

Richard had four children by his first wife, Nancy:-  
 Agnes, who married Tom Marsden in February, 1915, and who lived most of her life in Liverpool;  
 Nell, who married Fred Poynton, emigrated to America and lived in Buffalo, New York.  
 John, who was killed serving with the Loyal North Lancs in the Dardanelles in 1915 aged only 19.  
 Richard James, my father, whose birth in May, 1898, was survived by his mother by only two days.

Richard's second wife was Elizabeth Coupe, by whom he had six children: William, Madge, George, Winifred, Elizabeth and Frances. Their descendants are still living in Chipping and Longridge. Richard died at the early age of 54 in January, 1920, and was succeeded at the Pale by his eldest surviving son, Richard James.



Richard Bamber and his second wife Elizabeth (nee Coupe) who holds their first child, William. The other children are from Richard's first marriage. -- left to right:- Nell, John, Richard James and Agnes.



In April, 1921, Richard James married Mary Monica Dewhurst, who taught at St Mary's school, Chipping. Their first son, myself, was born in January, 1923, followed by another son, John, in December, 1924. During the First World War Richard James had joined the Army in January, 1915, giving his age as 19. When he was discharged four years later he was in fact still only 20 and completely lacking in the experience necessary for the successful management of a large farm. This lack of experience, together with shortage of capital and the general depression in agriculture at that time, cut short his tenure of the Pale, so that in 1926 Richard James Bamber, his wife and two young sons left the Pale and Chipping to begin a new life in Liverpool.

Richard James Bamber, 1898-1962,  
 of Pale Farm, Liverpool and Preston.

Richard Noel (Bill) Bamber.  
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