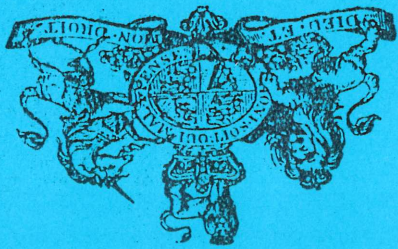


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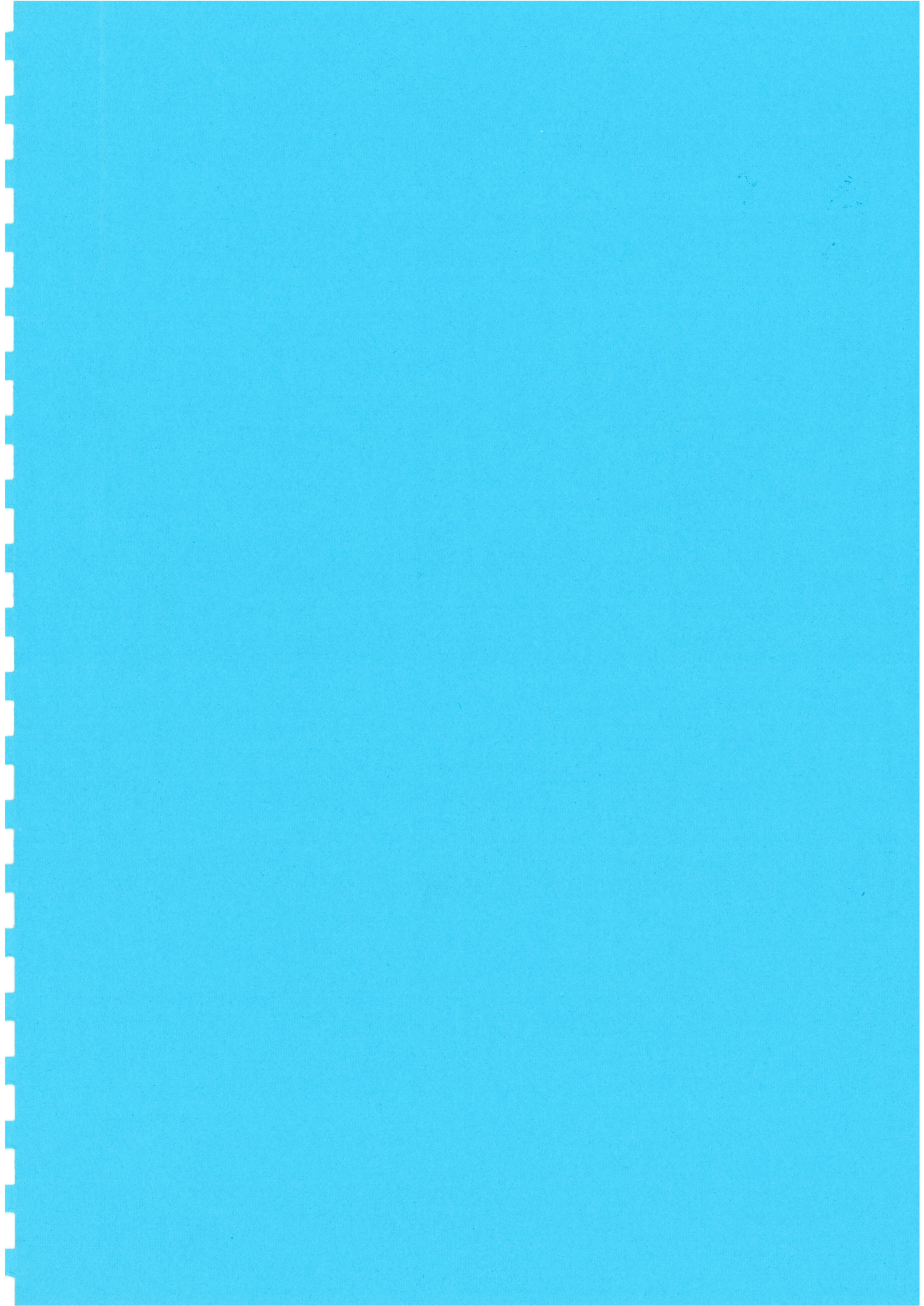
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As with the two previous books in my "killed in a coalpit" trilogy, I have to stress I am firstly a family historian and any knowledge of local history which has come to me is purely incidental. I am by no means an expert on the history of Bedminster and should anyone reading my book be interested in finding out more about the suburb, they should contact those more qualified than myself: The Malago Society; the historians who make up C.L.A.S.S.; Leonard Vear, the Bedminster author of "South of the Avon"; my friend Ian Parsley whose history of the Red Cow Pit is eagerly awaited.

Once again I have family history connections with my subject. My great-great-grandmother's brother Thomas Summerville, is amongst the Bedminster casualties, killed at his work, shockingly, at the old age of 73. Two Pillingers's appear in these pages. One, Henry Pillingers was ballit at the Malago pit when one of the most horrific of the multiple accidents took place. He was tried for manslaughter, but I am glad to say, acquitted. The Malago incident was almost a mirror image of that at Baston in 1838 when Thomas Summerville's brother in law and my great-great-great-great uncle, Henry's namesake, Jacob Pillingers was killed. I have one more family connection. My grandtather Albert Pillingers's brother in law was Charlie Gill, whose inspiring life story from Bedminster pit boy to Lord Mayor of Bristol deserves to be told at greater length than hitherto.

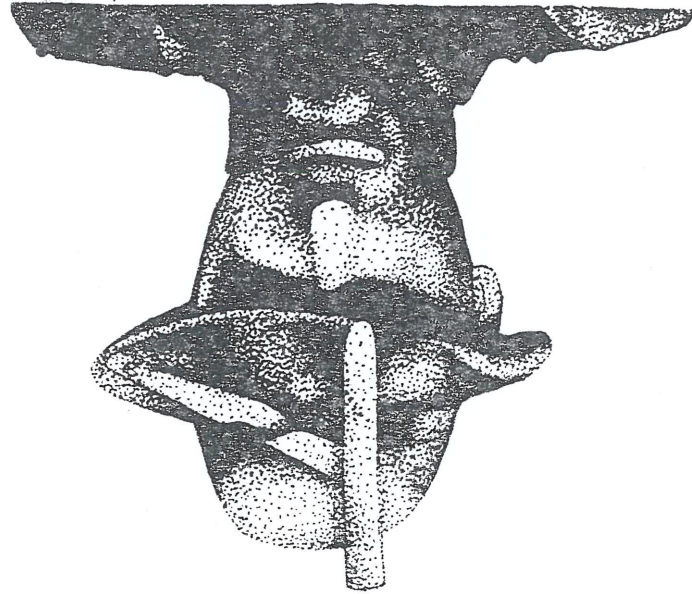
It anyone reading this book has an ancestor who was killed in the Bedminster pits but omitted from this volume, may I request they contact me in order that I may include the information in any updated edition. In the absence of either coroner's records or a contemporary diary which assisted me in the compilation of Parts I & II, my debt is more than ever to the 'poor hacks' who brought us the news. I have used the following sources:

Inspectors of Mines Reports  
 Contemporary Newspapers  
 Miners' Memories [C.L.A.S.S.] [South Bristol College]  
 Mr I. Parsley, Unpublished Mss.

Abbreviations:

- BGA : Bristol Gazette
- BO : Bristol Observer
- BME : Bristol Mercury
- BMI : Bristol Mirror
- BTM : Bristol Times & Mirror
- CC : Clifton Chronicle
- IP : Ian Parsley
- FBJ : Felix Farley's Bristol Journal
- LT : London Times
- MIR : Inspectors of Mines Reports
- MM.CLASS : Miners' Memories, C.L.A.S.S.
- SFBJ : Sarah Farley's Bristol Journal
- WDF : Western Daily Press





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