

Helen Melville Smith

The daughter of master mariner Edward John Smith and Sarah Eleanor Pennington, was born on Saturday 2nd April 1898 at 20 Alexandra Road, Waterloo, Litherland, near Liverpool. The birth was registered by Edward John Smith on 3rd May 1898. Helen Melville had just passed her fourteenth birthday when the Titanic set sail.

Helen Melville Smith later married stockbroker Mr. Russell-Cooke. They had twin sons, one of whom died of polio and the other was killed in the war. Mr. Russell-Cooke shot himself in the 1950s.

There is a good family article in the THS Commutator, Volume 17 number 2 1993 entitled 'The Captain's Daughter Helen Melville Russell-Cooke "Mel" 1898-1973. By John Pladdys.

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