



Reginald Lines

1924–1984

father



When Reginald Lines was born on 9 January 1924 in Southampton, Hampshire, his father, James, was 42 and his mother, Nellie, was 33. He married Jessie Galloway on 27 February 1950. They had three children during their marriage. He died on 3 January 1984 at the City Hospital in Edinburgh, Midlothian, at the age of 59.



James Charles Lines



Nellie Boulter



Reginald Lines



Jessie Barclay Galloway



David James Lines



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1924

Birth

Reginald Lines was born on 9 January 1924 in Southampton, Hampshire, to Nellie Boulter, age 33, and James Charles Lines, age 42.



9 Jan 1924 • 22 Endle Street, Southampton, Hampshire, England

1927

Birth of sister

His sister Edith was born on 25 February 1927 in Southampton, Hampshire, when Reginald was 3 years old.



Edith Lines
1927–1977

25 Feb 1927 • Southampton, Hampshire, England

1930

Birth of brother

His brother Leslie Peter was born on 8 December 1930 in Southampton, Hampshire, when Reginald was 6 years old.



Leslie Peter Lines
1930–2006

08 dec 1930 • Southampton, England, United Kingdom

1934

Death of mother

His mother Nellie passed away on 24 March 1934 in Southampton, Hampshire, at the age of 43.



Nellie Boulter
1891–1934

24 Mar 1934 • Southampton, Hampshire, England

1934

Education

Started at the Deanery Senior Boys School, Marsh Lane, Southampton.

1 Oct 1934 • Southampton

1937

Death of half-sister

His half-sister Constance Susannah died on 8 November 1937 in Southampton, Hampshire, when Reginald was 13 years old.



Constance Susannah Lines
1905–1937

08 Nov 1937 • Southampton, Hampshire, England

1937

Education

Reginald left Deanery Senior Boy's School. "A top 'A' Form boy" as described by the then headmaster H J Johns.

COUNTY BOROUGH OF SOUTHAMPTON

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DEANERY SENIOR BOYS' SCHOOL

Leaver's Record and Character Form

Name Reginald Jones Date 22.12.37

Date of Admission 1.10.34.

PROGRESS IN:

English—

Oral V. Good

Written V. Good

Mathematics V. Good

Drawing V. Good

SPECIAL MERIT IN Woodwork & English.

Character An extremely nice lad of excellent character who has made excellent progress. His behaviour has always been exemplary & he has attended regularly & punctually since & is thoroughly trustworthy. He is a lad I can recommend without reserve.

H J Johns. Headmaster

A top 'A' Form boy.

22 Dec 1937

1939

Joins the Merchant Navy

Lying about his age, he joined the Merchant Navy before his 16th birthday and went off to sea. This is no surprise considering his grandfather did the same and the family have always had close ties to sailing and the sea. After the evacuation of France in 1940, he sailed from Liverpool to Canada and the USA; this was during the early period of The Battle of the Atlantic. He also sailed to The West Indies and Panama before returning to the North Atlantic. In May of 1940, British troops invaded Iceland. All through 1940 further supplies and troops (from Britain, Canada and still neutral USA) were transported to Iceland. It's reasonable to assume that Reg was on merchant ships carrying out the transportation. He continued in the Merchant Navy until the end of 1941.

Dec 1939

1942

Joins the Royal Navy

In February of 1942 Reginald joined the Royal Navy and volunteered for the Combined Operations. He was stationed at No. 1 Combined Training Centre, Inverary on the shores of Loch Fyne. The prime purpose of No. 1 CTC was to train army and navy service personnel in the use of minor landing craft for landing assault troops, supplies, ammunition and weaponry onto heavily defended enemy occupied beaches. The Navy base was called HMS Quebec. He trained here for three months before joining 552 Assault Boat Flotilla.



Feb 1942 • Inverary, Argyll, Scotland

1943

Word War II

After his training at No. 1 CTC in Inverary, Reg mentions a number of missions including a "reconnaissance raid" to Marcouf. Could this be it? - The "Hardtack" operations were a series of allied commando raids conducted in December 1943 along the northern coast of France and supported by the British armed forces. Their purpose was to obtain information on the condition of the German forces and on the quality of the soil for a possible amphibious operation. On the night of December 26-27, operation "Hardtack 21" led by Lieutenant Francis Vourc'h with nine French commandos of No. 1 French Troop, No. 10 Commando carried out successful reconnaissance on Marcouf beach in order to obtain various information: disposition of the minefields, positioning of the antitank obstacles, direction and force of the current, slope of the beach. <https://www.dday-overlord.com/en/d-day/preliminary-operations/hardtack-21>

Dec 1943 • St Marcouf Isles, France

1944

World War II

To ensure that the D-Day landings would have the greatest chance of success, as much as possible had to be evaluated and tested beforehand. A number of rehearsals were carried out and these were called "The Fabious Exercises". There were six of these in total, carried out simultaneously, with four of them involving actual assaults. Fabious 2 took place on the 2nd and 3rd of May 1944 on Hayling Island, Hampshire in preparation for the landing of Force G on Gold Beach at Arromanches. These were the only exercises of this kind to take place on the island and as Reg mentions training here it is safe to assume that he took part in these exercises.

2 May 1944 • Hayling Island, Hampshire

1944

World War II

In his own notes, Reginald mentions that he took part in the full scale assault landing of Arromanches. During the D-Day landings, troops deliberately did not land directly on the beach at Arromanches in order to leave this part of the coast clear for a portable harbour. At 7.30 am, on 6 June 1944, British troops – the 1st Hampshire and the 1st Dorset – were transported by LCAs and landed eastward from Arromanches, in Le Hamel, without artillery support. Around 7 pm, the first units of the Hampshire Regiment reached the town and captured the Kriegsmarine radar station at the top of the eastern plateau. At 10.30 pm, all the pockets of resistance were destroyed and the village was fully liberated. Over the next few days the portable Mulberry harbour was constructed.



6 Jun 1944 • Arromanches, Calvados, Basse-Normandie, France

1945

World War II

Reginald remained in the Royal Navy for the rest of the war. He took part in a number of raids and missions during this time, mainly in the Low Countries of Belgium and The Netherlands. These included the Battle of Welcheren during October 1944 where plans to employ assault boats over the Sloe Channel were thwarted by muddy conditions unsuitable for water craft. In April of 1945 as VE Day was approaching he took part in the Liberation of Arnhem where the crossing of The Rhine would be assisted by 552 Landing Craft Flotilla of the Royal Navy who provided several landing craft previously used in Operation Plunder (March). Towards the end of the war he spent time in Ternuzen Breskens and ended up in Nijmegen.



1945 • Nijmegen, Gelderland, Netherlands

1946

Rejoins the Merchant Navy

Reginald left the Royal Navy in April 1946 and returned to the Merchant Navy where he would travel throughout Europe, The Mediterranean, East Australia and India.

Apr 1946

1948

Reg-1948

Photograph was given to Jessie Galloway before they were married.



23 Oct 1948

1948

A Funny Experience

Whilst tied up in Bombay during a passage to India, Reginald had what he called "a funny experience". He spotted an old Hindu on the quayside who he thought looked very malnourished. He gave the old man "a few annas to get a feed". The old Hindu didn't thank him, instead he said "never would the Sahib really want and two women will influence his life, one dark and one red". Reg thought no more about this until over a year later when on a trip to South Africa, he got a letter from a friend in Edinburgh asking if he could be a pen-pal to one of her friends. The friend was Stella Gardner who was dark haired and the prospective pen-pal was Jessie Galloway - auburn haired.



Abt. 1948 • Bombay, Maharashtra, India

1949

Death of father

His father James Charles passed away on 4 May 1949 in Southampton, Hampshire, at the age of 67.



James Charles Lines
1881–1949

4 May 1949 • 7 Khartoum Road, Southampton, Hampshire, England

1950

Marriage

Reginald Lines married Jessie Galloway on 25 February 1950 when he was 26 years old. The marriage took place in the Pleasance Church and the reception at Martin's the Bakers Restaurant in Nicholson Street, Edinburgh. The church no longer exists, however the restaurant is still there and is currently called "Spoon". It was previously called Nicholson's Cafe which was where JK Rowling wrote large parts of her first Harry Potter book.



Jessie Barclay Galloway
1919–2015

25 Feb 1950 • Pleasance, Edinburgh

1950

Heading South

After their marriage, Reg and Jessie moved south to Reg's home town of Southampton. They possibly returned to 7 Khartoum Road, Southampton where Reginald lived before the marriage.



Aft. Feb 1950 • Southampton, Hampshire, England

1950

Occupation

When he moved back to Southampton, Reginald took a job as crew with the Red Funnel on the ferry route between Southampton and the Isle of Wight.



after february 1950 • Southampton, England, United Kingdom

1950

Reg-on-a-picnic

Shortly after they married Reg and Jess moved to Southampton where Reg came from. Jess wasn't happy there and they soon returned to Scotland. This was taken on The Common on a picnic.



Abt. 1950

1951

Heading Back North

At some point in 1951 Reginald and Jessie moved back to Edinburgh to stay with Jessie's mother at 10 Salisbury Street, Edinburgh. Jessie said that the weather did not agree with her - I suspect she was homesick.



1951 • 10 Salisbury Street, Edinburgh

1951

Occupation

1951 • Leith Docks, Leith, Scotland

1952

Birth of daughter

His daughter Sheonaid Barclay was born on 2 May 1952.



Sheonaid Barclay Lines

1952–

2 May 1952

1956

Birth of son

His son David James was born on 27 July 1956 in Edinburgh, Midlothian.



David James Lines

1956–

27 Jul 1956 • Elsie Inglis, Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland

1956

Residence

Reginald Lines lived in Firrhill, Midlothian, in November 1956.

Copy Mailed for Information of Tenant.

CITY AND ROYAL BURGH OF EDINBURGH. C 4614

To THE CITY CHAMBERLAIN,
EDINBURGH. 120/DD Date 3rd. November 1956

ACCOUNT RENTING AGE 1950

AREA Consiston WARD No. 8

I, Reginald Lines, Rigger, o/a Galloway, 10 Salisbury Street.
hereby offer to rent the dwelling-house of three apartments, scullery and bathroom
situated at 8 FIRRHILL LOAN - ground flat left
at present occupied by Vincent
who is removing to -
for the period from 14th. - 31st. November 1956
at a rent of FORTYSEVEN SHILLINGS AND SIX PENCE (17/6d) 8th. per week
payable in advance.

I agree to the following conditions:-

1. The Occupier's City Rates will be Paid by Weekly Instalments along with the Rent.
2. The premises and all fittings are accepted as in good tenastable order and repair, and I shall be liable for any damage wilfully or carelessly done to the premises or fittings.
3. No trade, profession or business will be carried on in the house, nor will any professional notice, name-plate or advertisement be applied or exhibited without the written permission of the Corporation.
4. Animals, poultry, pigeons or fowls will not be kept without the written permission of the Corporation.
5. Heating of carpets will be done between 7 and 9 o'clock in the morning, and clothes to dry will be hung up only in the back ground of the house.
6. In the event of there being garden ground let with the house I shall cultivate the area and keep it free from weeds. I shall not deposit any garden rubbish on the street, but shall have it buried within the garden area.
7. No additions to or structural alterations on the house or premises will be made, nor will any building or structure of any kind, fixed or portable, be erected on or within the premises or garden, nor will any external redecoration be done, without the written permission of the Corporation.
8. I shall not be entitled to sub-let the house in whole or in part, nor to assign the tenancy thereof, nor to take in boarders or lodgers, without the written permission of the Corporation.

Nov 1956 • 8 Firrhill Loan, Edinburgh

1956

Education

Whilst working as a ship's rigger in Leith Docks, Reginald attended night school to gain a number of tickets and qualifications.

Abt. 1956

1957

Birth of daughter

His daughter Diane Elizabeth was born on 30 November 1957.



Diane Elizabeth Lines
1957-

30 Nov 1957

1959

Employment - TS Dolphin

Abt. Jan 1959

1959

TS Dolphin

After gaining the necessary Seaman's Tickets and qualifications, Reginald took up the post of Lecturer in Seamanship at Leith Nautical College on the TS Dolphin and remained in this post until he retired, due to ill health, in 1983. The Dolphin was located in the Old West Dock which is now filled in with a Holiday Inn occupying the spot where she was berthed. Originally HMS Dolphin, she was built in Middlesbrough as three-masted barque and was an elegant looking ship before the boxy classroom structures were added. She was attached to the Mediterranean Squadron and saw action in Sudan. In 1893, she rescued the crew of the Brazilian Navy corvette Almirante Barroso, which had wrecked on the coast of the Red Sea near Ras Zeith whilst on an around-the-world cadet cruise. She became a sea-going training ship. She was bought in 1925 with a view to turning her into a nautical museum and was berthed in Leith. In 1944 the Dolphin became a Merchant Navy Training Ship.



Abt. 1959

1963

Residence

Reginald Lines lived in Oxfangs, Midlothian, in 1963.

1963 • 24 Oxfangs Avenue, Edinburgh, Scotland

1965

Residence

Reginald Lines lived in Edinburgh, Midlothian, in 1965.

1965 • Edinburgh, Scotland

1977

Death of sister

His sister Edith died in July 1977 in Southampton, Hampshire, when Reginald was 53 years old.



Edith Lines

1927–1977

Jul 1977 • Southampton, Hampshire, England

1980

Death of half-sister

His half-sister Nellie Gladys died on 19 February 1980 when Reginald was 56 years old.



Nellie Gladys Lines

1908–1980

19 Feb 1980 • Durley Southampton

1984

Death

Reginald Lines died on 3 January 1984 in Edinburgh, Midlothian, when he was 59 years old.

3 Jan 1984 • City Hospital, Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland
