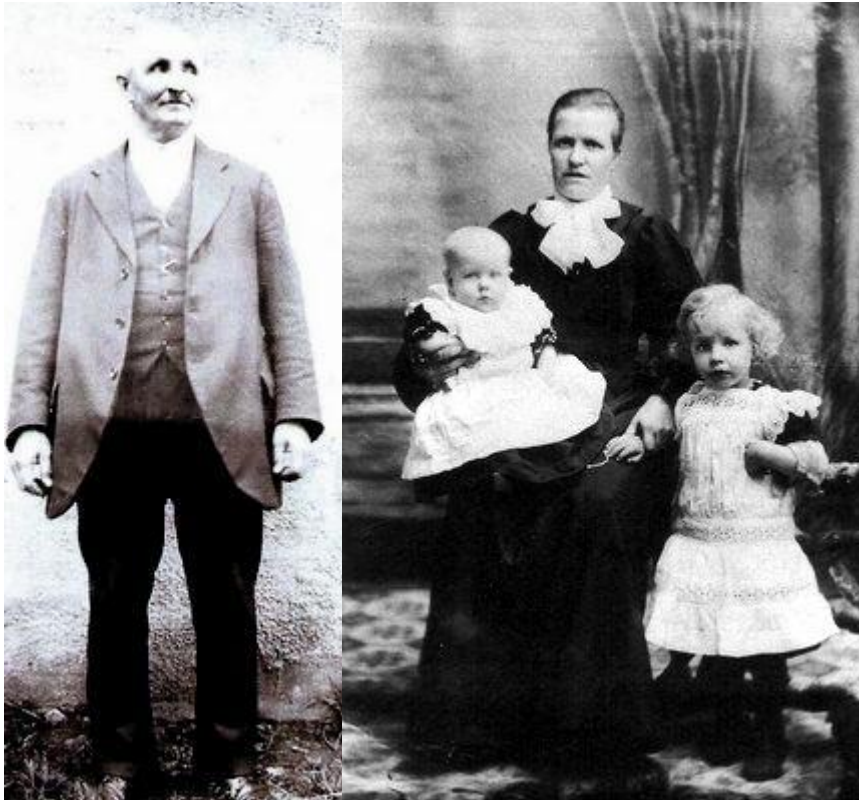


**Mainwaring Bainbridge Pescod the last Manager of Ford Moss Colliery.**



Mainwaring Bainbridge Pescod with his wife Eliza and children Rose Herbert and Ellen Pescod.

Mainwaring B. Pescod was born in 1877 at Spennymoor, Co. Durham the son of George and Elizabeth Pescod.

In about 1896 he was in a group of North East coal miners who together with miners from Nottinghamshire and South Wales had been sent to Dover to search for coal in the old channel tunnel workings at Shakespeare Cliff. Whilst there he met and married Eliza Annie Herbert who was born in 1875 at Charlton, Dover the daughter of Joseph and Harriet Herbert of Charlton. Eliza already had a daughter, Rose Annie (father unknown) when they married at Christ Church, Hougham, Dover on the 24th September 1898. On the marriage certificate Mainwaring was aged 20 and a miner and Eliza was aged 23 and she worked in a steam laundry.

They had a child born in Hougham, Dover in 1900 named Ellen Kate. With the workings at Shakespear Cliff being unsuccessful owing to the amount of water in the workings, the miners returned to their respective home areas some time during 1900 and on the 1901 census Mainwaring and Eliza were living at Longbenton with the 2 children and he is shown as a coal miner. Another child, Edith Emma, was born in 1902 at Longbenton but sometime between

this date and 1905 they had moved to Ford Moss Colliery where he was promoted to colliery manager.

They then had the following children:-

Bainbridge was baptised on the 5th November, 1905 at Ford Church.

Robert was baptised on the 22nd December, 1907 at Ford Church.

Ethel Langtry was baptised 29th September, 1912 at Ford Church.

The family occupied the Manager's House at the colliery which at the present time is just a stone ruin in amongst a wooded area. The colliery closed some time during the First World War through problems with the amount of water coming off the moor and also because many of the miners went off to war. It is not known where the family lived after this but Eliza died in 1941 and Mainwaring a year later both in Co. Durham (Lanchester).

Incidentally, Mainwaring's grandson, also with the same names was a tutor in Physics at Newcastle University during the 1970s. His special subject during his worldwide career was Waste Water Management!

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