

## Introduction

As Far as my Aunty Freda Charlotte Hawkes was concerned, her father Thomas Robert Hawkes was as pure as the driven snow, she thought he was wonderful and I knew her well, she filled in a lot of the gaps with things we did not know about the family.

Perhaps she did not know about her father's spell at her Majesty's pleasure where he spent 5 years in Portland Prison Dorset for Attempted Murder and Grievous Bodily Harm after all his last appearance in court that we know about was in 1901 and she was not born until 1907. But once thing is for sure what happened was well documented in the newspapers of the day produced verbatim as they did in those days and can be read in this file.