

I met a researcher via Ancestry.com named Chris Woods who has kindly provided info pertaining to the W'bys in Cornwall. He has done many years of research and has given permission to post his email address:

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The following snippets come from correspondence with Chris:

I'm connected with the Cornish Willoughby clan, earliest member within my immediate branch being Thomas Willoughby, b, Illogan 18.8.1700, and his wife Elizabeth Pascoe who he married 9/8/1738.

I've only had a quick glance and might be able to add something to your etymology. A large contingent of Willoughby appeared in Cornwall, partly as a result of:

"Thomas Wilby [1621 Essex ~ 1691 Cornwall] had to leave Colchester about 1647 because of a paternity suit (having been ordered by the Colchester Court to pay maintenance of 1/6d per week for the "base child" of one Susan Parker); defected to Cornwall (? furthest point west from Essex), and there sired a race who were variously spelt Wilbye, Wilaby, Willowby, and in the Illogan and Cambourne registers alone, a dozen variant forms until 1728 when the present form settled down"

There appear to have been Willoughbys living in Cornwall half a century before Thomas got into hot water and fled there"

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J. L. Willoughby of Newton Ferris

'Family Names, Their Origins & Meanings' by Basile Cottle

James Wilkinson:

http://www.jimandhelen.com/the_willoughbys_of_illogan_and_redruth.pdf
(I copied this one. Also see the rest of the site
<http://www.jimandhelen.com/> for more info. ~ S.B.)

Well, my connection with these Cornish (Illogan) Willoughby is through the marriage in 1914 in Africa of my aunt Medora ('Dora) to Godfrey Pountney Willoughby C.B.E. (you will find entries about Godfrey in Debretts), son of the missionary/explorer William Charles Willoughby F.R.G.S, F.R.A.I., who, after retiring from missionary work became a professor of African Missions at the Kennedy School of Missions, Hartford

Connecticut 1919-1931, from whence he finally retired to live and die in Birmingham, his wife's home town in England.

'W.C.' had an interesting life, most of which I've managed to establish, and there is an interesting book about one episode when he took some African chiefs to London to meet the Prime Minister and Queen Victoria during the Chiefs' battle with Cecil Rhodes:

**'King Khama, Emperor Joe, and the Great White Queen,' by Neil Parsons
1995 Chicago Uni. Press**

He also published much work about his life and ethnological researches as a missionary - copies being held at Hartford.

'Dora met Godfrey while both at Manchester university although their families would have met in her hometown of Brighton (Sussex). She was studying physics and math from 1907 but dropped out after a couple of years. While courting, she stayed with his parents at their missionary station in Betchuanaland where she was probably assisting with teaching. Godfrey at that time was working in South Africa.

I have a few passenger ship records for W.C. but these are only for crossing the Atlantic when taking leave from his work in Connecticut.

I've attached an outline tree of this branch and you are welcome to add it to your web site if you should find it of use. I can, of course, fill out more of this and in particular the life of W.C., but I am not certain whether this will be of interest to your mainly American based Willoughby site. I do not know of any specific emigration by these Cornish Willoughby but I am certain that there will have been a not inconsiderable movement cross the Pond from Cornwall, particularly as the Cornish mines closed down in the 19th century.

[*I have his Tree Outline posted. THANKS CHRIS!!!](#)