



Lieut-Colonel, the Hon.Algernon Stanley, D.S.O., Lady Mary Stanley and their infant daughter, Constance Mary, with nurse on extreme right. At the first Chipping Show, 2nd Oct 1920. The Hon. Algernon Stanley served in the Life Guards in the First War, rising to the rank of Lieut-Colonel. He was awarded the D.S.O in November 1914.

At Chipping, on April 18th 1918, he married Lady Mary Cavendish Crichton, the widow of the late Viscount Crichton, M.V.O, D.S.O, who had been killed in action during the First War. The bride had been crippled by a hunting accident and was confined to a wheelchair. She was given away by her mother, the Dowager Duchess of Westminster and the bridegroom was attended by one of his brothers, the Hon. Arthur Stanley.

By high society standards it was a "quiet wedding at Chipping parish church". However the church was crowded, and some of the congregation stood on the backs of the pews so as to be able to see. People came from miles around. The streets of the village were decorated with flags and bunting, and a wedding peal was rung from the belfry after the wedding. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev.G.Tomlinson, and was of a choral character. Local people sang in the choir, each adult receiving 10s and each child 5s.

Information and pictures from local residents and The Preston Guardian, 13 Dec 1913, 5 Dec 1914, 9 Oct 1920, and The Lancs Daily Post, 18 Apr 1918.