was indeed the same person as in our cat fancy research. That confirmation comes through copies of his signature found in various sources through the years:

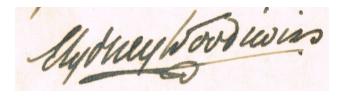
From his UK Marriage Bond and Allegations, London Metropolitan Archives, January 6, 1893: Edwin Lydneylvoodiwir.

From his UK Military Campaign Medal and Award Rolls, October 29, 1902: Syduly wood lives Cafel Signature and Rank of Officer personally cognizant of Claimant's personal

From his Attestation Paper, for the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force, September 25, 1914:



From an inscription in a GCCF Stud Book, sent to Miss Mary Hantzmon at CFA, December, 1937:



On the Marriage Bond and 1937 inscription, note the distinctive underline with a unique "squiggle" in the middle. On the 1902, 1914 and 1937 signature, note the distinctive "W" in Woodiwiss. In all signatures, "Sy" is disconnected from the "dney", and the "d" always has a fancy circle in it. This is, undoubtedly, one and the same person.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Poems of T. S. Eliot: Volume II: Practical Cats and Further Verses

**Major Edwin Sydney Woodiwiss, M.B.E.** was born in Derby, Derbyshire, UK on December 13, 1871, the youngest of ten children born to Sir Abraham Woodiwiss and his wife, Lady Emma. He attended school at Harrow, leaving in 1888 when barely 18 years of age. It's interesting to note that his record in the Harrow School Register notes "no profession". <sup>2</sup>

He was married three times; first, to Constance Eleanor in 1893; second, to Annie Florence Douglas (daughter of Sir Adye Douglas of Tasmania³) in 1912 (in Minnesota, while he was living in Manitoba, Canada - although no divorce records from his first wife have been located before this second marriage and mention in ancestral records is made that he divorced Constance Eleanor upon his return to England in the early 1920s), and third, to Gwendoline in 1922 after his return to the UK and divorce from his estranged first wife. Records indicate that he had a total of 10 children. From the first marriage were a daughter, Angela, born in 1894 and died in infancy, and a son, Vivian Sydney, born January 4, 1896, who grew up to be well-known as a cricket player.<sup>4</sup>

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Figure 1 – Marriage Certificate of Edwin Sydney Woodiwiss (age 21) to Constance Eleanore Marian Wigg (age 26), on January 24, 1893.

Emigrating to Canada in 1903, he settled in Manitoba, where he raised cattle and horses and farmed<sup>5</sup> in Binscarth, located in the western part of the province.

WANTED-FARM ASSISTANT, MARRIED man preferred; must thoroughly understand horses, cattle and farm work generally; permanent situation and good wages, with cottage, to suitable man. One year's engagement at least. Apply to Captain E. Sydney Woodiwies, Binscarth, Man. 23-13

Figure 2 - Advertisement for farm help, posted by Major Woodwiss when he settled in Binscarth, Manitoba, Canada

Woodiwiss served as a Justice of the Peace while living in Binscarth<sup>6</sup>, and he continued to serve<sup>7</sup> after a move to Winnipeg in late 1910. Upon this move, he became a real estate agent, returning to England in 1922.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Harrow School Register, 1801-1900, 1st Edition.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Who's Who in Canada, Volume 6-7, 1915-1916

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> ESPN Cricinfo, http://www.espncricinfo.com/india/content/player/35988.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Winnipeg Free Press, Winnipeg, Manitoba. December 23, 1903

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The Banner, Russell, Manitoba. July 20, 1905

Police Magistrate Johnson and E. Sydney Woodiwiss, J. P., of Binscarth, had a busy day Saturday.

Figure 3 - From a news report printed in *The Banner*, Russell, Manitoba on July 20, 1905.

While we have come across no divorce records from his first wife, he married Annie Florence Douglas, per a report published in *The Mercury* (Hobart, Tasmania), on December 28, 1912:

"WOODIWISS-DOUGLAS. - On August 12, in Minnesota, U.S.A., Edwin Sydney Woodiwiss, youngest son of the late Sir A. Woodiwiss, of Derby, England, to Annie Florence Douglas, daughter of the late Sir Adye Douglas and Lady Douglas, of Hobart, Tasmania."

Woodiwiss did answer "yes" to the "are you married" question, and listed Annie Florence as the "next of kin" on his Canadian military records.<sup>8</sup>

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Figure 4 – Above from the Canadian Military Pay Records for Hon. Major Edwin Sydney Woodiwiss. Interestingly, the payments, while payable to Mrs. Annie F. Woodiwiss, were mailed to her care of Major Woodiwiss's brother, Samuel, who lived at Graveleys in Great Waltham.

After Edwin Sydney returned to England in 1922, at some point Annie went back to Tasmania where she died in September of 1966. No divorce records have been located for this second marriage, although records on WikiTree indicate that the marriage lasted only until "about 1916" 9.

He is most famously known in cat fancy records as Major E. Sydney Woodiwiss, the breeder of Abyssinians and Siamese under the Woodrooffe cattery name. He was also the registered owner of the cattery name Ras, per *GCCF Studbook*, Volume V11. Major Woodiwiss previously bred English Shorthairs, under the Upminster cattery name while living at Hill Place, Upminster, and Manx using the Manx cattery name. Woodrooffe Abyssinians were known throughout England, and exported worldwide to establish a basis of the breed in many countries.

He also had an interest in the Siamese breed, and is listed in the *Siamese Cat Register*, Volume III, a compilation of Siamese registered between May 1, 1927 and January 31, 1930, as:

"Woodiwiss, Major E. S., Woodrooffe, Danbury, Essex. Breeder of the well known "Woodrooff" [sic] strain, Siamese and Abyssinians usually for sale at reasonable prices. "10

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Memorable Manitobans, <a href="http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/people/woodiwiss">http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/people/woodiwiss</a> es.shtml

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Attestion Paper, Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force, http://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.item/?op=pdf&app=CEF&id=B10554-S029, 1914

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> WikiTree, <a href="https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Woodiwiss-11">https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Woodiwiss-11</a>

<sup>10</sup> Siamese Cat Register, Vol III, 1930

E. Sydney Woodiwiss was not exactly an imposing figure, standing only 5′7″, but he was an eccentric with his fair hair, blue eyes, and many various tattoos¹¹, plus he had inherited well over £30,000 (around £2,000,000 at current values) from his father, Sir Abraham, upon his death in 1884. In December of 1892, just shy of his twenty-first birthday, he purchased the imposing Hill Place estate in Upminster, Essex, UK, marrying his first wife shortly thereafter. Hill Place itself has an interesting history, and is now a girls school. According to Tony Benton, an historian for Upminster:

"Within months of moving there, Woodiwiss had by June 1893 established a private zoo in the grounds. Three paddocks at the rear of the premises were given over to a selection of cattle: two Jersey heifers, a large zebu bull and a pair of pygmy zebus. He also became a celebrated owner and breeder of prize-winning pedigree Dachshund and Schipperke dogs and was said to largest kennels have theBy September England. 1893 Woodiwiss' animal collection had expanded to include a Malayan Bear, an agouti (a goat-like creature), guinea pigs, a herd of alpaca (a type of llama), and bushtailed kangaroos. Birds in his



Figure 5 - Major E. Sydney Woodiwiss (right) with his prize-winng Dachshunds. Seated in front of Hill Place, Upminster.

Photo courtesy of Tony Benton (www.upminsterhistory.info)

aviaries included a golden eagle, sparrow hawks, eagle owls & barn owls while a large collection of waterfowl—four flamingos, storks, herons, plus a flock of geese — occupied an artificial pond at the rear of the kennels. Locals recall that the ruins of Woodiwiss's zoo and other buildings could still be seen behind the convent over 50 years later in the 1950s."<sup>12</sup>

### MILITARY SERVICE

Edwin Sydney Woodiwiss enlisted in the British Imperial Yeomanry in January, 1900 and served during the Boer War in South Africa (1900-1901) and achieved the rank of Captain, 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion<sup>13</sup>. In 1901, he became a prisoner of war upon the surrender of the 13th Imperial Yeomanry following the disaster at Lindley in May 1901<sup>14</sup>. He escaped, and eventually returned to England in July, 1902.

After a move to western Manitoba, Canada in 1903, Capt. Woodiwiss signed Attestation papers to join the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force<sup>15</sup> on September 25, 1914, serving with the Canadian Army Medical Corp during World War I (1914-1919). In 1916, he achieved the rank of

 $<sup>^{11}\</sup> Attestation\ Paper,\ Canadian\ Overseas\ expeditionary\ Force,\ Sep. 25.1914,\ http://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.item/?op=pdf&app=CEF&id=B10554-S029$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Old Upminster, Tony Benton Blog, https://upminsterhistory.net/2014/10/04/new-life-for-hill-place/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> "Promotion and Appointments", *The London Standard*, Dec.25.1901

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Email correspondence, Ken Osborne, January 6, 2019

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(Temporary Honorable) Major<sup>16</sup> and was awarded the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (MBE) in 1919.

A July 5, 2011 auction offered a group of seven of Major Woodiwiss' military medals, ultimately being acquired for the sum of £1,000.

"A Great War M.B.E. group of seven awarded to Honorary Major E. S. Woodiwiss,

- 1. Canadian Army Medical Corps, late 47th Company 13th Battalion Imperial Yeomanry
- 2. The Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, M.B.E. (Military) Member's 1st type breast badge silver, hallmarks for London 1919;
- 3. Queen's South Africa 1899-1902, 3 clasps, Cape Colony, Orange Free State, Transvaal (14105 Sgt., 47th Coy. 13th Impl. Yeo.);
- 4. King's South Africa 1901-02, 1 clasp, South Africa 1902 (Capt., I.Y.);
- 5. 1914 -15 Star (Capt., Can. A.M.C.);
- 6. British War and Victory Medals (Hon. Major);
- 7. Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration, G.V.R., reverse inscribed, 'Major E. S. Woodiwiss, A.M.C. 1917', hallmarks for Birmingham 1913, complete with top bar." 17



Figure 6 - Medals awarded to Major E. Sydney Woodiwiss.
Photo courtesy of Ken Osborne

### **CATS**

Among the earliest of Manx registration records can be found 'Manx Pickles', (NCC: 2160), a male born in 1893, bred by Mr. E. S. Woodiwiss and owned by a Miss Ashley. 'Pickles' is also listed as the sire of 'Manx Beauty', (NCC: 3254), a Manx female born 5th July, 1895 bred and owned by the same Mr. E.S. Woodiwiss.<sup>18</sup>

Siamese breeders will argue that his most impressive legacy in the cat fancy is his commitment to the Siamese breed. He was influential in The Siamese Cat Club in England, serving as the Honorable Secretary. Major Woodiwiss bred Siamese between 1921 and 1929, and even exported Woodrooffe Bing and Woodrooffe Bong to Mr. R. Millar of Chicago, Illinois.

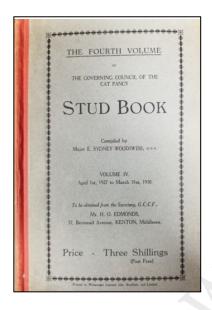
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> "Military Commands and Appointments – Overseas Contingent", The London Standard, Jan.11.1916

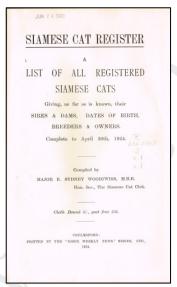
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> National Cat Club Stud Book and Register, 1906

"To single out for mention a representative list of the names of those who have helped the Club on its way would be impossible, but in any Roll of Honor there would have to be Major Woodiwiss ..." <sup>19</sup>

His commitment to the cat fancy in general is never in question, tho, and his belief in the importance of record keeping was shown through his thorough and detailed compilation of registration records for the *Siamese Cat Register* (1924 and 1930) as well as *GCCF Stud Books* (Vol IV, 1930 and Vol VII, 1937).





Abyssinian breeders will argue that his most impressive legacy was Woodiwiss's breeding of Abyssinians and the exporting of them to various other countries, allowing a sound foundation for the breed around the world.

While living in Chelmsford after his return to England, his breeding of Abyssinians between 1930 and 1938 established a solid basis for the breed heading into the unforeseen devastation to the Abyssinian breed that would come during World War II.

Major Woodiwiss was a driving force in the beginnings of the Abyssinian Cat Club in England, and served as Honorable Secretary when it was formed. When reporting the history of that club, the *Abyssinan Cat News Letter*, stated:

"The Hon. Secretary was Mr. E. Sydney Woodiwiss and his address of Woodrooffe is a familiar prefix to those who study Abyssinian

pedigrees. In this first year of the Club he won outright both the Cates Cup (Best pair, male and female, three wins) and the President's Cup (most wins on a point basis during the season)."<sup>20</sup>



Figure 7 – Woodrooffe Zeus, photograph appearing on the cover of *Vie a la Campagne*, 1<sup>st</sup> February, 1934.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> "The Siamese Cat Club", *Our Cats*, October 1953

In the early 1930's he exported '**Woodrooffe Zeus**', a ruddy Abyssinian male, to Mme Guyot in France, where Zeus continued his winning ways at shows on the continent.

Abyssinians were first imported into North America in 1907, which meant that there was a 27 year long gap between importation of Abyssinians into the United States, and it wasn't until 'Woodrooffe Ena of Newton' was imported that the fascination with the breed began abroad. Ena was born May 26, 1933, bred in the UK by Major E. Sydney Woodiwiss, and reported by numerous sources as imported by Mrs. Virginia Cobb of Newton Cattery in Massachusetts. Reports also indicate that Mrs. Cobb acquired 'Woodrooffe Anthony' from Major Woodiwiss. The following excerpt from the 1935 *The Cat Gazette* tells a different story ... that the importer was actually Mrs. Gardiner Fiske, as reported by Mrs. Cobb herself:

"Mrs. Gardiner Fiske of Boston imported an unrelated pair last November [Ed. 1934]. They are from the kennels of the well known English breeder, Major Woodisis [sic], and are known as Woodroofe [sic] Anthony and Woodroofe [sic] Ena.

"I have had the female in the Newton Cattery since she arrived in the United States. She is a sweet animal, being quiet and most affectionate. She reminds me a great deal of Siamese, minus the voice, which is so bothersome to some persons. Even when Ena was asking for a family she made no 'talk' at all and that IS unusual." <sup>21</sup>

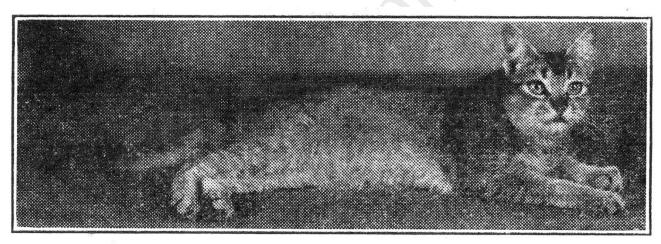


Figure 8 - Woodroofe [sic] Ena, Abyssinian female owned by Mrs. Fiske and living at the Newton Cattery.

Photo from *The Cat Gazette*, September 1935

It was fairly common for American breeders to ask folks visiting England to search out cats for them to import. In this case, it was Miss Elsie Hydon, President of the Cat Fanciers' Association at the time, who arranged for the import of an extraordinary Abyssinian male bred by Major Woodiwiss.

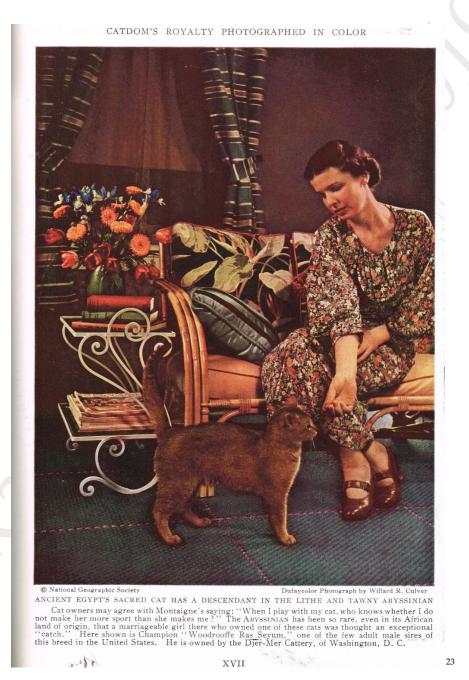
"The owners cabled Miss Elsie G. Hydon, now in England to select and bring back the very best specimen for this purpose from Major Woodiwiss of Woodroofe [sic] cattery."<sup>22</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Abyssinan Cat News Letter, September, 1957

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> The Cat Gazette, September, 1935

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> The Cat Gazette, November 1936

A few years before the beginning of World War II, Woodiwiss sent the spectacular ruddy male 'Woodrooffe Ras Seyum' to Mrs. Metcalf and Miss Hanztmon in New Jersey. The cat had been a major winner on the show circuit in England, and Major Woodiwiss received a lot of grief from British breeders for sending him overseas – most likely because they had eyes on him for a future breeding themselves. Once in the U.S., Ras Seyum caused a sensation and was even featured in a full color photo with his owner, Miss Hantzmon, in the November, 1938 National Geographic magazine. He contributed significantly to the development of the Abyssinian breed in North America.



 $<sup>^{23}\ \</sup>textit{National Geographic Magazine},$  page 621, November, 1938.

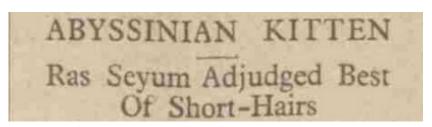


Figure 9 - Show results posted for the Southwestern Counties Cat Club show in the *Western Morning News*, February 7, 1936.

'Woodrooffe Moya' and 'Woodrooffe Mira' were sent to Mr. Charles Johnson of Illinois; these two females were the last exports from England to the U.S. before the onset of World War II and the death of Major Woodiwiss in 1940.

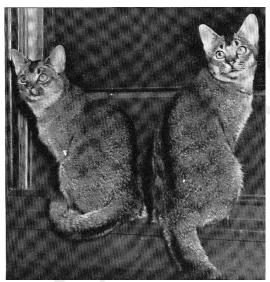


Figure 10 – Woodrooffe Moya and Woodrooffe Mira, exported by Major E. Sydney Woodiwiss to Mr. Charles Johnson of Illinois. Photo from *Cats and All About Them, by L.H. and Helen G. Fairchild, 1947.* 

# **DOGS**

While living at Hill Place, E. Sydney Woodiwiss was also recognized as a breeder of prize winning Dachshund and Schipperke dogs. At the age of 23, both he and his 27-year old brother, Samuel, travelled to the United States to exhibit their dogs in New York City, and won numerous prizes.<sup>24</sup> They arrived in New York City on February 11, 1895 on the vessel, Umbria, sailing from Liverpool.<sup>25</sup> This was not his first trip to the United States, nor his last. He had previously traveled to New York at the age of 19 on the Auranin, arriving January 1, 1891, and later at the age of 36, he arrived on the Cedric on April 18, 1908.<sup>26</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Old Upminster, Tony Benton Blog, https://upminsterhistory.net/2014/10/04/new-life-for-hill-place/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Passenger List, Statue of Liberty – Ellis Island Foundation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> ibid



Figure 11 - CH. 'Wiseacre', owned by E.S. Woodiwiss. Graphic from *All About Dogs - A Book For Doggy People*, by Charles Henry Lane, 1901



Figure 12 – A Schipperke, CH 'Zwarte Piot', owned by Isaac Newton Woodiwiss, younger brother of Edwin Sydney Woodiwiss. Graphic from *All About Dogs - A Book For Doggy People*, by Charles Henry Lane, 1901

Schifferens.

Challenge Dogs or Bitches.—1, Mr. E. Sydney Woodiwiss, Ch Blackleg. Open Dogs—1 and special — Mr Bendle W. Moore, Tippoo Tib. 2 Mr J H Hill, Skipper Zambesi. Open Bitches.—1 Mr J H Hill, Skipper Bess; 2 Mr J H Hill, Skipper Flick; 3 Mr Francis Peters, Nubian Girl. Novice Dogs or Bitches.—1 and special Mr A W Moore, Spoof; 2 Mrs E Heard, Miss Blackamore; 3 Mr J Watkins, Waltham Drieske; h c Mr J H Wade, Sweep.

Figure 13 - Show report for Mr. E. Sydney Woodiwiss's Schipperkes at the North London Canine Association show, Enfield, UK.
From the *Middelesex Gazette*, June 10, 1893.

The December 11, 1895 issue of *The London Standard* describes the Schipperke thusly, "Another class that attracted great attention was that of the schipperkes, or,'little shippers,' so named because they may be seen upon almost every Belgian barge. They were first introduced into England by Mr. George Krehl five or six years ago, and were immediately denonneed[sic] as mongrels. Closer investigation has restored them to favour, and departure from the Belgian type led to the formation of the St. Hubert Club, whose raison d'être is the purity of the Belgian breed. These dogs are black in colour, with foxy heads and erect ear, having breaching on the hind legs and not a vestige of tail. They make excellent house dogs. The champion was Ch. Joppe, born in 1892, a noted prize winner and the property of Messrs. I. N. and E. S. Woodiwiss." <sup>27</sup> [Editor note: Mr. I.N. Woodiwiss was Mr. Isaac Newton Woodiwiss, older brother of Edwin Sydney]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> The London Standard, December 11, 1895

In 1898, Major Woodiwiss compiled and published *Dachshund Pedigrees*, which was a compendium of all registered dachshunds through to 31st December, 1896. Mr. Charles Henry Lane writes:

"The Dachshund is one of the few varieties that can boast a Stud Book of its own. 'Dachshund Pedigrees' are monumental volumes, and bear eloquent testimony to the painstaking care and research bestowed upon them by their compilers, Mr. E. S. Woodiwiss and Mr. E. Watlock Allen. They contain a list of all registered Dachshunds up to date, giving their reputed sires and dams, dates of birth, colour, breeders, owners, etc. Apart, too, from the pedigrees, there are a number of admirable reproductions in black and white of 'pillars of the Stud Book,' English and German dogs alike." <sup>28</sup>

Eventually, Woodiwiss gave up his beloved dogs in preference for cattle, as reported in 1899, "Mr. Sydney Woodiwiss, has come to the front in Dexter cattle since disposing of his world-renowned team of daschunds [sic], one being bought by the Prince of Wales, by the way." <sup>29</sup>

## **CATTLE**

Woodiwiss was also well-known as a breeder of Dexter cattle and, continuing his winning ways, his herd of twenty cattle won many major awards. The Dexter Cattle Society published a newsletter called "The Dexter Bulletin", and this mention of Woodiwiss's cattle appeared in the preface of Volume 1: "Mr. E. Sydney Woodiwiss's Dexter Red Rose, whose weight was only 6.75 cwt, in a period of about nine months yielded 5 tons, 11 cwt. 45 lbs, or over 1220 gallons of milk, or nearly 16.5 times her own weight." 30

"Woodiwiss also owned a 300 acre dairy farm at Westbury Farm, Cranham, sending milk to London and growing wheat and oats." <sup>31</sup>

His prize herd was put up for sale two months after he departed for South Africa to serve during the Second Boer War. The sale raised £1,144. $^{32}$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> All About Dogs - A Book For Doggy People, Charles Henry Lane, 1901

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> The illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News, May 20, 1899

 $<sup>^{30}</sup>$  The Dexter Bulletin, The Dexter Cattle Society , June 1957

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> The illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News, May 20, 1899

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> Old Upminster, Tony Benton Blog, https://upminsterhistory.net/2014/10/04/new-life-for-hill-place/



Figure 14 – Major E. Sydney Woodiwiss (right) with his Dexter Cattle, 1897. Photo courtesy of Tony Benton (www.upminsterhistory.info)

Major Woodiwiss died in North London on December 13, 1940. He is buried at St. Laurence's Churchyard in Upminster, in the same grave as his infant daughter from his first marriage.



Figure 15 – The Upminster grave of Major Edwin Sydney Woodiwiss (1871-1940), and his infant daughter, Angela (1894).

Photo courtesy of Tony Benton (www.upminsterhistory.info)

# THE CATS OF THE MAJOR E. SYDNEY WOODIWISS FAMILY (bred/owned)

Name	Breed	Registration	Birthdate	Sire	Dam	Breeder	Owner
IMOGENE	Abyssinian	GCCF 1584	6/12/1929	Timothy Tiger	Zeila of Drumblair	Miss Morant	Major E. Sydney Woodiwiss
NORTHWOODS TATTY PRINCESS WODETE	Abyssinian Abyssinian	GCCF 1586 GCCF 26954	5/10/1929 4/18/1935	Ras Djibute Ch Woodrooffe Titus	Melody	Mrs. Carew Cox ne Major E.S. Woodiwiss	Major Woodiwiss Major E.S. Woodiwiss
RAS AYLU RAS IMRU	Abyssinian Abyssinian	GCCF 27387 GCCF 28133	10/28/1936 10/28/1936	Tim the Harvester	Woodrooffe Aura	Major E.S. Woodiwiss n∈Major E.S. Woodiwiss	Major E.S. Woodiwiss Major E.S. Woodiwiss
STANDISH SINIA BETTABOU	Abyssinian	GCCF 26715	4/8/1936	Ch Abou	Southampton Ras Bab	elMrs. Easther	Major E.S. Woodiwiss
STANDISH SINIA LYNETTE	Abyssinian	GCCF 23186	10/29/1933	Ch Bruton Billiken	Southampton Ras Bab	elMrs. Easther	Major E.S. Woodiwiss
TIM THE HARVESTER	Abyssinian	GCCF 2314	4/3/1930	Mr. Brooke's Red Self	Gold Tick	Mr. H.C. Brooke	Major Woodiwiss
WOODROOFFE ANTHONY	Abyssinian	GCCF 23985	4/18/1934	Pharoh	Southampton Ras Bab	ette	Major E. Sydney Woodiwiss
WOODROOFFE AURA	Abyssinian	GCCF 1588	9/4/1929	Ras Isis	Aluna	Mrs. Carew Cox	Major Woodiwiss
WOODROOFFE AVA WOODROOFFEE BALBUS WOODROOFFE BUKA	Abyssinian Abyssinian Abyssinian			Woodrooffe Brutus	Woodrooffe Nigra	Major E. Sydney Wood	li Major E. Sydney Woodiwiss
WOODROOFFE BRUTUS	Abyssinian	GCCF 1578	6/16/1927	Saka	Bruton Bunty	Mr. Chorley	Major E. Sydney Woodiwiss

WOODROOFFE BUNTY	Abyssinian	GCCF 1589	4/9/1929	Woodrooffe Brutus	Bruton Bunty	Mr. Chorley	Major E. Sydney Woodiwiss
WOODROOFFE DANUS WOODROOFFE DINA	Abyssinian Abyssinian		4/13/1932	Woodrooffe Rastus	Woodrooffe Bunty	Major E.S. Woodiwiss	Major E.S. Woodiwiss
WOODROOFFE DONA	Abyssinian	GCCF 2317	4/13/1932	Ch Woodrooffe Rastus	Woodrooffe Beauty	Major Woodiwiss	Mrs. Maluria
WOODROOFFE ELISSA	Abyssinian	GCCF 26484	9/21/1935	Tim the Harvester	Woodrooffe Aura	Major E.S. Woodiwiss	Major E.S. Woodiwiss
WOODROOFFE ENA OF NEWTON (GBR-USA)	Abyssinian	GCCF 2318	5/26/1933	Woodrooffe Danus	Woodrooffe Aura	Major Woodiwiss	Major Woodiwiss
WOODROOFFE HULA	Abyssinian	GCCF 1590	7/13/1927	Ras Isis	Aluna	Mrs. Constance Carew	-(Major E. Sydney Woodiwiss
WOODROOFFE JUBA	Abyssinian	GCCF 25452	5/26/1933	Tim the Harvester	Woodrooffe Aura	Major E.S. Woodiwiss	Major E.S. Woodiwiss
WOODROOFFE JULIA WOODROOFFE JUSTA WOODROOFFE LEO	Abyssinian Abyssinian Abyssinian	GCF 25453	4/10/1935	Tim the Harvester	CH Standish Sinia Lyn	εMajor E.S. Woodiwiss	Major E.S. Woodiwiss
WOODROOFFE MIRA (GBR- USA)	Abyssinian	CFA 21-SB-962	4/3/1938	Croham Menelik	Cotena	Major E. Sydney Wood	li Mr. Charles Johnson
WOODROOFFE MOYA (GBR USA)	- Abyssinian	CFA 21-SB 961	4/3/1938	Croham Menelik	Cotena	Major E. Sydney Wood	li Mr. Charles Johnson
WOODROOFFE NIGRA WOODROOFFE OLGA WOODROOFFE RABUS	Abyssinian Abyssinian Abyssinian	GCCF 1591	7/30/1929 6/1/1927	Ras Isis Unregistered	Empress Zauditu Unregistered	Mrs. Carew Cox Mrs. Pitkin	Major E. Sydney Woodiwiss Major E. Sydney Woodiwiss
WOODROOFFE RAS SEYUM (GBR-USA)	•	GCCF 26485	9/21/1935	Tim the Harvester	Woodrooffe Aura	Major E. Sydney Wood	li Mrs. Metcalf/Miss Hantzmon

Abyssinian	GCCF 1579	5/31/1927	Ras Isis	Empress Zauditu	Mrs. Constance Carew	-(Major E. Sydney Woodiwiss
Abyssinian Abyssinian						
Abyssinian	GCCF 23984	7/17/1934	Tim the Harvester	Woodrooffe Aura	Major E.S. Woodiwiss	Major E.S. Woodiwiss
Abyssinian Abyssinian	0000					
Abyssinian English Shorthair	GCCF 2319 NCC 1652	3/24/1932 7/28/1893	Unregistered Unknown	Unregistered Unknown	Lady Barnard Unknown	Major Woodiwiss  Mr. E. Sydney Woodiwiss
English Shorthair	NCC 1651		Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Mr. E. Sydney Woodiwiss
Manx Manx	NCC 3254 NCC 2160	7/5/1895 1893			Mr. E. S. Woodiwiss Mr. E. S. Woodiwiss	Mr. E. S. Woodiwiss Miss Ashley
Manx	NCC 1636		Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Mrs. S. Woodiwiss
Siamese Siamese Siamese Siamese Siamese Siamese Siamese	SCR 833 SCR 1373 SCR SCR SCR SCR SCR SCR SCR SCR 1020 SCR 1769	2/19/1925 5/20/1927 3/2/1923 7/11/1923 7/24/1923 5/8/1923 9/21/1925 3/22/1929	Ch Woodrooffe Adam Croham Boi-Bois Tino Sanchono Litabois Billson Manchu Croham Vichnon	Tootles Lady June Noisette Susan Woodrooffe Amwing Woodrooffe Adwing	Mrs. H. Pinckney Miss C. Bateman Mrs. Scott Russell Major E.S. Woodiwiss Major E.S. Woodiwiss	Major E.S. Woodiwiss Miss C.N. Foot Major E.S. Woodiwiss Major E.S. Woodiwiss Major E.S. Woodiwiss Major E.S. Woodiwiss Mrs. Mortimor Livingston Mrs. R. Cates Miss E.K. Wakeford
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WANDER WENDIE	Siamese Siamese	GCCF 538 GCCF 540	2/14/1921 2/14/1921	Chocolate Cream Chocolate Cream	Winkie Winkie	Miss Nobles Miss Nobles	Major E. Sydney Woodiwiss Major E. Sydney Woodiwiss
WHELA OF WOODROOFFE	Siamese	SCR	7/19/1923	Jowah Singh of Ashcott	Khus Khus of Hafod	Mrs. H. Welham	Major E.S. Woodiwiss
WING OF WOODROOFFE (formerly PING) (IMP)	Siamese	SCR	1921	unknown	unknown		Major E.S. Woodiwiss
WISH OF WOODROOFFE	Siamese	SCR	9/12/1923	Ruan of Conwall	Kina	Miss C. Fisher	Major E.Sydney Woodiwiss
WOLFA OF WOODROOFFE	Siamese	SCR	7/21/1923	Wolfe	Springfield Lulu	Miss M.A. Longe	Major E.Sydney Woodiwiss
WOLFE	Siamese	GCCF 514	2/21/1921	Clanna Boy	Blackdown Bubbles	Miss C. Fisher	Major E. Sydney Woodiwiss
WOODROOFFE ACME	Siamese	SCR	7/3/1923	Wolfe	Springfield Yum Yum	Major E.S. Woodiwiss	Major E.S. Woodiwiss
WOODROOFFE ADAM	Siamese	SCR	3/17/1923	Wolfe	Wendie	Major E.S. Woodiwiss	Major E.S. Woodiwiss
WOODROOFFE ALPHA	Siamese	SCR	3/17/1923	Wolfe	Wendie	Major E.S. Woodiwiss	Major E.S. Woodiwiss
WOODROOFFE BELLE	Siamese	SCR 1347	3/25/1924	Ch Woodrooffe Adam	Wing of Woodrooffe	Major E.S. Woodiwiss	Major E.S. Woodiwiss
WOODROOFFE BERYL	Siamese	SCR 1348	8/20/1924	Ch Woodrooffe Adam	Wing of Woodrooffe	Major E.Sydney Wood	ivMajor E.Sydney Woodiwiss
WOODROOFFE BING (GBR- USA)	Siamese	SCR 2034	5/14/1928	Ch Bonzo	Woodrooffe Sliwing	Major E.S. Woodiwiss	Mr. R. Millar
WOODROOFFE BOJU	Siamese	SCR 2035	6/9/1927	Croham Boi-Bois	Woodrooffe Juliana	Major E.S. Woodiwiss	Major E.S. Woodiwiss
WOODROOFFE BONG (GRB USA)	Siamese	SCR 2036	5/14/1928	Ch Bonzo	Woodrooffe Sliwing	Major E.S. Woodiwiss	Mr. R. Millar
WOODROOFFE BONZING	Siamese	SCR 2037	5/14/1928	Ch Bonzo	Woodrooffe Sliwing	Major E.S. Woodiwiss	Major E.S. Woodiwiss
WOODROOFFE BO'SUN	Siamese	SCR 2038	4/24/1927	Croham Boi-Bois	Woodrooffe Adwing	,	Major E.S. Woodiwiss
WOODROOFFE BOUQUET	Siamese	SCR 2039	4/24/1927	Croham Boi-Bois	Woodrooffe Adwing	Major E.S. Woodiwiss	Major E.S. Woodiwiss
WOODROOFFE BOUQUET	Siamese	SCR 2039	4/24/1927	Croham Boi-Bois	Woodrooffe Adwing	Major E. Sydney Wood	li Major E. Sydney Woodiwiss
WOODROOFFE BOWING	Siamese	SCR 2040	4/24/1927	Croham Boi-Bois	Woodrooffe Adwing	Major E. Sydney Wood	li Capt E.B. Pugh
WOODROOFFE JESTER	Siamese	SCR 1349	5/15/1926	Ch Woodrooffe Adam	Woodrooffe Juliana	Major E.S. Woodiwiss	Lt. Col Cottingham
WOODROOFFE JUBO	Siamese	SCR 2041	6/9/1927	Croham Boi-Bois	Woodrooffe Juliana	Major E. Sydney Wood	li Miss C Bateman
WOODROOFFE JULIANA	Siamese	SCR 1000	2/18/1925	Litabois	Lady June Noisette	Miss C. Bateman	Major E.S. Woodiwiss
WOODROOFFE JUNO	Siamese	SCR 1350	5/15/1926	Ch Slightly	Woodrooffe Juliana	Major E.S. Woodiwiss	Major E.S. Woodiwiss
WOODROOFFE JUPITER	Siamese	SCR 1351	5/15/1926	Ch Slightly	Woodrooffe Juliana	Major E.S. Woodiwiss	Major E.S. Woodiwiss
WOODROOFFE NUFFY	Siamese	SCR 2042	4/24/1927	Croham Boi-Bois	Woodrooffe Adwing	Major E. Sydney Wood	li Major E. Sydney Woodiwiss
WOODROOFFE SATAN	Siamese	SCR 1352	3/23/1926	Ch Slightly	Woodrooffe Adwing	Major E.S. Woodiwiss	Major E.S. Woodiwiss

WOODROOFFE SLIWING	Siamese	SCR 1353	3/23/1926	Ch Slightly	Woodrooffe Adwing	Major E.S. Woodiwiss	Major E.S. Woodiwiss
WOODROOFFE SMUTTY	Siamese	SCR	3/17/1923	Wolfe	Wendie	Major E.S. Woodiwiss	Major E.S. Woodiwiss
WOODROOFFE VIFY	Siamese	scr 2043	5/24/1929	Croham Vichnou	Woodrooffe Nuffy	Major E. Sydney Wood	li Major E. Sydney Woodiwiss
WOODROOFFE YUM YUM	Siamese	GCCF 541	3/23/1922	Litabois	Lulu	Miss M.A. Longe	Major E. Sydney Woodiwiss
WU OF WOODROOFFE	Siamese	SCR	1923	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Major E Cydror Wooding
(IMP)	Stattlese	3CK	1923	Ulikilowii	Ulikilowii	Ulkliowii	Major E. Sydney Woodiwiss